Constraint Satisfaction Problems (CSPs)

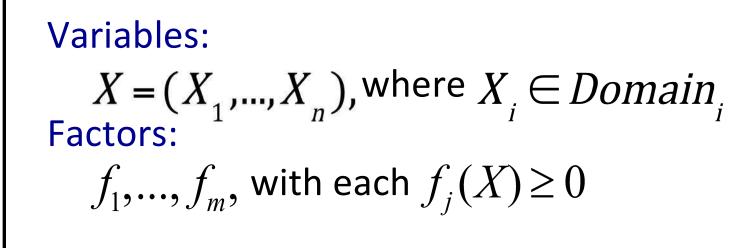
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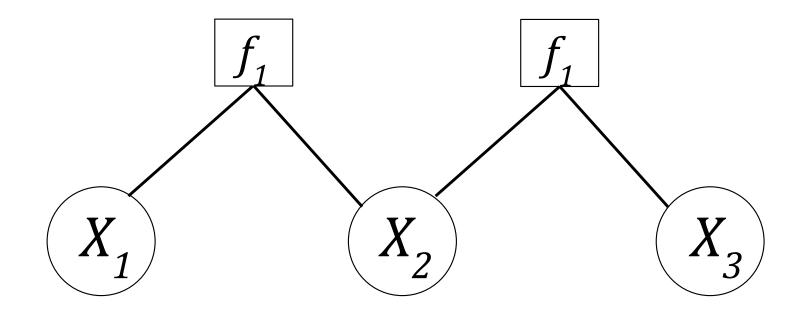
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for all
$$j = 1, ..., m$$
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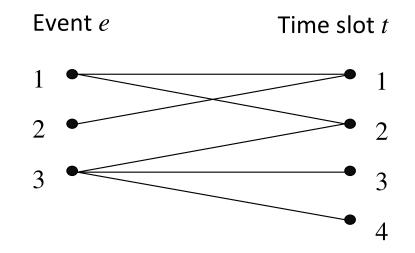
The constraint is satisfied iff $f_i(x) = 1$.

Definition: Consistent Assignments

An assignment x if Weight(x) = 1 (i.e., all constraints are satisfied.)

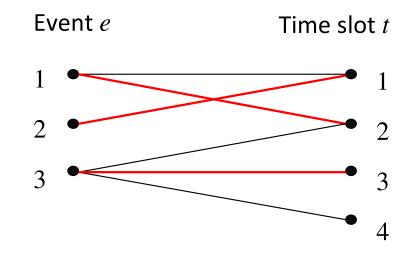
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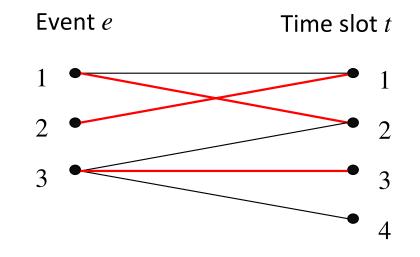
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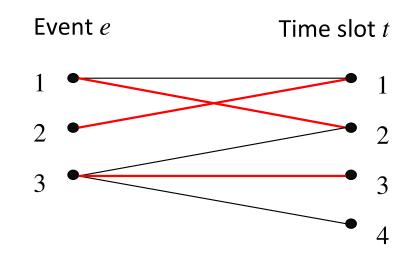


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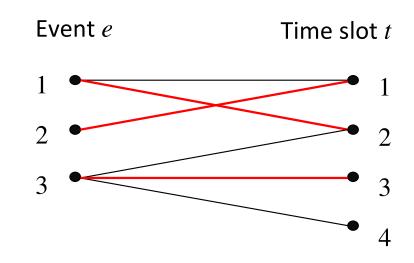
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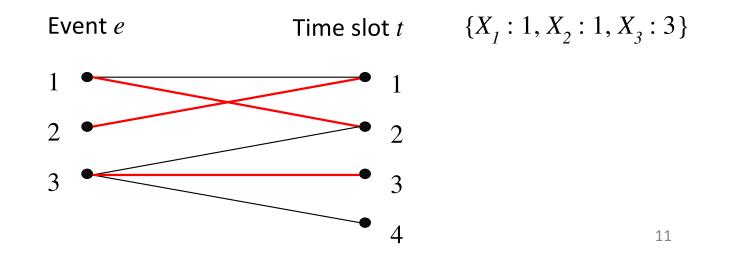
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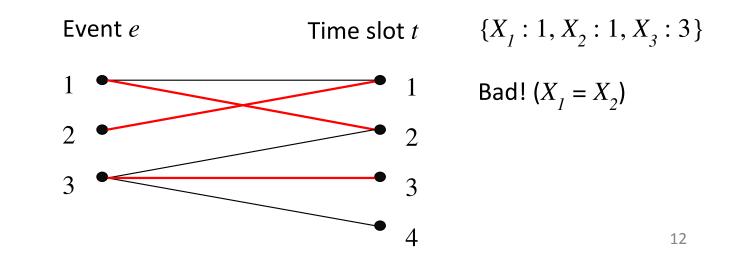
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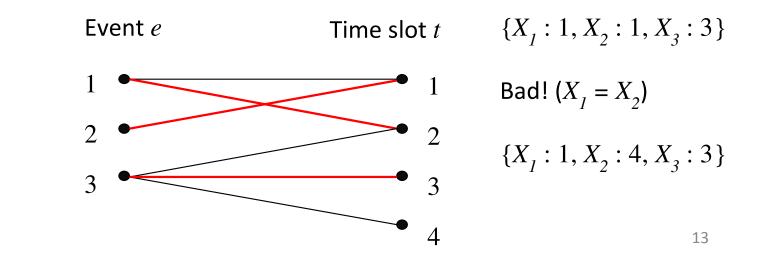
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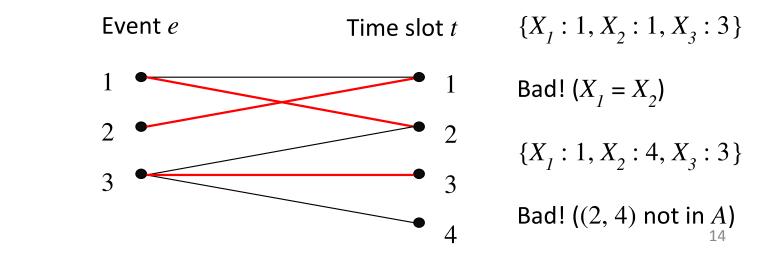
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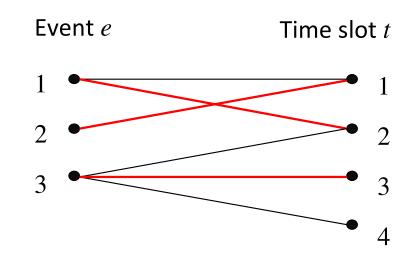
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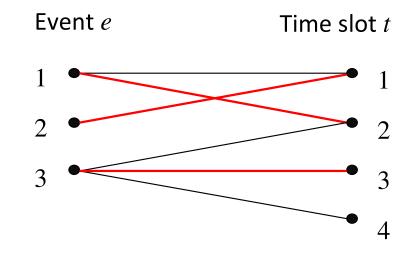


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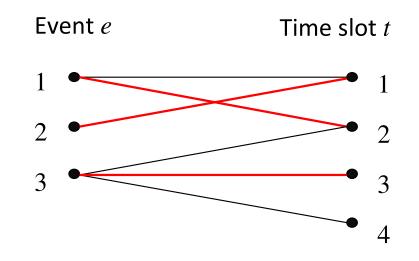
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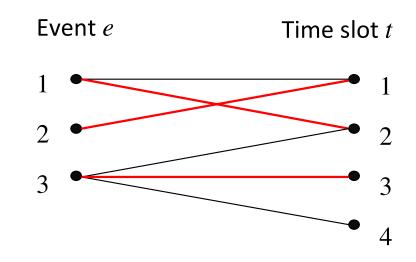


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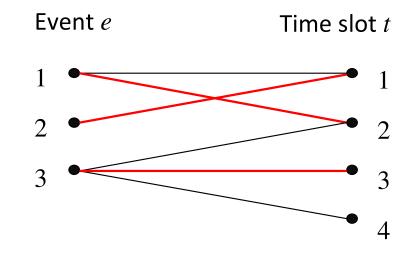
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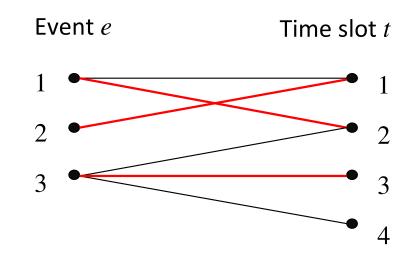


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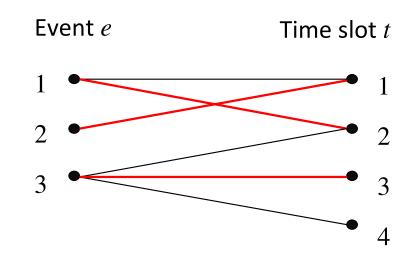
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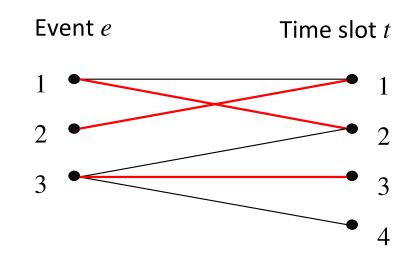
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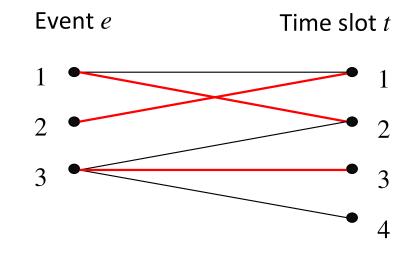


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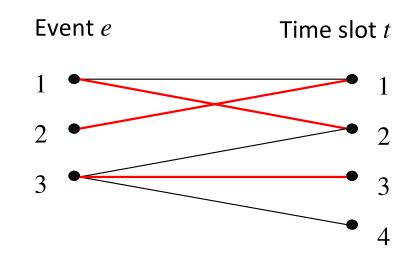
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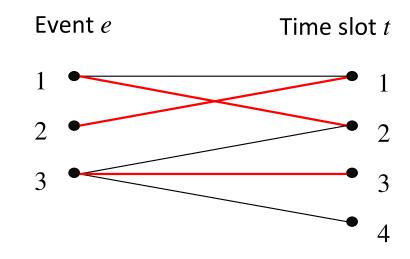


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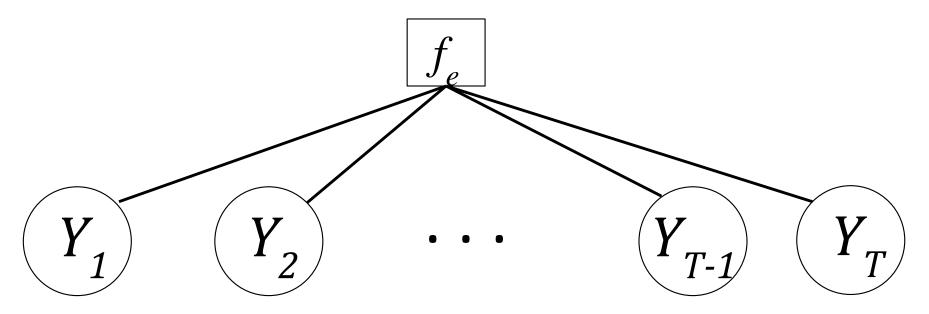
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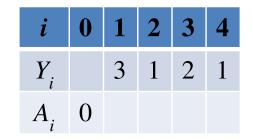
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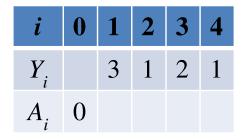
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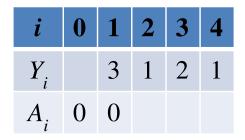


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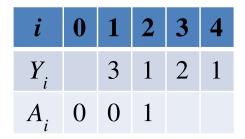


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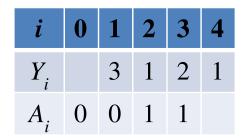


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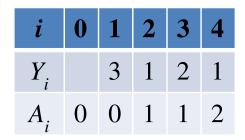


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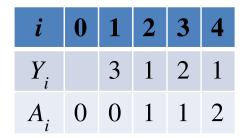
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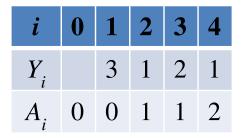
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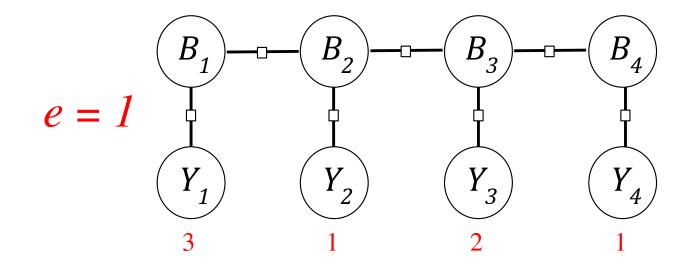
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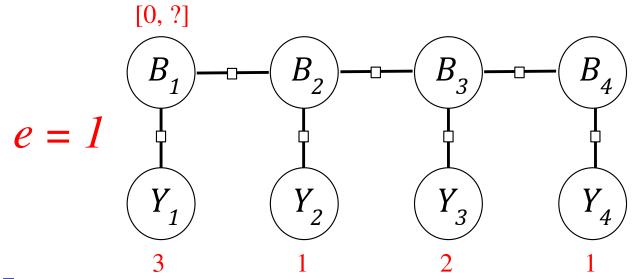
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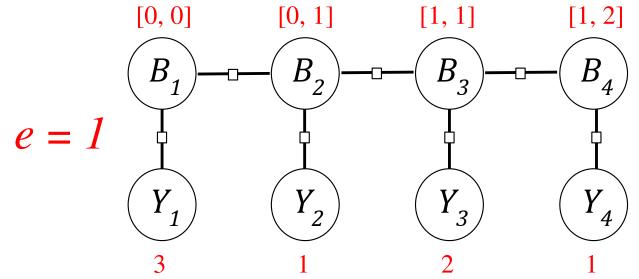
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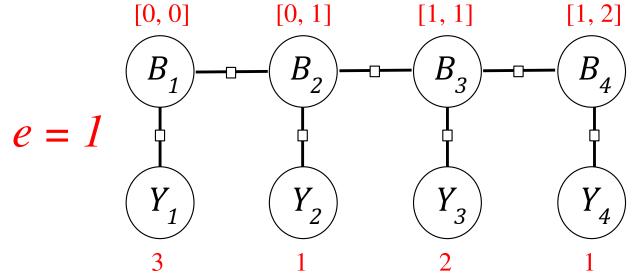
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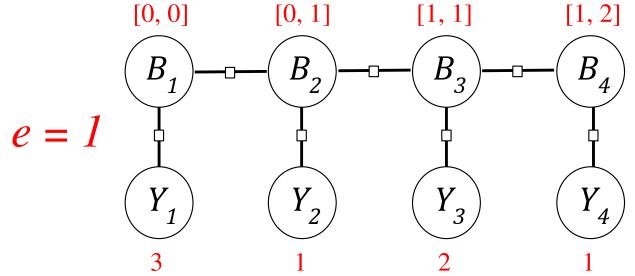
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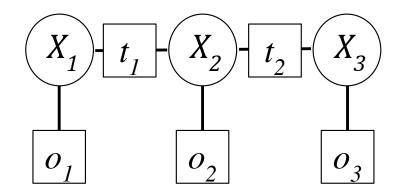
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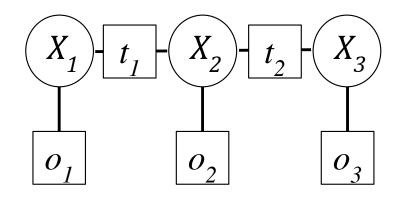
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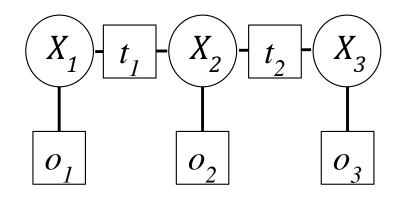
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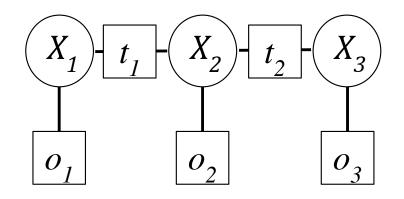
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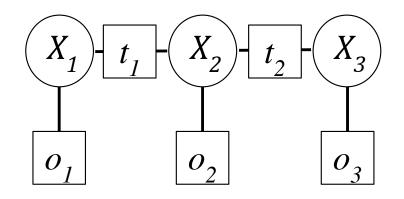


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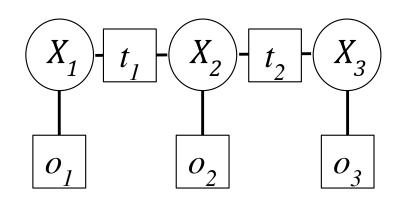
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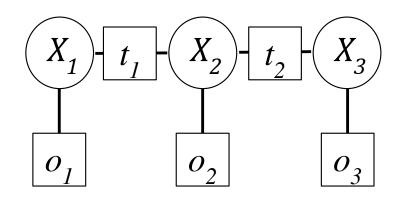
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- Remove X_i and f_1, \ldots, f_k

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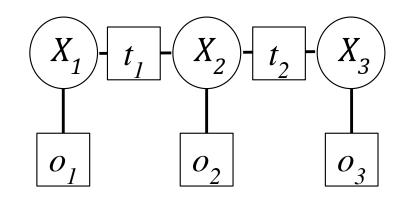
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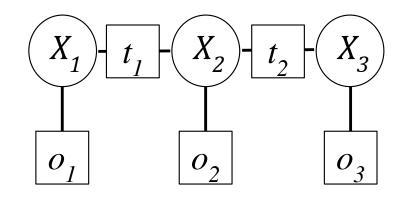


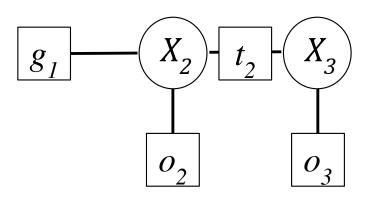
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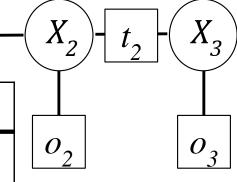
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0	0	2	2	4	
0	1	1	1	1	
0	2	0	0	0	
1	0	2	1	2	
1	1	1	2	2	
1	2	0	1	0	
2	0	2	0	0	
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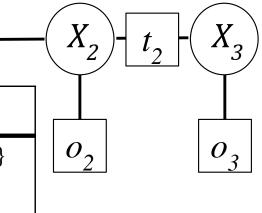


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- Factors that depend on X_{i} :
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- Add $f_{new}(x) = \max_{x_i} \prod_{j=1}^k f_j(x)$

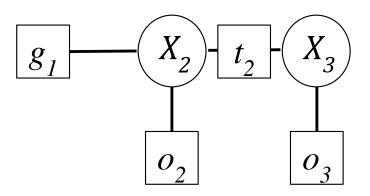
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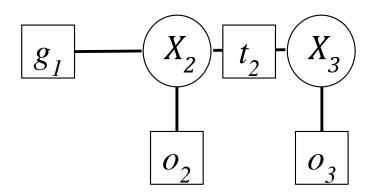
<i>x</i> ₂	x ₁	$o_{l}(x_{l})$	$t_{1}(x_{1}, x_{2})$	$o_{1}(x_{1}) t_{1}(x_{1}, x_{2})$	$g_{I}(x_{2})$	
0	0	2	2	4	4: { x_1 :0}	6
0	1	1	1	1		
0	2	0	0	0		
1	0	2	1	2	2: $\{x_{l}: l\}$	
1	1	1	2	2		
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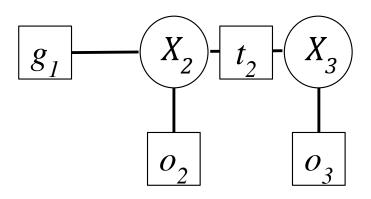
• Eliminate X_2



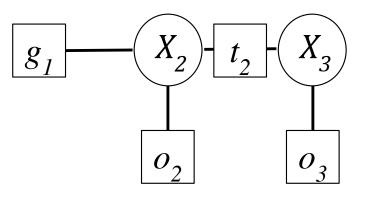
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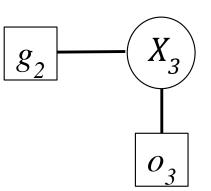


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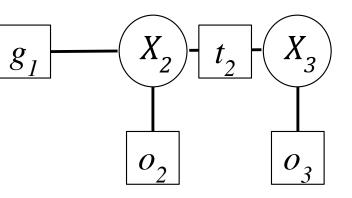


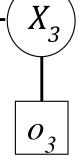


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$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline x_3 & x_2 & g_1(x_2) & o_2(x_2) & t_2(x_2, x_3) & g_1(x_2) & o_2(x_2) & t_2(x_2, x_3) & g_2(x_3) \\ \hline 0 & 0 & & & & & & \\ \hline 0 & 1 & & & & & & \\ \hline 0 & 2 & & & & & & & \\ \hline 1 & 0 & & & & & & & \\ \hline 1 & 0 & & & & & & & \\ \hline 1 & 1 & & & & & & & \\ \hline 1 & 2 & & & & & & & & \\ \hline 2 & 0 & & & & & & & & \\ \hline 2 & 1 & & & & & & & & \\ \hline 2 & 2 & & & & & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

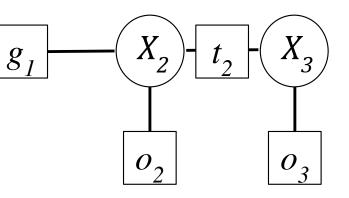


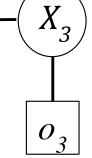


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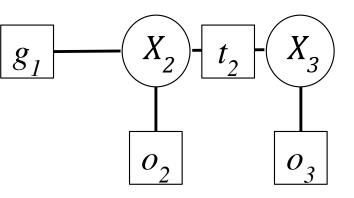


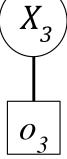


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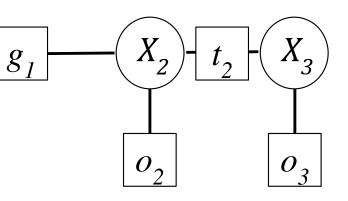


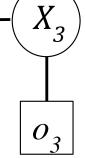


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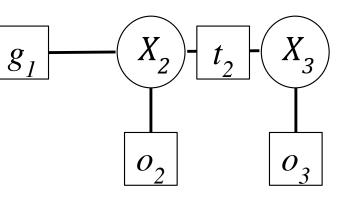
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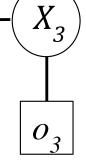




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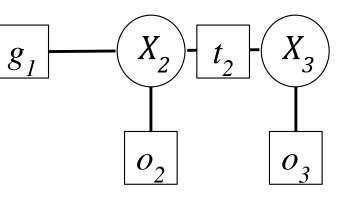


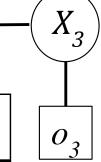


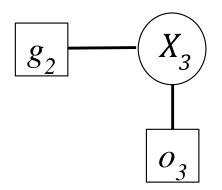
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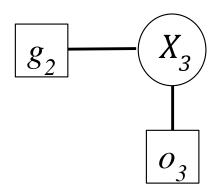
<i>x</i> ₃	<i>x</i> ₂	$g_{I}(x_{2})$	$o_2(x_2)$	$t_2(x_2, x_3)$	$g_1(x_2) o_2(x_2) t_2(x_2, x_3)$	$g_{2}(x_{3})$
0	0	4: { x_1 :0}	0	2	0	2: { x_1 : 1, x_2 : 2}
0	1	2: $\{x_{I}: I\}$	1	1	2	
0	2	1: $\{x_{l}: l\}$	2	0	2	
1	0	4: { x_1 :0}	0	1	4	4: { x_1 : 1, x_2 : 1}
1	1	2: $\{x_{I}: I\}$	1	2	4	
1	2	1: $\{x_{l}: l\}$	2	1	2	
2	0	4: { $x_1:0$ }	0	0	0	4: { x_1 : 1, x_2 : 2}
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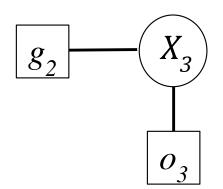


$\max_{x_3 \in \{0,1,2\}} g_2(x_3) \cdot o_3(x_3)$



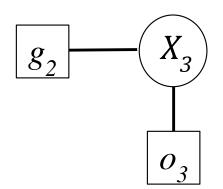
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<i>x</i> ₃	$g_{2}(x_{3})$	$o_3(x_3)$	$g_{2}(x_{3}) o_{3}(x_{3})$	Optimal Weight
0				
1				
2				



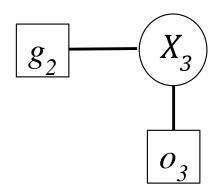
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<i>x</i> ₃	$g_{2}(x_{3})$	<i>o</i> ₃ (<i>x</i> ₃)	$g_{2}(x_{3}) o_{3}(x_{3})$	Optimal Weight
0	2: { $x_1 : 1, x_2 : 2$ }	0		
1	4: { $x_1 : 1, x_2 : 1$ }	1		
2	4: { $x_1 : 1, x_2 : 2$ }	2		



 $\max_{x_3 \in \{0,1,2\}} g_2(x_3) \cdot o_3(x_3)$

<i>x</i> ₃	$g_2(x_3)$	<i>o</i> ₃ (<i>x</i> ₃)	$g_{2}(x_{3}) o_{3}(x_{3})$	Optimal Weight
0	2: { x_1 : 1, x_2 : 2}	0	2	
1	4: { x_1 : 1, x_2 : 1}	1	4	
2	4: { x_1 : 1, x_2 : 2}	2	8	



 $\max_{x_3 \in \{0,1,2\}} g_2(x_3) \cdot o_3(x_3)$

<i>x</i> ₃	$g_2(x_3)$	<i>o</i> ₃ (<i>x</i> ₃)	$g_{2}(x_{3}) o_{3}(x_{3})$	Optimal Weight
0	2: { $x_1 : 1, x_2 : 2$ }	0	2	8: { x_1 : 1, x_2 : 2, x_3 : 2}
1	4: { $x_1 : 1, x_2 : 1$ }	1	4	
2	4: { $x_1 : 1, x_2 : 2$ }	2	8	