

# Circuits for Query Provenance

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## Motivation

- Consider some problem on Boolean formulas  $F$ : SAT, model counting, circuit (BDD) construction, etc, etc.
- In general, the complexity is exponential in  $F$ .
- Now assume that  $F$  is the provenance (lineage/grounding) of an FO sentence  $Q$  over some input domain.
- For fixed  $Q$ , what is the problem complexity as a function of  $|\text{input}|$ ?

# This Talk

$F$  is the provenance of some FO sentence  $Q$ :

- Complexity of the Weighted Model Counting problem for  $F$ .
- The size of an OBDD, or FBDD, or Decision-DNNF for  $F$ .  
Knowledge Compilation [Darwiche and Marquis, 2002].
- **Glaring omission:** SAT.

**Main message:** from Logic ( $Q$ ) to Algorithms (for  $F$ )

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Shannon expansion:  $\mathbf{P}(F) = (1 - p_i) \cdot \mathbf{P}(F[X_i := 0]) + p_i \cdot \mathbf{P}(F[X_i := 1])$

Independence:  $\mathbf{P}(F_1 \wedge F_2) = \mathbf{P}(F_1) \cdot \mathbf{P}(F_2)$ , if  $\text{Vars}(F_1) \cap \text{Vars}(F_2) = \emptyset$ .

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**Results in this talk:** No negation, single quantifier type ( $\exists \exists \dots$  or  $\forall \forall \dots$ )

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**Hierarchical:**  $\exists x \exists y (R(x) \wedge S(x, y))$  is in PTIME.

**Non-Hierarchical:**  $\exists x \exists y (R(x) \wedge S(x, y) \wedge T(y))$  is  $\#P$ -hard.<sup>2</sup>

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Hierarchy is necessary but not sufficient condition for PTIME:

**Example** hierarchical, yet #P-hard:

$$\text{UCQ: } \exists x \exists y (R(x) \wedge S(x, y)) \vee \exists u \exists v (S(u, v) \wedge T(v))$$

$$\text{Dual: } \forall x \forall y (R(x) \vee S(x, y)) \wedge \forall u \forall v (S(u, v) \vee T(v))$$

## Discussion

- Main take away: from static analysis on  $Q$  to complexity of  $\mathbf{P}(F_n[Q])$ .
- Extension to  $UCQ^\infty$  (includes datalog) [Amarilli and Ceylan, 2020].
- **Open**: beyond  $UCQ$ /dual $UCQ$ ?
- #SAT Dichotomy theorem [Creignou and Hermann, 1996] based on **type of clauses** (affine or not); dichotomy for  $UCQ$  based on **structure**.

Next: size of a BDD for  $F_n[Q]$ .

# Background: Binary Decision Diagrams

# Overview: BDDs

Monography on BDDs [Wegener, 2000].

This talk:

[Free Binary Decision Diagrams](#), FBDDs:

- Read-Once Branching Programs
- Binary Decision Diagrams [Akers, 1978] or Branching Programs [Masek, 1976]), subject to the read-once rule.

[Ordered Binary Decision Diagrams](#), OBDD [Bryant, 1986].

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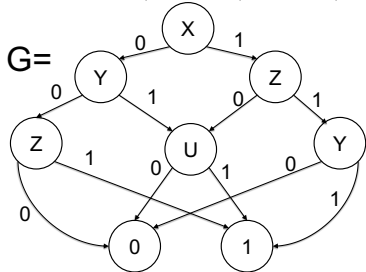
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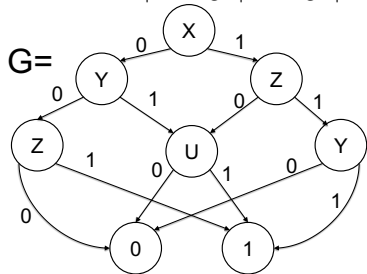


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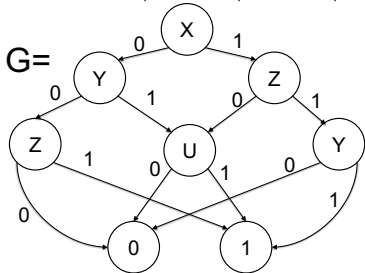
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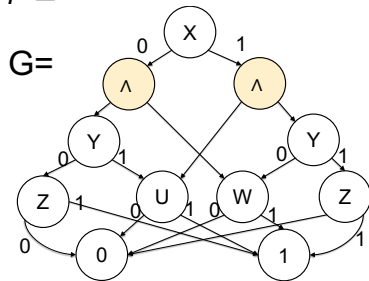


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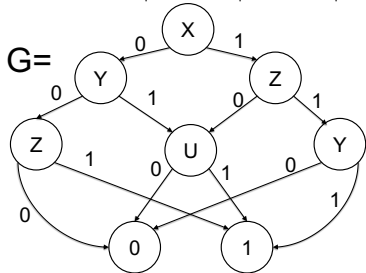


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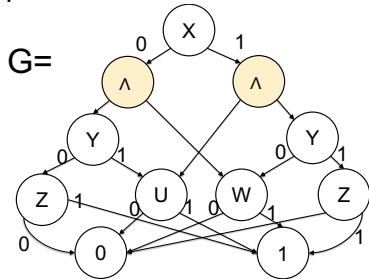


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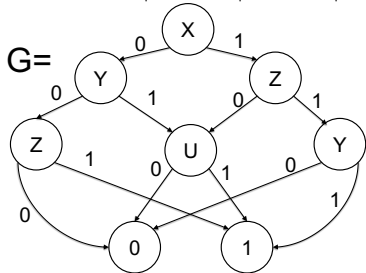
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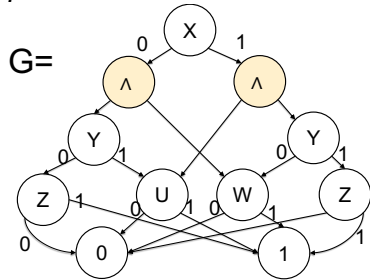


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- WMC in linear time:  $\text{Time}(\mathbf{P}(F)) = O(|G|)$
- BDDs for **subfunctions** become smaller:  $|G(F[\theta])| \leq |G(F)|$

# Knowledge Compilation v.s. Query Compilation

Knowledge compilation  $F \mapsto$  BDD for  $F$  [Darwiche and Marquis, 2002].

Query compilation Fix  $Q$ .  $n \mapsto$  BDD for  $F_n[Q]$  [Jha and Suciu, 2013].

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- OBDD = an FBDD that follows a fixed variable order  $\Pi$ .
- Similar to a DFA [Wegener, 2000].
- **Synthesis:**<sup>3</sup> Given OBDDs  $G_1, G_2$  for  $F_1, F_2$  using same order  $\Pi$ , can synthesize an OBDD for  $F_1 \wedge F_2$  or  $F_1 \vee F_2$ , of size  $\leq |G_1| \cdot |G_2|$ .

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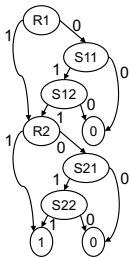
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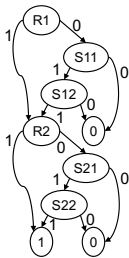
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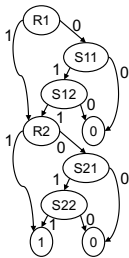


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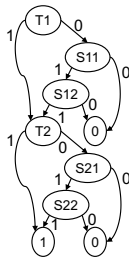
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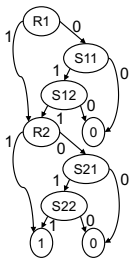


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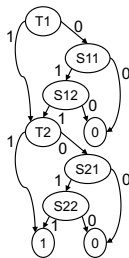
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Theorem ([Beame et al., 2017])

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## Syntactic Feature #2: Inversions

### Definition

A *k*-inversion in a sentence  $Q$  is a sequence of atoms:

$$S_1(\dots, x_0, \dots, y_0 \dots), S_1(\dots, x_1, \dots, y_1 \dots), S_2(\dots, x_1, \dots, y_1 \dots), S_2(\dots, x_2, \dots, y_2, \dots), \dots, S_k(\dots, x_k, \dots, y_k, \dots)$$

Such that  $at(x_0) \supsetneq at(y_0)$  and  $at(x_k) \subsetneq at(y_k)$ .

**Example** every  $H_k$  has a *k*-inversion.

$$H_2 = (R(x_0) \vee S_1(\underline{x_0}, \underline{y_0})) \wedge (S_1(\underline{x_1}, \underline{y_1}) \vee S_2(\underline{x_1}, \underline{y_1})) \wedge (S_2(\underline{x_2}, \underline{y_2}) \vee T(y_2))$$

Inversions prevent us from finding a good order for the OBDD.

# Dichotomy

## Theorem ([Jha and Suciu, 2013, Beame et al., 2017])

- ① If  $Q$  has no inversions, then  $F_n[Q]$  has an OBDD of size  $O(n^{\text{arity}})$  (linear).
- ② If  $Q$  has a  $k$ -inversion, then the OBDD for  $F_n[Q]$  has size  $2^{\Omega(n/(k+1))}$ .

- ① Order the Boolean variables consistent with the hierarchy  $at(x)$ : “no inversion” makes this possible. Build the OBDD using **synthesis**.
- ② OBDD  $G$  for  $Q \Rightarrow k + 1$  **subfunction** OBDDs for the clauses of  $H_k$   
 $\Rightarrow$  **synthesis** OBDD for  $H_k$  of size  $O(|G|^{k+1} \geq (2^n - 1)/n$ .

Both proofs fail for FBDD: no **synthesis**.

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# Discussion

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