

# Graphical Models

## Inference and Learning

### Lecture 2

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# Practical matters

- Paper presentations
  - 18/12: Spatio-temporal video segmentation...
  - 15/01: On Parameter Learning in CRF-based...
  - 12/02: ~~CRFs as RNNs~~ (chosen)
- At most 2 presenters per paper
- Bonus points & you will do better in the quiz

# Practical matters

- Course website
  - <http://thoth.inrialpes.fr/~alahari/disinfllearn>
  - (linked from my webpage)
- Questions ?

# Recap: Lecture 1

- Graphical Models
  - Making **global** predictions from **local** observations
  - Learning from large quantities of data
- Two types of models studied in the class
  - Bayesian nets
  - Markov nets

# Recap: Lecture 1

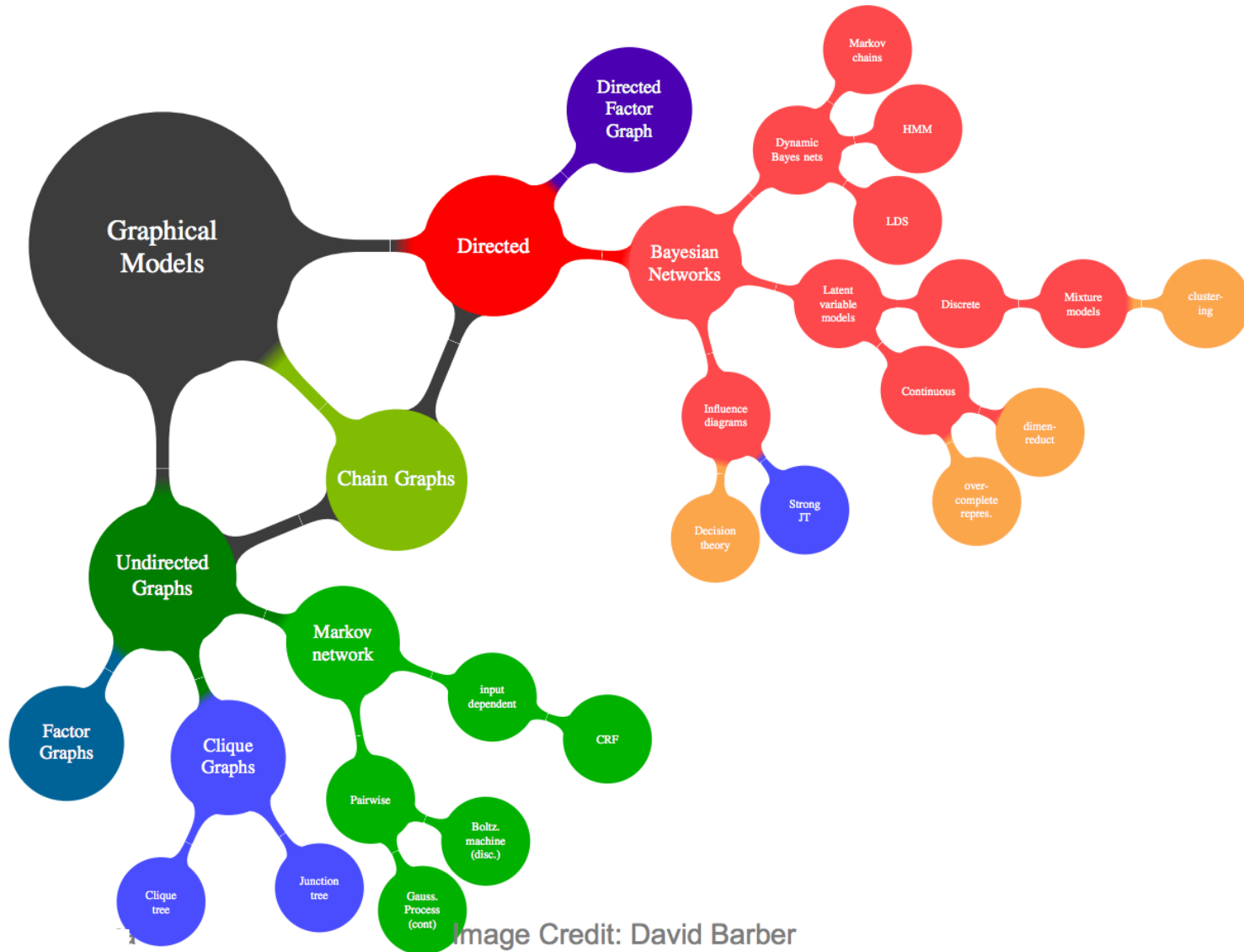
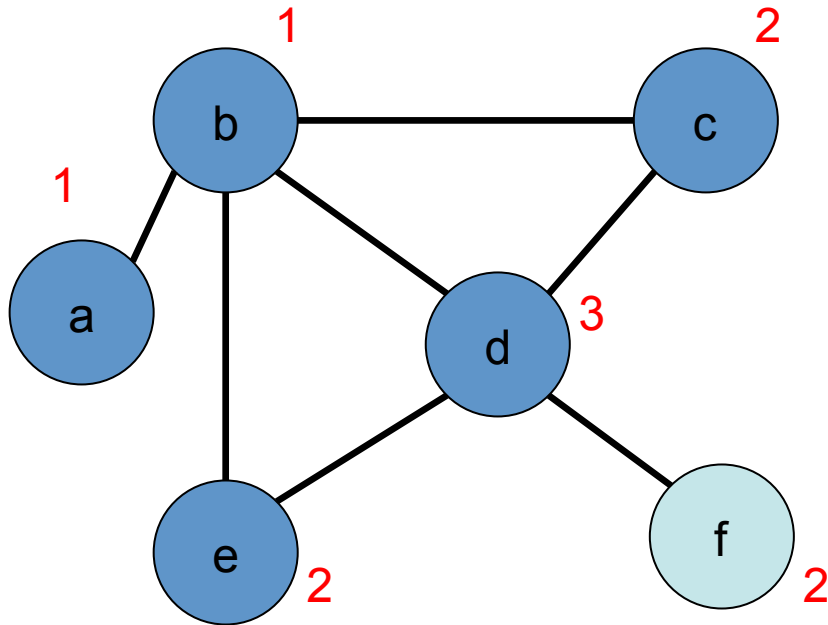


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# Recap: Lecture 1

- Question: What is the core of these models?
- Question: Can you compute probabilities in Markov nets? If yes, how and if no, why?
- Question: What is the difference between Markov and Conditional random fields?

# The General Problem



Graph  $G = (V, E)$

Discrete label set  $L = \{1, 2, \dots, h\}$

Assign a label to each vertex

$f: V \rightarrow L$

Cost of a labelling  $Q(f)$

Unary Cost

Pairwise Cost

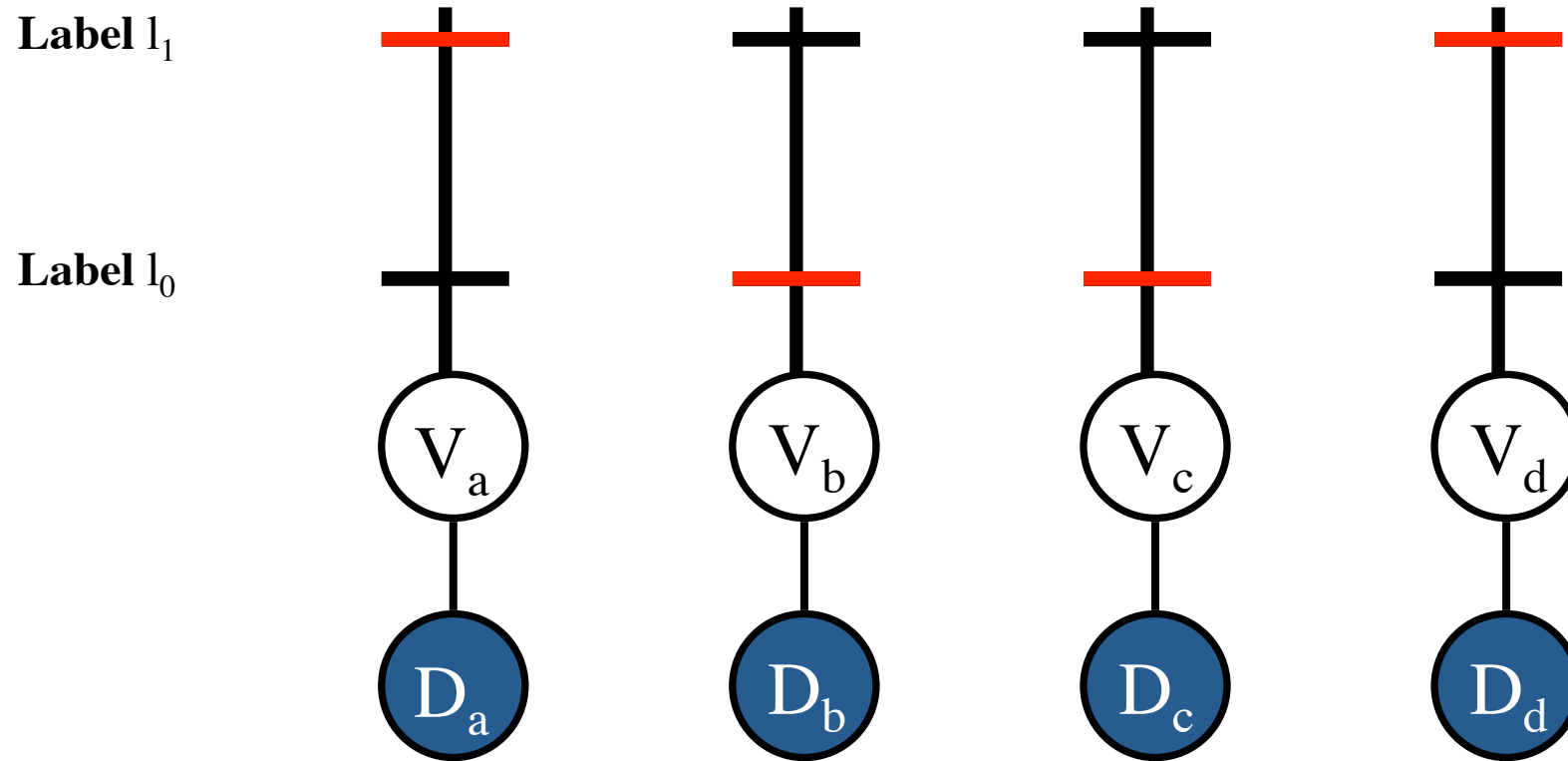
Find  $f^* = \arg \min Q(f)$

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- Basics: problem formulation
  - Energy Function
  - MAP Estimation
  - Computing min-marginals
  - Reparameterization
- Solutions
  - Belief Propagation and related methods [Lecture 2]
  - Graph cuts [Lecture 3]



# Energy Function

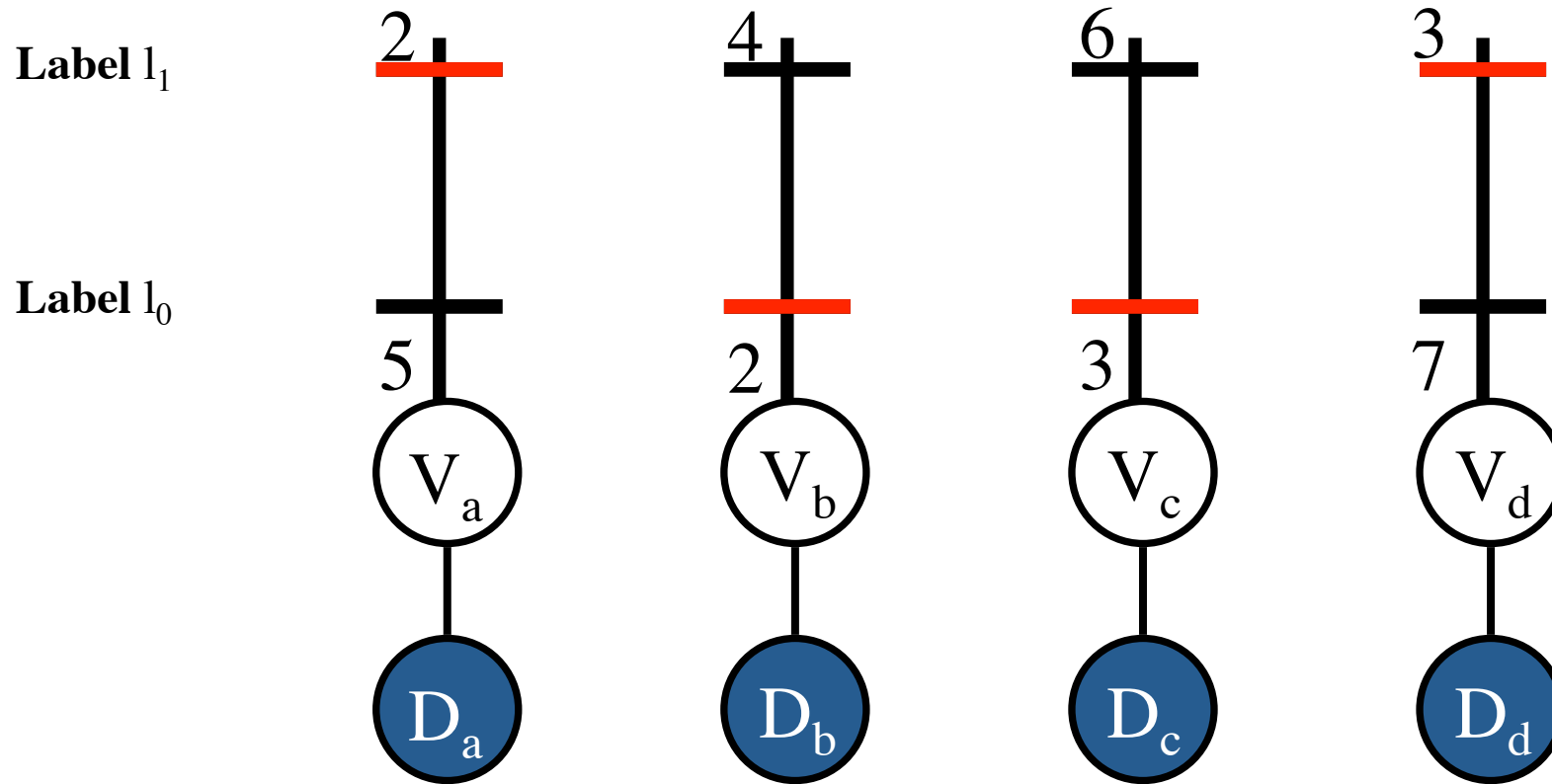


Random Variables  $V = \{V_a, V_b, \dots\}$

Labels  $L = \{l_0, l_1, \dots\}$  Data  $D$

Labelling  $f: \{a, b, \dots\} \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots\}$

# Energy Function



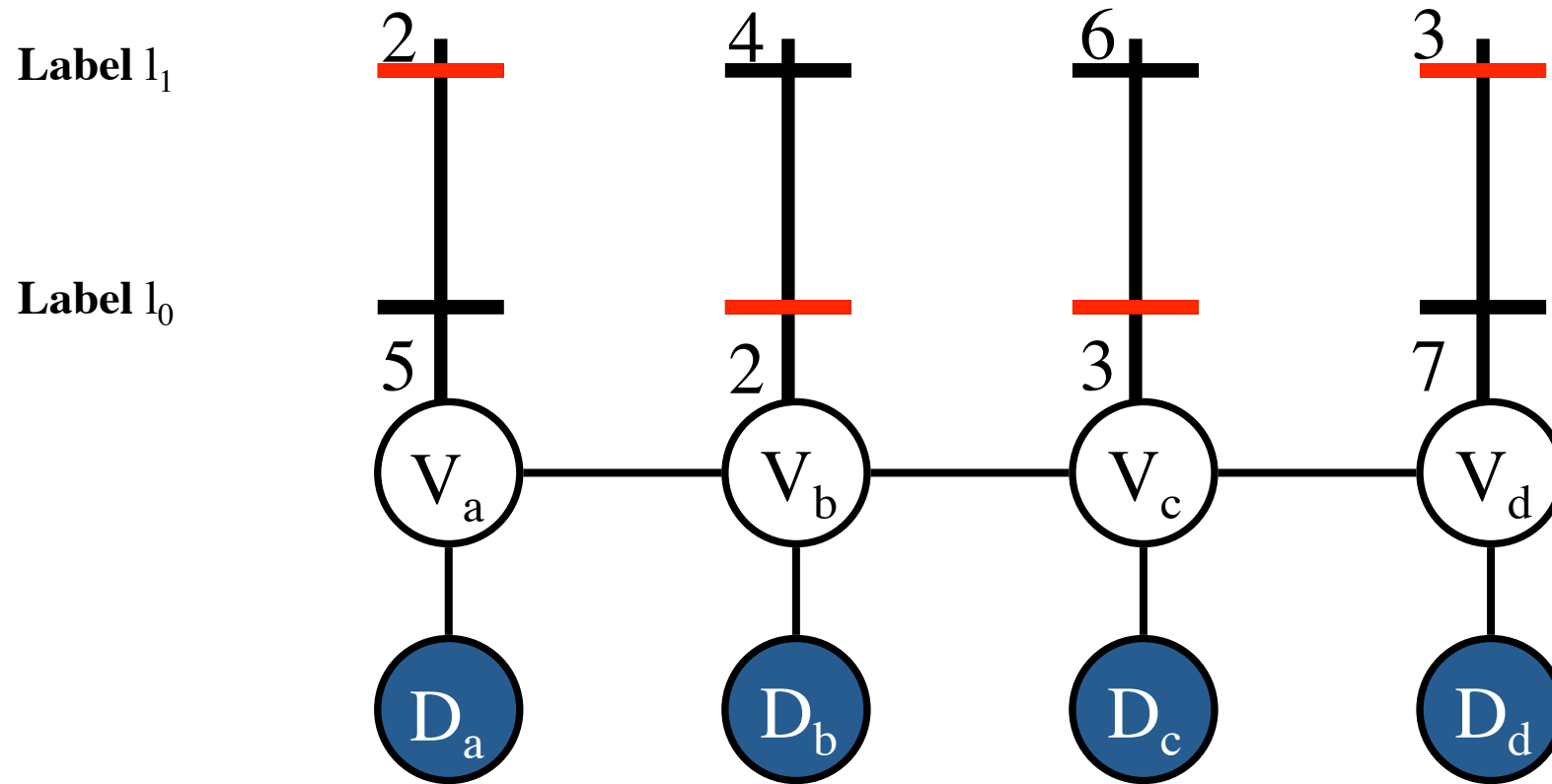
$$Q(f) = \sum_a \theta_{a;f(a)}$$

Unary Potential

Easy to minimize

Neighbourhood

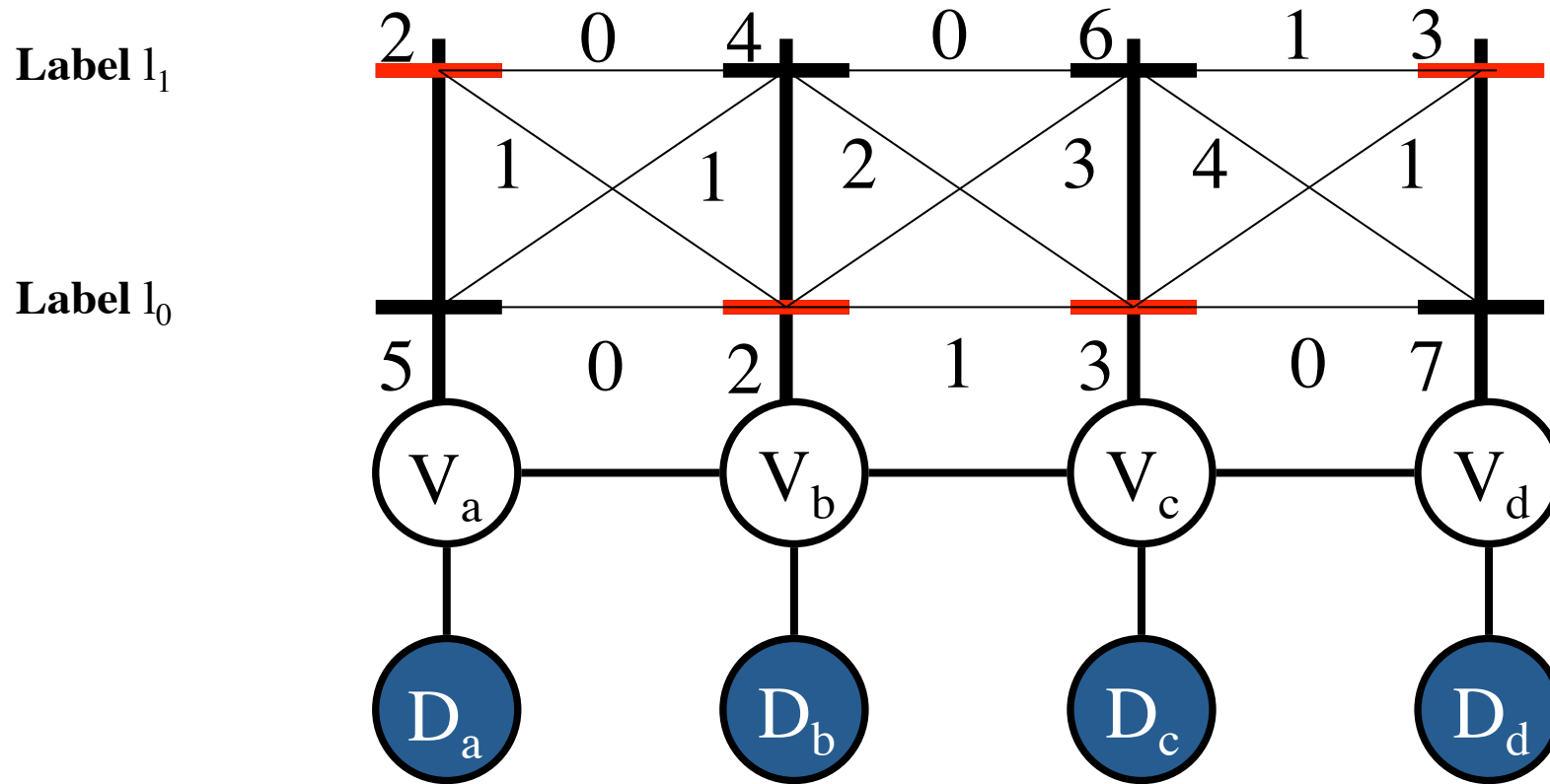
# Energy Function



$E : (a,b) \in E$  iff  $V_a$  and  $V_b$  are neighbours

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

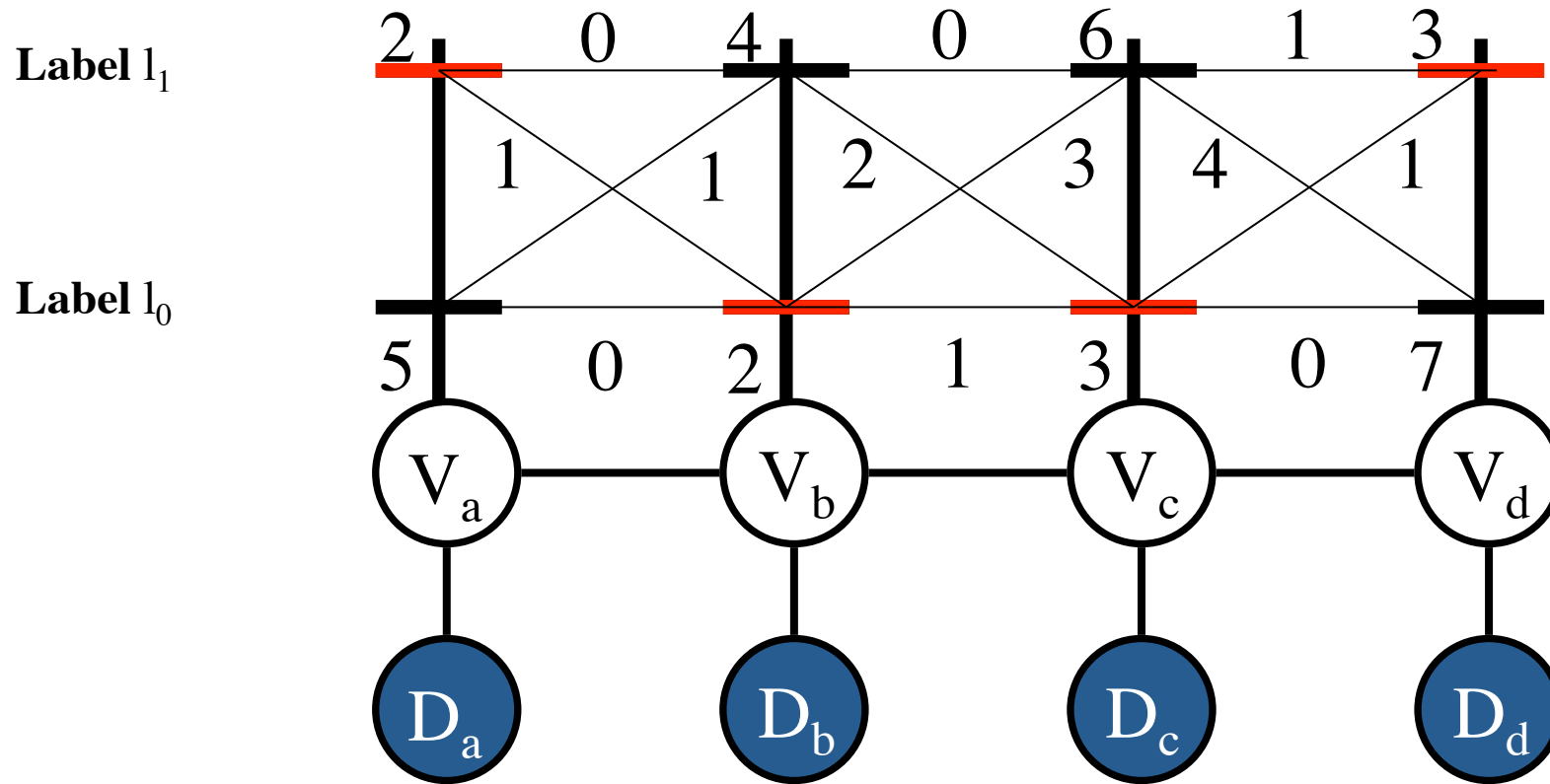
# Energy Function



Pairwise Potential

$$Q(f) = \sum_a \theta_{a;f(a)} + \sum_{(a,b)} \theta_{ab;f(a)f(b)}$$

# Energy Function



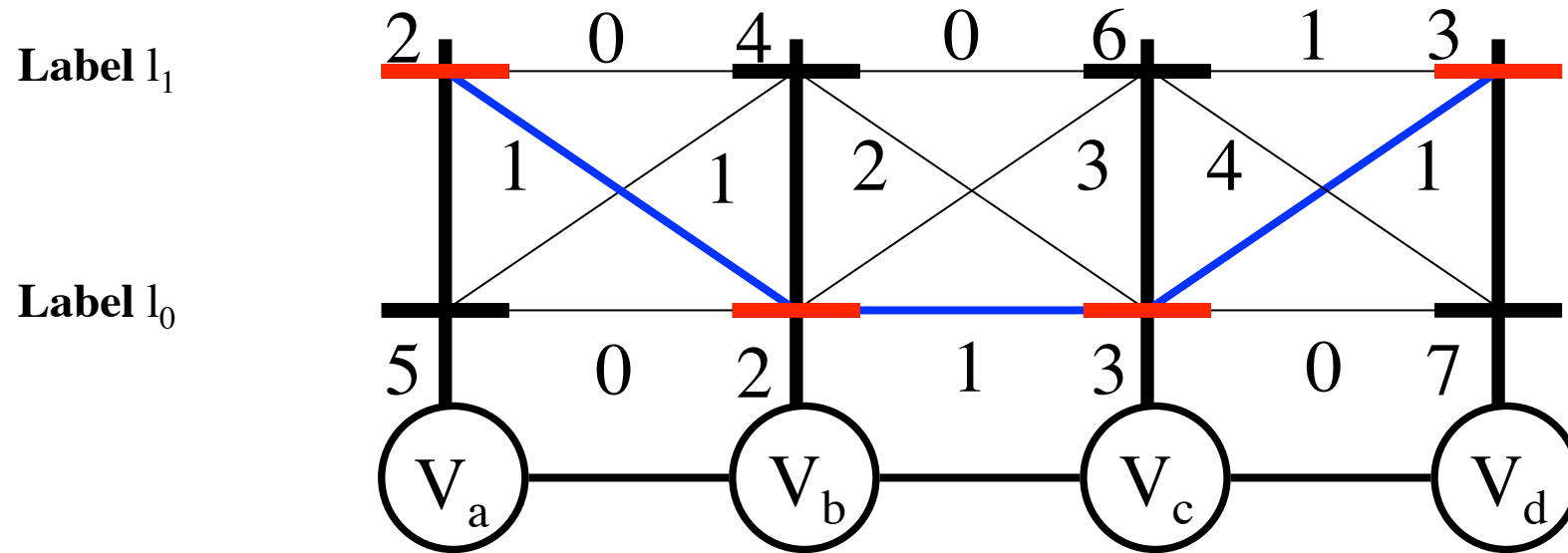
$$Q(f; \theta) = \sum_a \theta_{a;f(a)} + \sum_{(a,b)} \theta_{ab;f(a)f(b)}$$

Parameter

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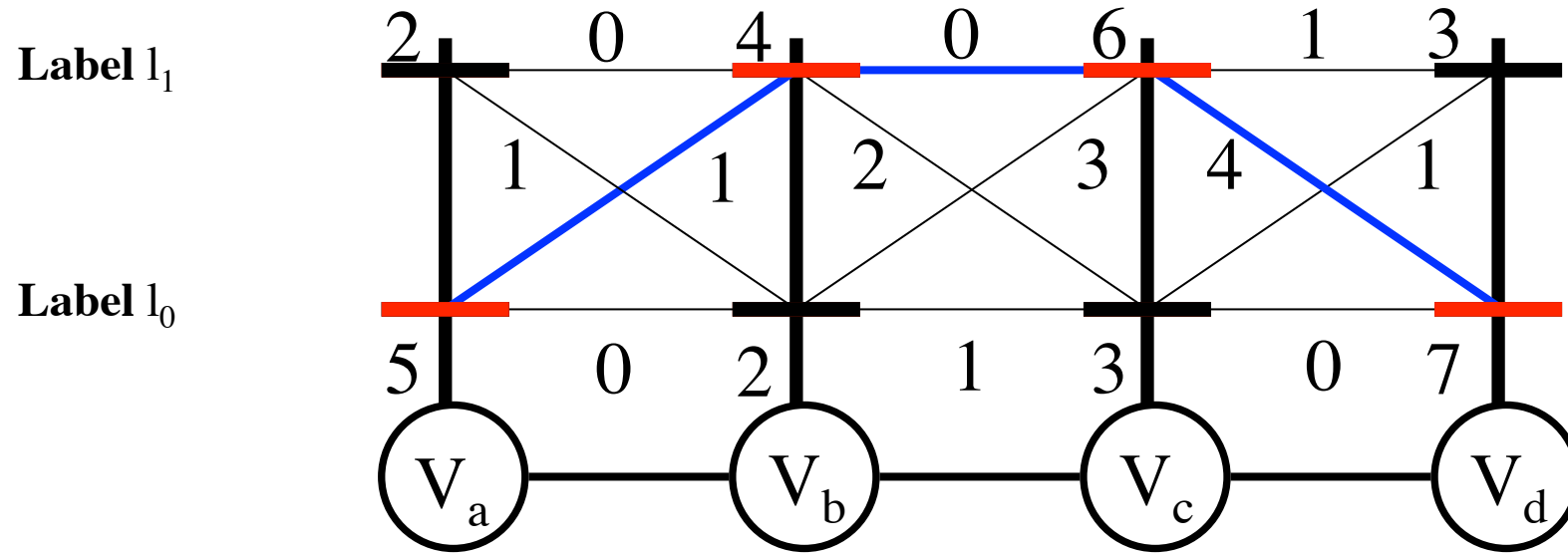
# MAP Estimation



$$Q(f; \theta) = \sum_a \theta_{a;f(a)} + \sum_{(a,b)} \theta_{ab;f(a)f(b)}$$

$$2 + 1 + 2 + 1 + 3 + 1 + 3 = 13$$

# MAP Estimation

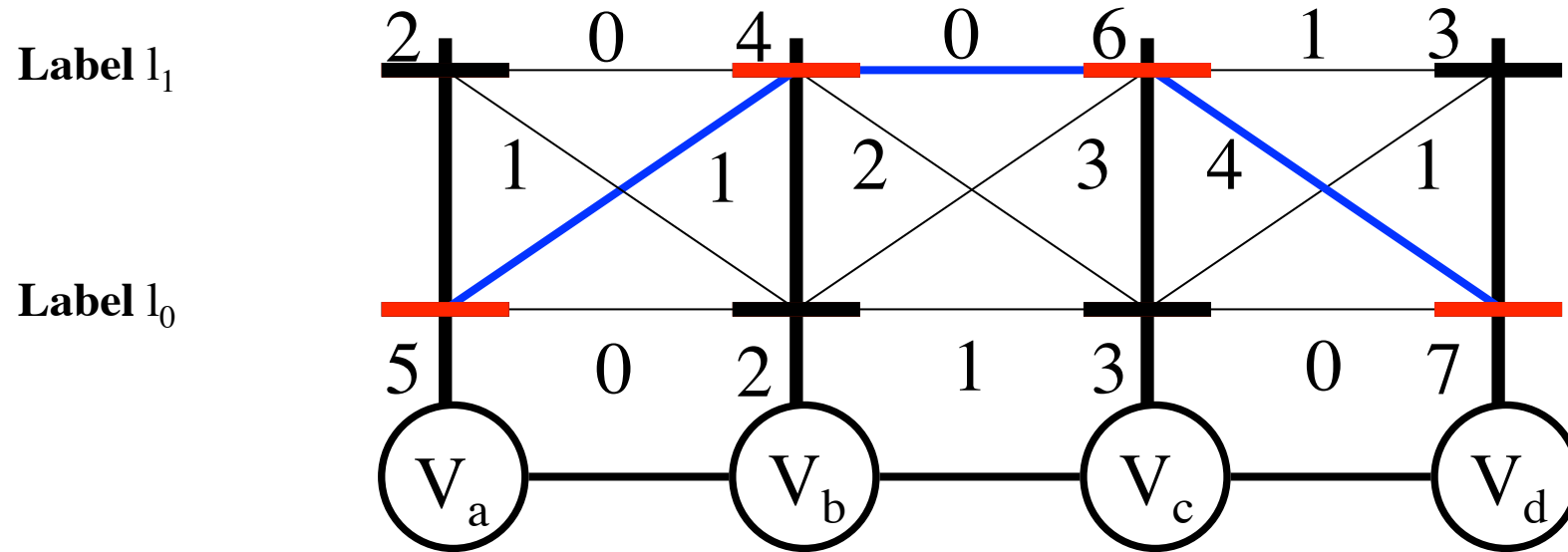


$$Q(f; \theta) = \sum_a \theta_{a;f(a)} + \sum_{(a,b)} \theta_{ab;f(a)f(b)}$$

$$5 + 1 + 4 + 0 + 6 + 4 + 7 = 27$$



# MAP Estimation



$$q^* = \min Q(f; \theta) = Q(f^*; \theta)$$

$$Q(f; \theta) = \sum_a \theta_{a;f(a)} + \sum_{(a,b)} \theta_{ab;f(a)f(b)}$$

$$f^* = \arg \min Q(f; \theta)$$

Equivalent to maximizing the associated probability

# MAP Estimation

16 possible labellings

$$f^* = \{1, 0, 0, 1\}$$

$$q^* = 13$$

f(a)	f(b)	f(c)	f(d)	Q(f; $\theta$ )
0	0	0	0	18
0	0	0	1	15
0	0	1	0	27
0	0	1	1	20
0	1	0	0	22
0	1	0	1	19
0	1	1	0	27
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f(a)	f(b)	f(c)	f(d)	Q(f; $\theta$ )
1	0	0	0	16
1	0	0	1	13
1	0	1	0	25
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# Computational Complexity

Segmentation

$2^{|V|}$



$|V|$  = number of pixels  $\approx 153600$

Can we do better than brute-force?

MAP Estimation is NP-hard !!

# MAP Inference / Energy Minimization

- Computing the assignment minimizing the energy in NP-hard in general

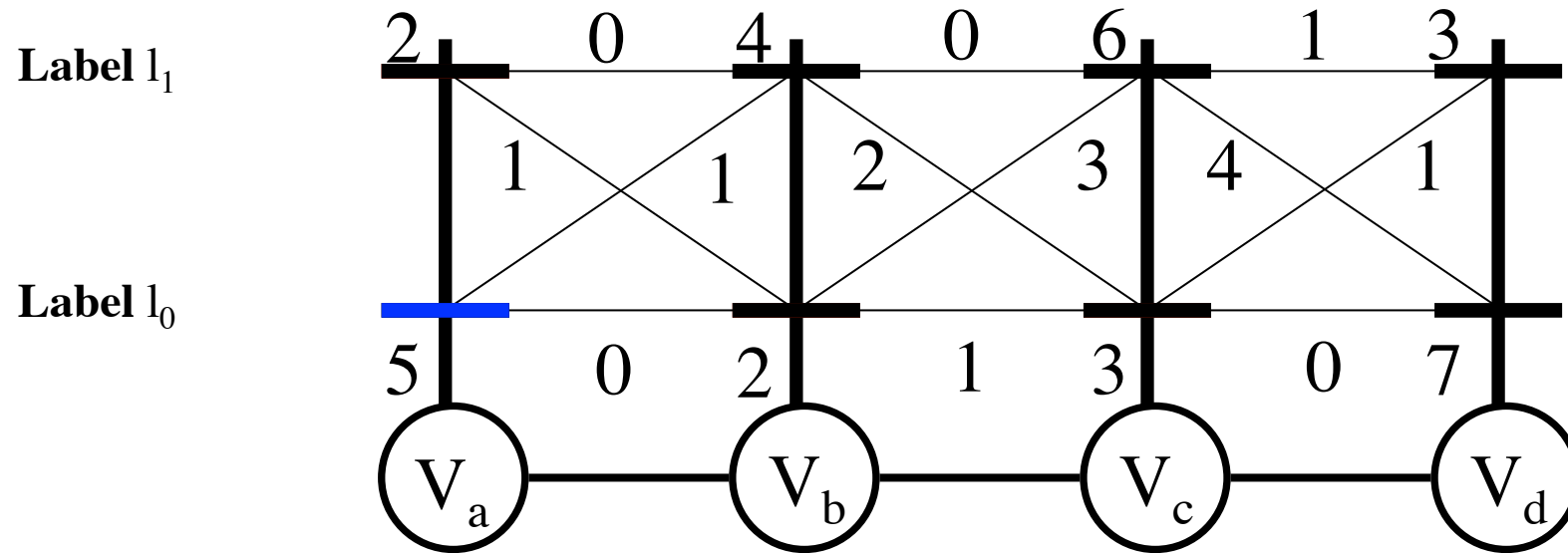
$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}} E(\mathbf{y}; \mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}} P(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x})$$

- Exact inference is possible in some cases, e.g.,
  - Low treewidth graphs  $\rightarrow$  message-passing
  - Submodular potentials  $\rightarrow$  graph cuts
- Efficient approximate inference algorithms exist
  - Message passing on general graphs
  - Move-making algorithms
  - Relaxation algorithms

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# Min-Marginals



Not a marginal (no summation)

$$f^* = \arg \min Q(f; \theta) \quad \text{such that } f(a) = i$$

Min-marginal  $q_{a,i}$

# Min-Marginals

16 possible labellings

$$Q_{a;0} = 15$$

f(a)	f(b)	f(c)	f(d)	Q(f; $\theta$ )
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# Min-Marginals

16 possible labellings

$$Q_{a;1} = 13$$

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# Min-Marginals and MAP

- Minimum min-marginal of any variable = energy of MAP labelling

$$\min_i q_{a;i}$$

$$\min_i ( \min_f Q(f; \theta) \text{ such that } f(a) = i )$$

$V_a$  has to take one label

$$\min_f Q(f; \theta)$$

# Summary

## Energy Function

$$Q(\mathbf{f}; \theta) = \sum_a \theta_{a;f(a)} + \sum_{(a,b)} \theta_{ab;f(a)f(b)}$$

## MAP Estimation

$$\mathbf{f}^* = \arg \min Q(\mathbf{f}; \theta)$$

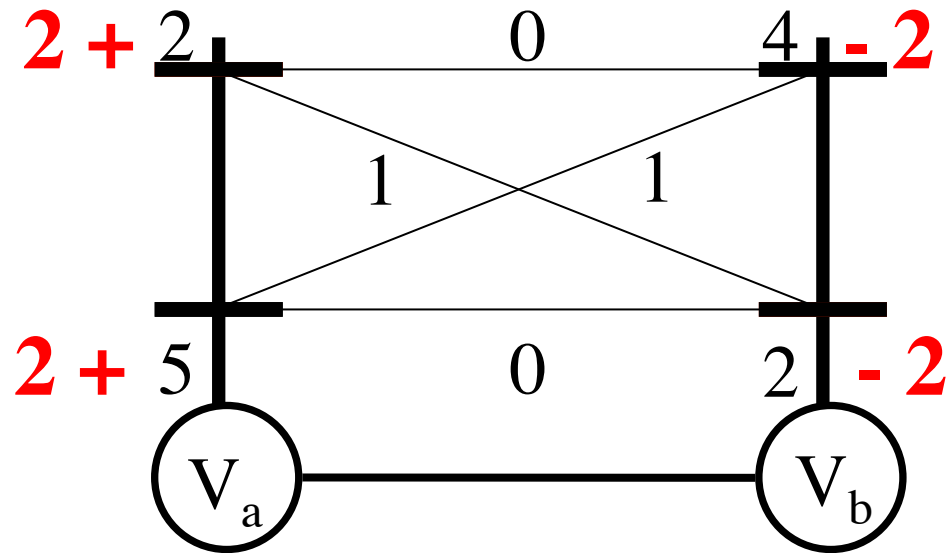
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$$q_{a;i} = \min Q(\mathbf{f}; \theta) \quad \text{s.t. } f(a) = i$$

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# Reparameterization



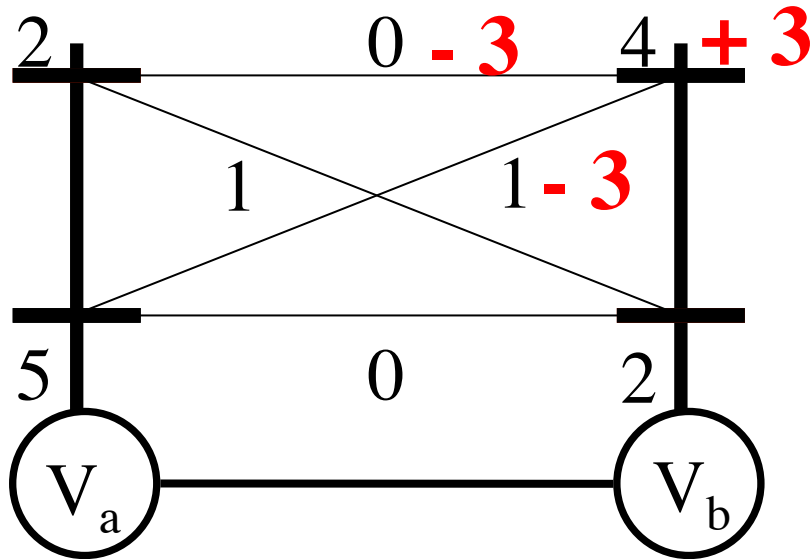
f(a)	f(b)	Q(f; $\theta$ )
0	0	7 + 2 - 2
0	1	10 + 2 - 2
1	0	5 + 2 - 2
1	1	6 + 2 - 2

Add a constant to all  $\theta_{a;i}$

Subtract that constant from all  $\theta_{b;k}$

$$Q(f; \theta') = Q(f; \theta)$$

# Reparameterization



f(a)	f(b)	Q(f; $\theta$ )
0	0	7
0	1	10 - 3 + 3
1	0	5
1	1	6 - 3 + 3

Add a constant to one  $\theta_{b;k}$

Subtract that constant from  $\theta_{ab;ik}$  for all 'i'

$$Q(f; \theta') = Q(f; \theta)$$

# Reparameterization

$\theta'$  is a reparameterization of  $\theta$ , iff

$$Q(f; \theta') = Q(f; \theta), \text{ for all } f \quad \theta' \equiv \theta$$

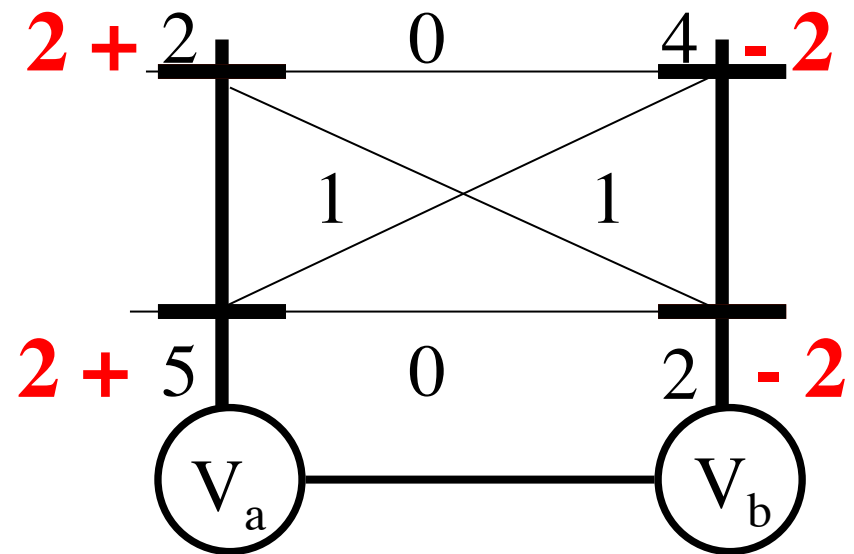
Equivalently

$$\theta'_{a;i} = \theta_{a;i} + M_{ba;i}$$

$$\theta'_{b;k} = \theta_{b;k} + M_{ab;k}$$

$$\theta'_{ab;ik} = \theta_{ab;ik} - M_{ab;k} - M_{ba;i}$$

Kolmogorov, PAMI, 2006



# Recap

## MAP Estimation

$$\mathbf{f}^* = \arg \min \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{f}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$$\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{f}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_a \theta_{a;f(a)} + \sum_{(a,b)} \theta_{ab;f(a)f(b)}$$

## Min-marginals

$$q_{a;i} = \min \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{f}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \quad \text{s.t. } f(a) = i$$

## Reparameterization

$$\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{f}; \boldsymbol{\theta}') = \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{f}; \boldsymbol{\theta}), \text{ for all } \mathbf{f} \quad \boldsymbol{\theta}' \equiv \boldsymbol{\theta}$$

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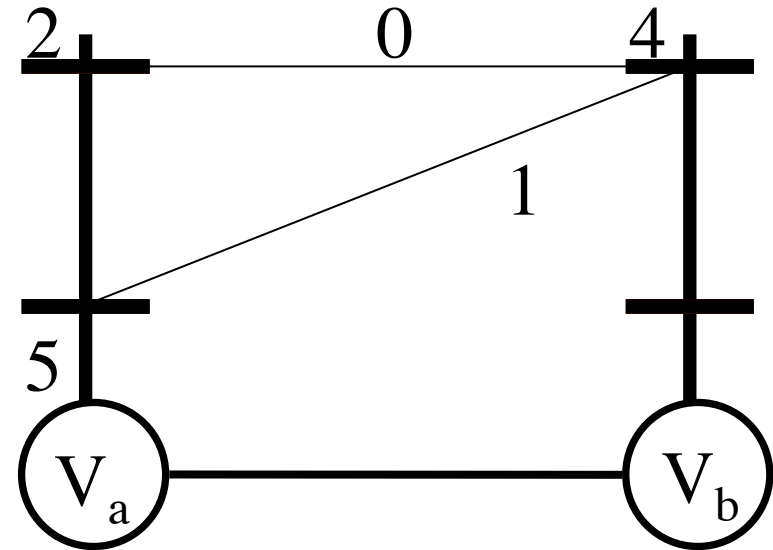
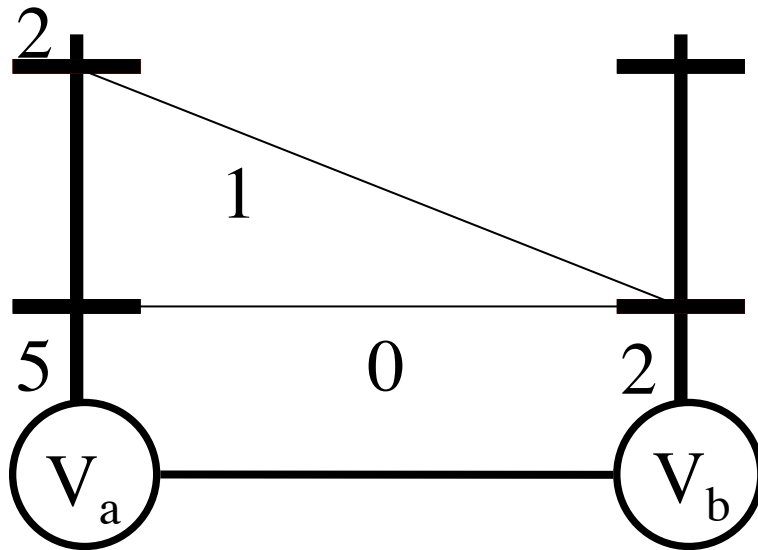
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# Belief Propagation

- Remember, some MAP problems are easy
- Belief Propagation gives exact MAP for chains
- Exact MAP for trees
- Clever Reparameterization

# Two Variables

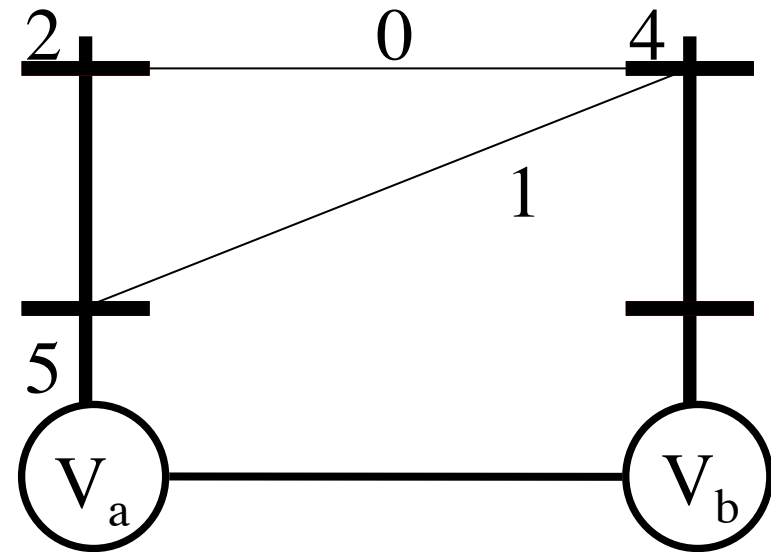
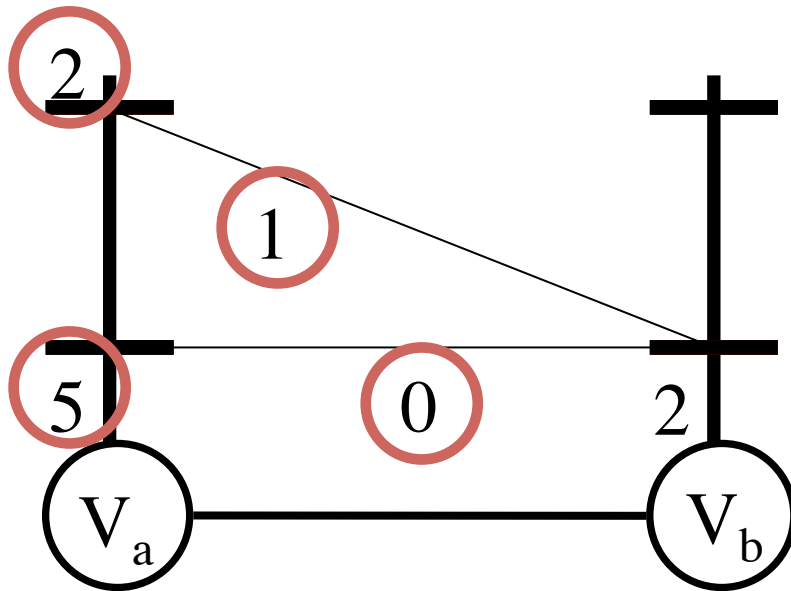


Add a constant to one  $\theta_{b;k}$

Subtract that constant from  $\theta_{ab;ik}$  for all 'i'

Choose the *right* constant  $\theta'_{b;k} = q_{b;k}$

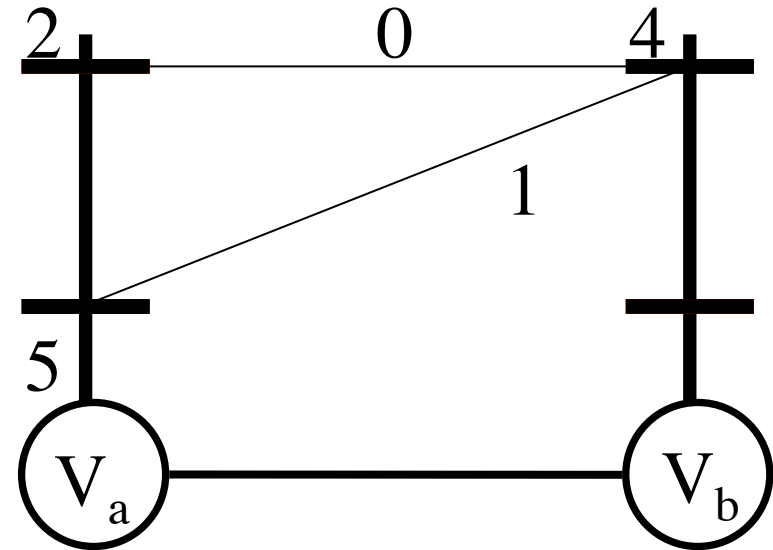
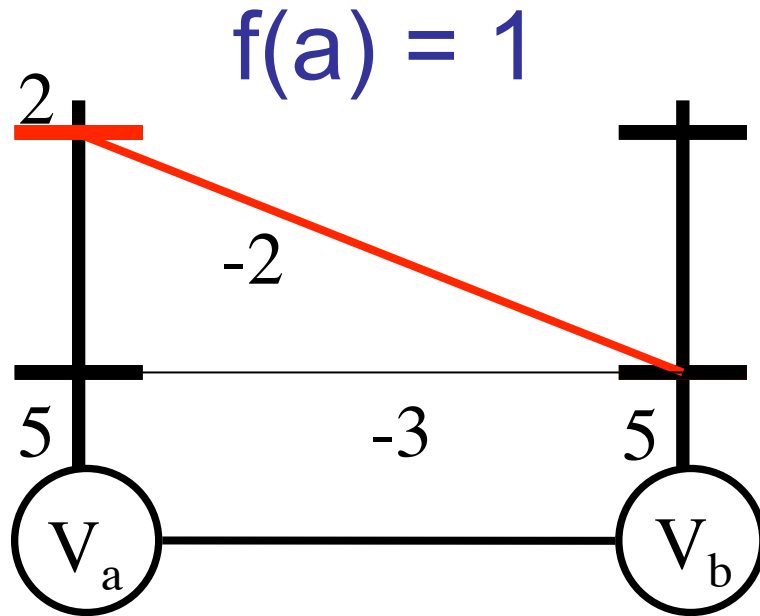
# Two Variables



$$M_{ab;0} = \min \begin{cases} \theta_{a;0} + \theta_{ab;00} = 5 + 0 \\ \theta_{a;1} + \theta_{ab;10} = 2 + 1 \end{cases}$$

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# Two Variables

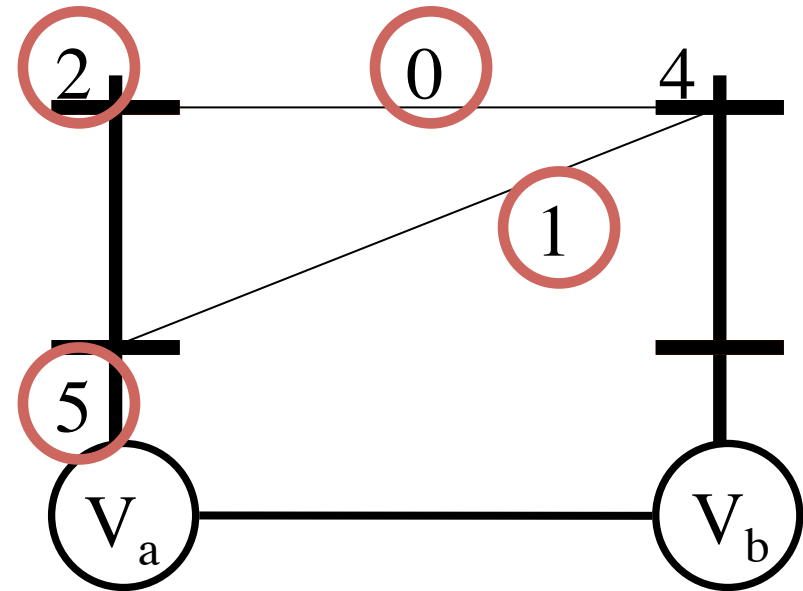
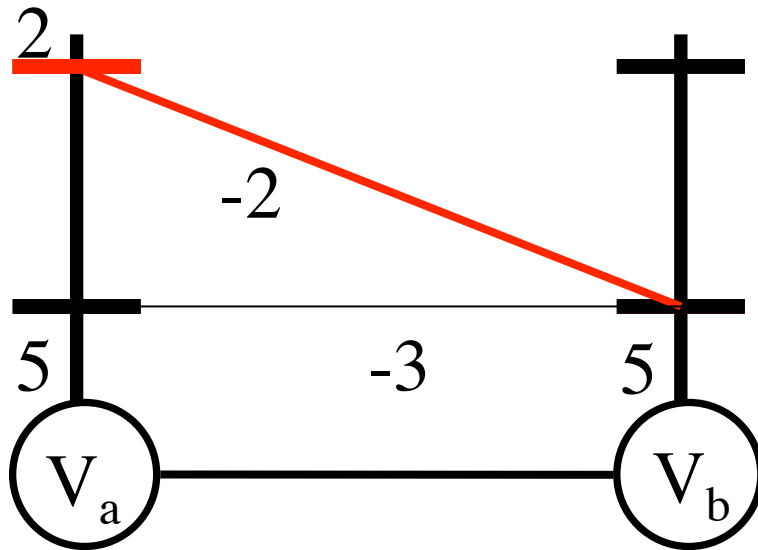


$$\theta'_{b;0} = q_{b;0}$$

Potentials along the red path add up to 0

Choose the **right** constant  $\theta'_{b;k} = q_{b;k}$

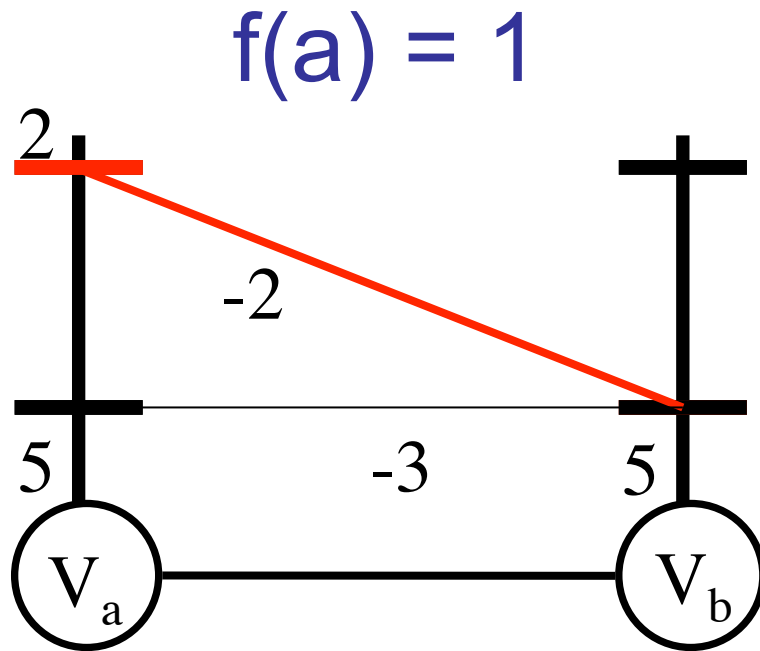
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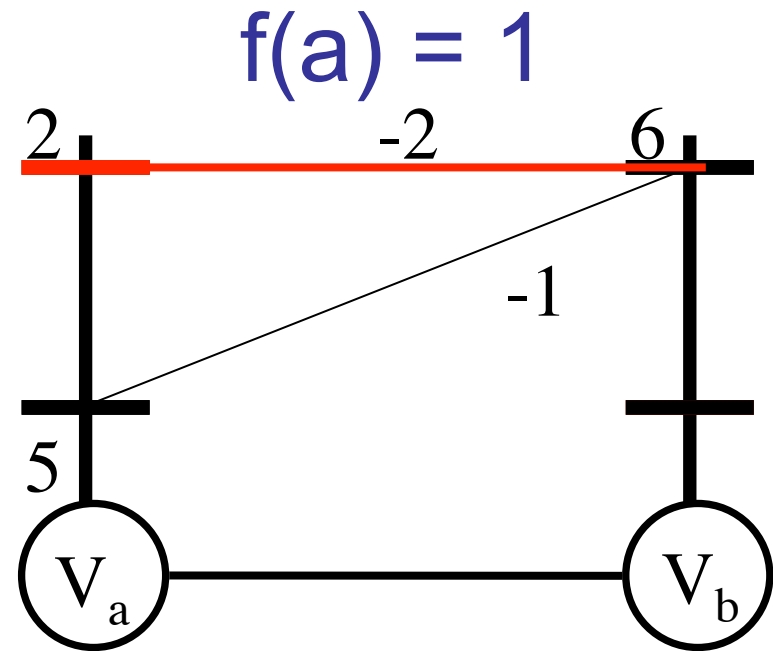
$$M_{ab;1} = \min \begin{cases} \theta_{a;0} + \theta_{ab;01} = 5 + 1 \\ \theta_{a;1} + \theta_{ab;11} = 2 + 0 \end{cases}$$

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# Two Variables



$$\theta'_{b;0} = q_{b;0}$$

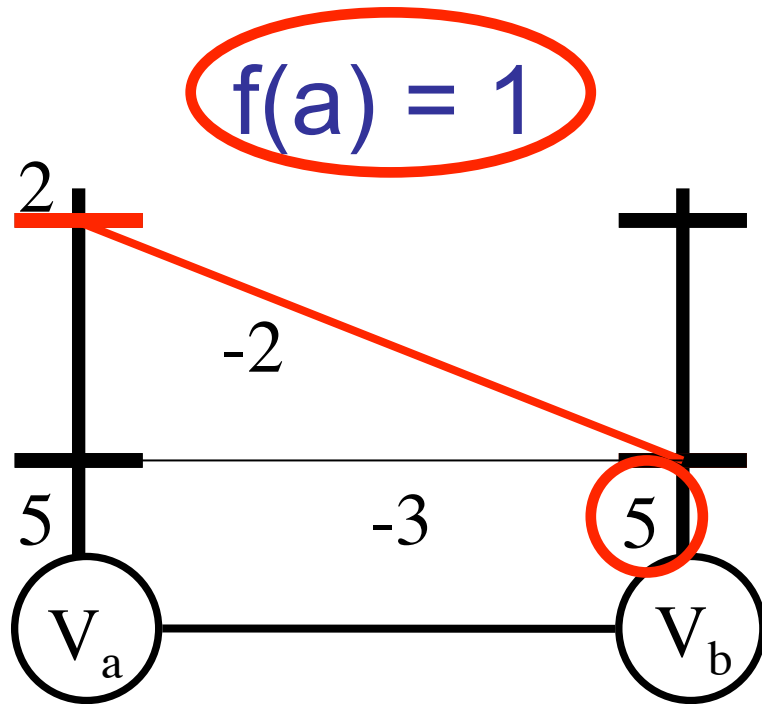


$$\theta'_{b;1} = q_{b;1}$$

Minimum of min-marginals = MAP estimate

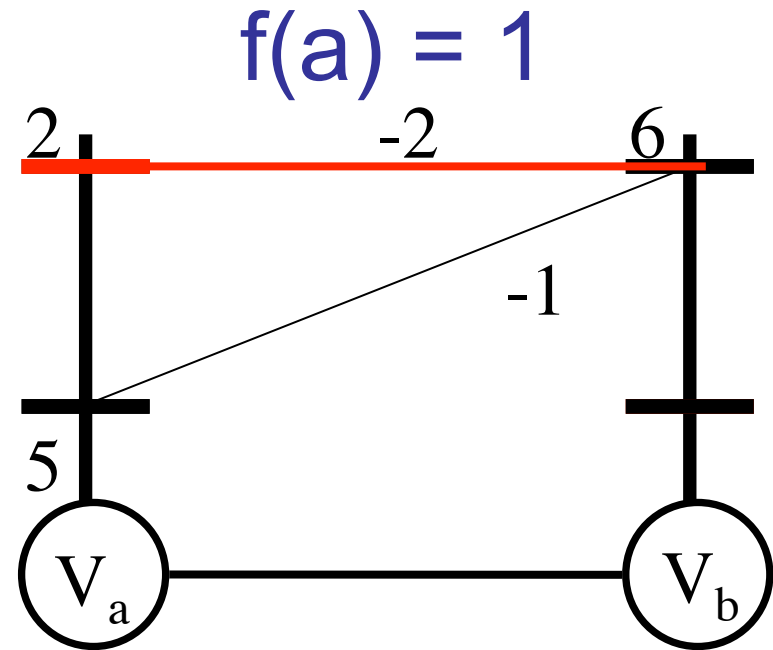
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# Two Variables



$$\theta'_{b;0} = q_{b;0}$$

$$f^*(b) = 0 \quad f^*(a) = 1$$

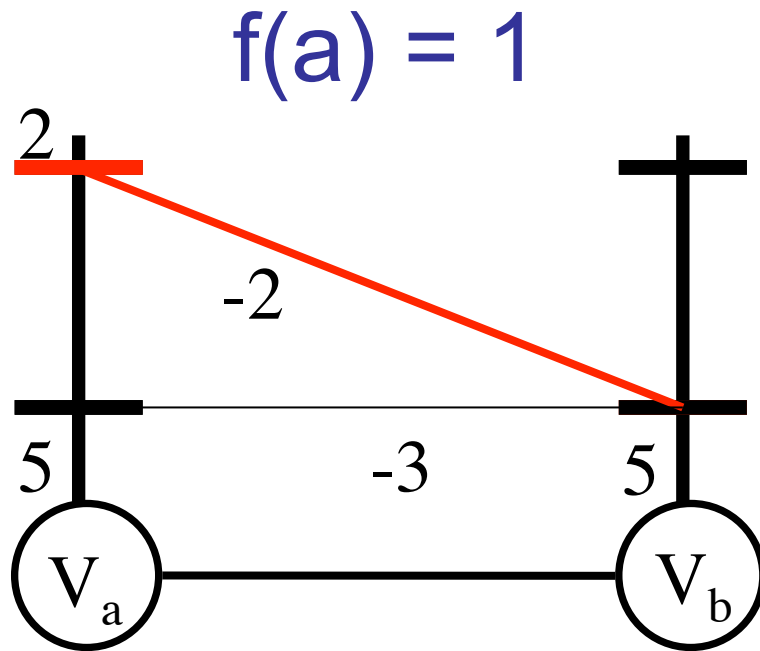


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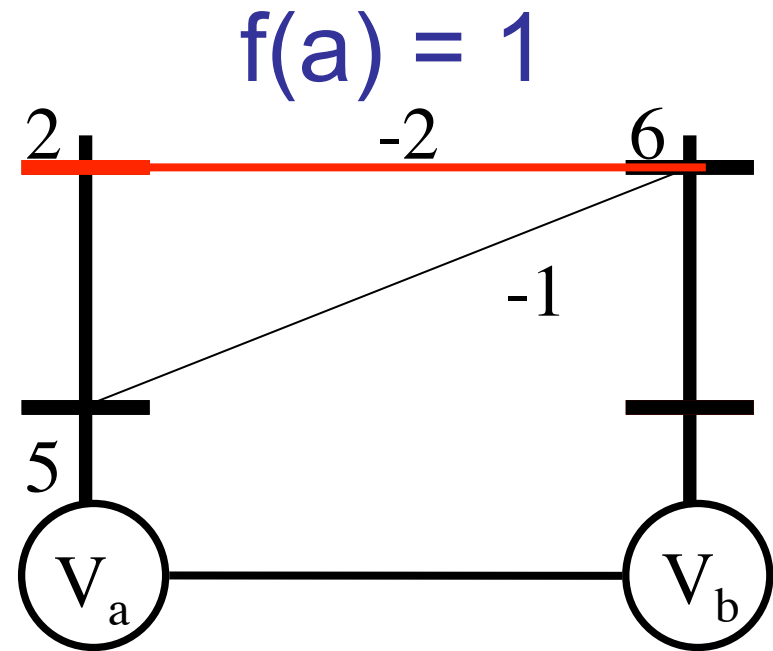
Choose the **right** constant

$$\theta'_{b;k} = q_{b;k}$$

# Two Variables



$$\theta'_{b;0} = q_{b;0}$$



$$\theta'_{b;1} = q_{b;1}$$

We get all the min-marginals of  $V_b$

Choose the *right* constant  $\theta'_{b;k} = q_{b;k}$



# Recap

We only need to know two sets of equations

General form of Reparameterization

$$\theta'_{a;i} = \theta_{a;i} + M_{ba;i} \quad \theta'_{b;k} = \theta_{b;k} + M_{ab;k}$$

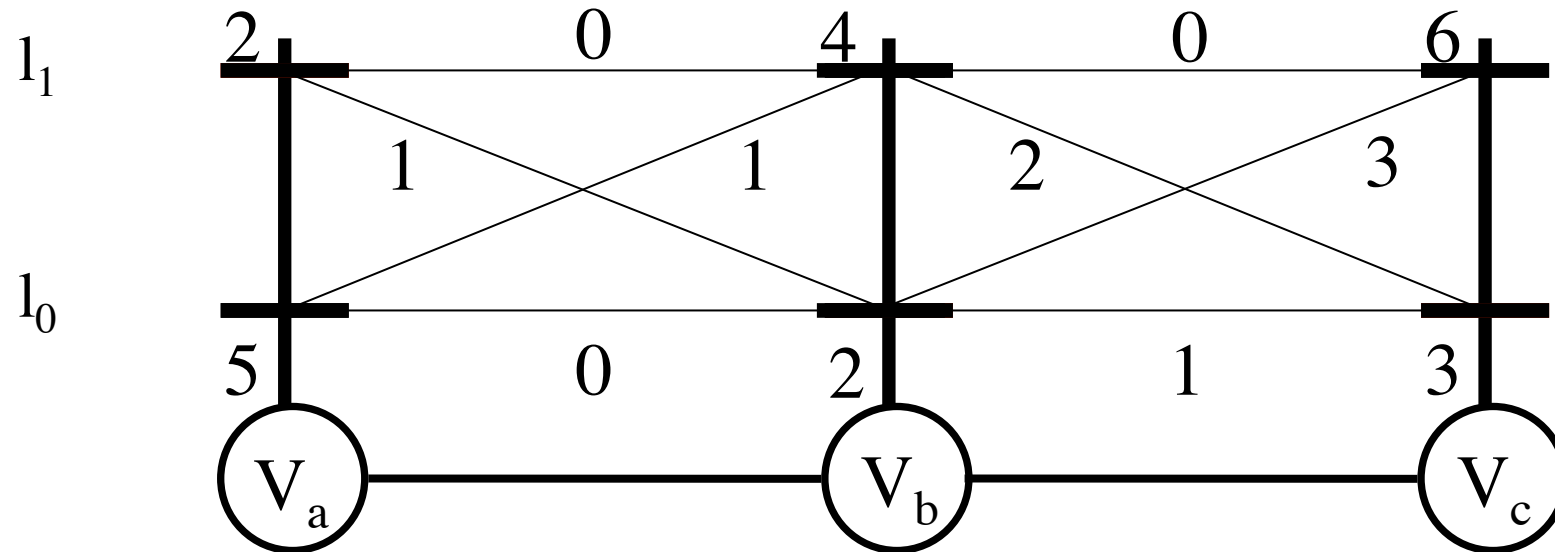
$$\theta'_{ab;ik} = \theta_{ab;ik} - M_{ab;k} - M_{ba;i}$$

Reparameterization of (a,b) in Belief Propagation

$$M_{ab;k} = \min_i \{ \theta_{a;i} + \theta_{ab;ik} \}$$

$$M_{ba;i} = 0$$

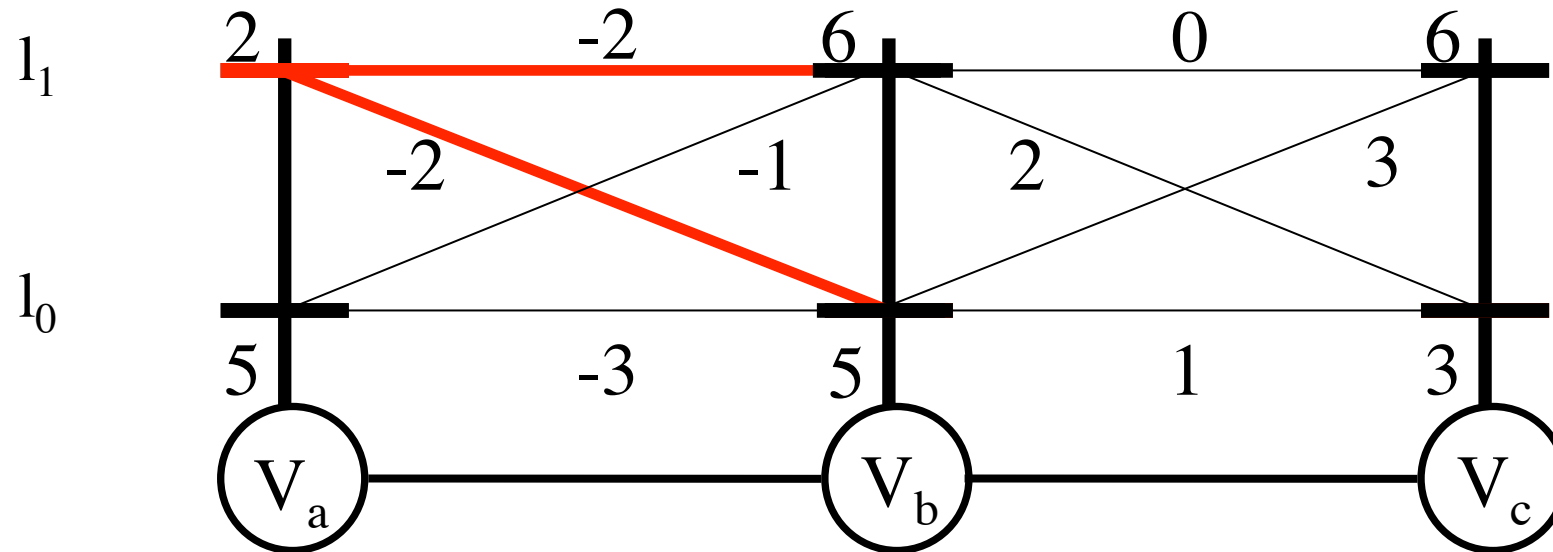
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Reparameterize the edge (a,b) as before

# Three Variables

$$f(a) = 1$$



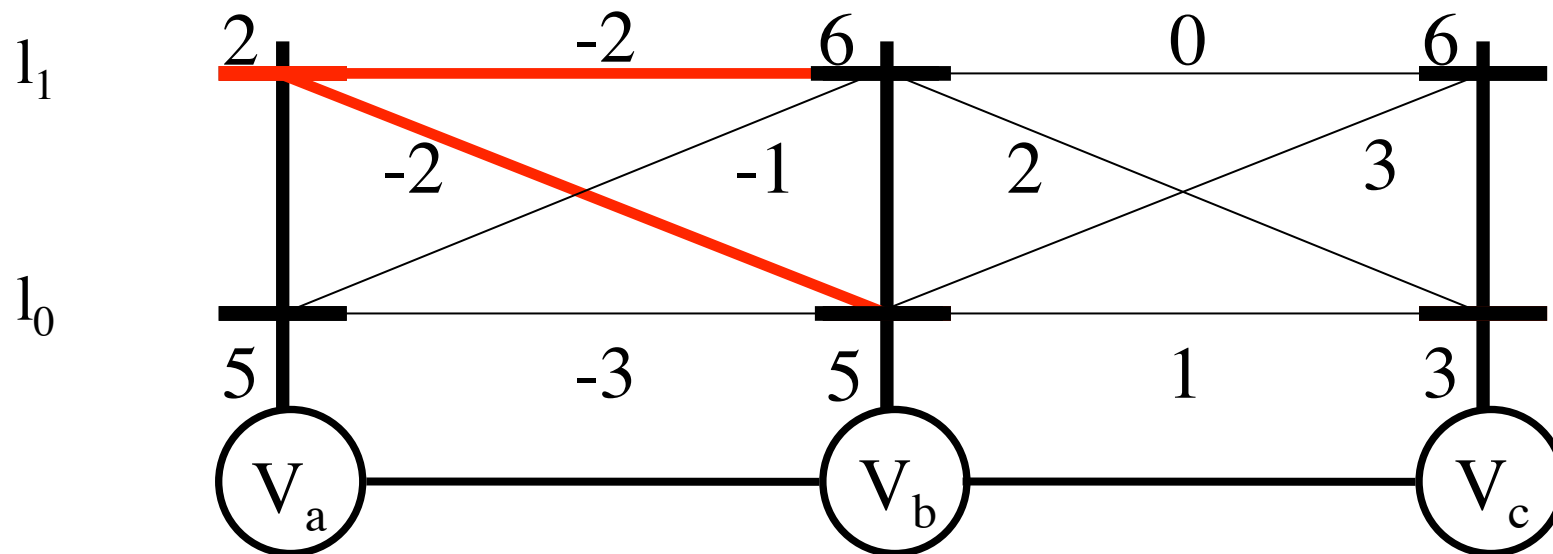
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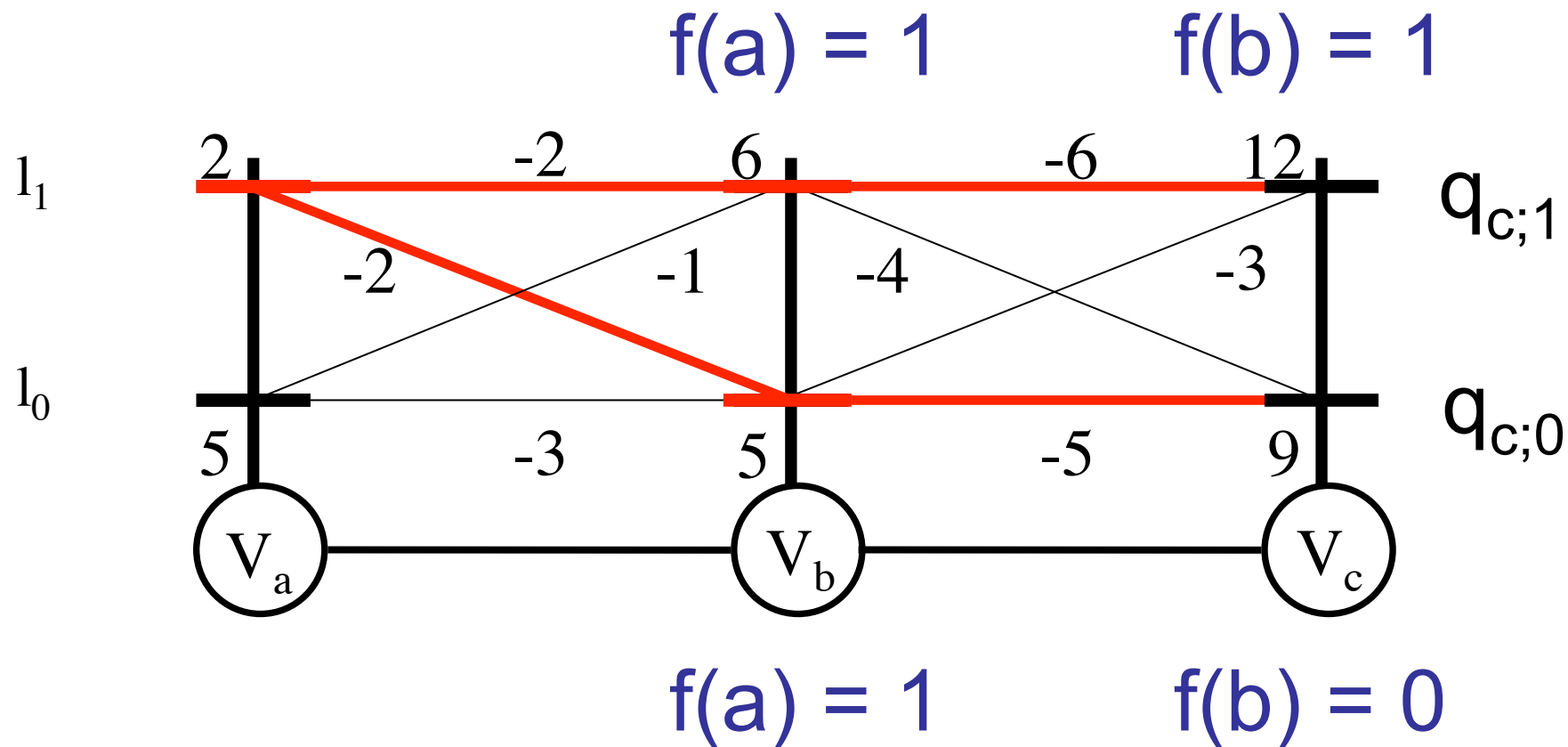


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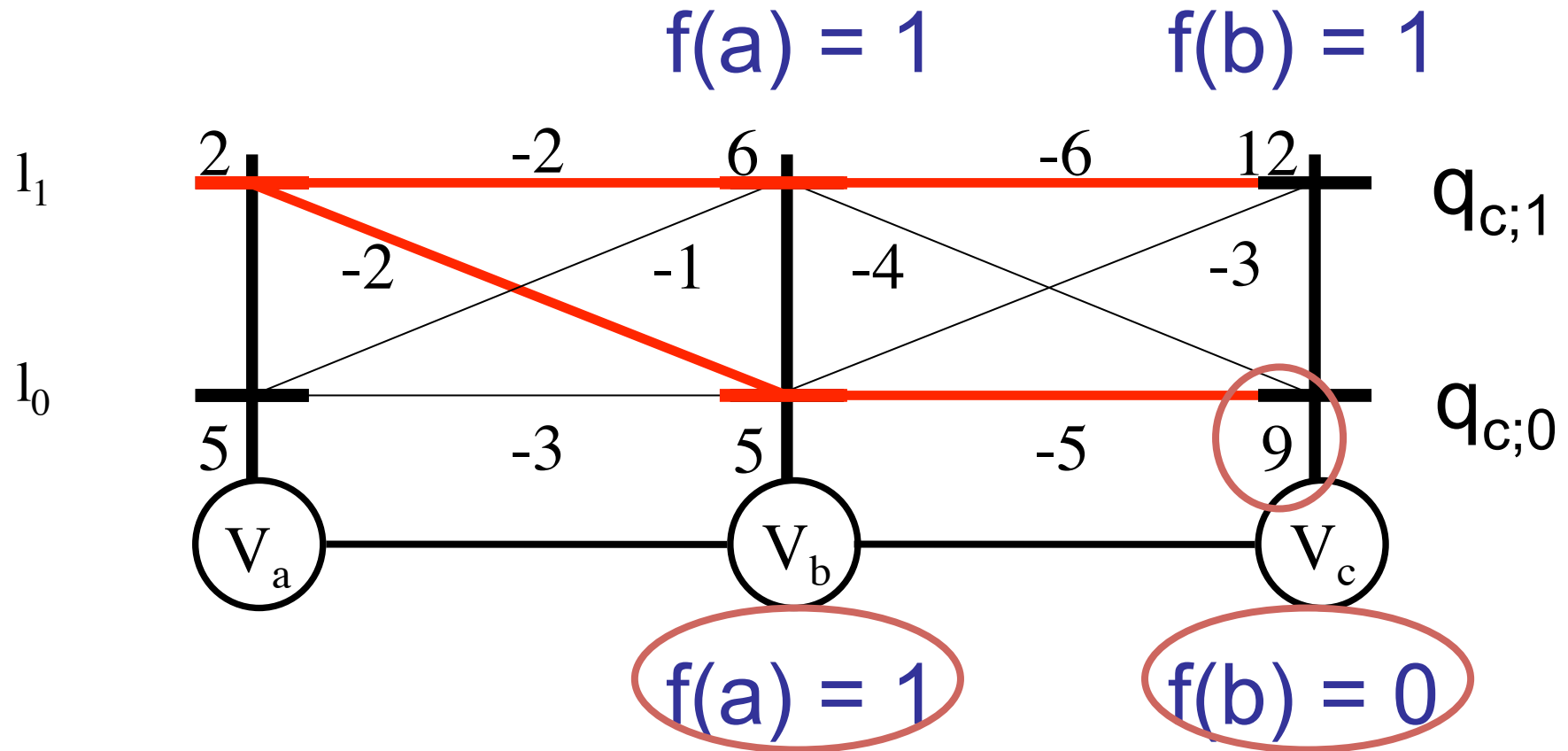
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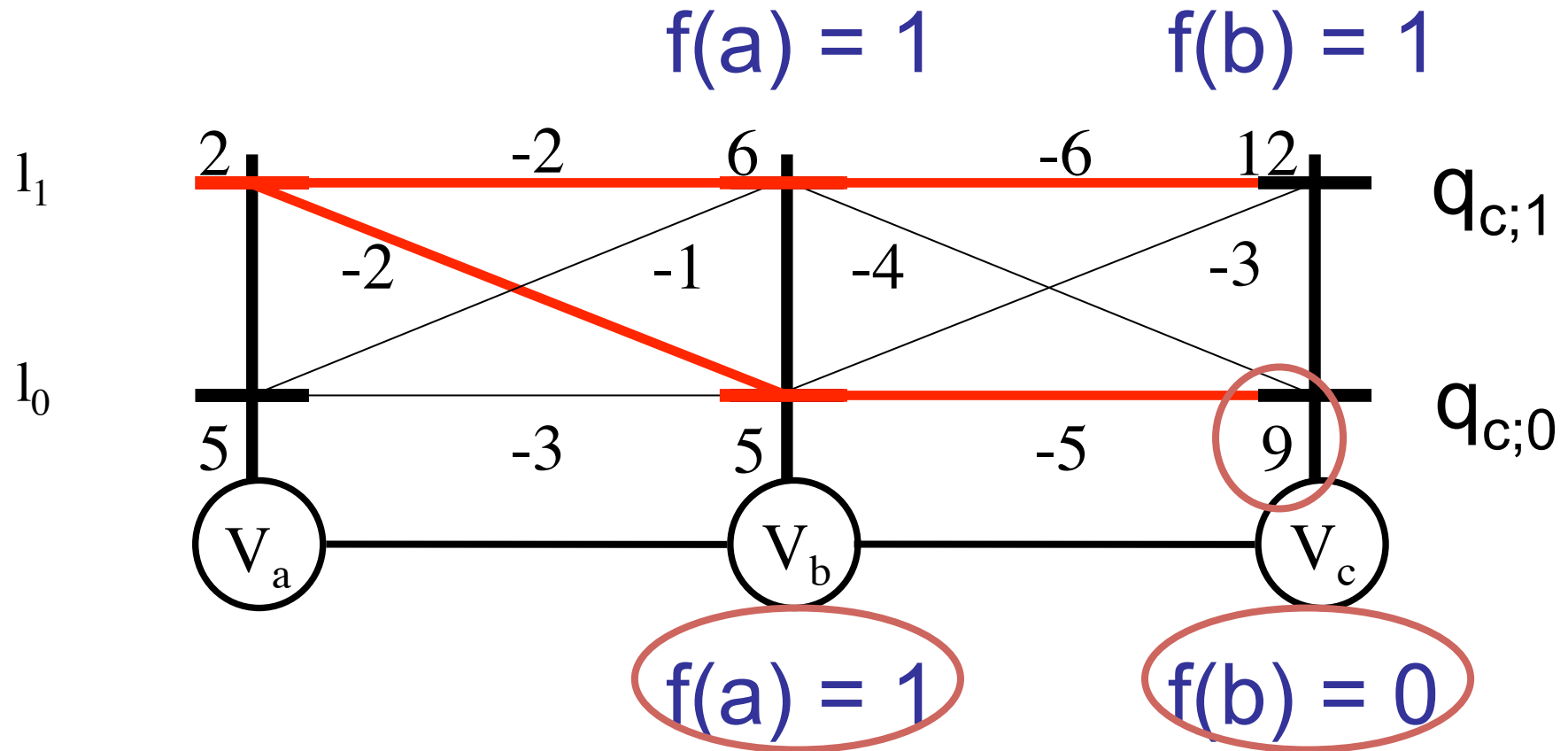
# Three Variables



$$f^*(c) = 0 \quad f^*(b) = 0 \quad f^*(a) = 1$$

**Generalizes to any length chain**

# Three Variables



$f^*(c) = 0 \quad f^*(b) = 0 \quad f^*(a) = 1$

**Only Dynamic Programming**

# Why Dynamic Programming?

3 variables  $\equiv$  2 variables + book-keeping

n variables  $\equiv$  (n-1) variables + book-keeping

Start from left, go to right

Reparameterize current edge (a,b)

$$M_{ab;k} = \min_i \{ \theta_{a;i} + \theta_{ab;ik} \}$$

$$\theta'_{b;k} = \theta_{b;k} + M_{ab;k} \quad \theta'_{ab;ik} = \theta_{ab;ik} - M_{ab;k}$$

Repeat



# Why Dynamic Programming?

Messages    Message Passing

Why stop at dynamic programming?

Start from left, go to right

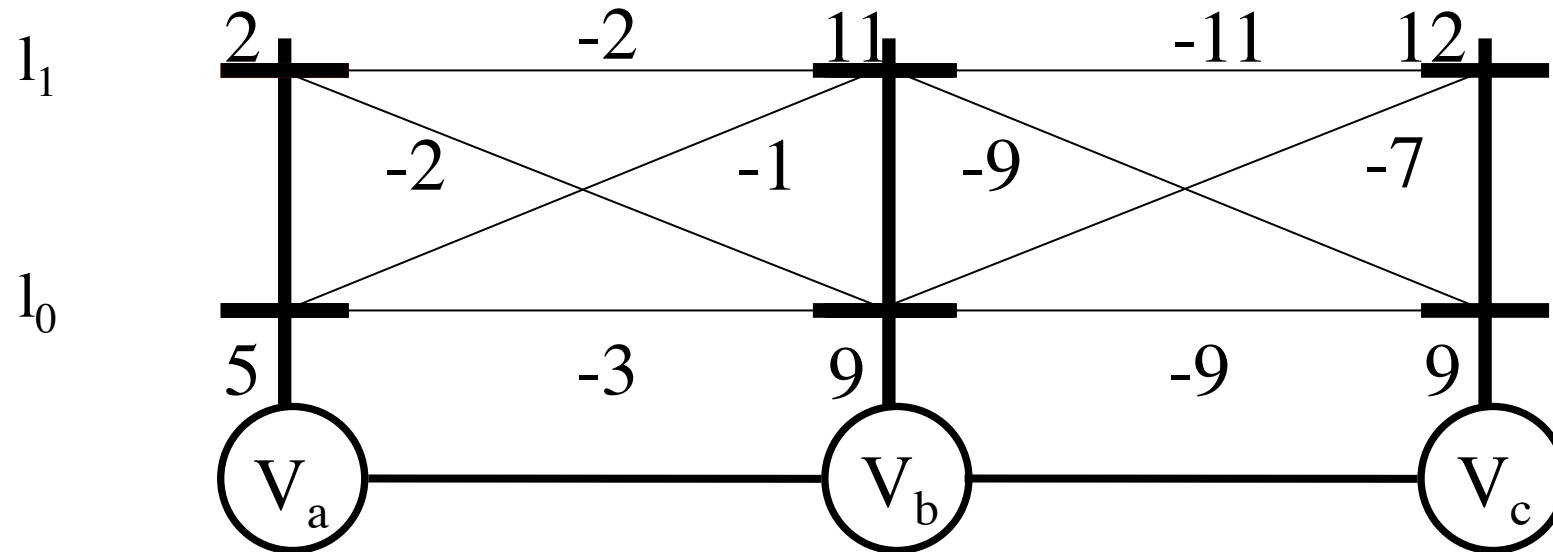
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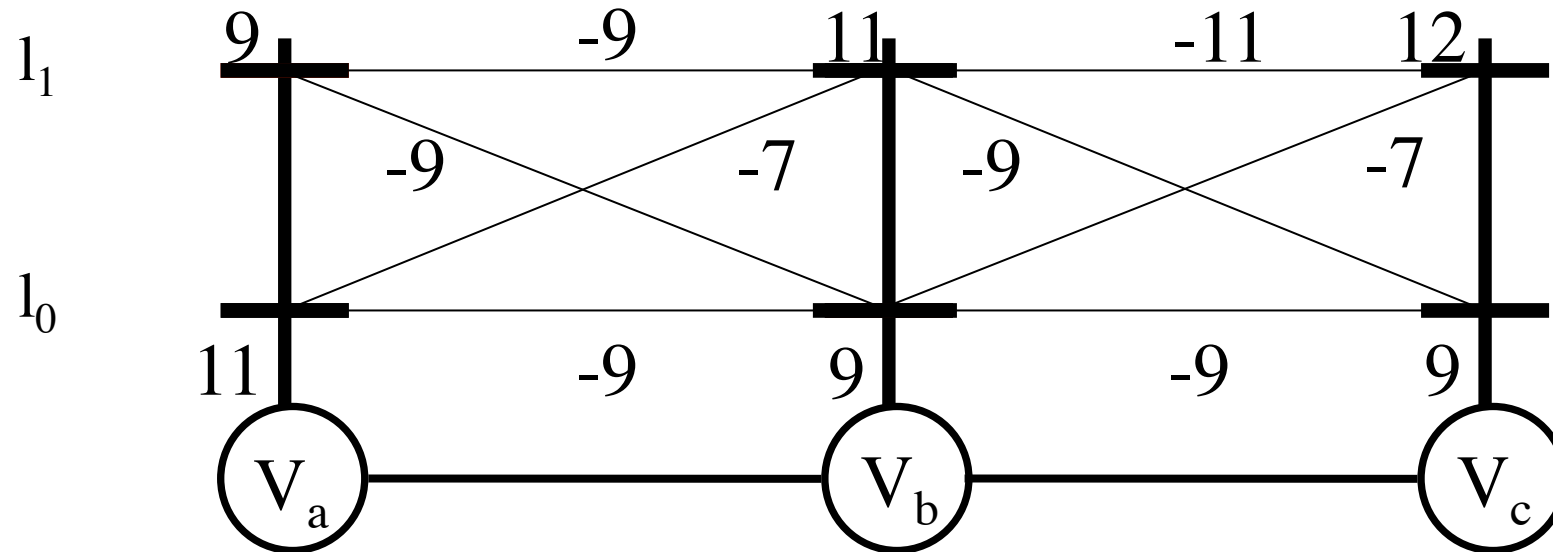
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Reparameterize the edge (c,b) as before

$$\theta'_{b;i} = q_{b;i}$$

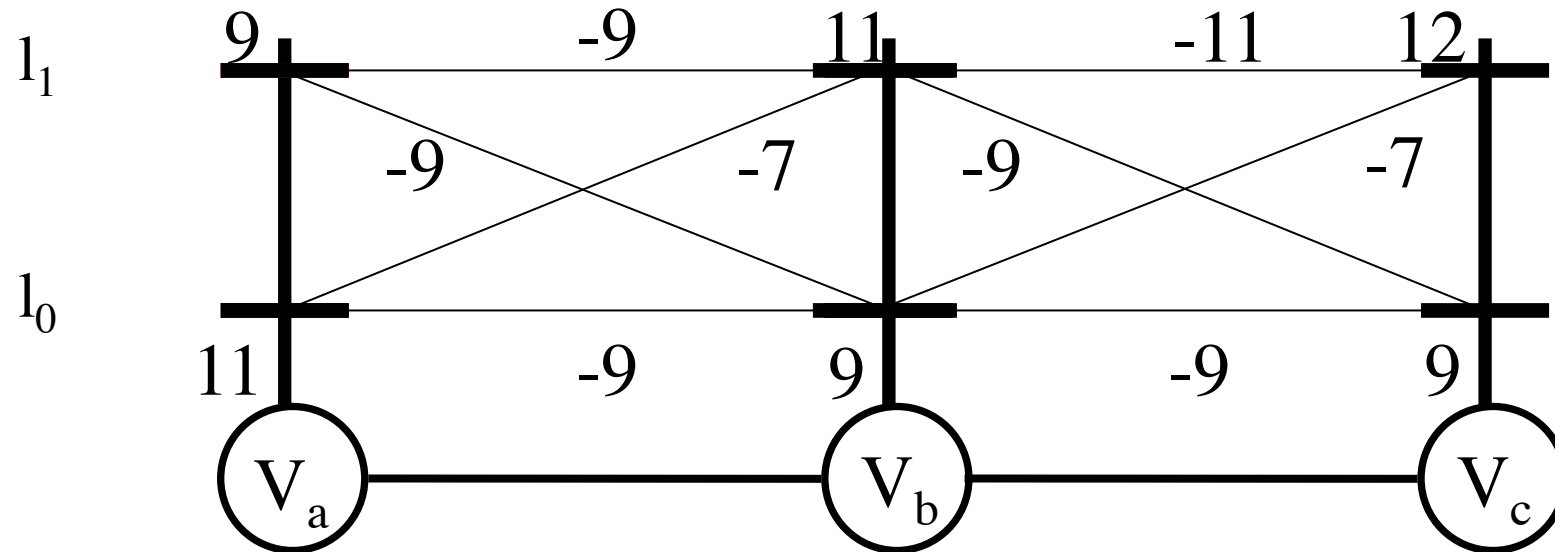
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# Three Variables



Forward Pass →

← Backward Pass

All min-marginals are computed

# Chains



Reparameterize the edge (1,2)

# Chains



Reparameterize the edge (2,3)

# Chains



Reparameterize the edge  $(n-1, n)$

Min-marginals  $e_n(i)$  for all labels

# Belief Propagation on Chains

Start from left, go to right

Reparameterize current edge (a,b)

$$M_{ab;k} = \min_i \{ \theta_{a;i} + \theta_{ab;ik} \}$$

$$\theta'_{b;k} = \theta_{b;k} + M_{ab;k} \quad \theta'_{ab;ik} = \theta_{ab;ik} - M_{ab;k}$$

Repeat till the end of the chain

Start from right, go to left

Repeat till the end of the chain



# Belief Propagation on Chains

- Generalizes to chains of any length
- A way of computing reparam constants
- Forward Pass - Start to End
  - MAP estimate
  - Min-marginals of final variable
- Backward Pass - End to start
  - All other min-marginals

# Computational Complexity

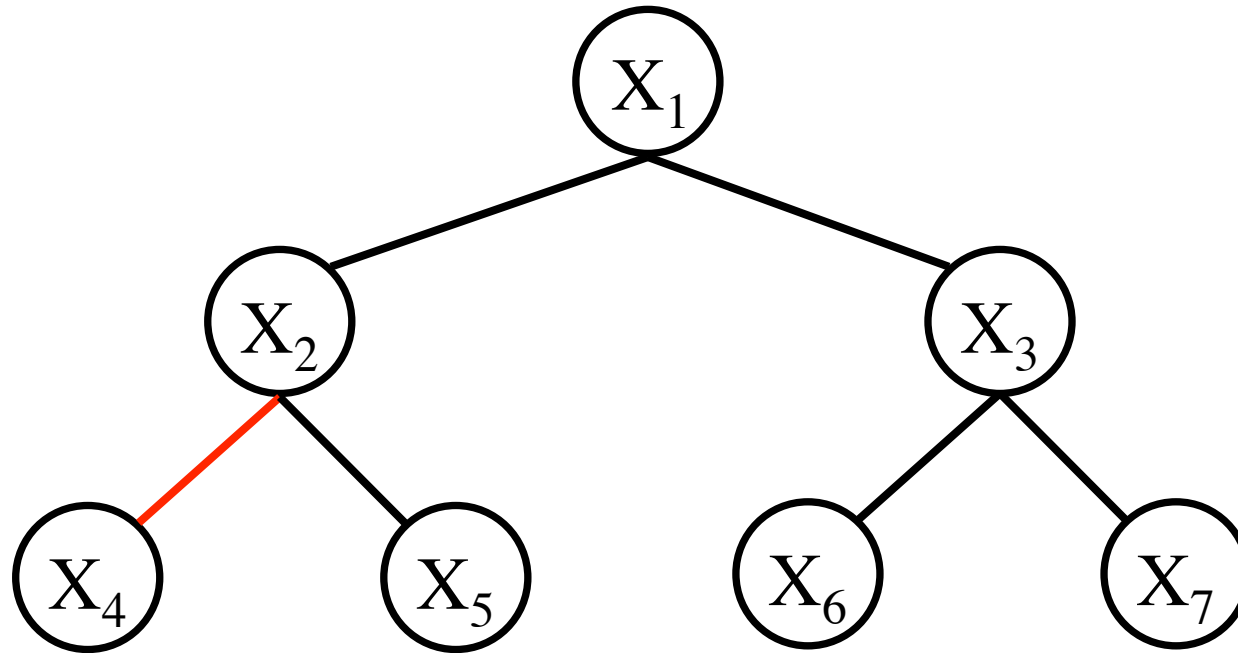
Number of reparameterization constants =  $(n-1)h$

Complexity for each constant =  $O(h)$

Total complexity =  $O(nh^2)$

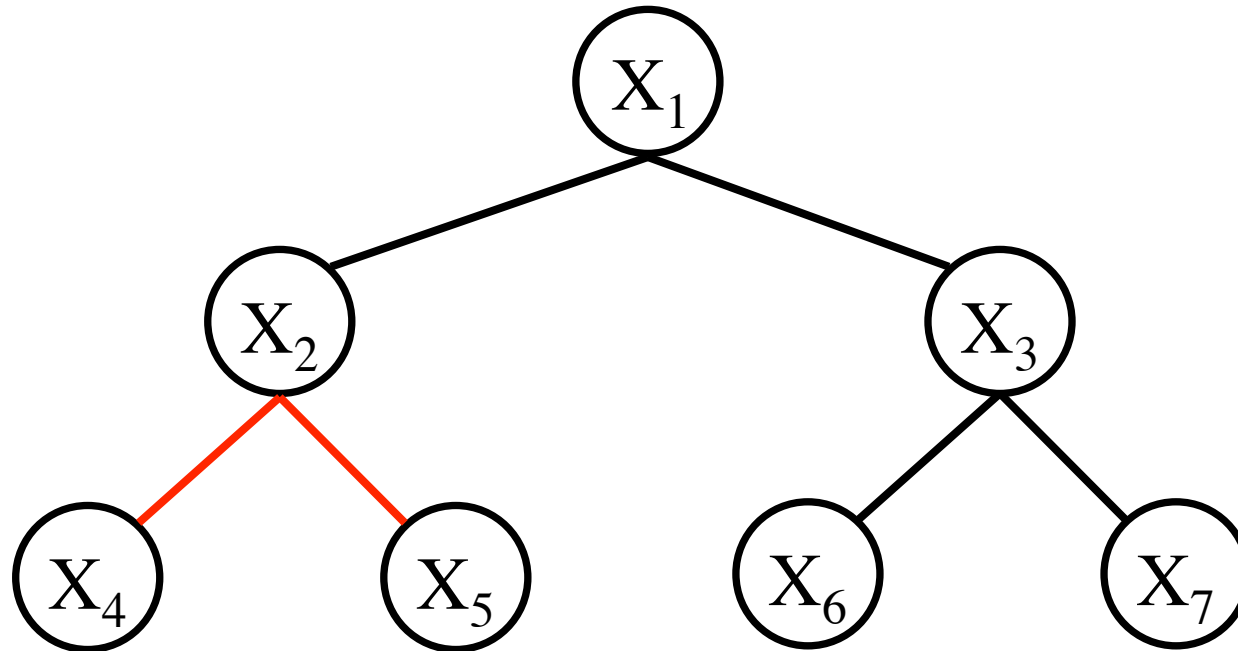
Better than brute-force  $O(h^n)$

# Trees



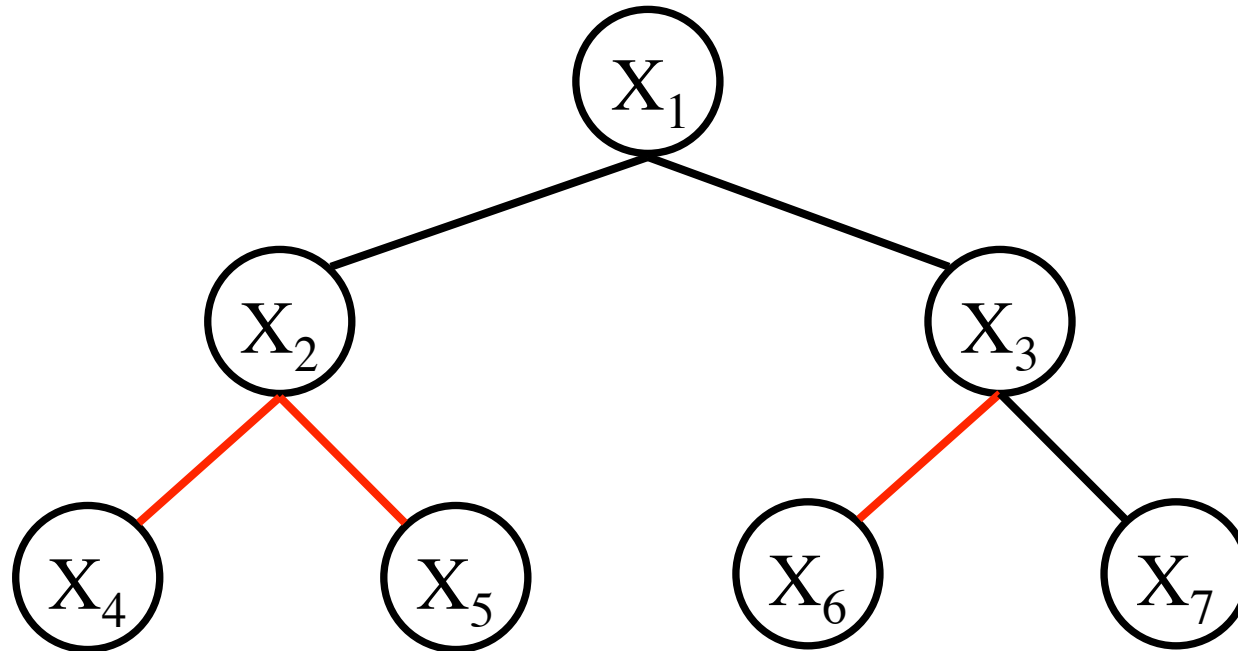
Reparameterize the edge (4,2)

# Trees



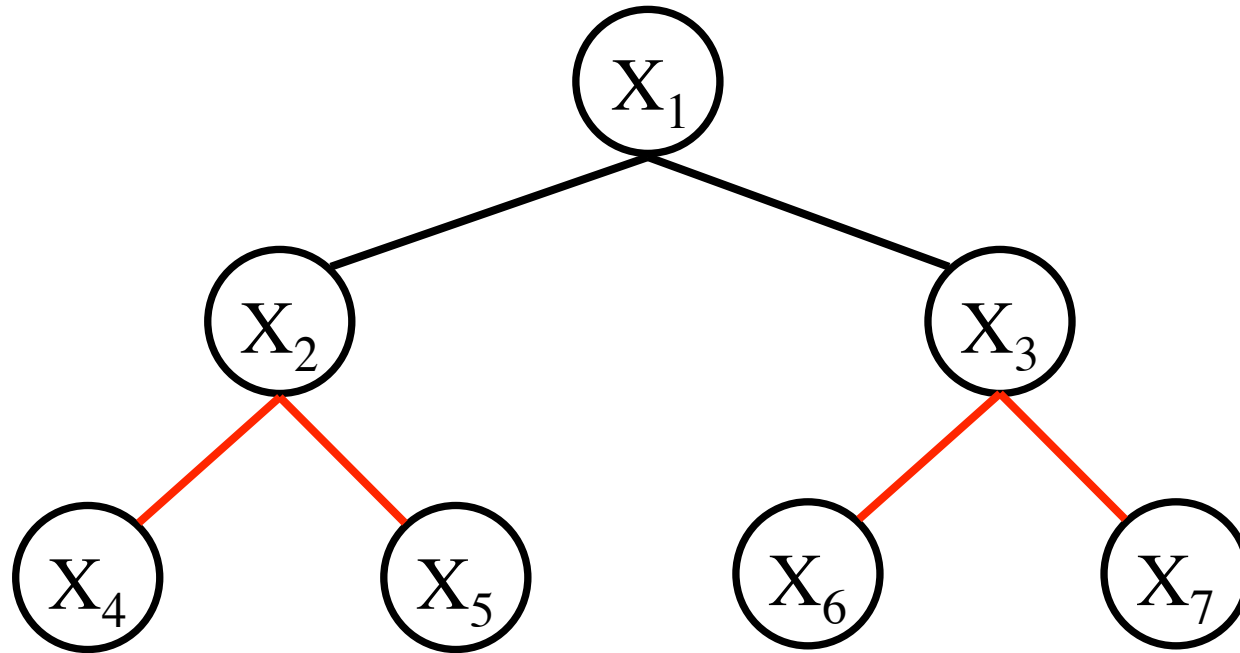
Reparameterize the edge (5,2)

# Trees



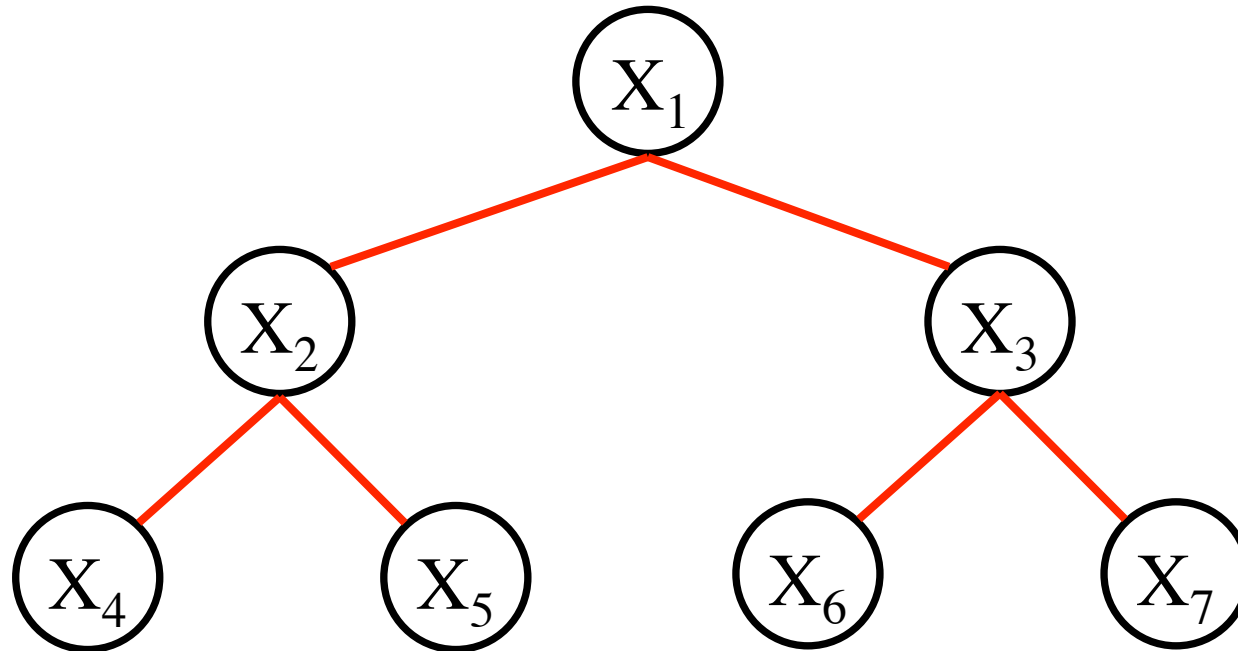
Reparameterize the edge (6,3)

# Trees



Reparameterize the edge (7,3)

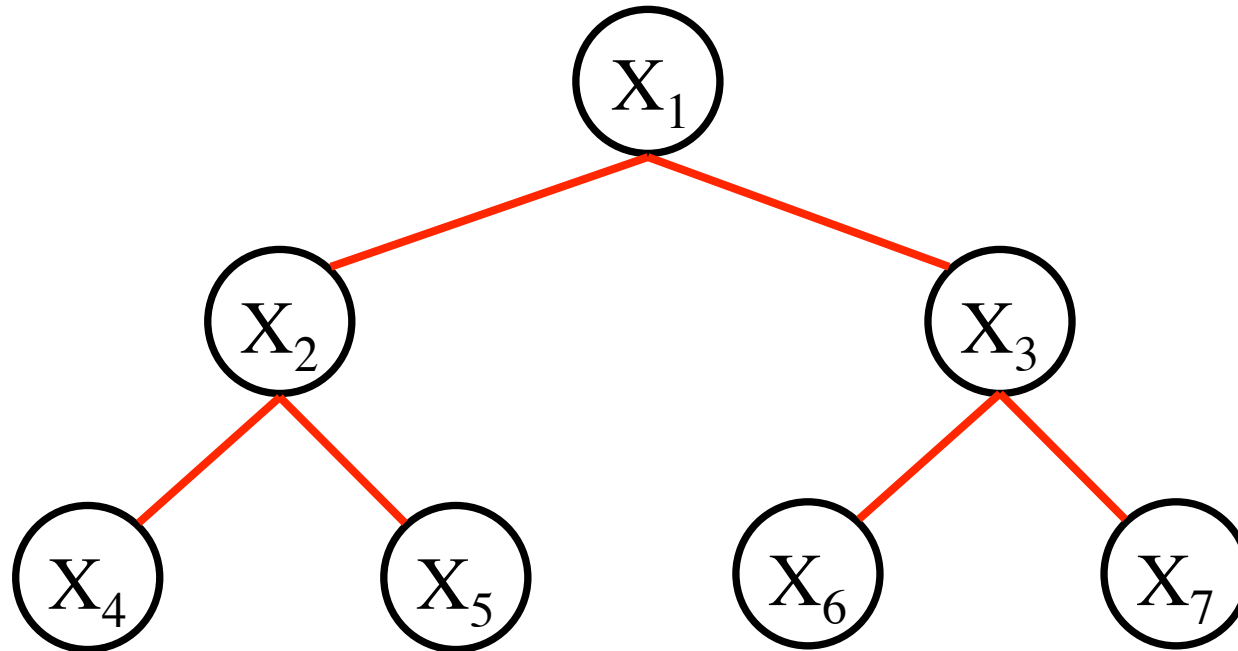
# Trees



Reparameterize the edge  $(3,1)$

Min-marginals  $e_1(i)$  for all labels

# Trees



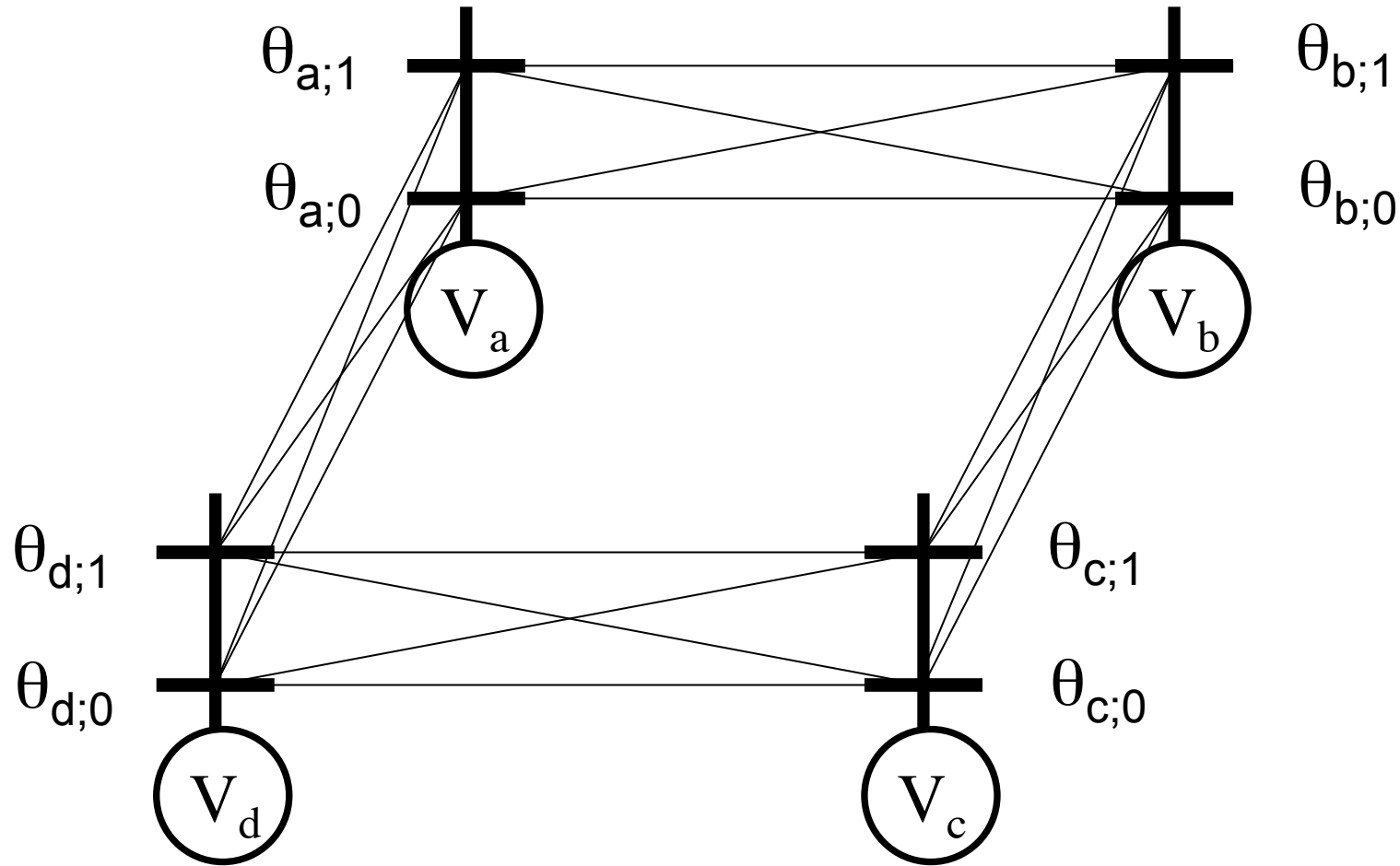
Start from leaves and move towards root

Pick the minimum of min-marginals

Backtrack to find the best labeling  $\mathbf{x}$



# Belief Propagation on Cycles

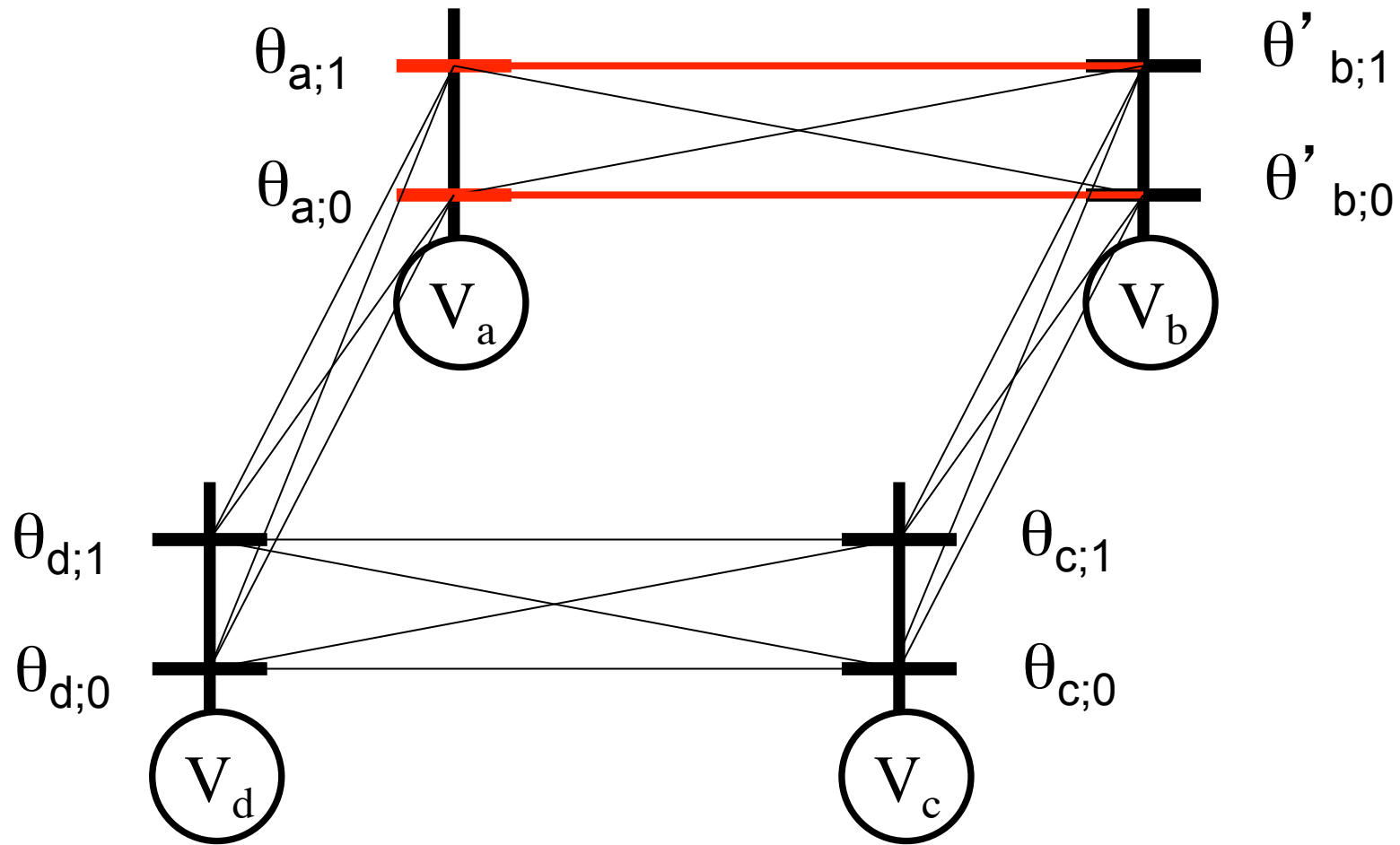


Where do we start?

Arbitrarily

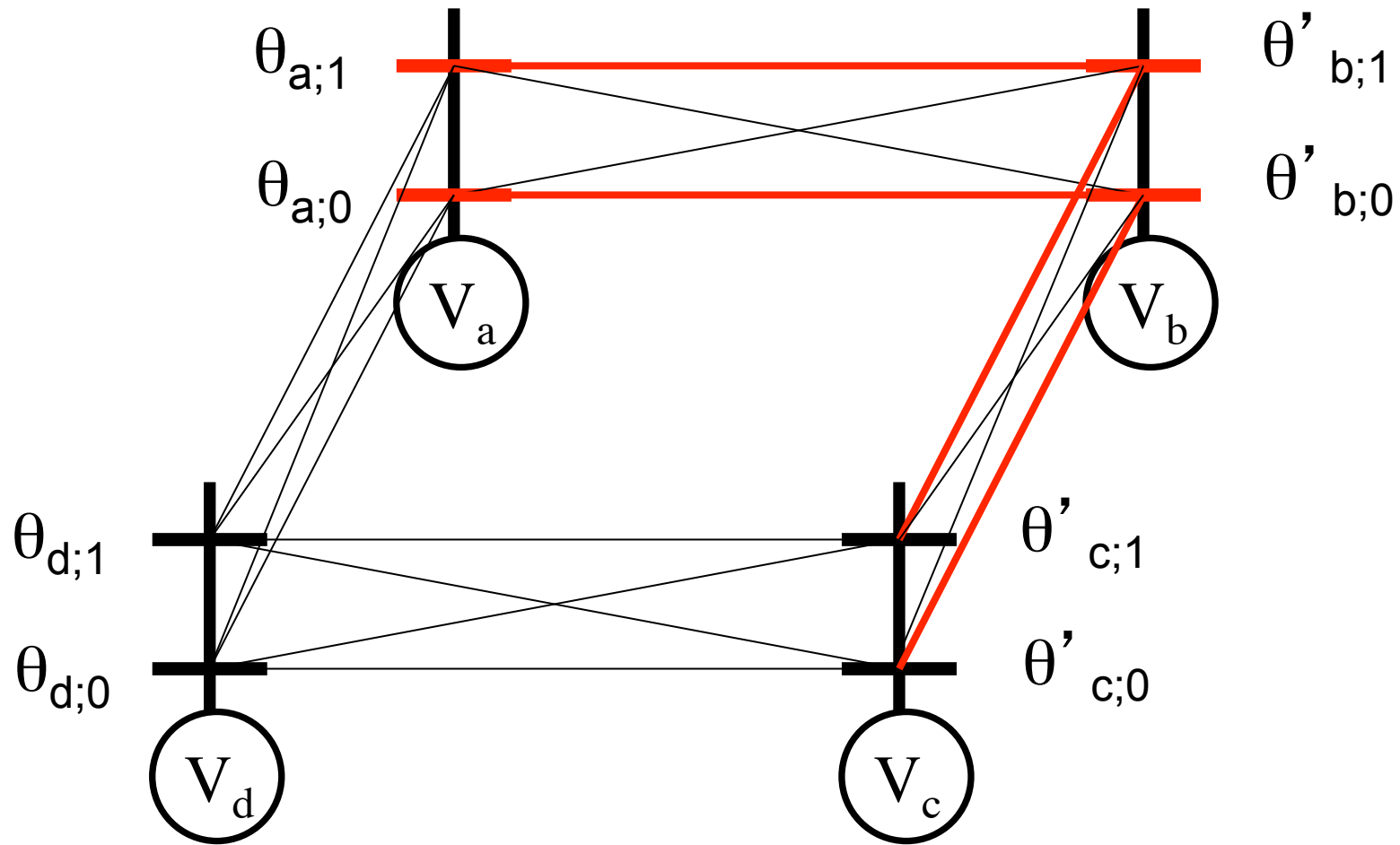
Reparameterize (a,b)

# Belief Propagation on Cycles



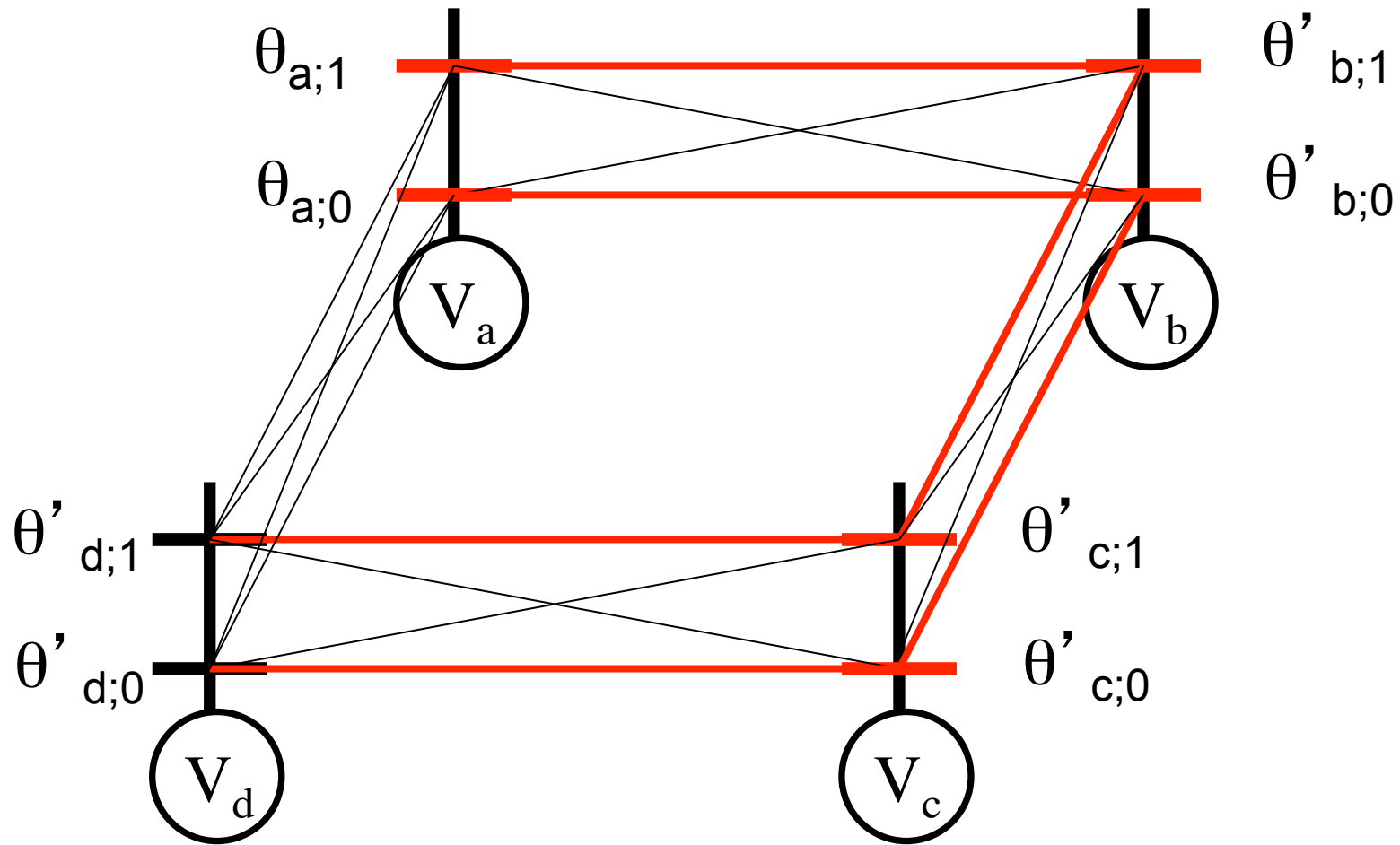
Potentials along the red path add up to 0

# Belief Propagation on Cycles



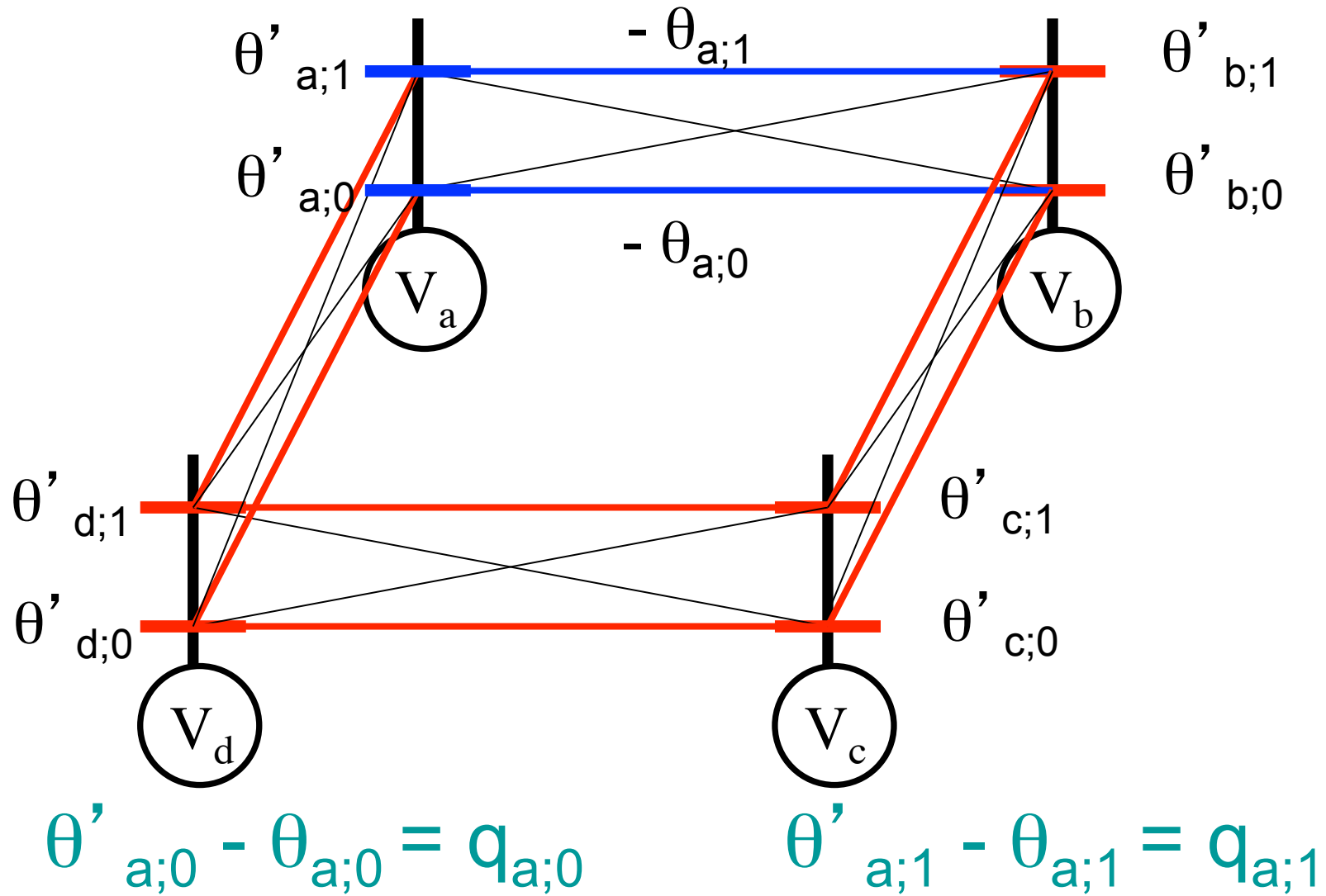
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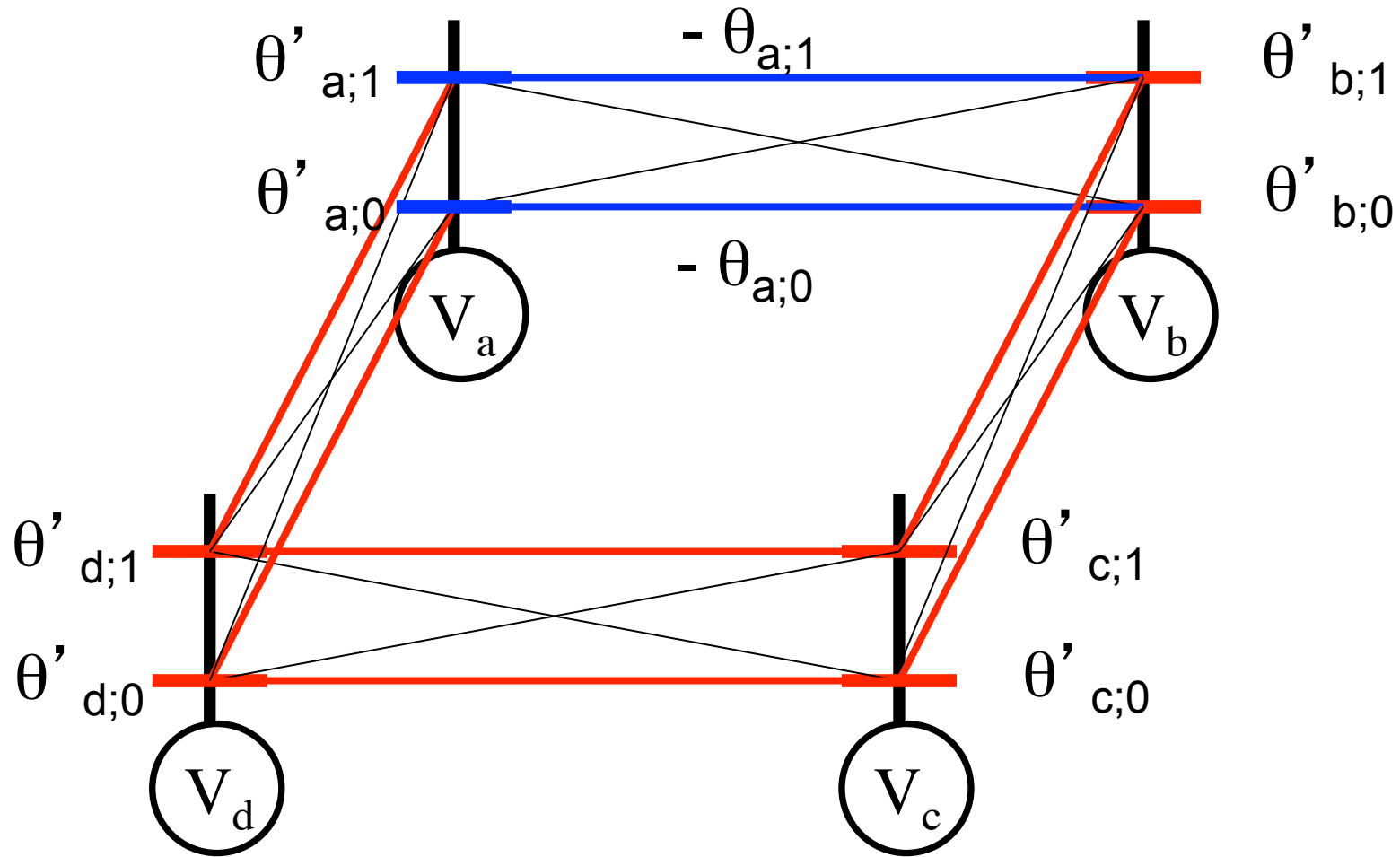
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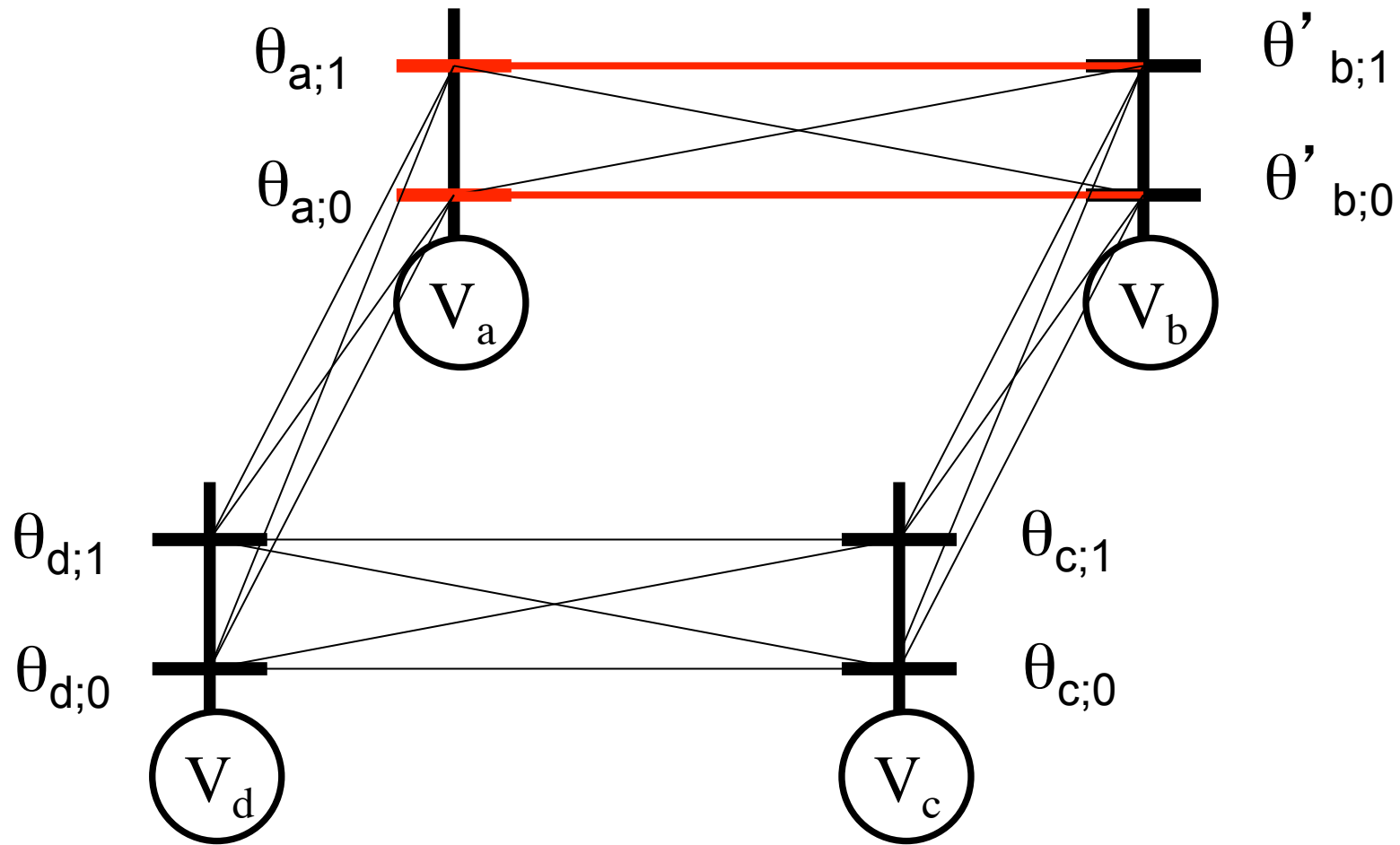


$$\theta'_{a;0} - \theta_{a;0} = q_{a;0}$$

$$\theta'_{a;1} - \theta_{a;1} = q_{a;1}$$

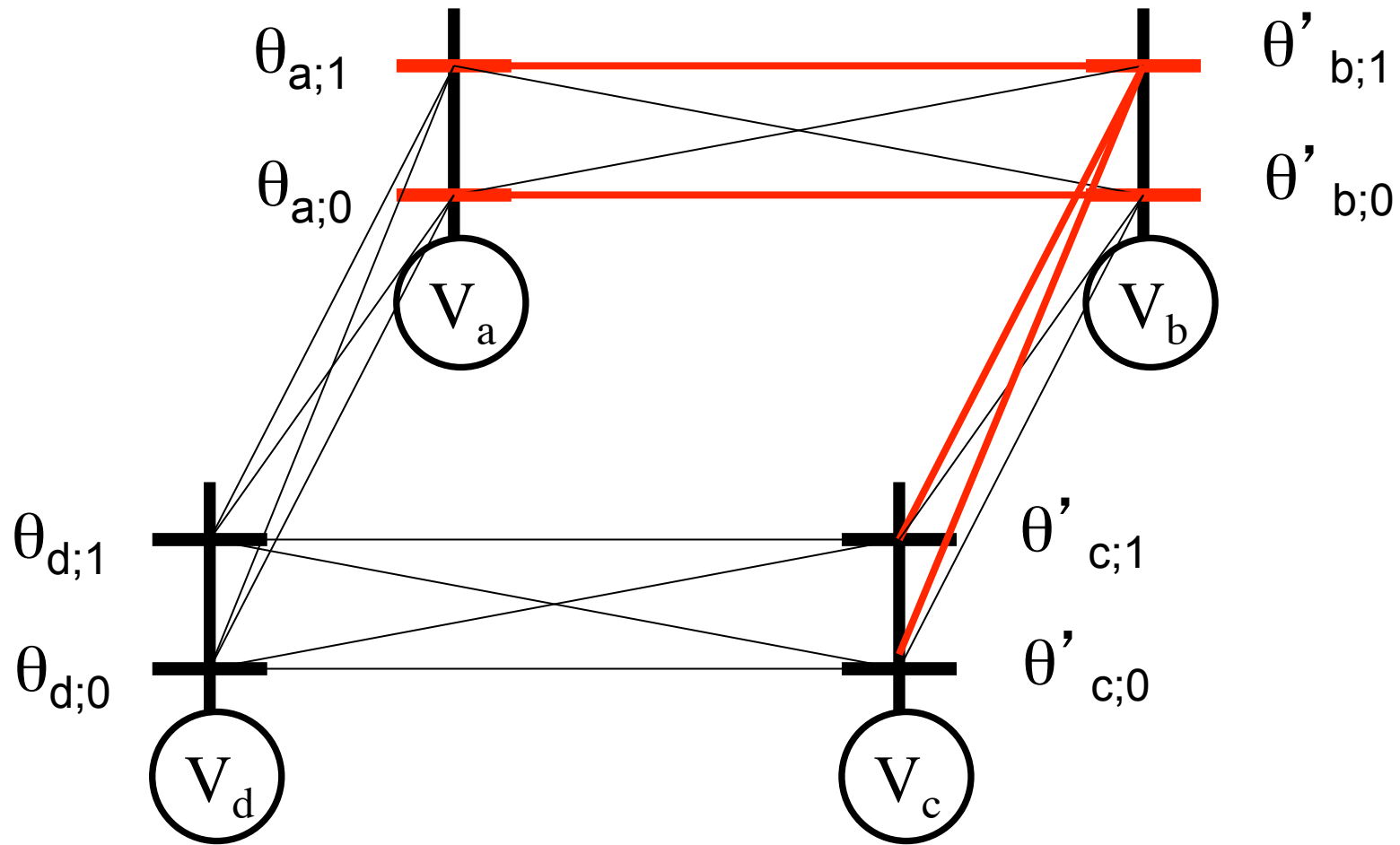
Pick minimum min-marginal. Follow red path.

# Belief Propagation on Cycles



Potentials along the red path add up to 0

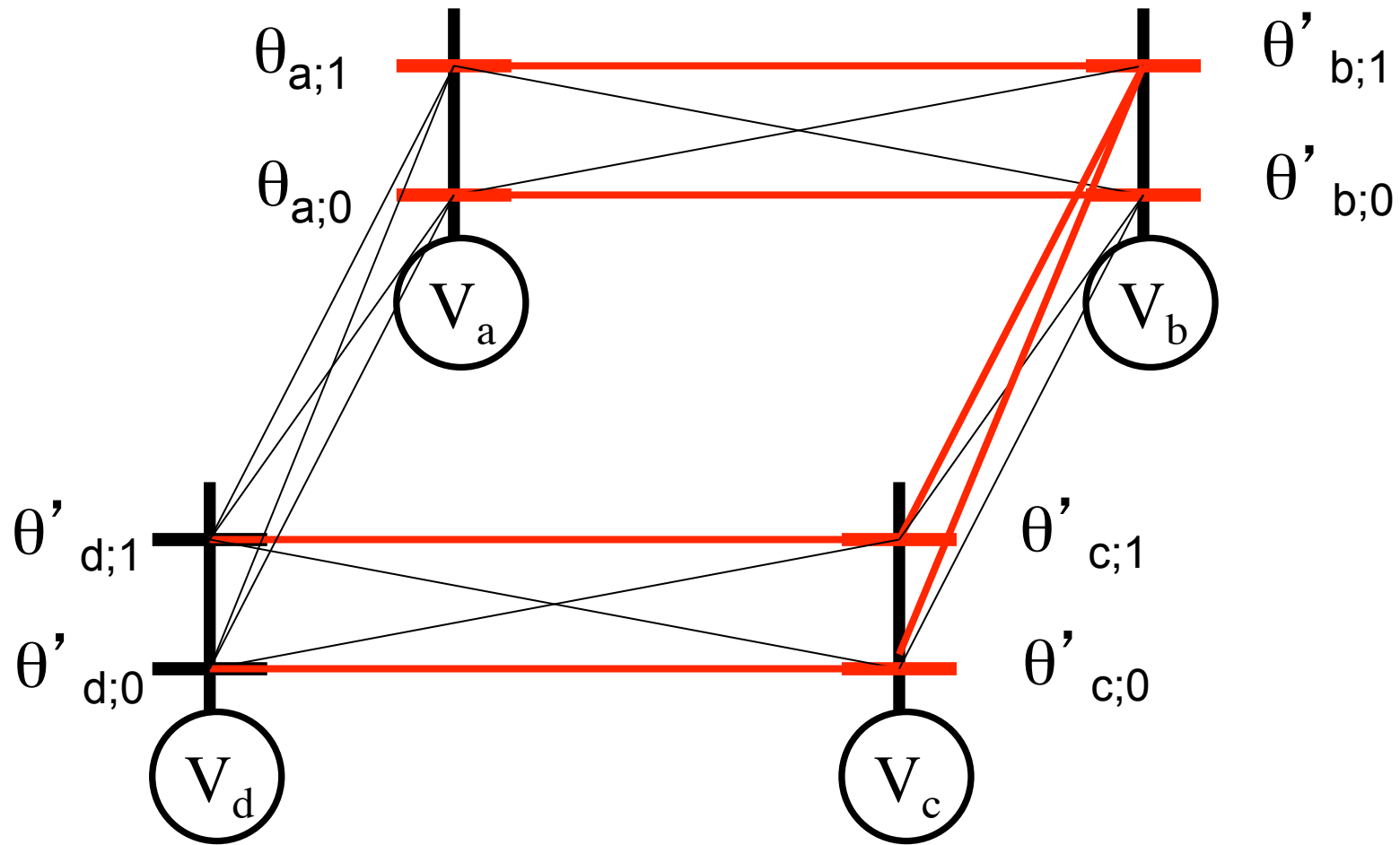
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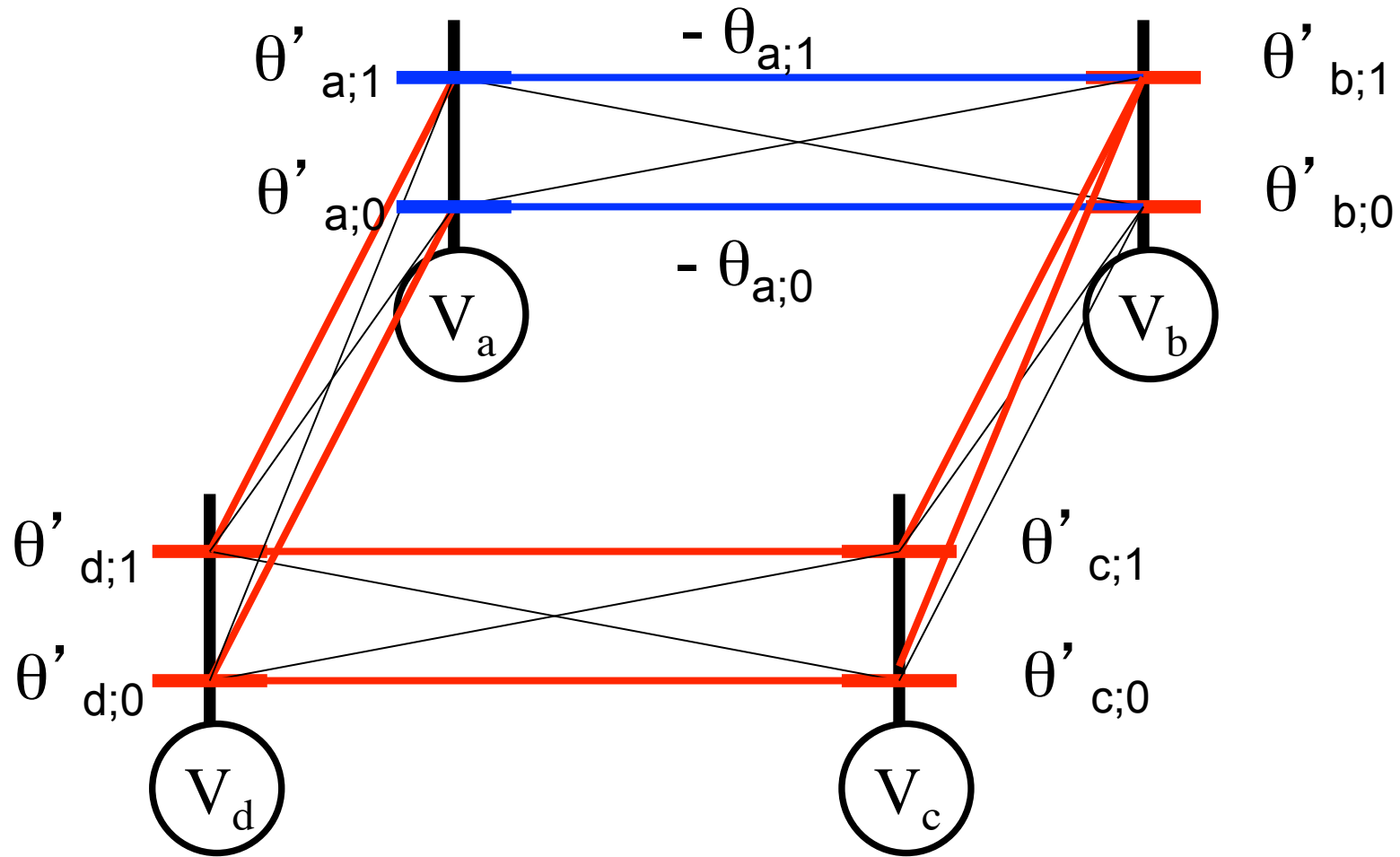


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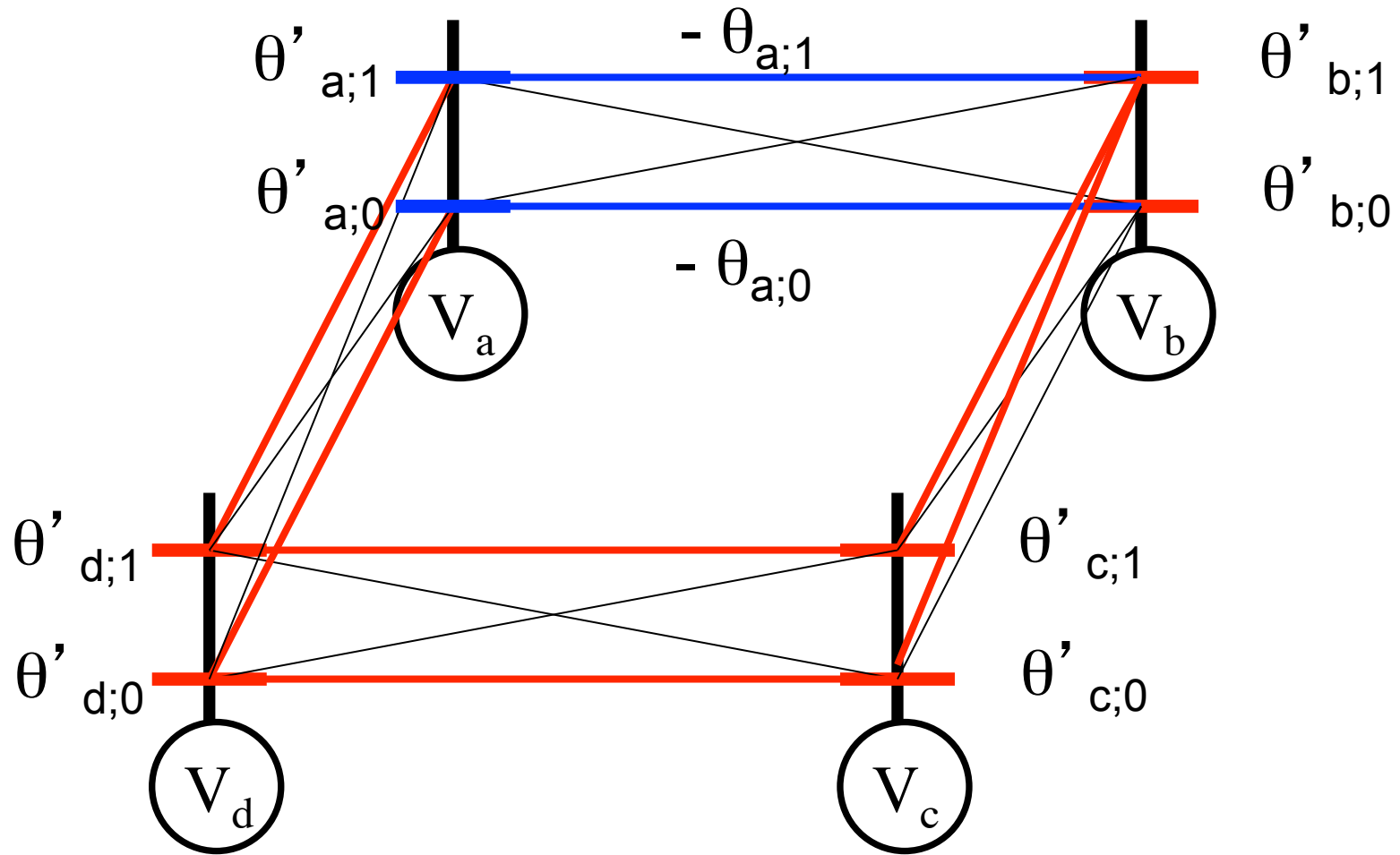
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$$\theta'_{a;1} - \theta_{a;1} = q_{a;1} \leq \theta'_{a;0} - \theta_{a;0} = q_{a;0}$$

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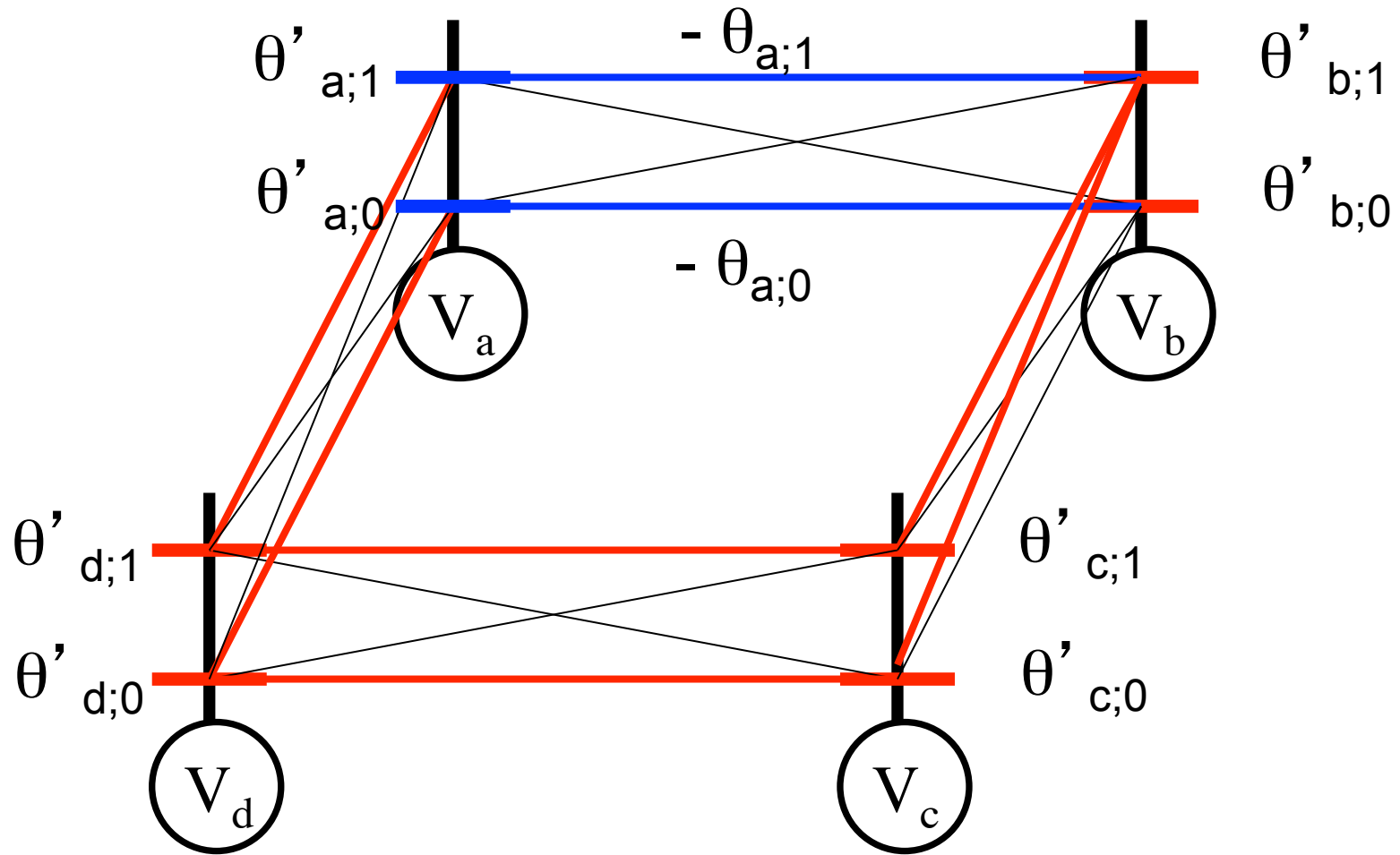
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Problem Solved

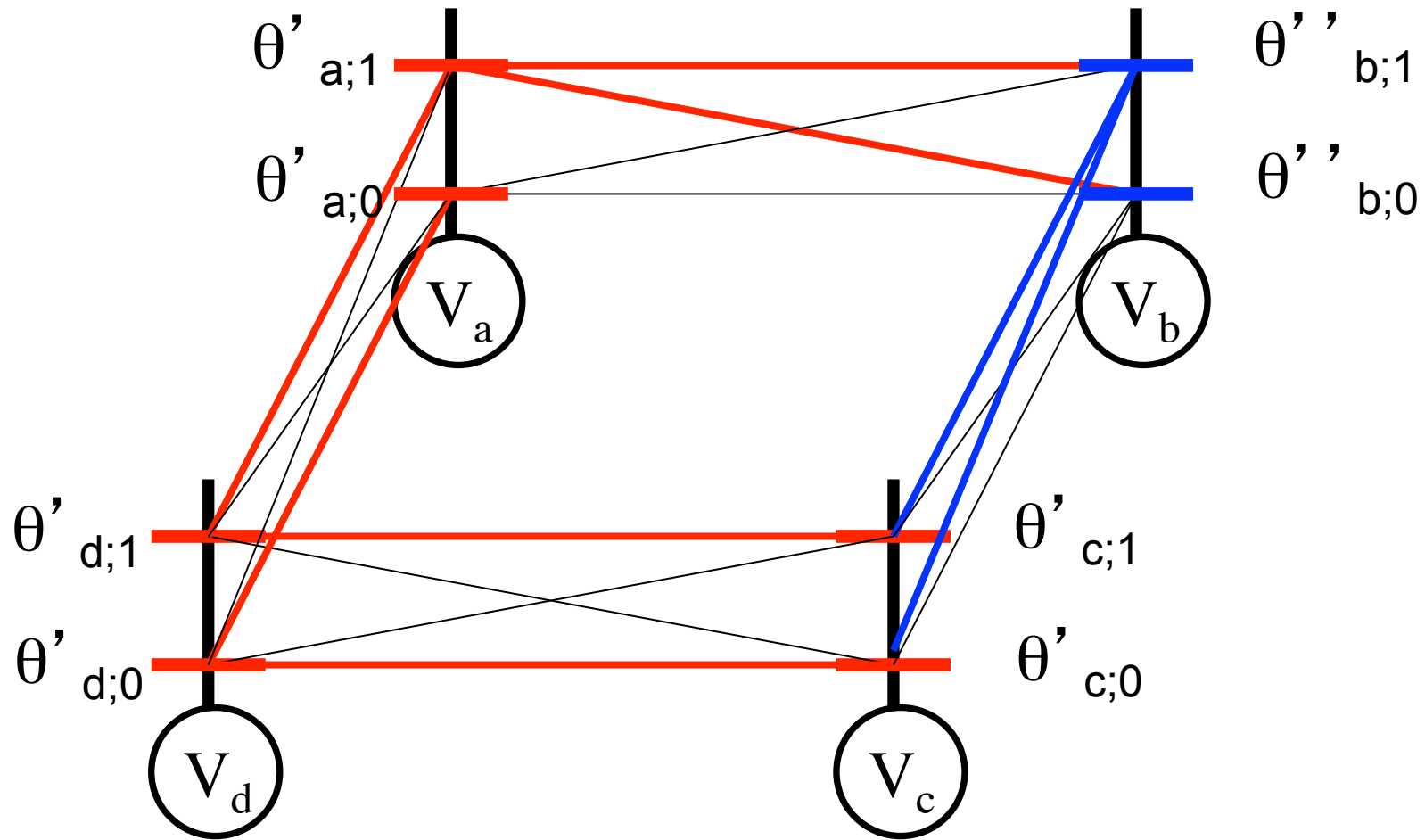
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$$\theta'_{a;1} - \theta_{a;1} = q_{a;1} \geq \theta'_{a;0} - \theta_{a;0} = q_{a;0}$$

Problem Not Solved

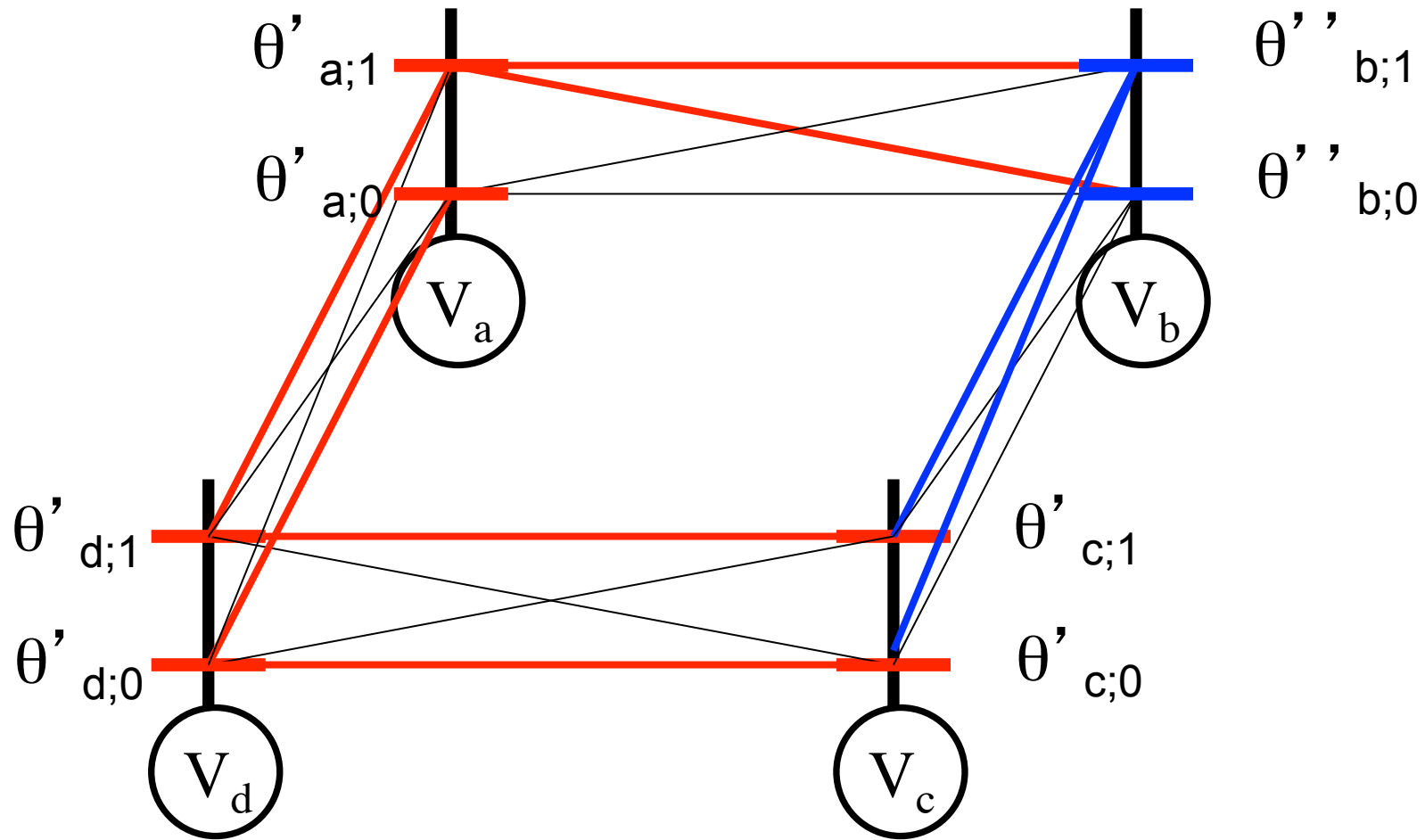
# Belief Propagation on Cycles



Reparameterize (a,b) again

But doesn't this overcount some potentials?

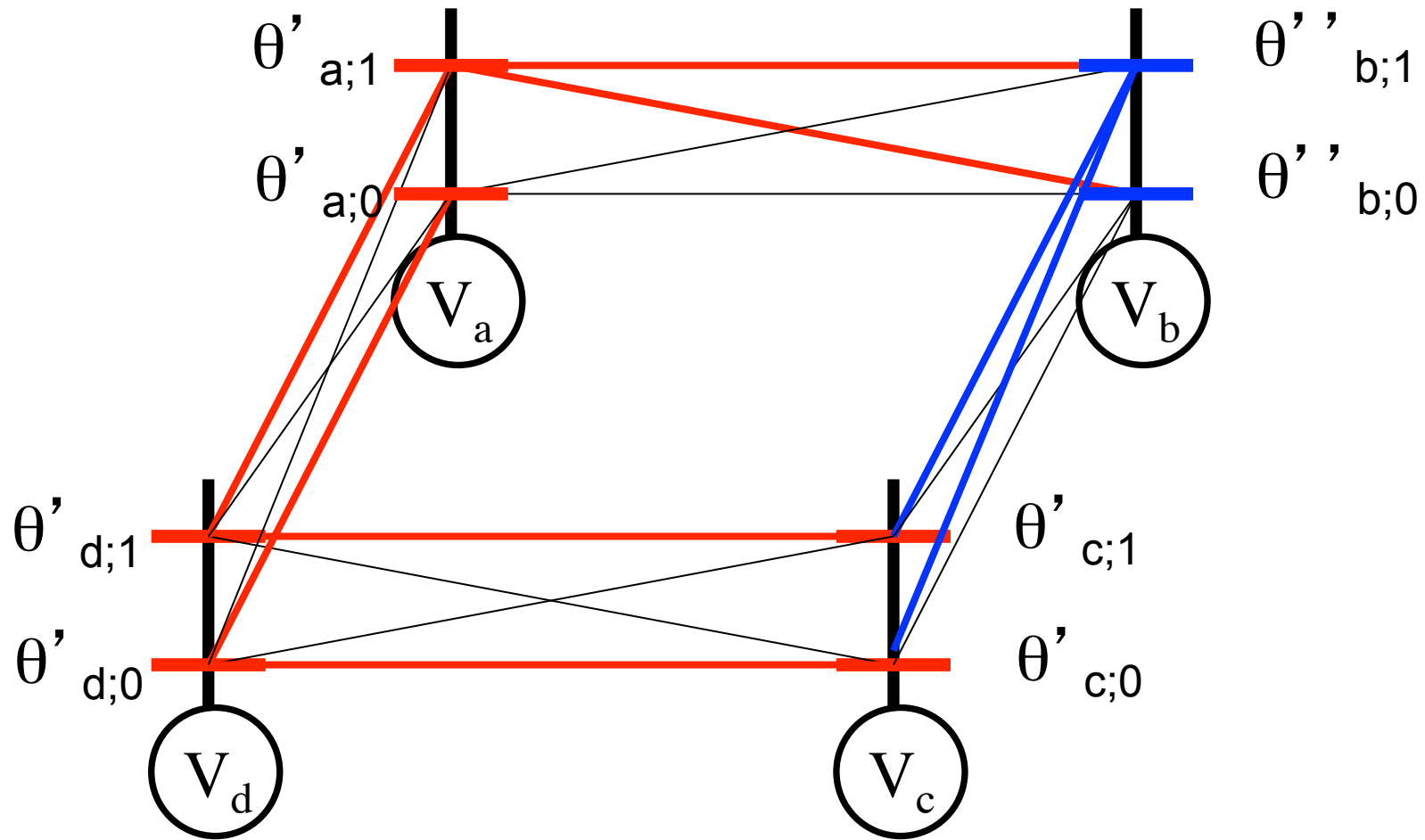
# Belief Propagation on Cycles



Reparameterize (a,b) again

Yes. But we will do it anyway

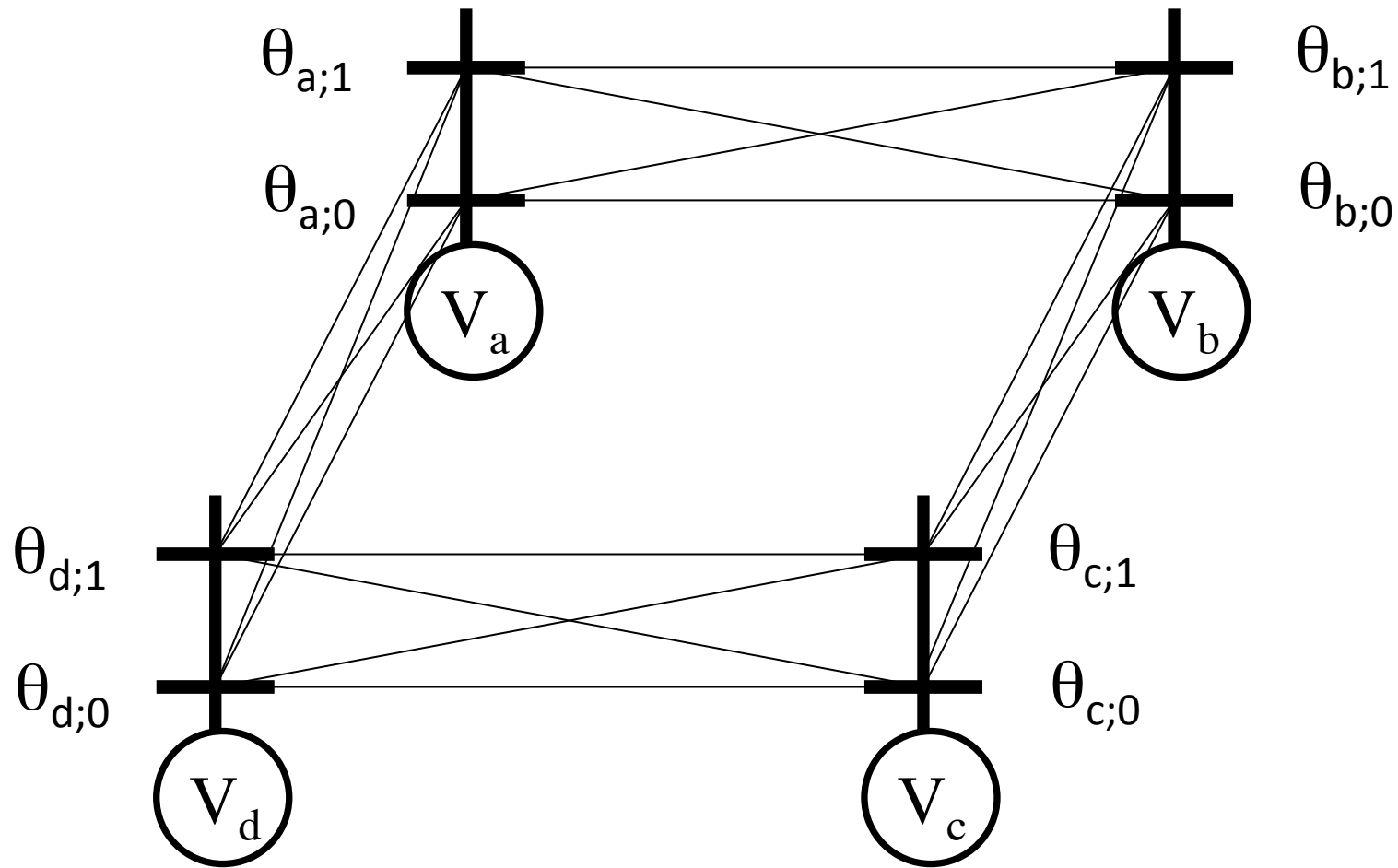
# Belief Propagation on Cycles



Keep reparameterizing edges in some order

Hope for convergence and a good solution

# Belief Propagation on Cycles

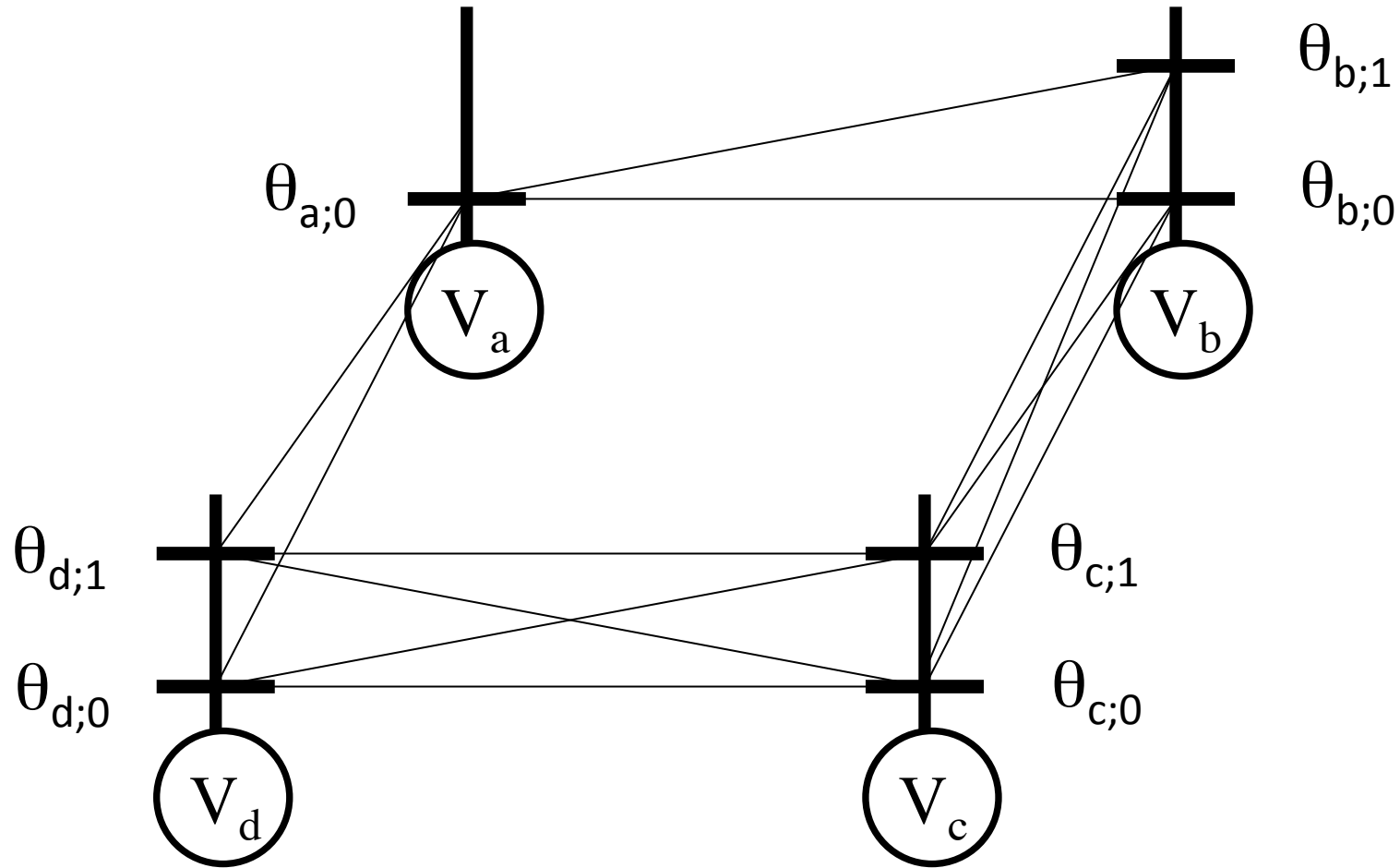


Any suggestions?

Fix  $V_a$  to label  $l_0$



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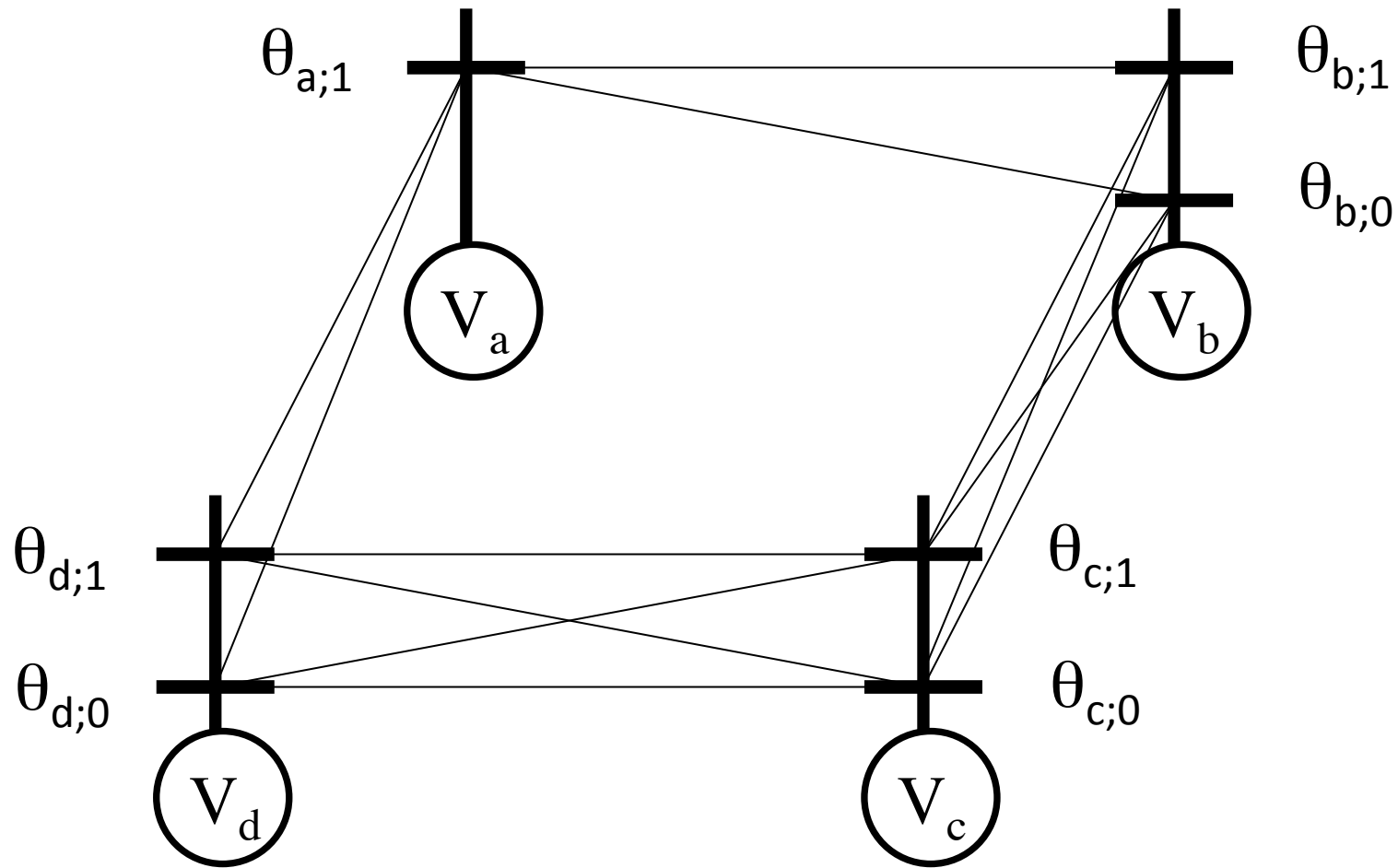


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Equivalent to a tree-structured problem

# Belief Propagation on Cycles

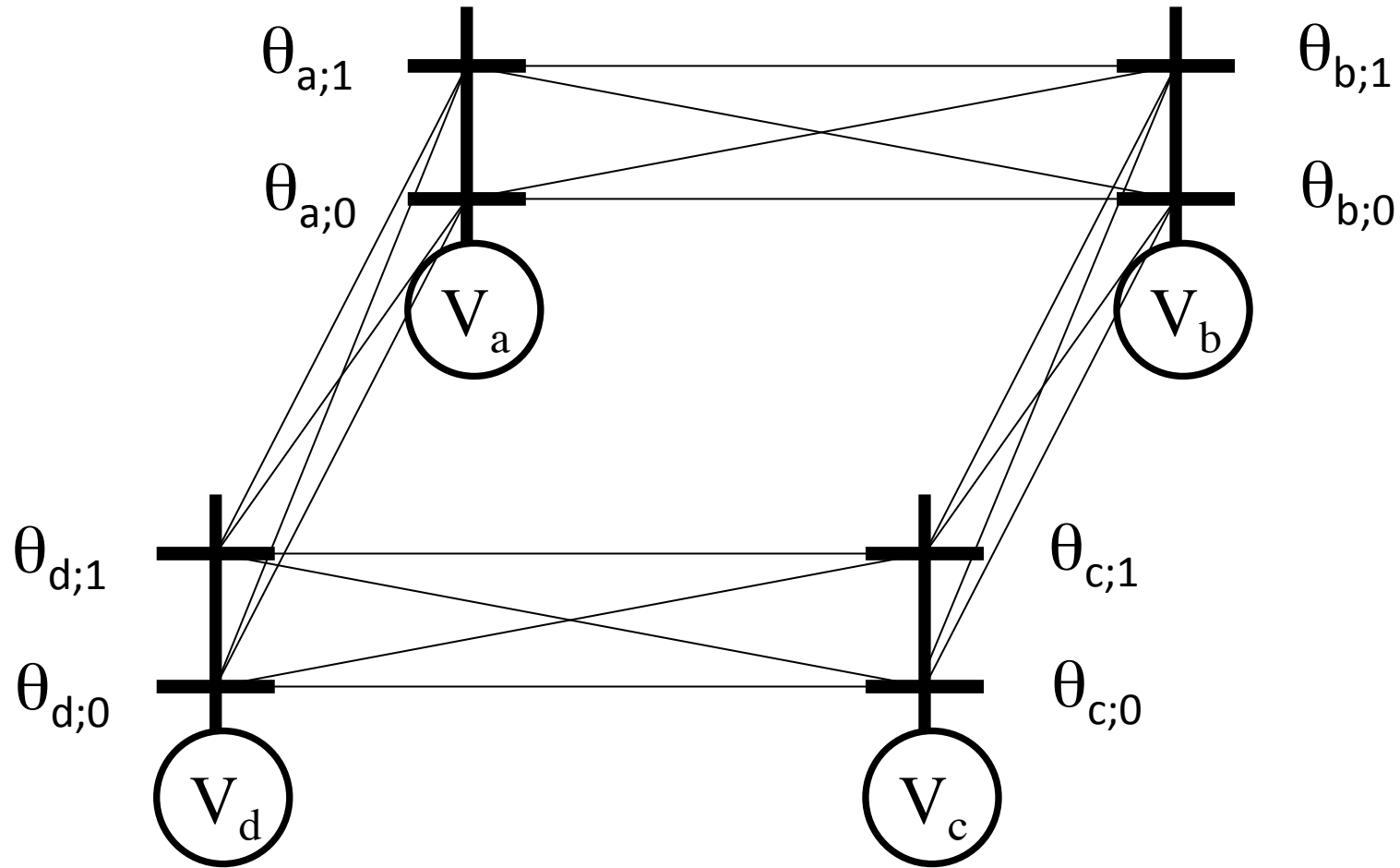


Any suggestions?

Fix  $V_a$  to label  $l_1$

Equivalent to a tree-structured problem

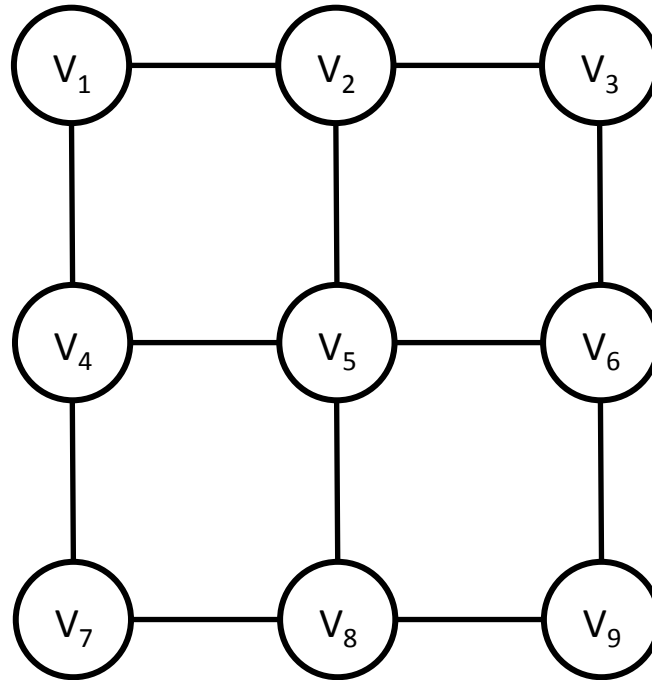
# Belief Propagation on Cycles



This approach quickly becomes infeasible

Choose the minimum energy solution

# Loopy Belief Propagation



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# Belief Propagation

- Generalizes to any arbitrary random field
- Complexity per iteration ?

$$O(nh^2)$$

- Memory required ?

$$O(nh)$$

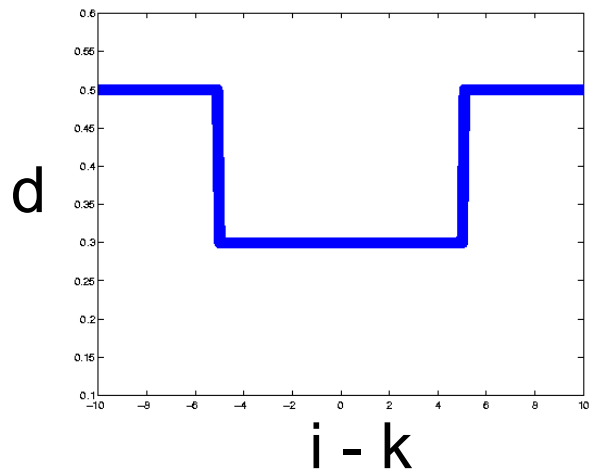
# Computational Issues of BP

Complexity per iteration

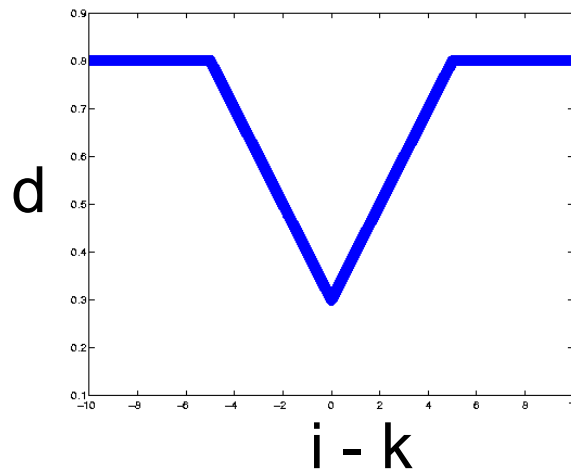
$$O(nh^2)$$

Special Pairwise Potentials

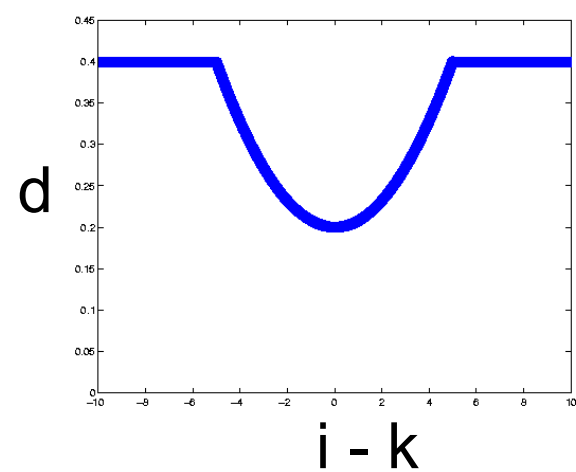
$$\theta_{ab;ik} = w_{ab}d(|i-k|)$$



Potts



Truncated Linear



Truncated Quadratic

$$O(nh)$$

Felzenszwalb & Huttenlocher, 2004

# Summary of BP

Exact for chains

Exact for trees

Approximate MAP for general cases

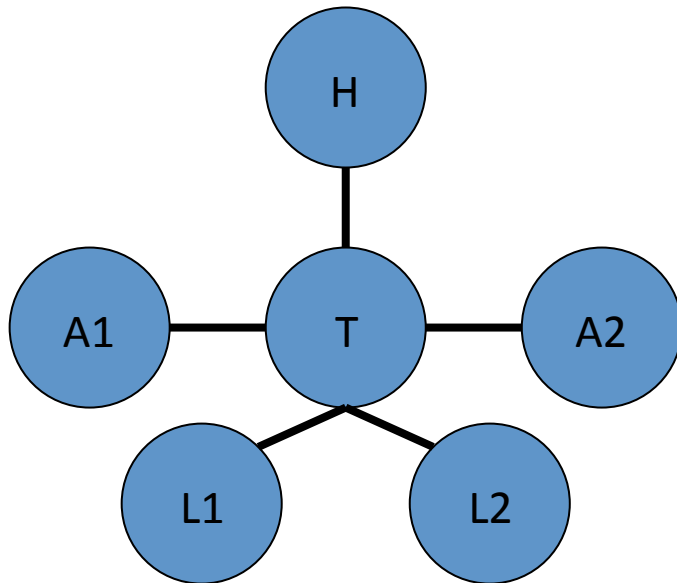
Not even convergence guaranteed

So can we do something better?

# Results

## Object Detection

Felzenszwalb and Huttenlocher, 2004



Labels - Poses of parts

Unary Potentials:  
Fraction of foreground pixels

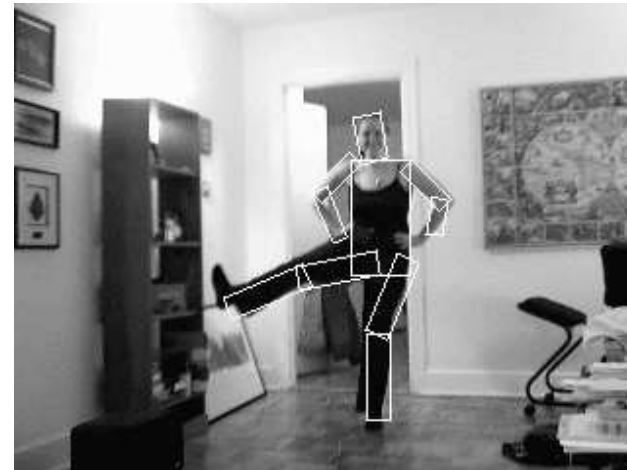
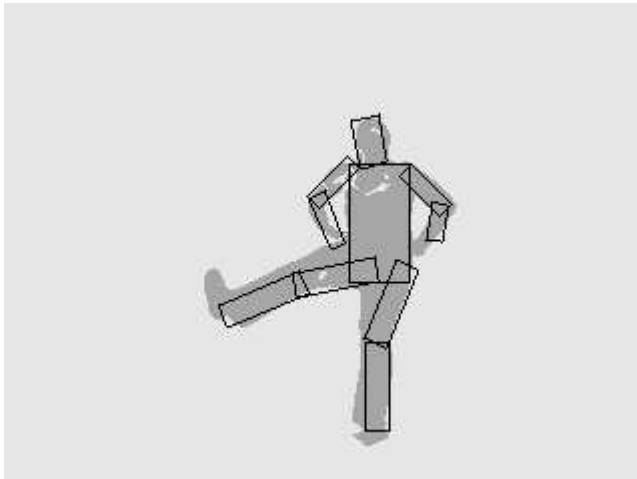
Pairwise Potentials:  
Favour Valid Configurations



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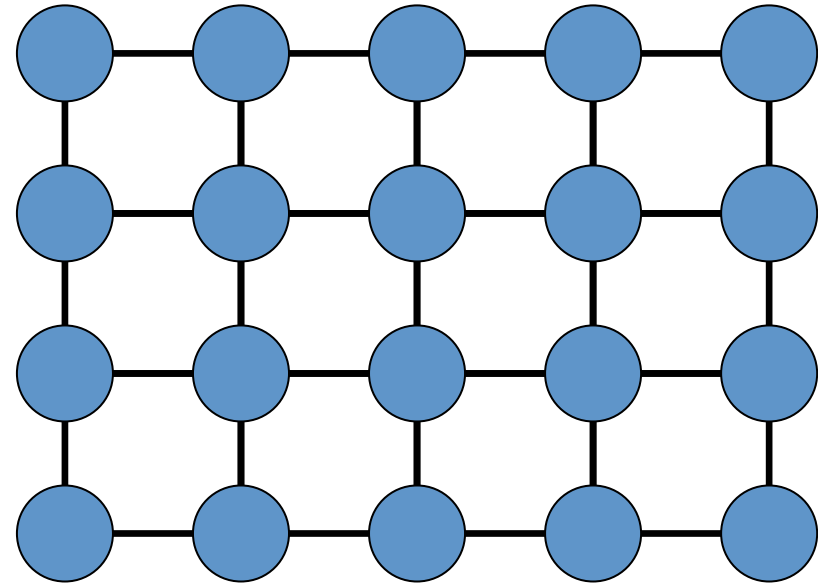


# Results

## Binary Segmentation



Szeliski et al. , 2008



Labels - {foreground, background}

Unary Potentials:  $-\log(\text{likelihood})$  using learnt fg/bg models

Pairwise Potentials: 0, if same labels

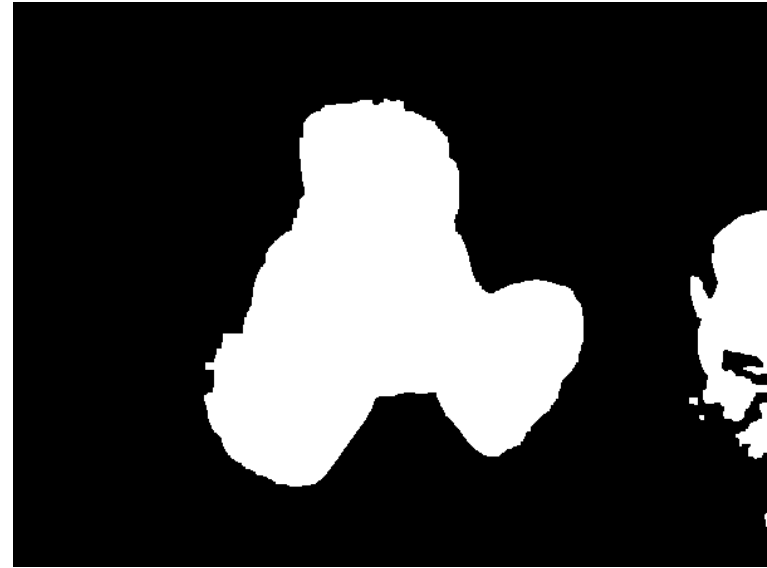
$1 - \lambda \exp(-|D_a - D_b|)$ , if different labels

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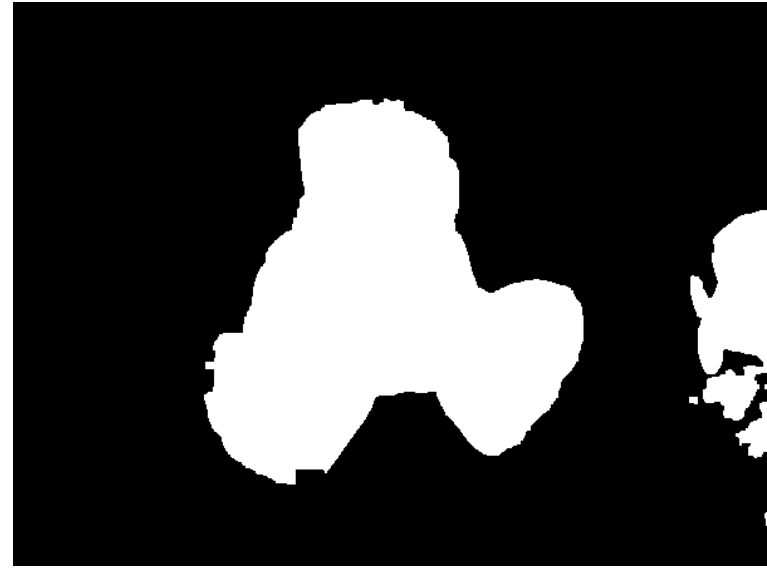
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Global optimum

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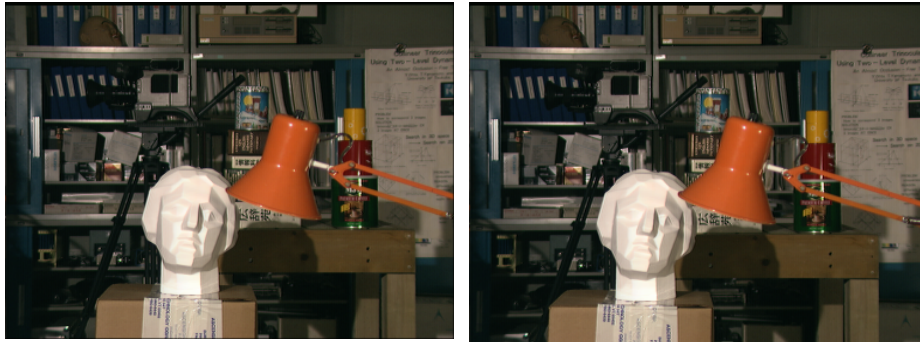
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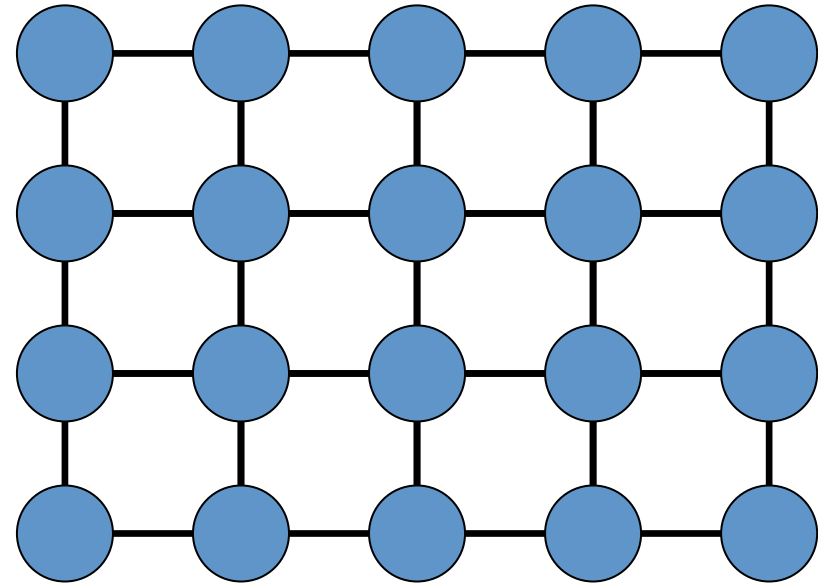
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## Stereo Correspondence



Szeliski et al. , 2008



Labels - {disparities}

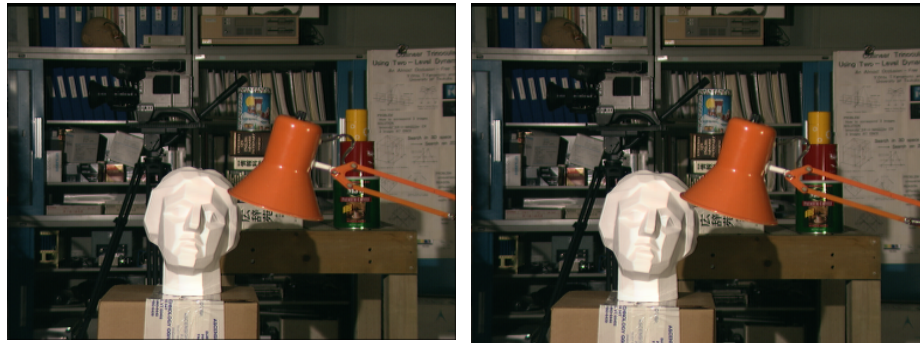
Unary Potentials: Similarity of pixel colours

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Belief Propagation

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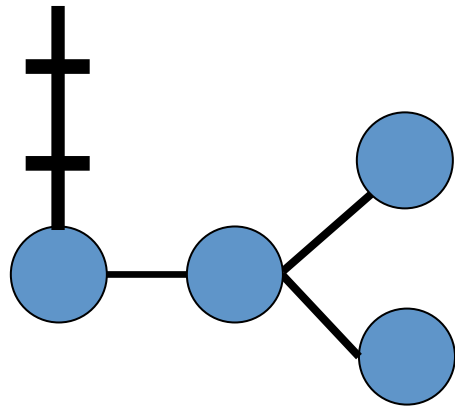
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# Other alternatives

- Integer linear programming and relaxation
- TRW, Dual decomposition methods
- Extensively studied
  - Schlesinger, 1976
  - Koster et al., 1998, Chekuri et al., '01, Archer et al., '04
  - Wainwright et al., 2001, Kolmogorov, 2006
  - Globerson and Jaakkola, 2007, Komodakis et al., 2007
  - Kumar et al., 2007, Sontag et al., 2008, Werner, 2008
  - Batra et al., 2011, Werner, 2011, Zivny et al., 2014

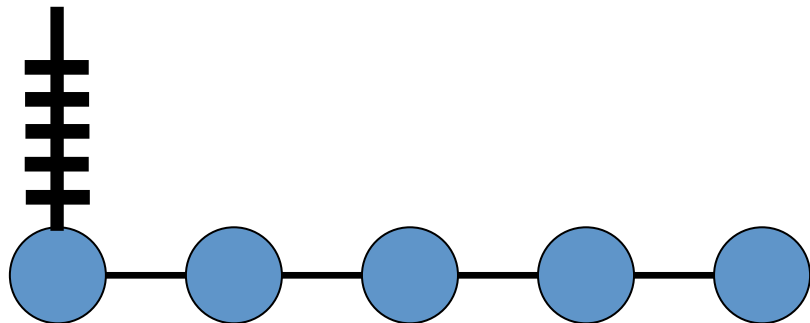


# Where do we stand ?



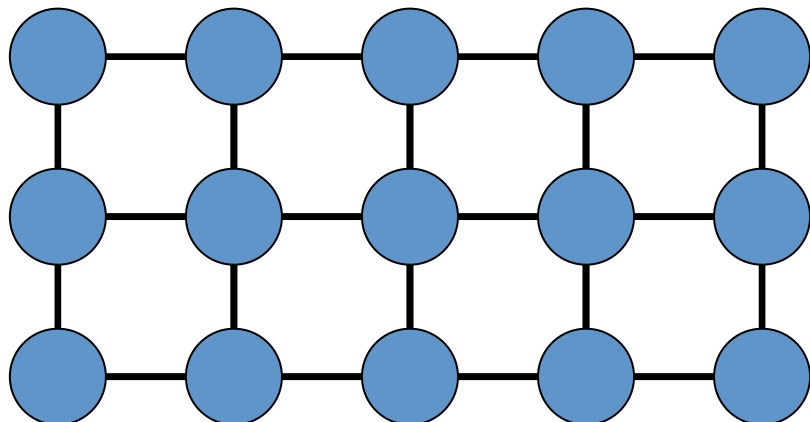
Chain/Tree, 2-label:

Use BP



Chain/Tree, multi-label:

Use BP



Grid graph:

Use TRW,  
dual decomposition,  
relaxation