

# Discrete Inference and Learning

## Lecture 3

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# Recap

**The st-mincut problem**

**Connection between st-mincut  
and energy minimization?**

**What problems can we solve  
using st-mincut?**

**st-mincut based Move algorithms**

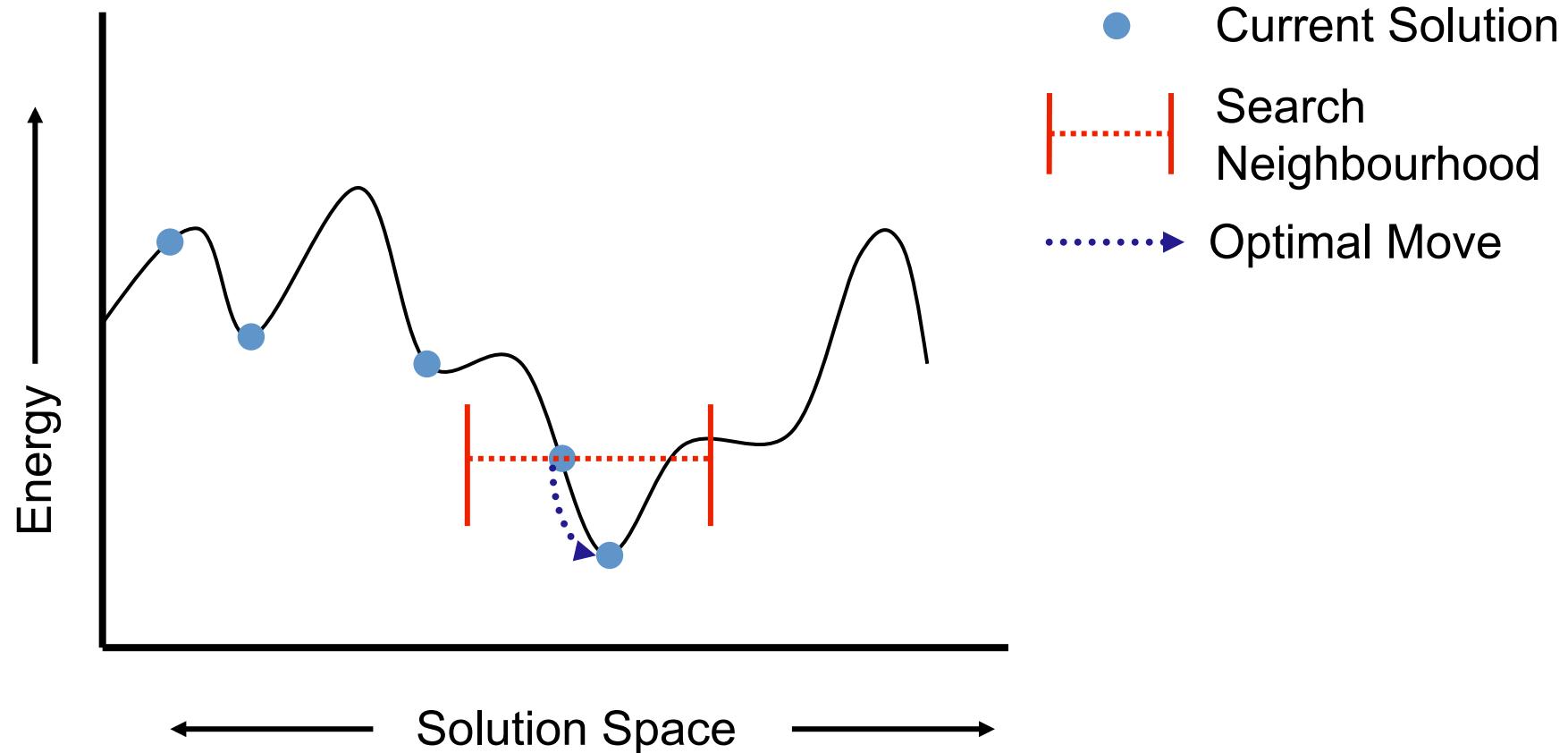
# St-mincut based Move algorithms

$$E(\mathbf{y}) = \sum_i \theta_i(y_i) + \sum_{i,j} \theta_{ij}(y_i, y_j)$$

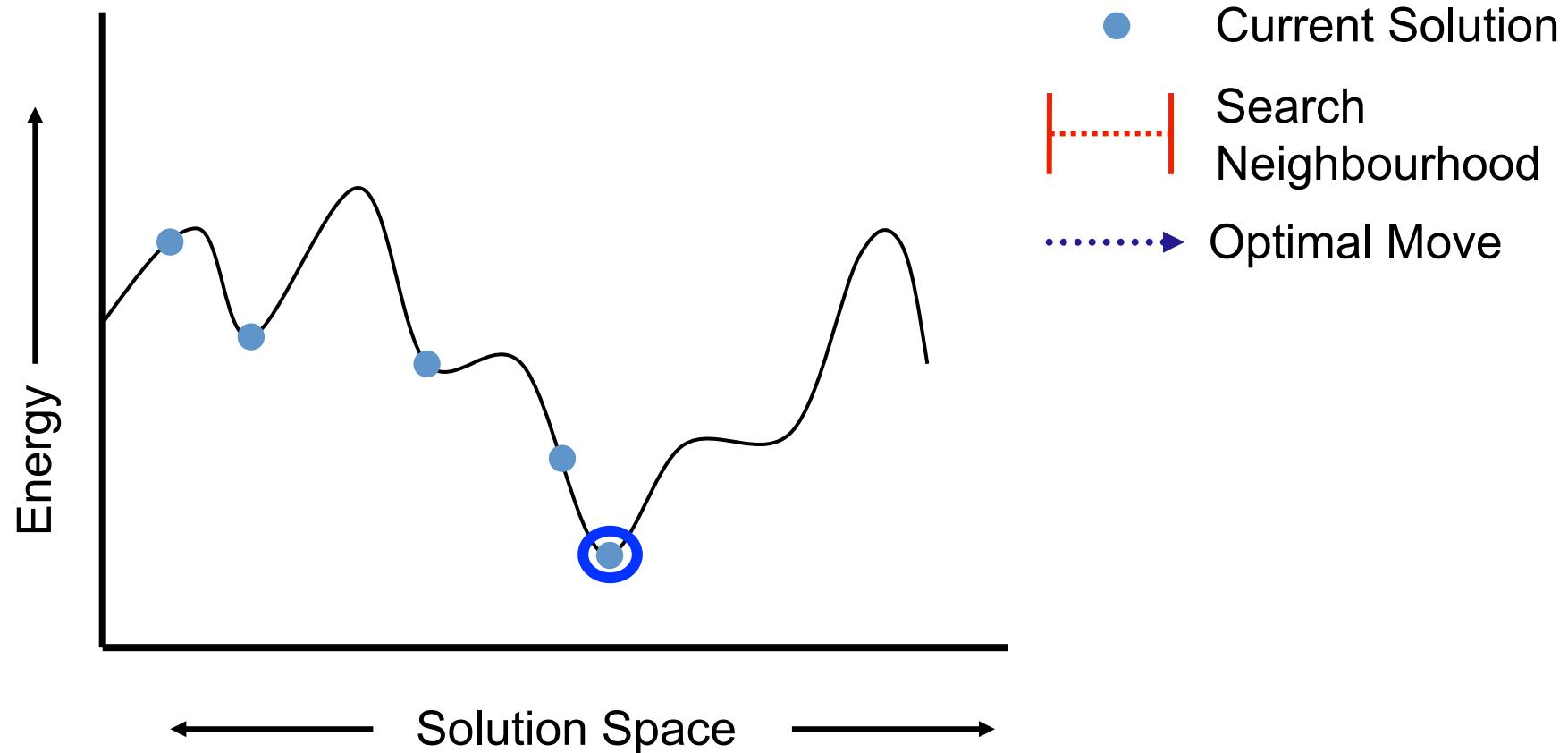
$$\mathbf{y} \in \text{Labels } L = \{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_k\}$$

- Commonly used for solving **non-submodular** multi-label problems
- Extremely efficient and produce good solutions
- Not Exact: Produce local optima

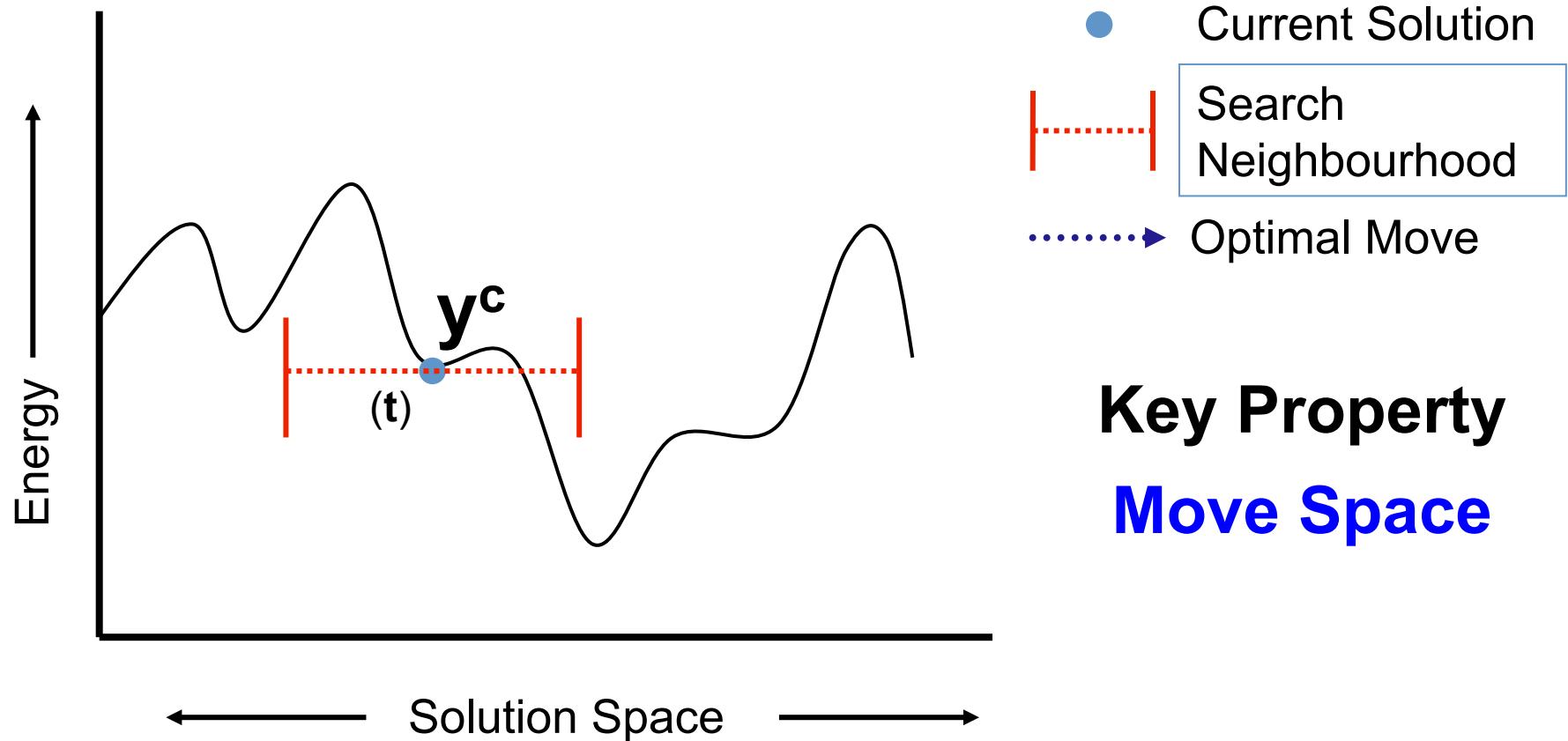
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# Computing the Optimal Move



Bigger move space



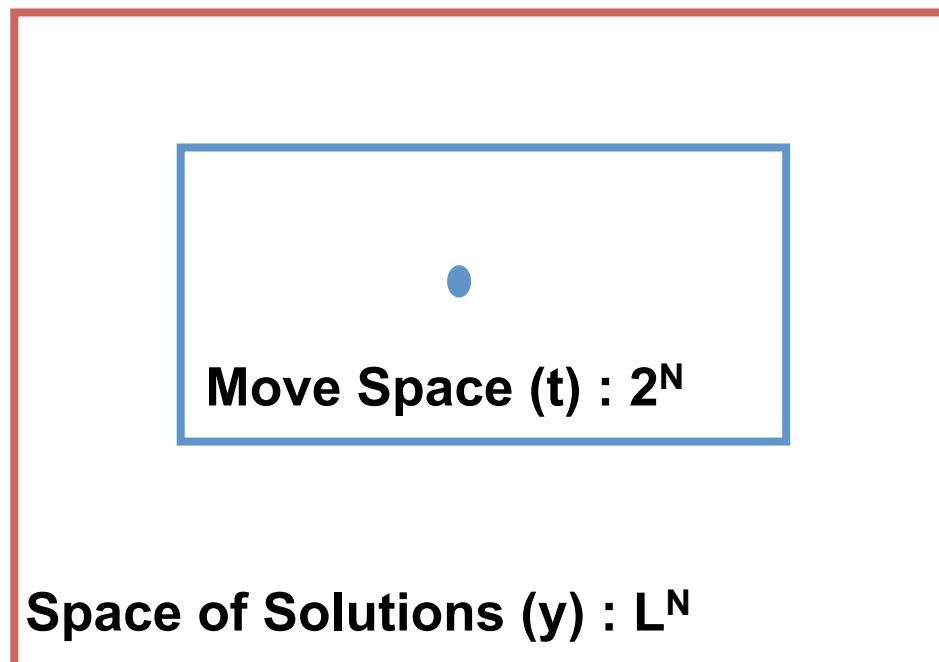
- Better solutions
- Finding the optimal move hard

# Moves using Graph Cuts

## Expansion and Swap move algorithms

[Boykov Veksler and Zabih, PAMI 2001]

- Makes a series of changes to the solution (moves)
- Each move results in a solution with smaller energy



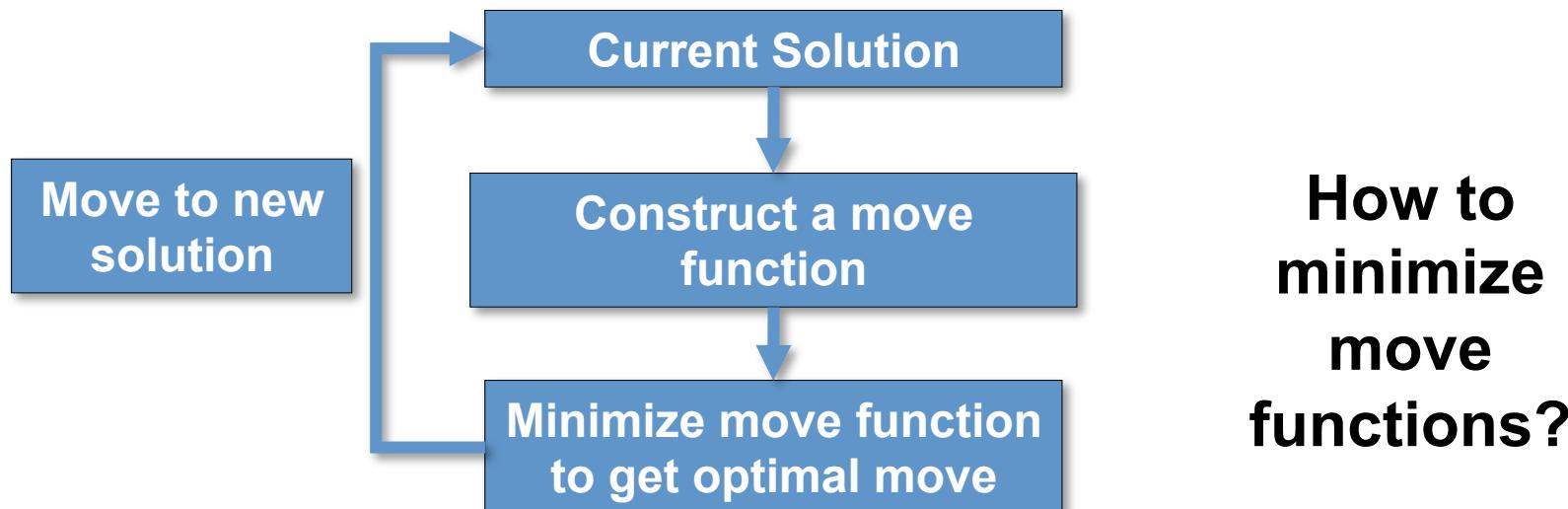
- Current Solution
- Search Neighbourhood
- N Number of Variables
- L Number of Labels

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# General Binary Moves

$$y = t y^1 + (1-t) y^2$$

New solution      Current Solution      Second solution

The diagram illustrates the general formula for a binary move. A green rectangular box contains the equation  $y = t y^1 + (1-t) y^2$ . Three blue arrows point from below the box to the terms  $t y^1$ ,  $y^2$ , and  $(1-t) y^2$  respectively, labeled "New solution", "Current Solution", and "Second solution".

$$E_m(t) = E(t y^1 + (1-t) y^2)$$

Minimize over move variables  $t$  to get the optimal move

Move energy is a submodular QPBF  
(Exact Minimization Possible)

# Expansion Move

- Variables take label  $\alpha$  or retain current label



Status: Initialize with Tree



[Boykov, Veksler, Zabih]

# Expansion Move

- Variables take label  $\alpha$  or retain current label



Status: Expand Ground



[Boykov, Veksler, Zabih]

# Expansion Move

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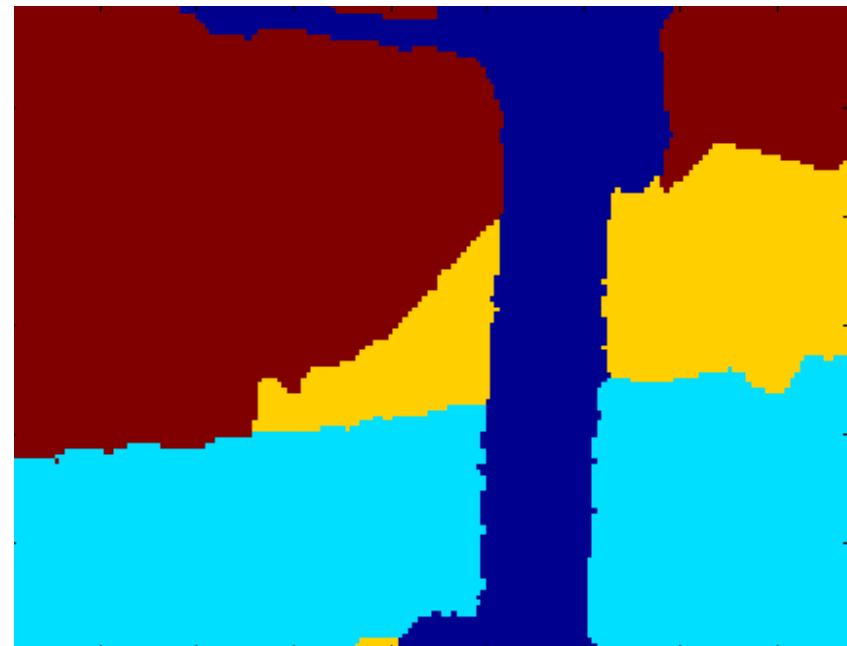


[Boykov, Veksler, Zabih]

# Expansion Move

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Status: Expand Sky



[Boykov, Veksler, Zabih]

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- Variables take label  $\alpha$  or retain current label
- Move energy is submodular if:
  - Unary Potentials: Arbitrary
  - Pairwise potentials: Metric

$$\theta_{ij}(l_a, l_b) \geq 0$$

$$\theta_{ij}(l_a, l_b) = 0 \text{ iff } a = b$$

Semi metric

Examples: Potts model, Truncated linear

Cannot solve truncated quadratic

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$$\theta_{ij}(l_a, l_b) + \theta_{ij}(l_b, l_c) \geq \theta_{ij}(l_a, l_c)$$

Triangle  
Inequality

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# Swap Move

- Variables labeled  $\alpha, \beta$  can swap their labels

Swap Sky, House

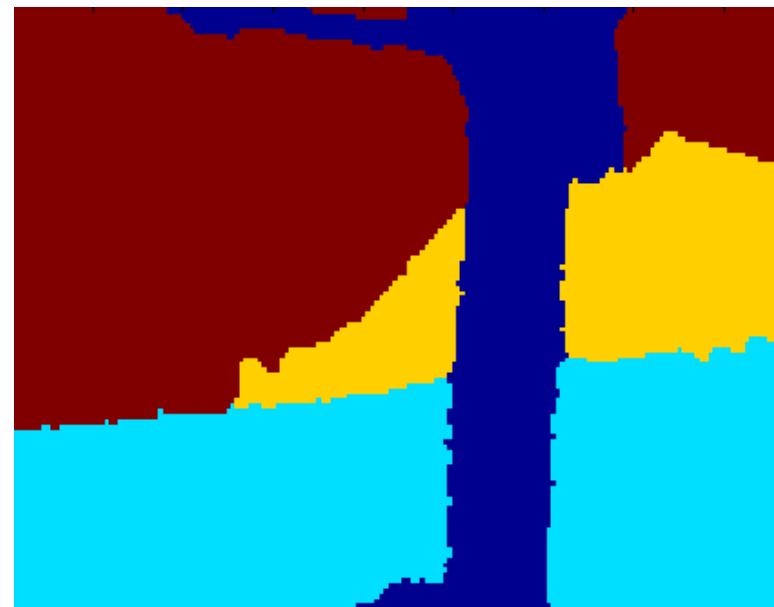


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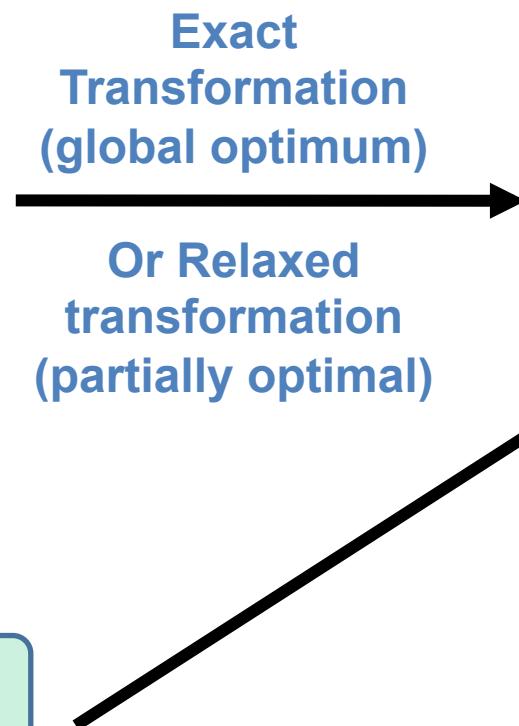
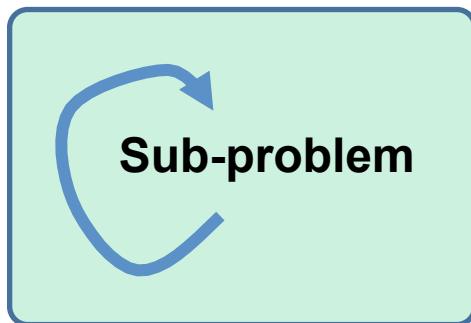
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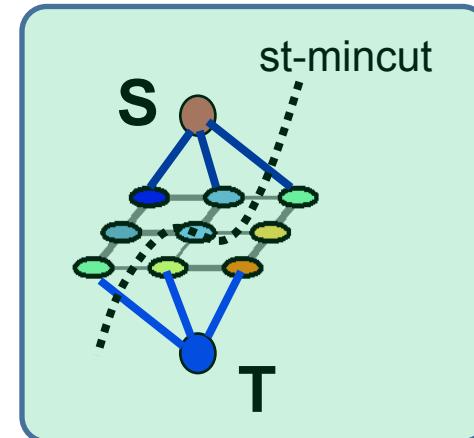
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# Summary

## Labelling Problem

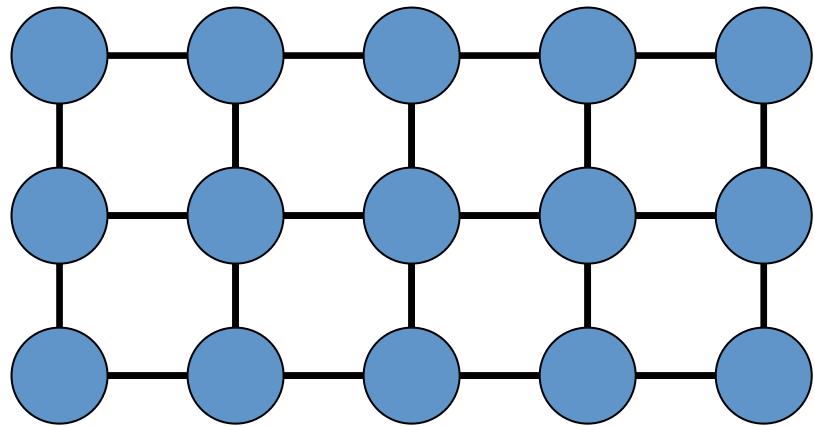


**Submodular Quadratic Pseudoboolean Function**



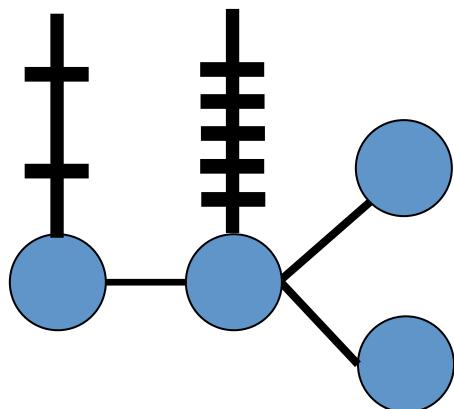
Move making algorithms

# Where do we stand ?



Grid graph -  
submodular, 2-label: Use graphcuts  
“metric”: Use expansion

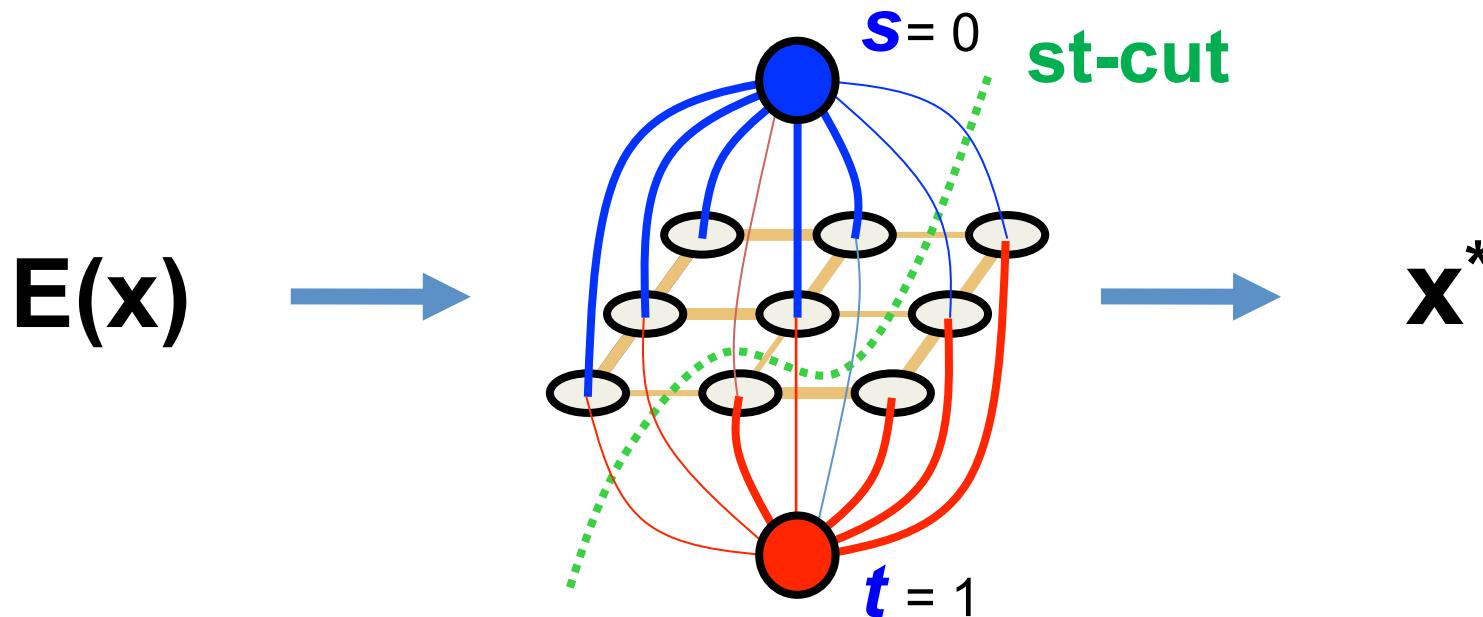
otherwise: Use TRW,  
dual decomposition,  
relaxation



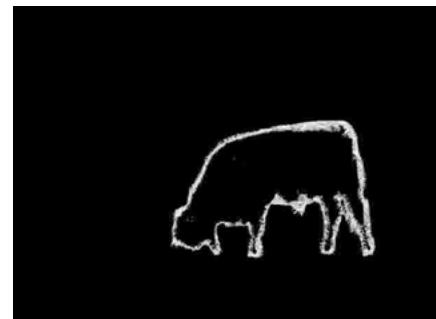
Chain/Tree, 2/multi-label: Use BP

# **Dynamic Energy Minimization**

# Image Segmentation in Video



Video frame



Flow



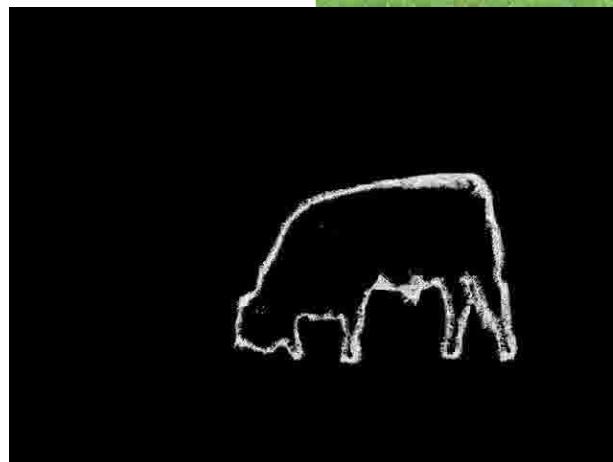
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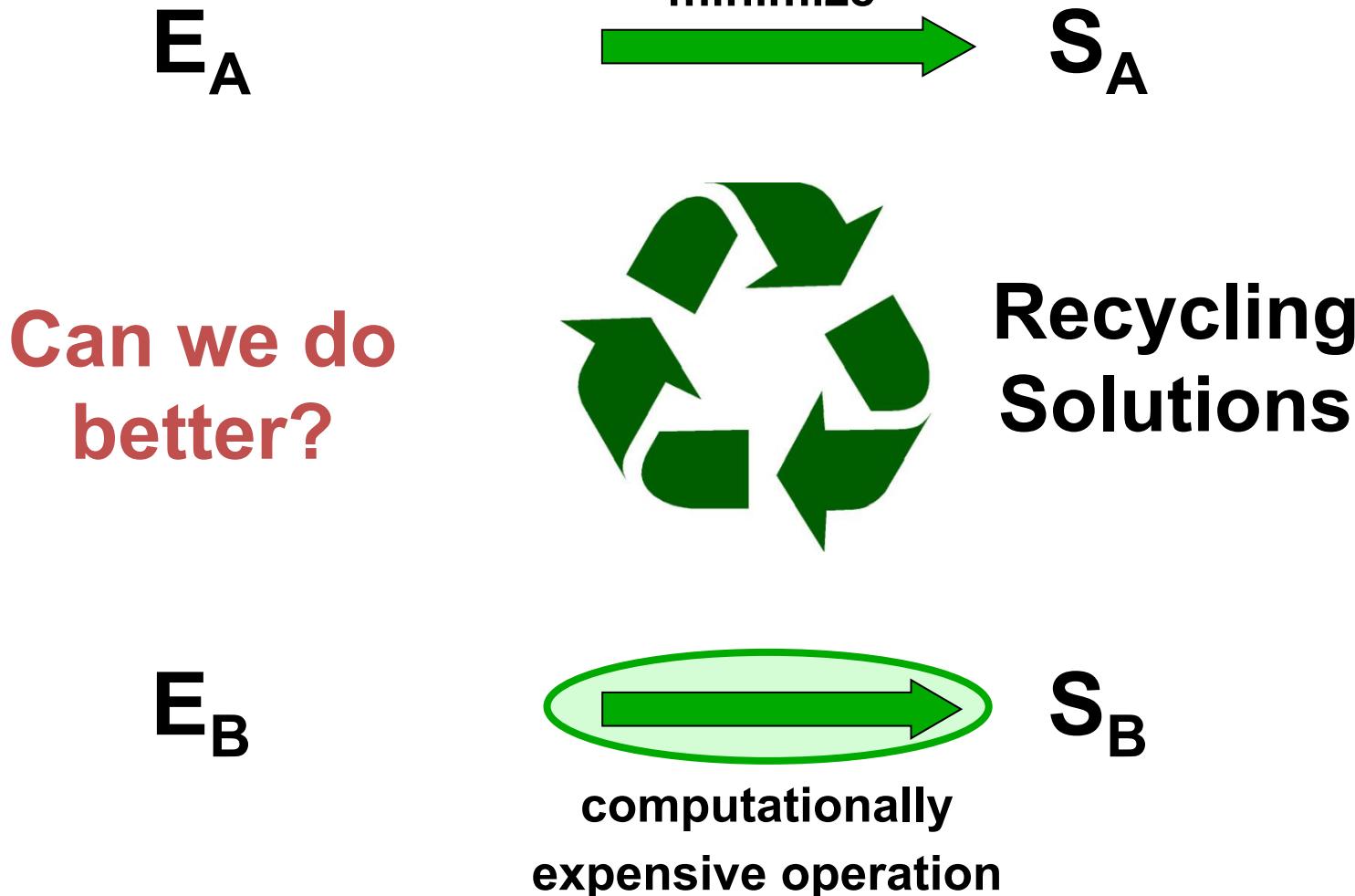


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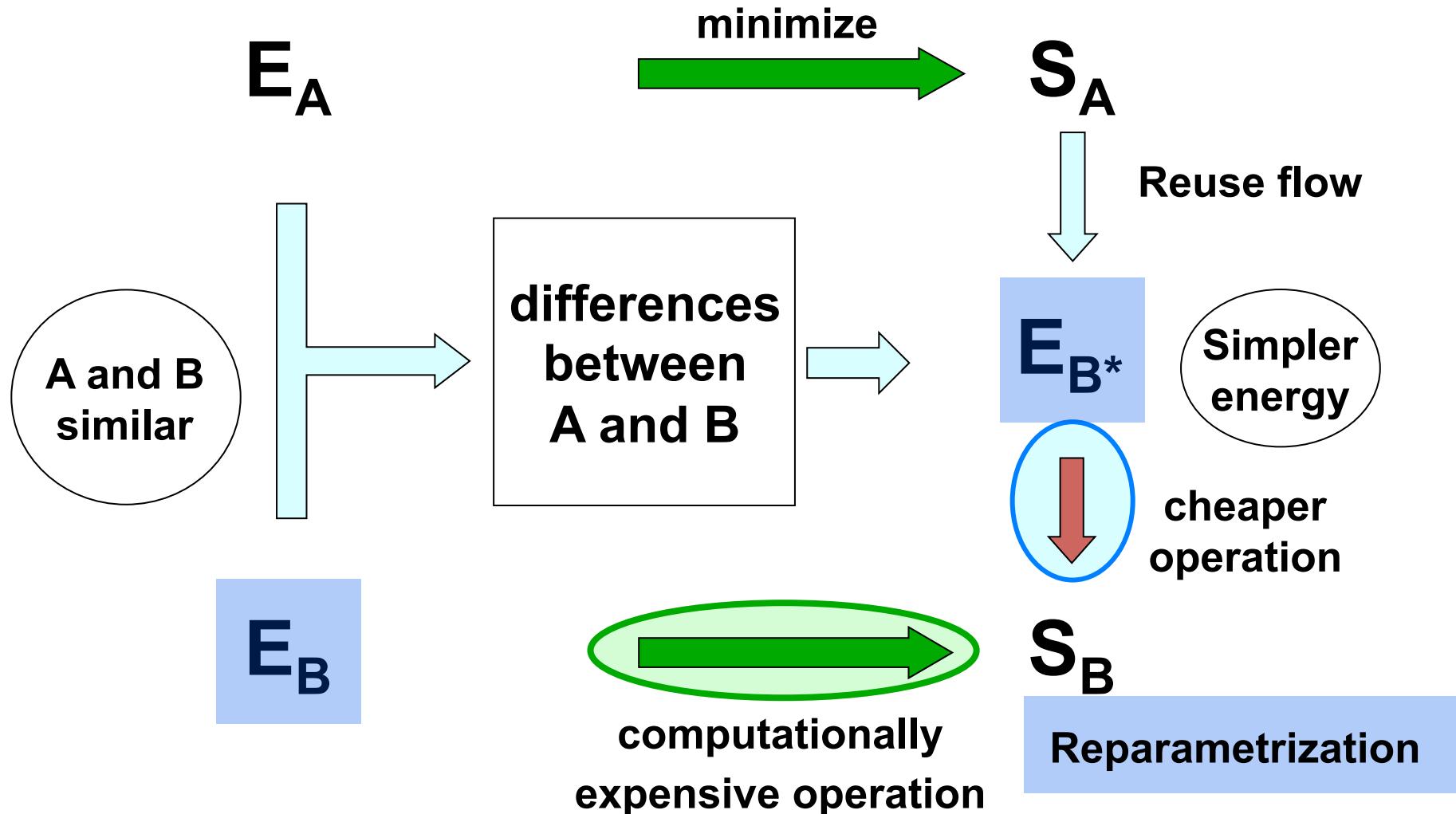


**Global  
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Original Energy

$$E(a_1, a_2) = 2a_1 + 5\bar{a}_1 + 9a_2 + 4\bar{a}_2 + \textcolor{red}{2a_1\bar{a}_2} + \bar{a}_1a_2$$

Reparameterized Energy

$$E(a_1, a_2) = 8 + \bar{a}_1 + 3a_2 + 3\bar{a}_1a_2$$

New Energy

$$E(a_1, a_2) = 2a_1 + 5\bar{a}_1 + 9a_2 + 4\bar{a}_2 + \textcolor{red}{7a_1\bar{a}_2} + \bar{a}_1a_2$$

New Reparameterized Energy

$$E(a_1, a_2) = 8 + \bar{a}_1 + 3a_2 + 3\bar{a}_1a_2 + \textcolor{red}{5a_1\bar{a}_2}$$

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First...

Recap of Integer Linear Program

# Integer Linear Program

$$\max_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}$$

$$\text{s.t. } \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}$$

$\mathbf{x}$  is an integer vector

Every element of  $\mathbf{x}$  is an integer

# Integer Linear Program

$$\max_x \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}$$

$$\text{s.t. } A \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^n$$

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# Example

$$\max_x x_1 + x_2$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad x_1 \geq 0$$

$$x_2 \geq 0$$

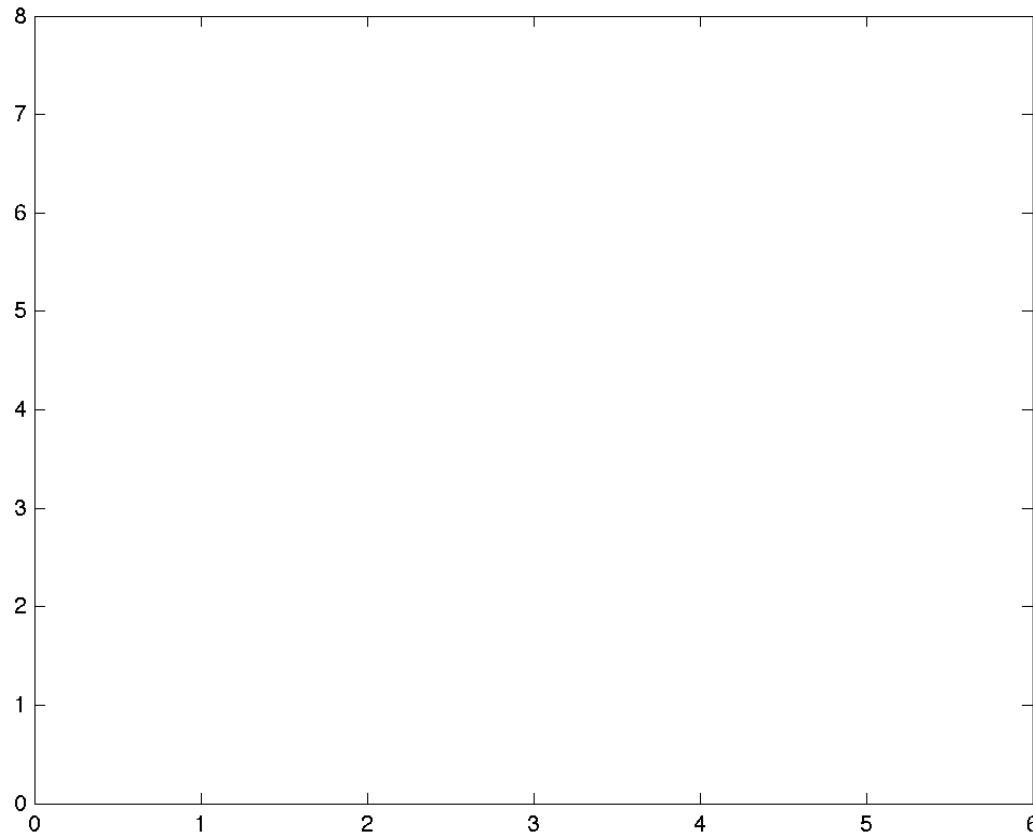
$$4x_1 - x_2 \leq 8$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 \leq 10$$

$$5x_1 - 2x_2 \geq -2$$

$$x \in \mathbb{Z}^n$$

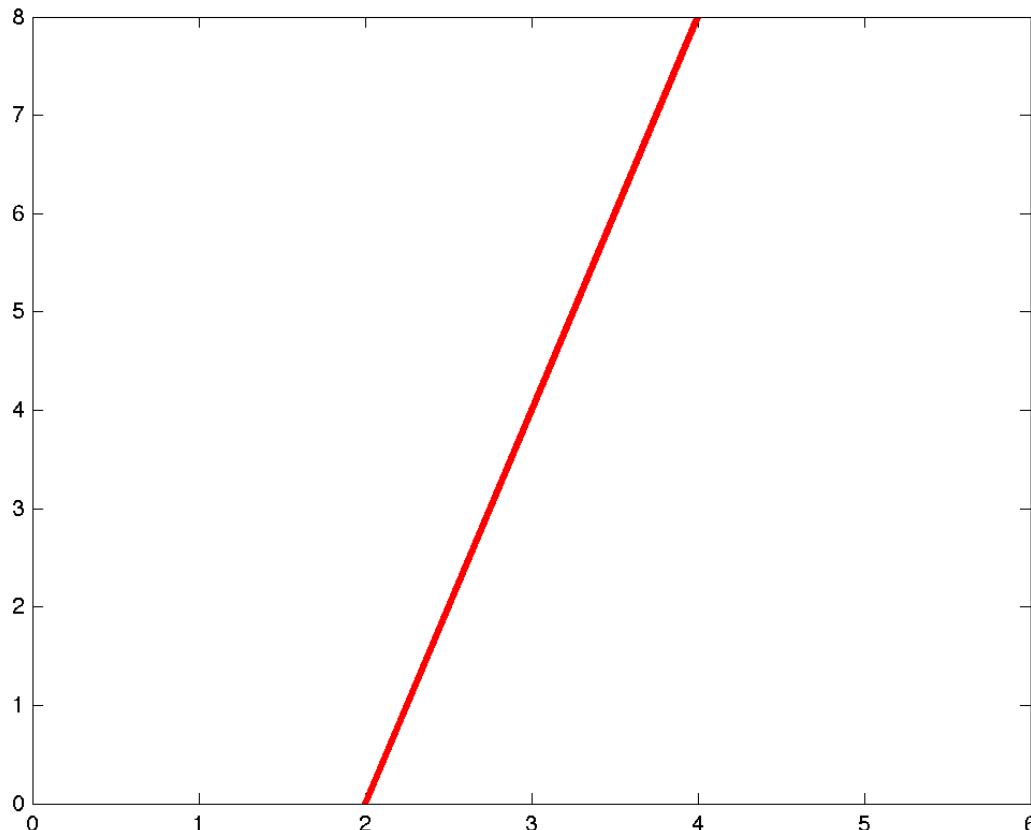
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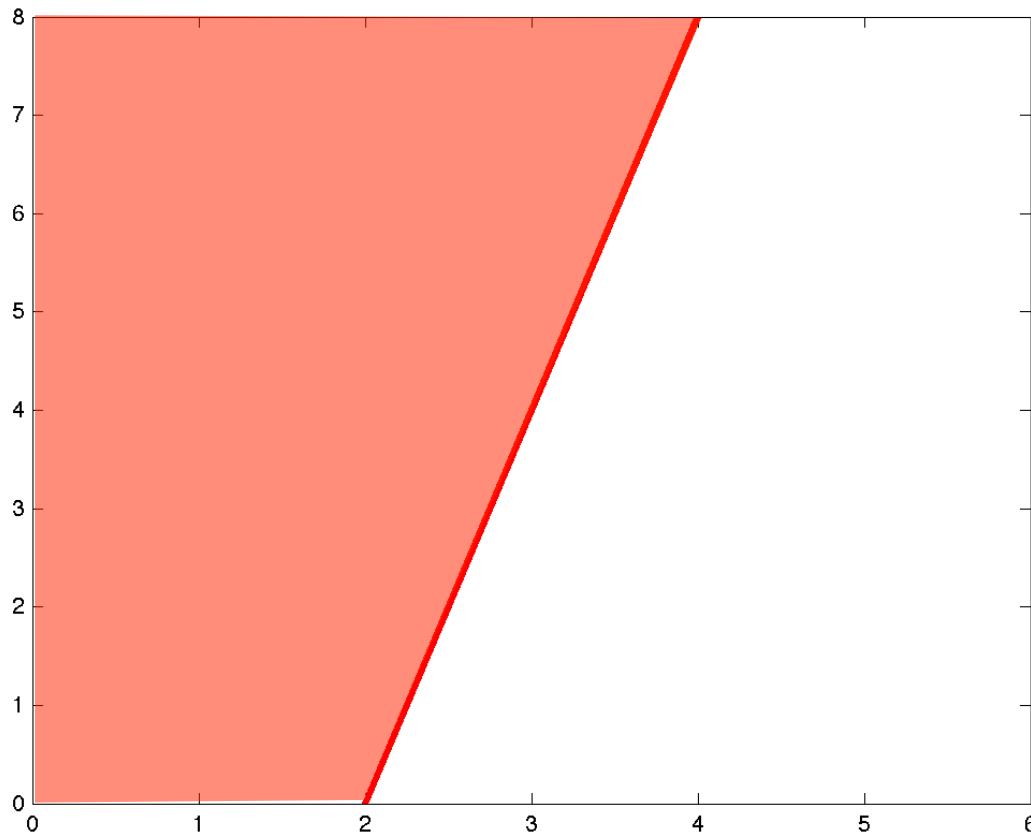


$$x_1 \geq 0$$

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$$4x_1 - x_2 = 8$$

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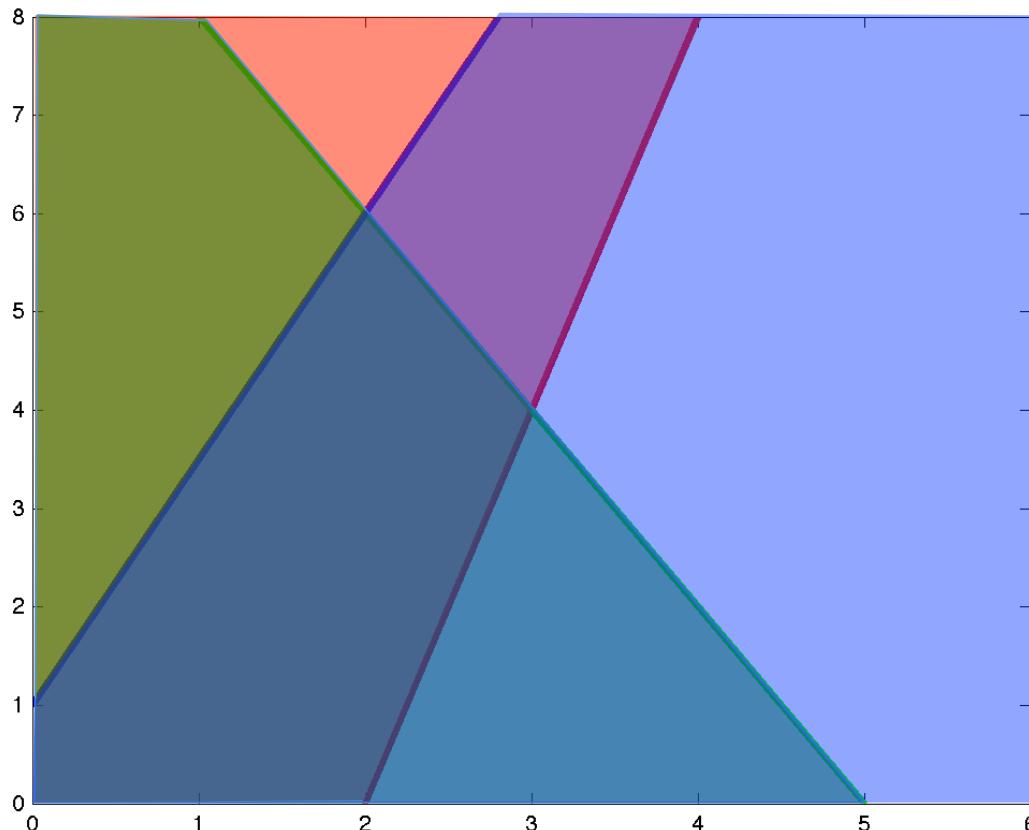


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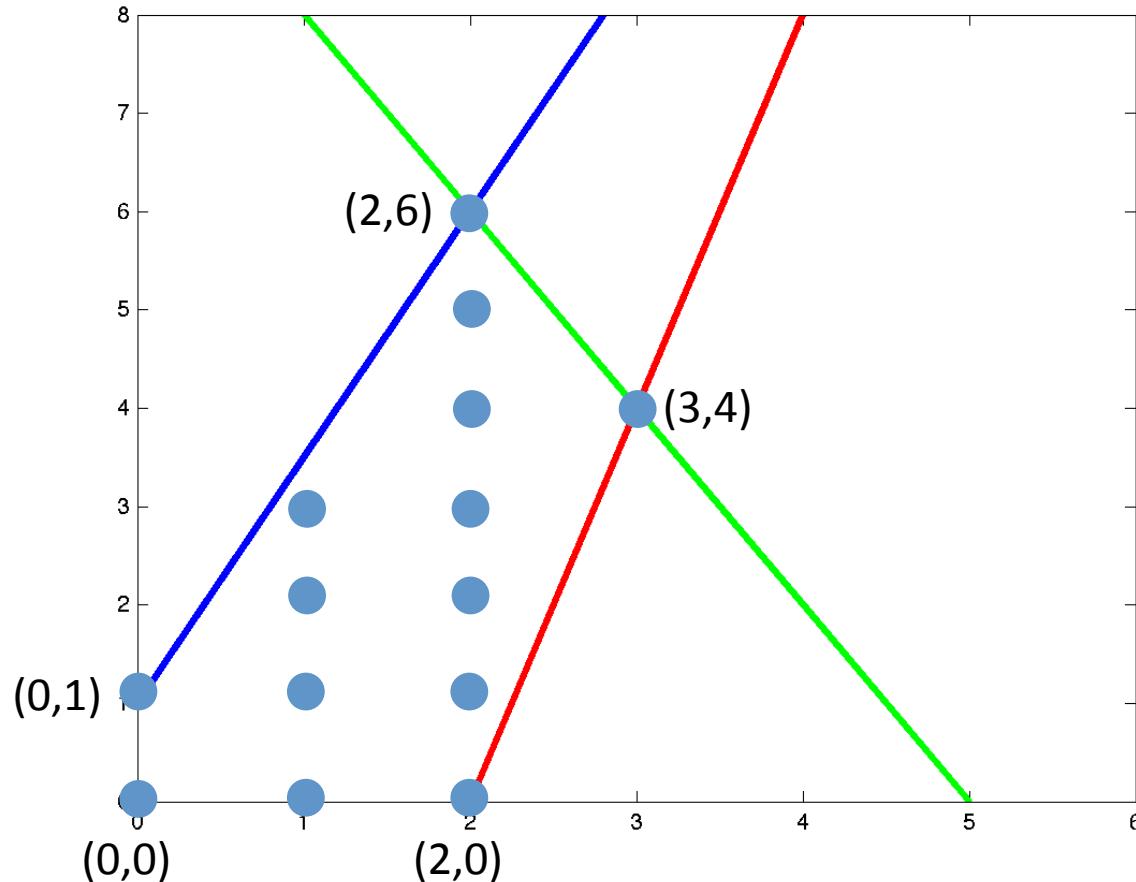
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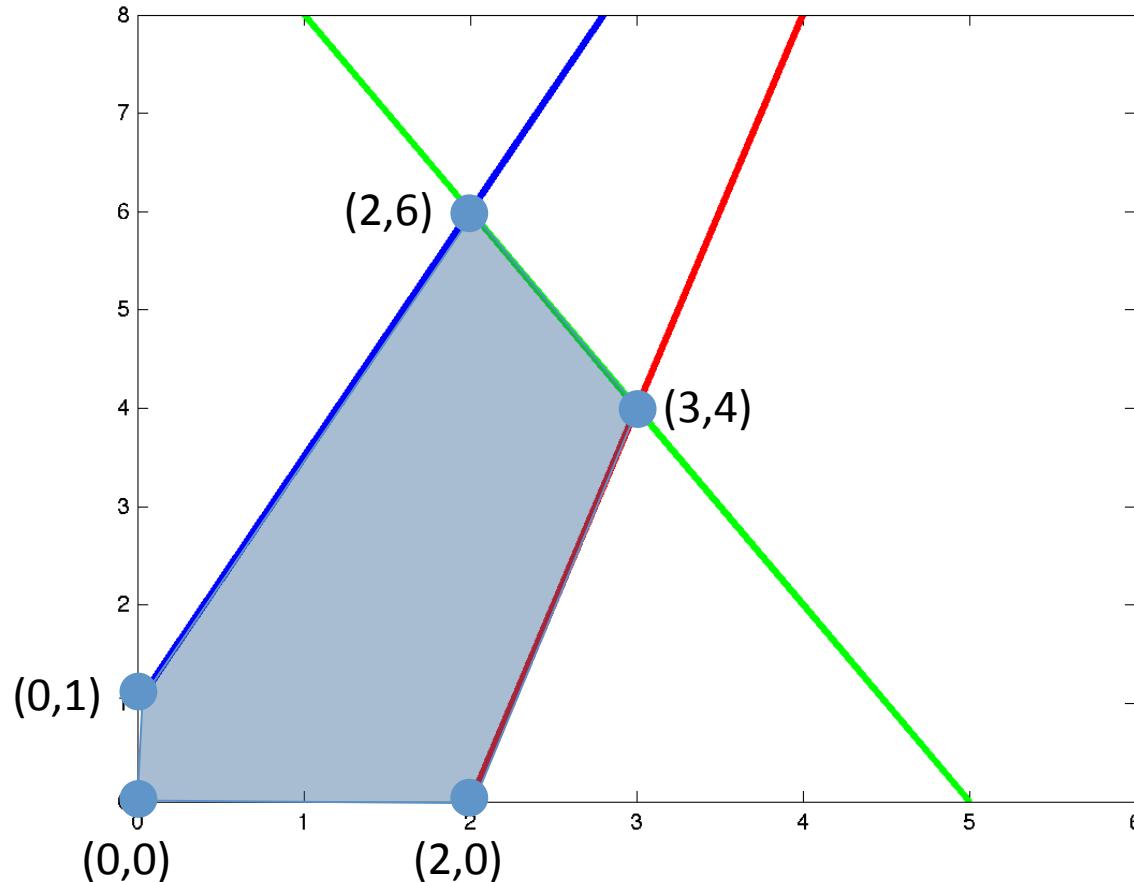
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Why? True in general?

# Why is the solution at a vertex?

Let  $x^*$  be the minimum. Since each point in a polytope is a convex combination of the vertices  $v_1, \dots, v_t$ , we have

$$x^* = \lambda_1 v_1 + \dots + \lambda_t v_t$$

and the objective value at optimality can be expressed as

$$cx^* = \lambda_1 * (cv_1) + \dots + \lambda_t (cv_t).$$

Assume that the minimum is not at a vertex, i.e.,

$$cx^* < cv_i \quad \forall i : 1 \leq i \leq t.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} cx^* &= \lambda_1 * (cv_1) + \dots + \lambda_t (cv_t) \\ &> \lambda_1 * (cx^*) + \dots + \lambda_t (cx^*) \\ &> (\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_t)(cx^*) \\ &> cx^*. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, it must be the case that  $x^* = v_i$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq t$ .

# Integer Programming Formulation

## Unary Potentials

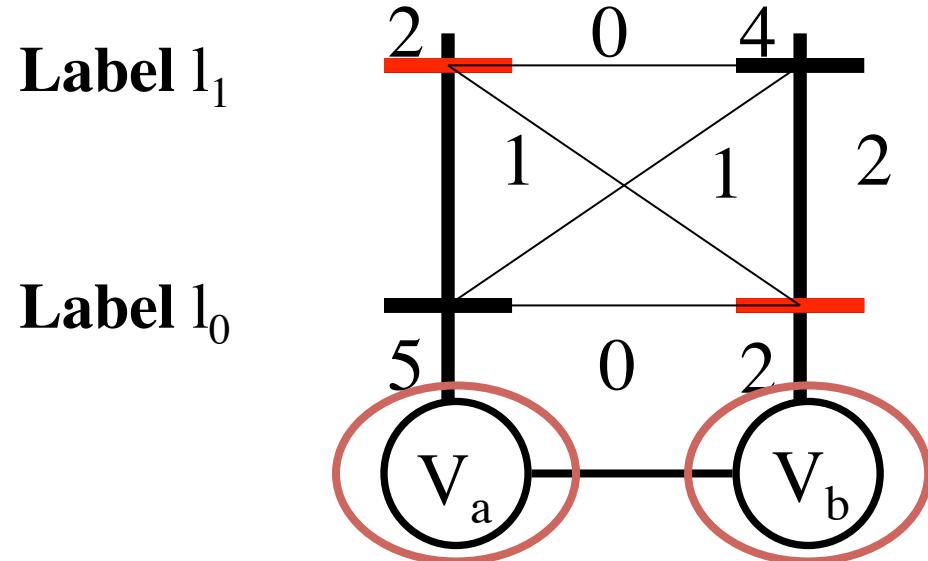
$$\theta_{a;0} = 5 \quad \theta_{b;0} = 2$$

$$\theta_{a;1} = 2 \quad \theta_{b;1} = 4$$

## Labeling

$$f(a) = 1 \quad y_{a;0} = 0 \quad y_{a;1} = 1$$

$$f(b) = 0 \quad y_{b;0} = 1 \quad y_{b;1} = 0$$



Any  $f(\cdot)$  has equivalent boolean variables  $y_{a;i}$

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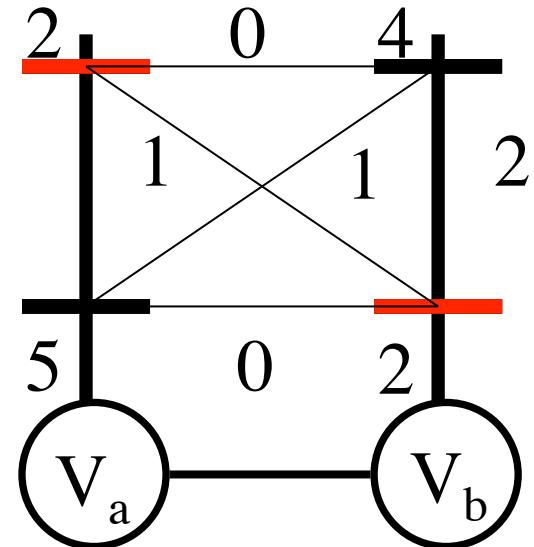
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Find the optimal variables  $y_{a;i}$

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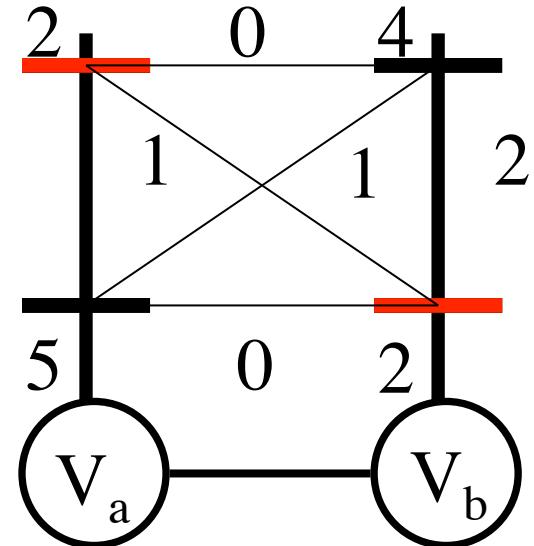
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## Sum of Unary Potentials

$$\sum_a \sum_i \theta_{a;i} y_{a;i}$$

$y_{a;i} \in \{0, 1\}$ , for all  $V_a, I_i$

$\sum_i y_{a;i} = 1$ , for all  $V_a$

# Integer Programming Formulation

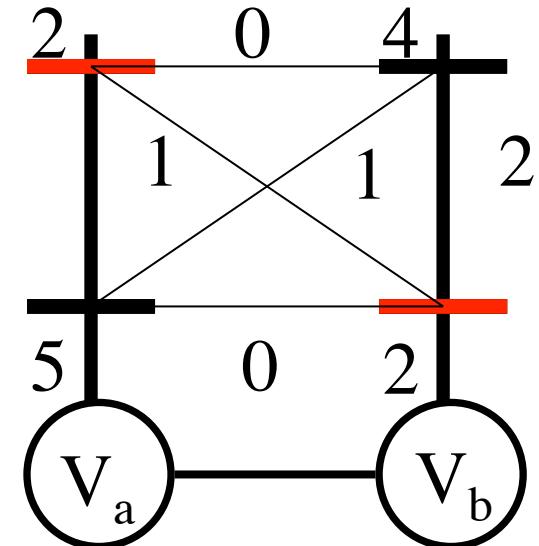
## Pairwise Potentials

$$\theta_{ab;00} = 0 \quad \theta_{ab;01} = 1$$

$$\theta_{ab;10} = 1 \quad \theta_{ab;11} = 0$$

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## Sum of Pairwise Potentials

$$\sum_{(a,b)} \sum_{ik} \theta_{ab;ik} y_{a;i} y_{b;k}$$

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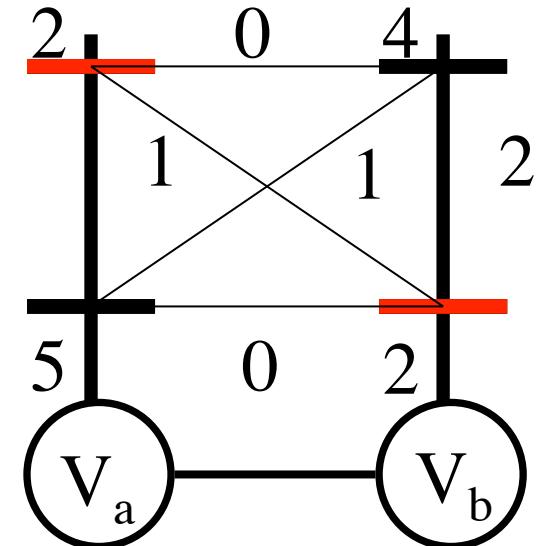
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$$y_{a;i} \in \{0, 1\} \quad y_{ab;ik} = y_{a;i} y_{b;k}$$

$$\sum_i y_{a;i} = 1$$

# Integer Programming Formulation

$$\min \sum_a \sum_i \theta_{a;i} y_{a;i} + \sum_{(a,b)} \sum_{ik} \theta_{ab;ik} y_{ab;ik}$$

$$y_{a;i} \in \{0,1\}$$

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# Integer Programming Formulation

$$\min \theta^T y$$

$$y_{a;i} \in \{0, 1\}$$

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$$\theta = [ \dots \theta_{a;i} \dots ; \dots \theta_{ab;ik} \dots ]$$

$$y = [ \dots y_{a;i} \dots ; \dots y_{ab;ik} \dots ]$$

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Solve to obtain MAP labeling  $y^*$

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But we can't solve it in general

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Two reasons why we can't solve this

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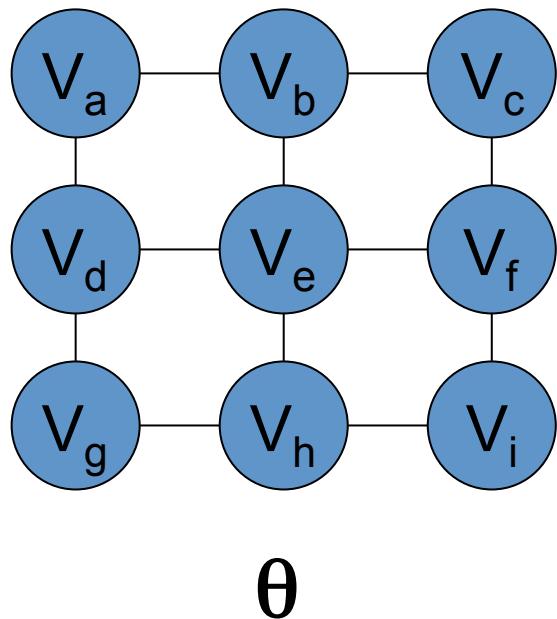
$$\sum_k y_{ab;ik} = y_{a;i}$$

No reason why we can't solve this\*

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memory requirements, time complexity

# Dual of the LP Relaxation

Wainwright et al., 2001



$$\min \theta^T \mathbf{y}$$

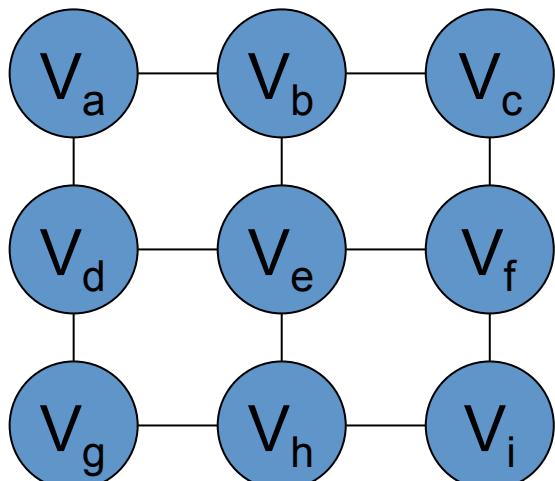
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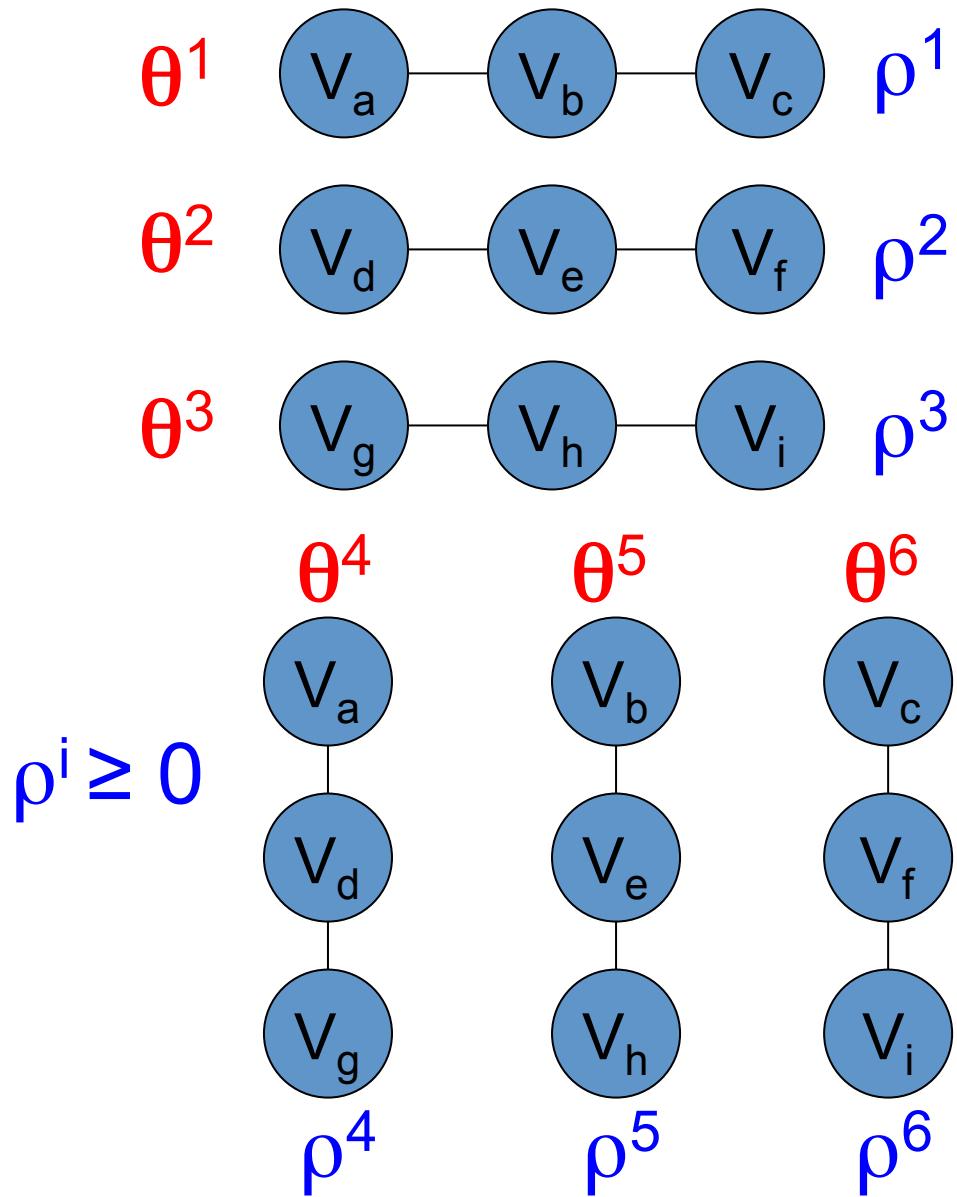
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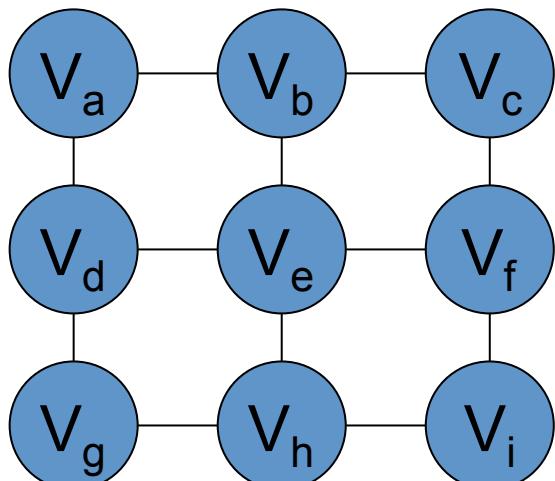
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$$\sum \rho^i \theta^i = \theta$$



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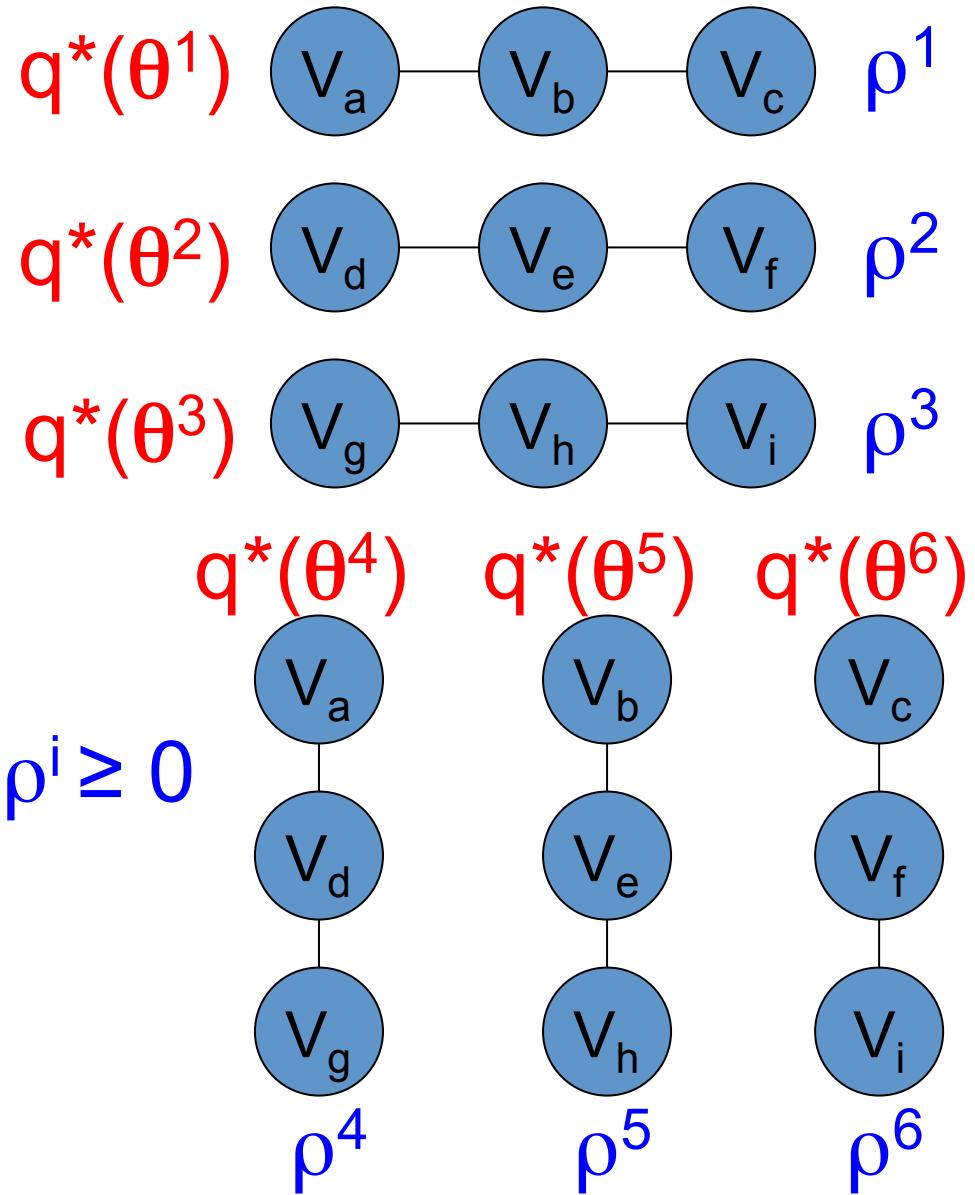
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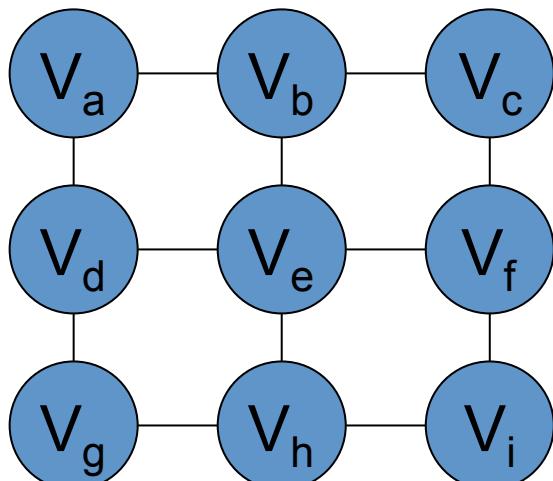
Dual of LP

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \sum \rho^i q^*(\theta^i) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum \rho^i \theta^i = \theta \end{aligned}}$$



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Wainwright et al., 2001

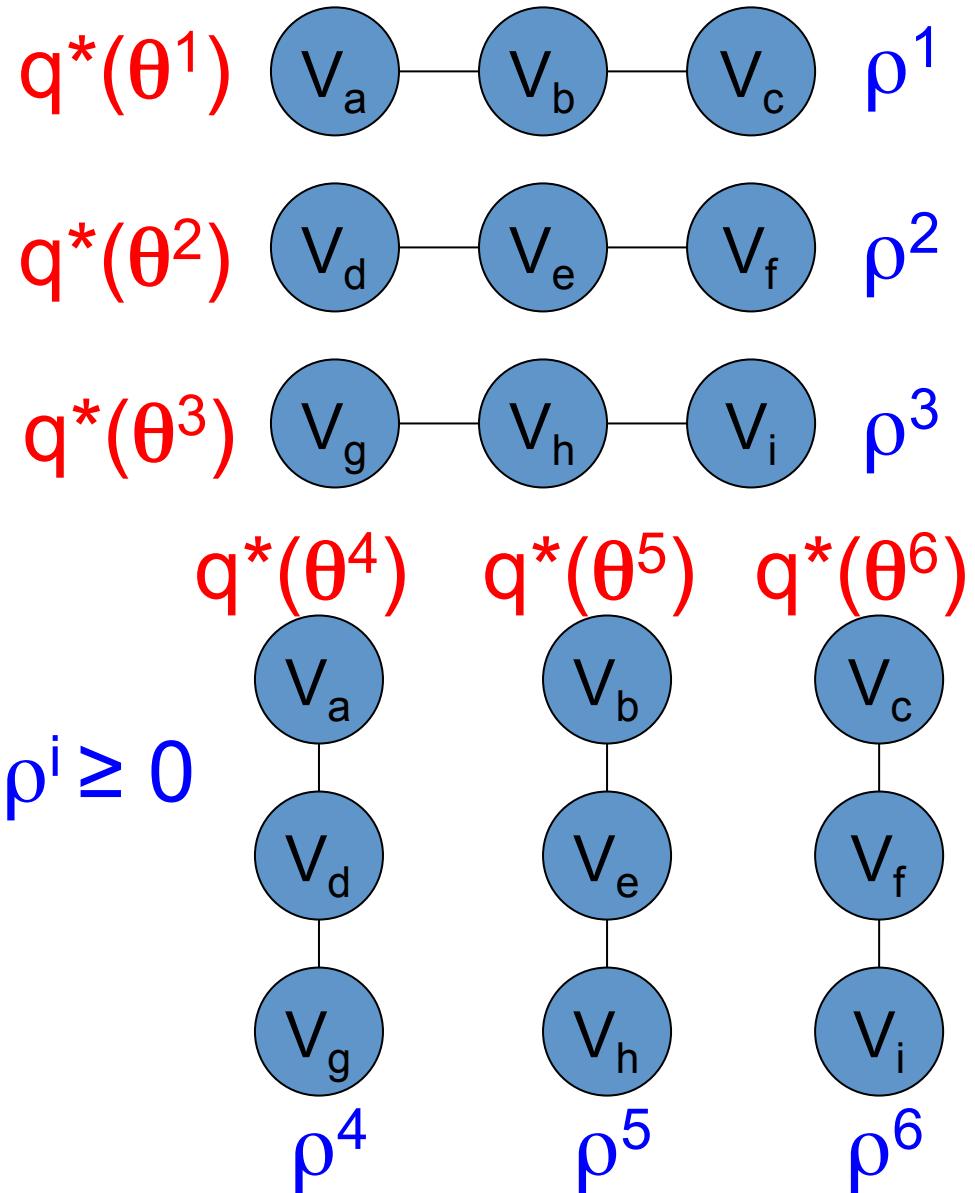


$\theta$

Dual of LP

$$\max \sum \rho^i q^*(\theta^i)$$

$$\sum \rho^i \theta^i \equiv \theta$$



# Dual of the LP Relaxation

Wainwright et al., 2001

$$\max \sum p^i q^*(\theta^i)$$
$$\sum p^i \theta^i = \theta$$

I can easily compute  $q^*(\theta_i)$

I can easily maintain reparam constraint

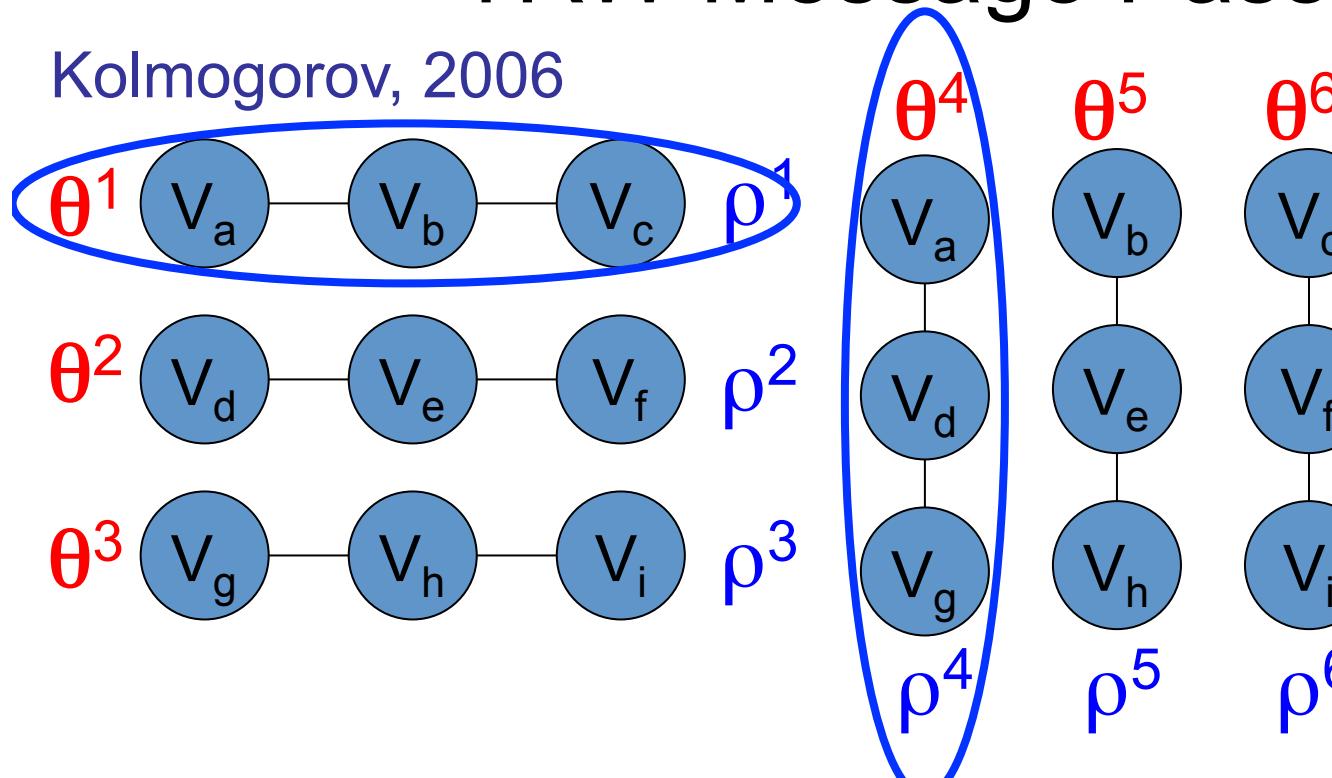
So can I easily solve the dual?

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# TRW Message Passing

Kolmogorov, 2006



Pick a variable

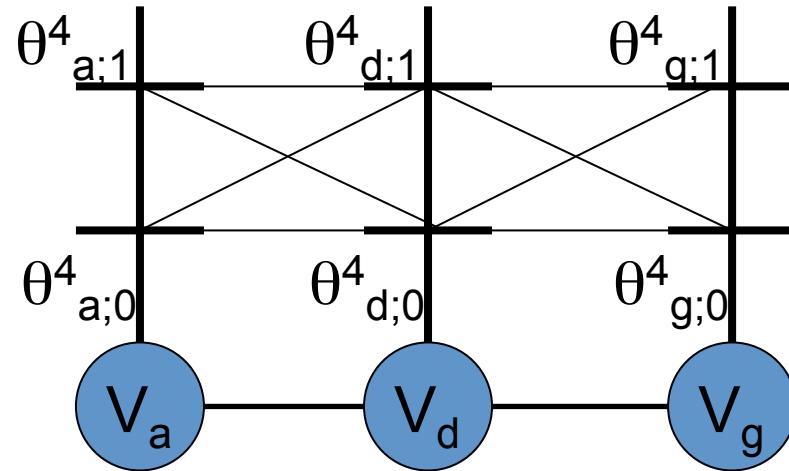
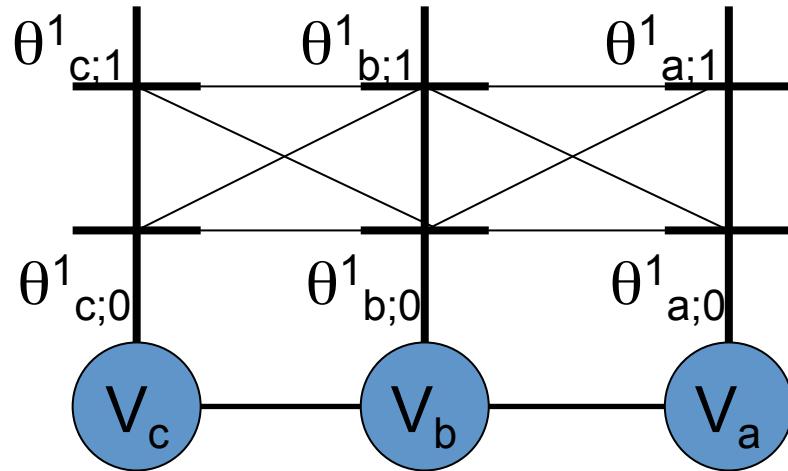
$V_a$

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# TRW Message Passing

Kolmogorov, 2006

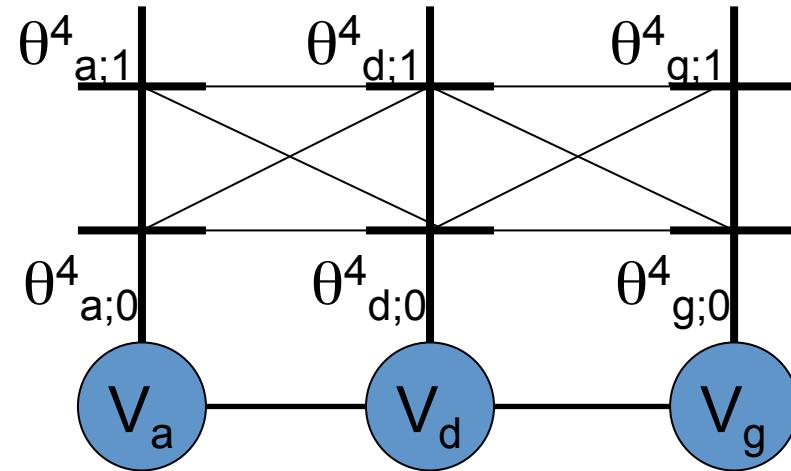
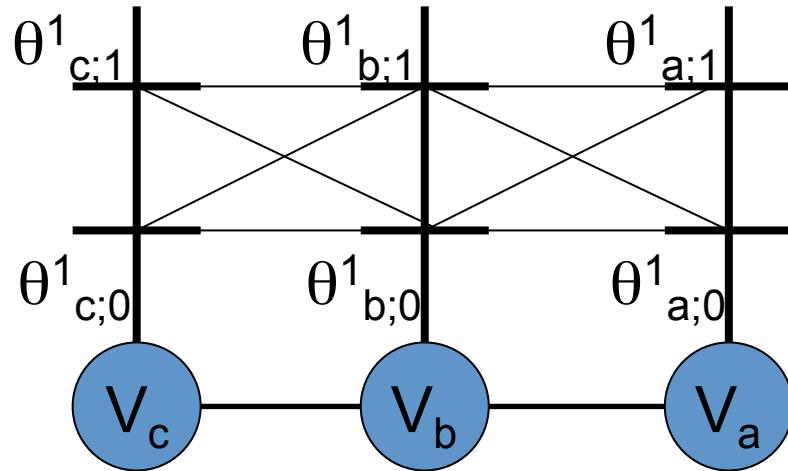


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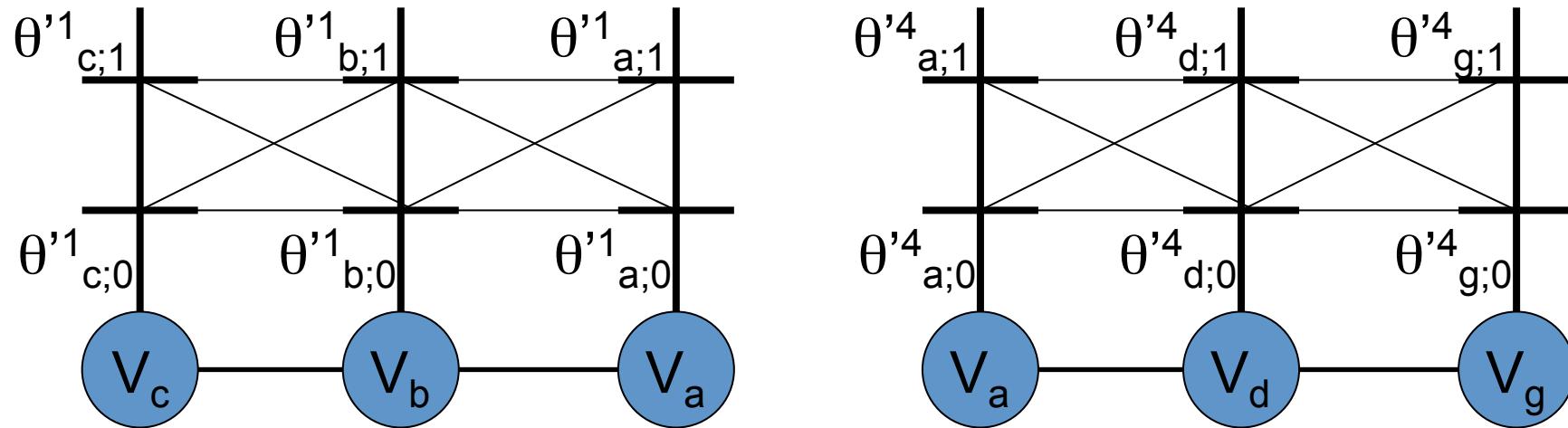
Reparameterize to obtain min-marginals of  $V_a$

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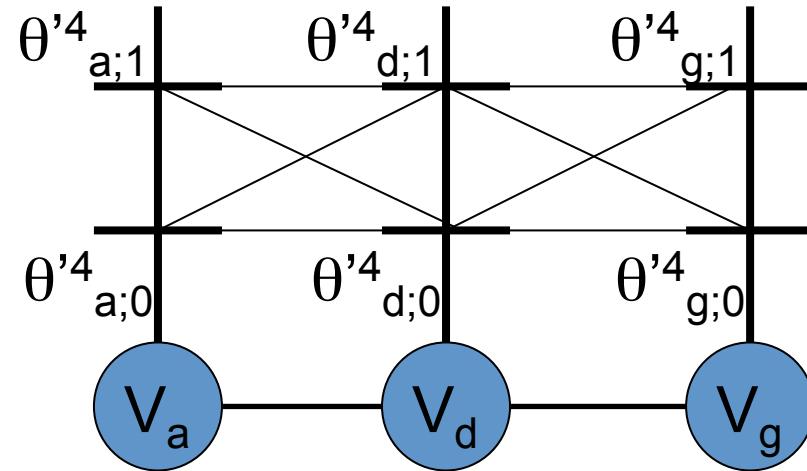
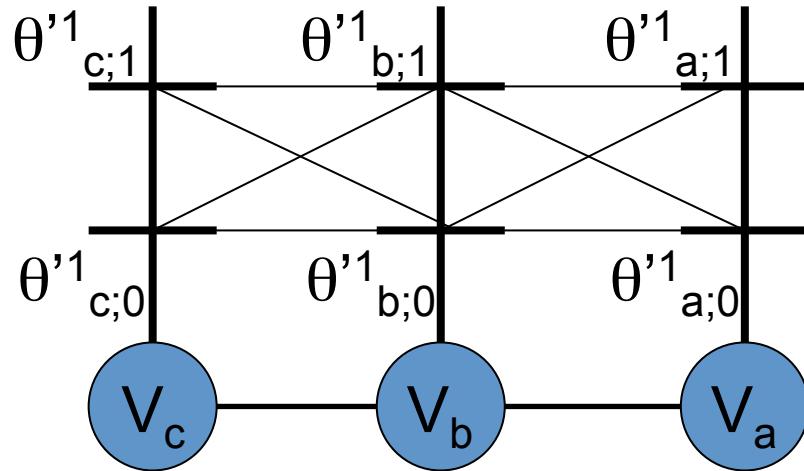
One pass of Belief Propagation

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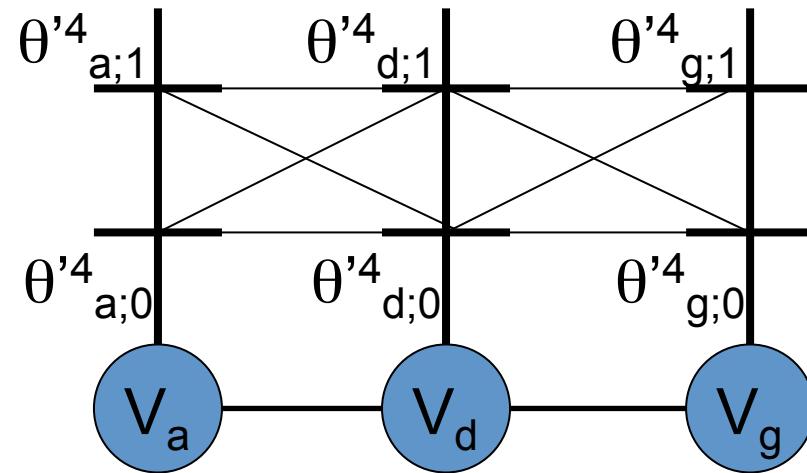
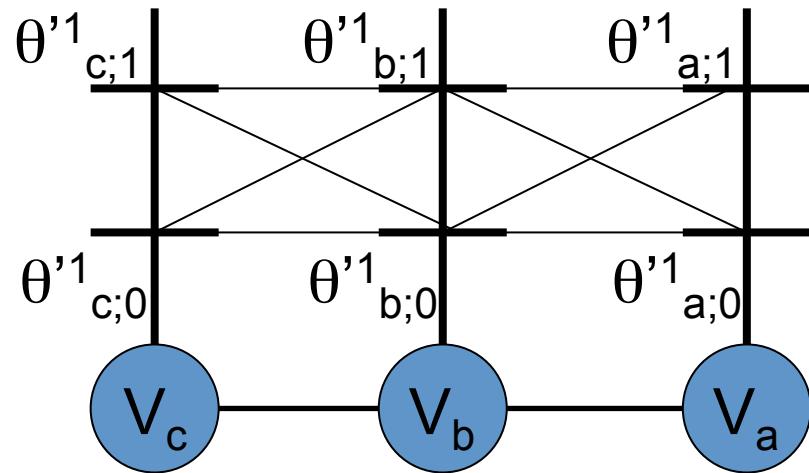


Remain the same

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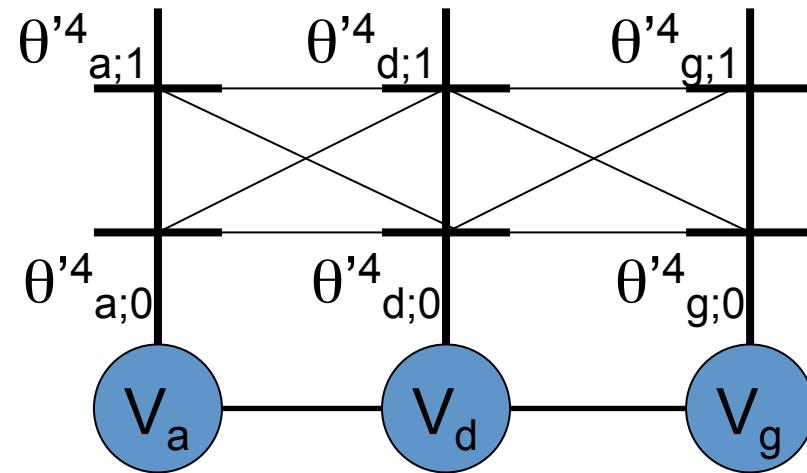
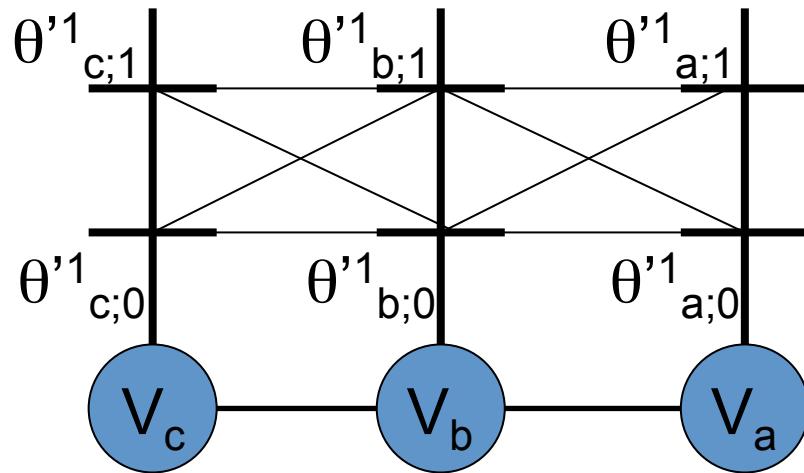


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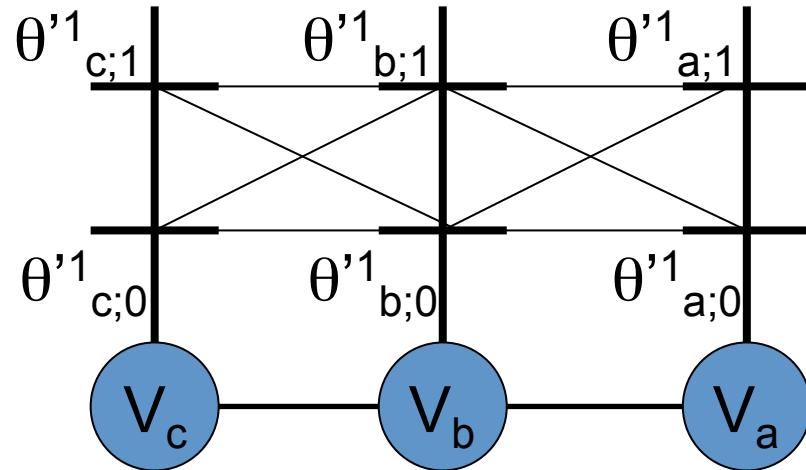


Compute weighted average of min-marginals of  $V_a$

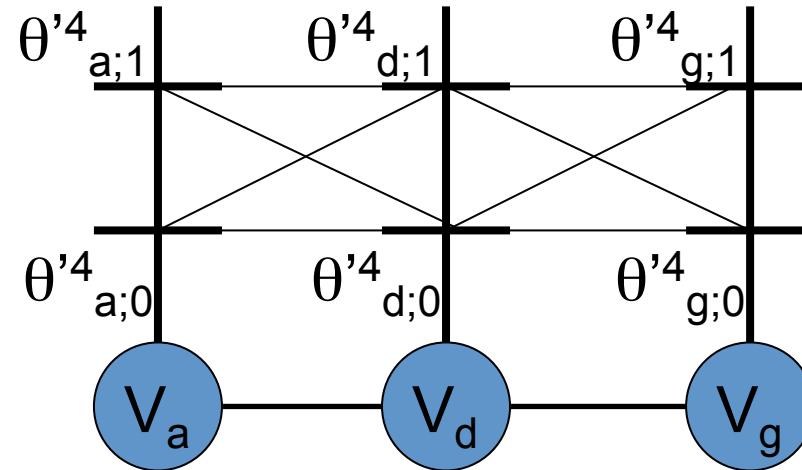
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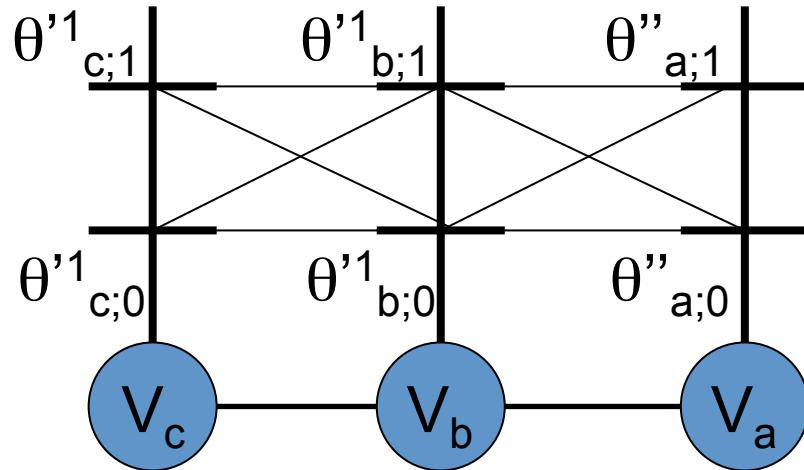


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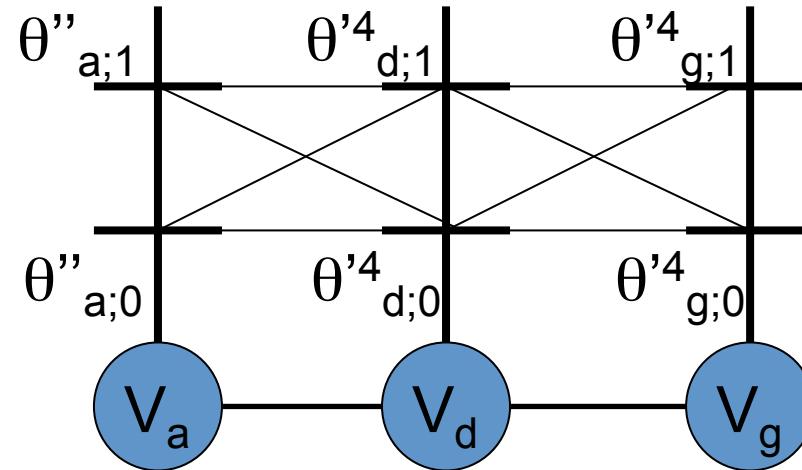
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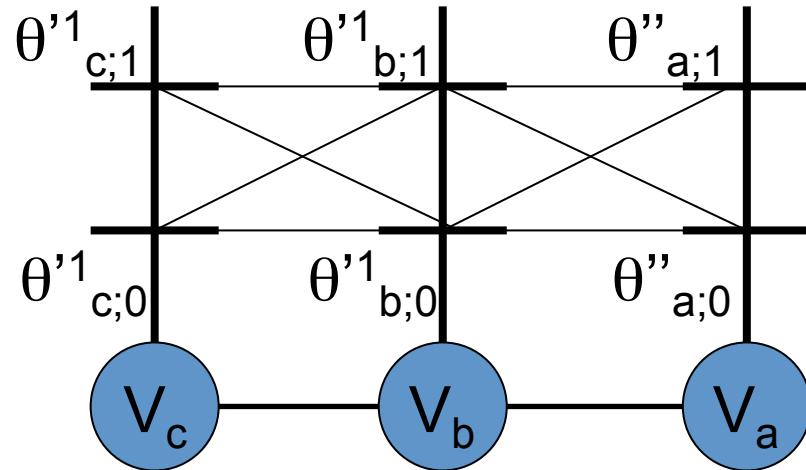
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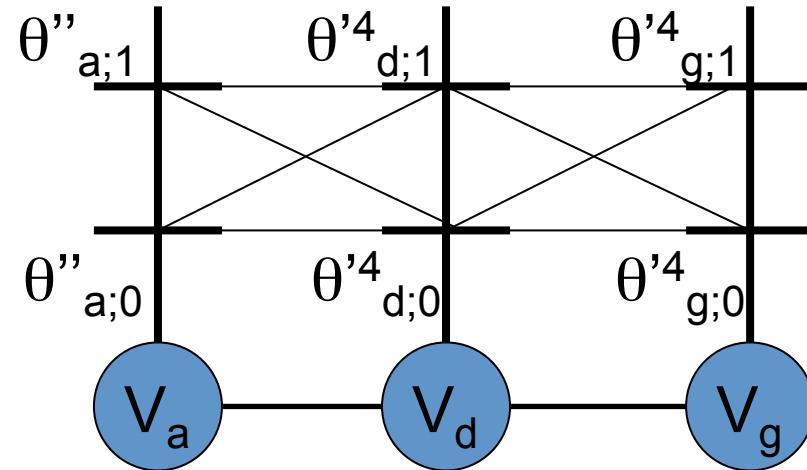
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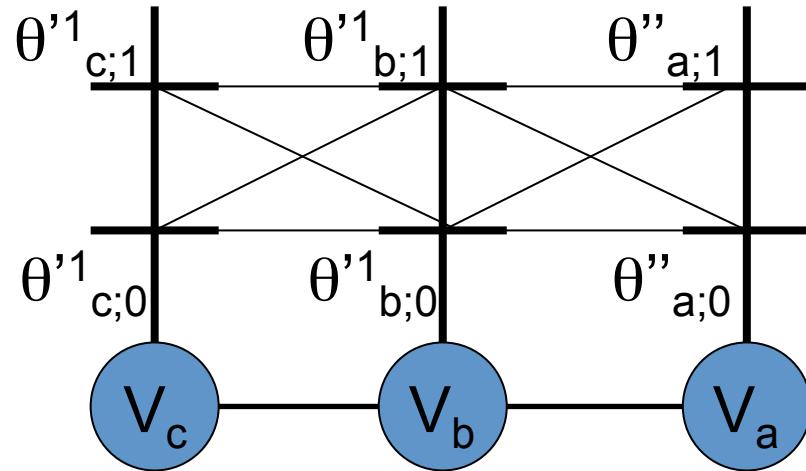
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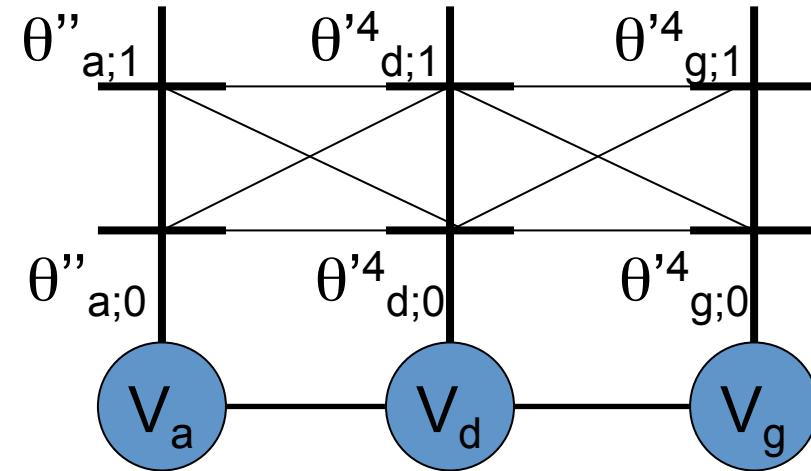
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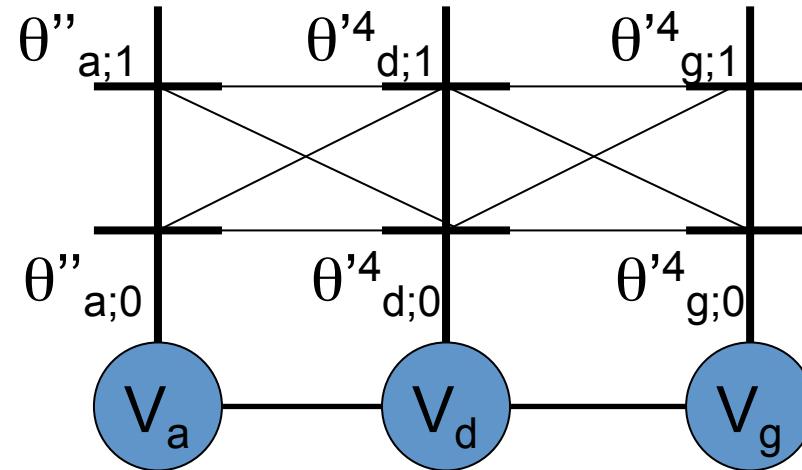
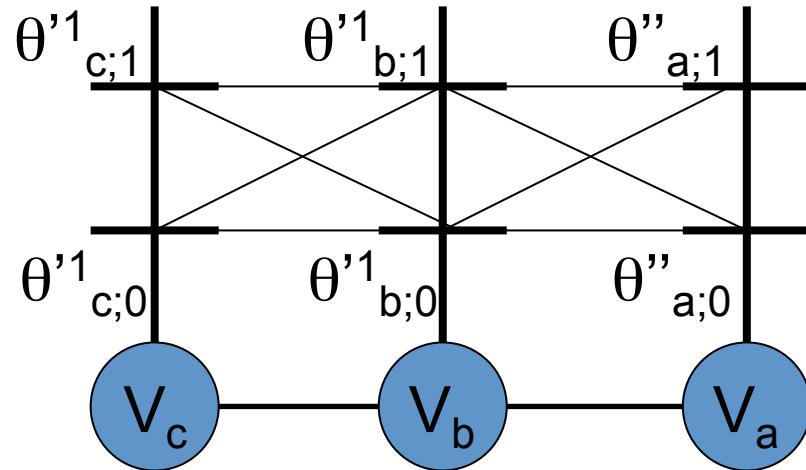
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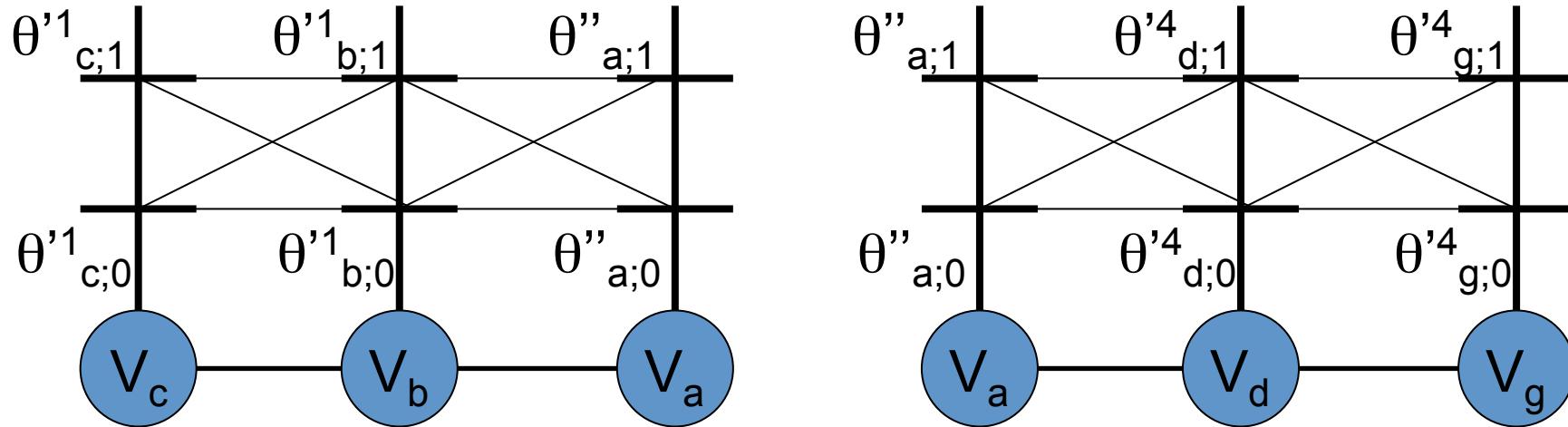
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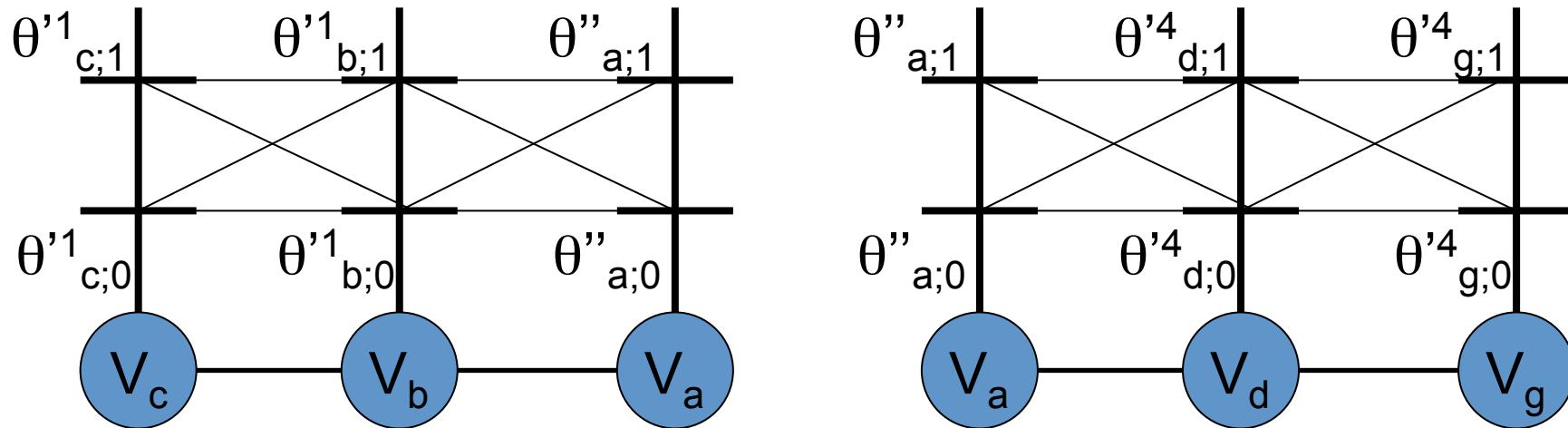
$$\min \{p_1 + p_2, q_1 + q_2\} \geq \min \{p_1, q_1\} + \min \{p_2, q_2\}$$

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# TRW Message Passing

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Objective function increases or remains constant

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# TRW Message Passing

Initialize  $\theta^i$ . Take care of reparam constraint

Choose random variable  $V_a$

Compute min-marginals of  $V_a$  for all trees

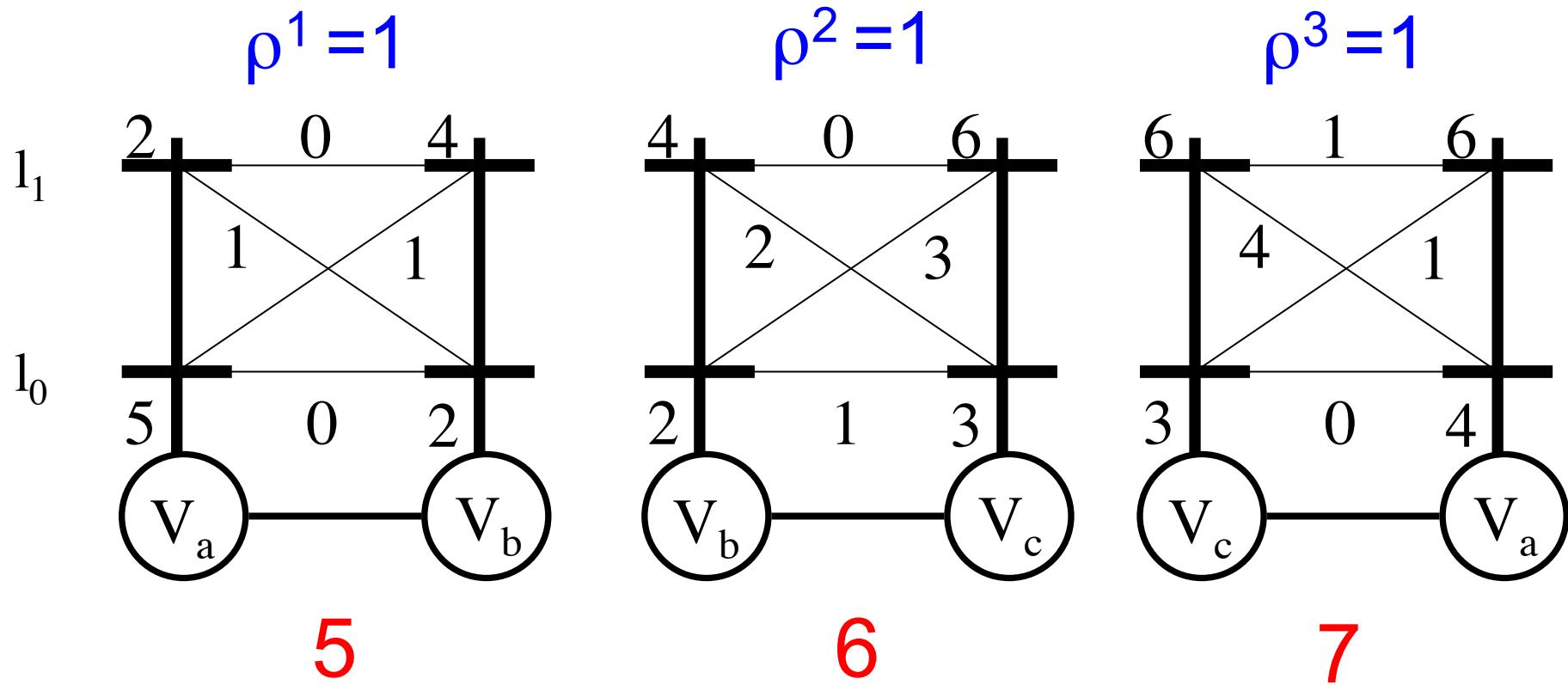
Node-average the min-marginals

REPEAT

Can also do edge-averaging

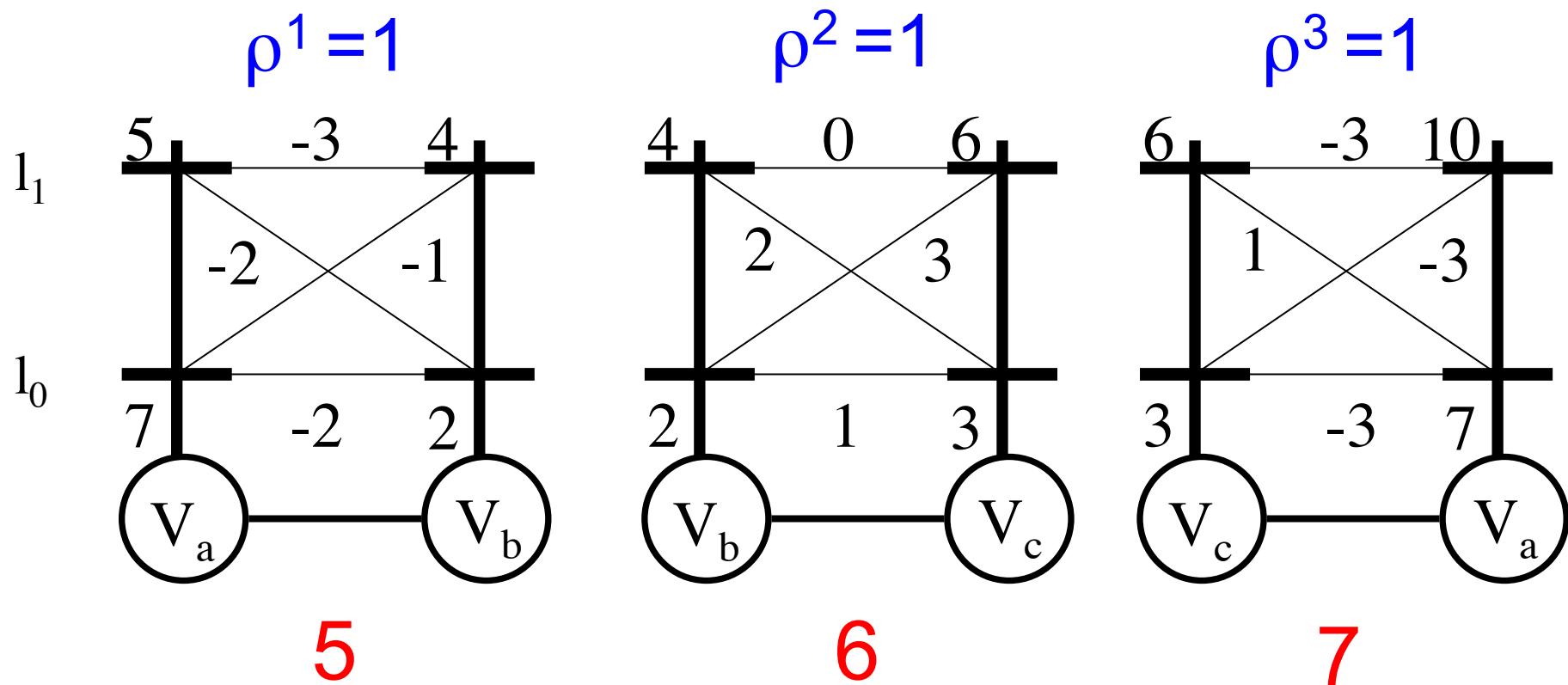
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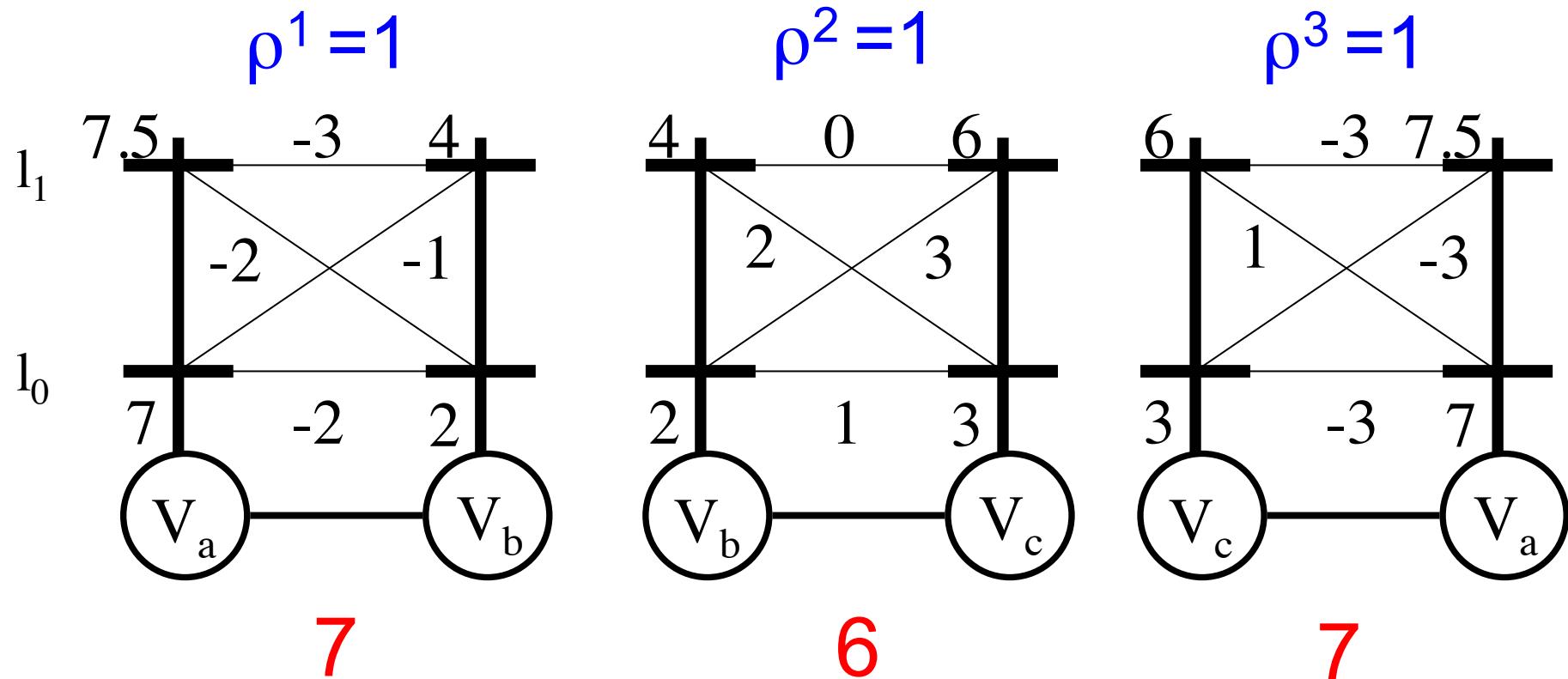
Pick variable  $V_a$ . Reparameterize.

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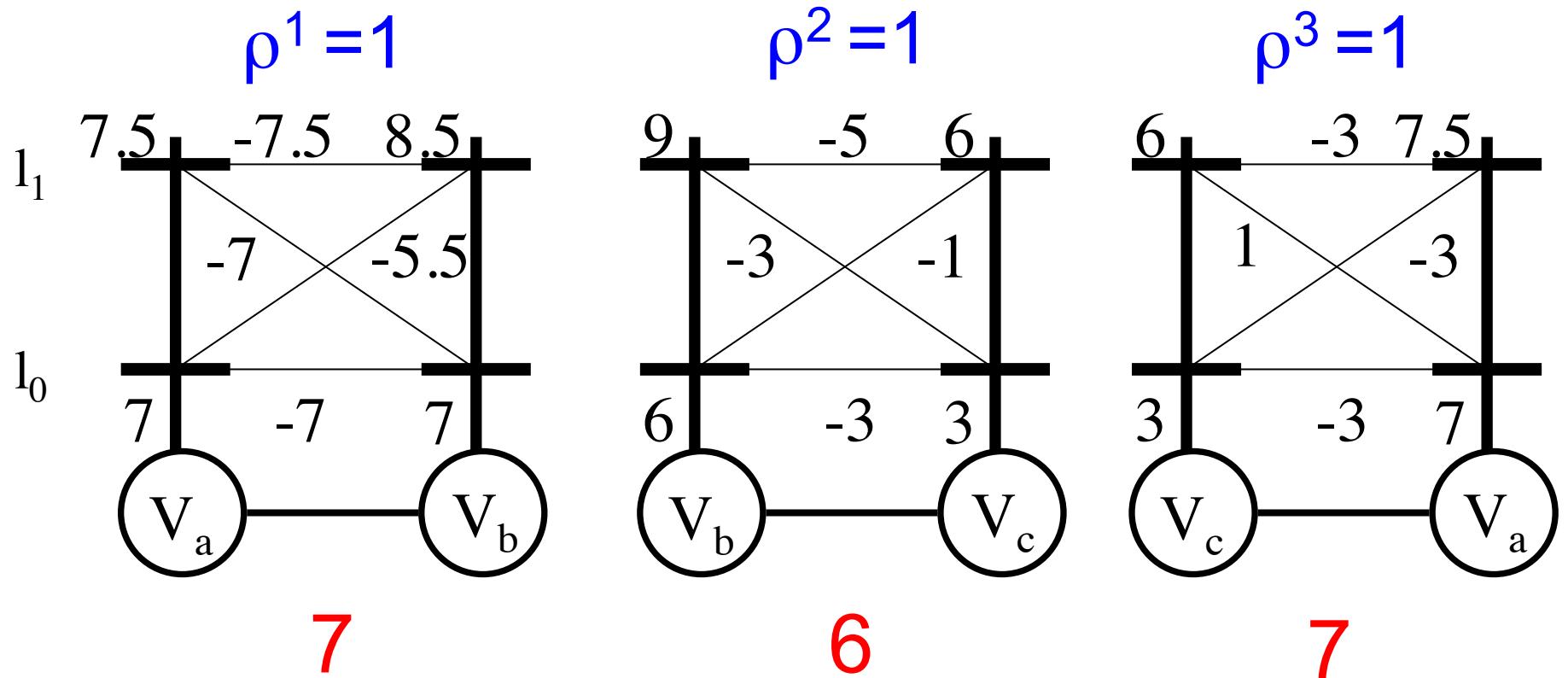
Average the min-marginals of  $V_a$

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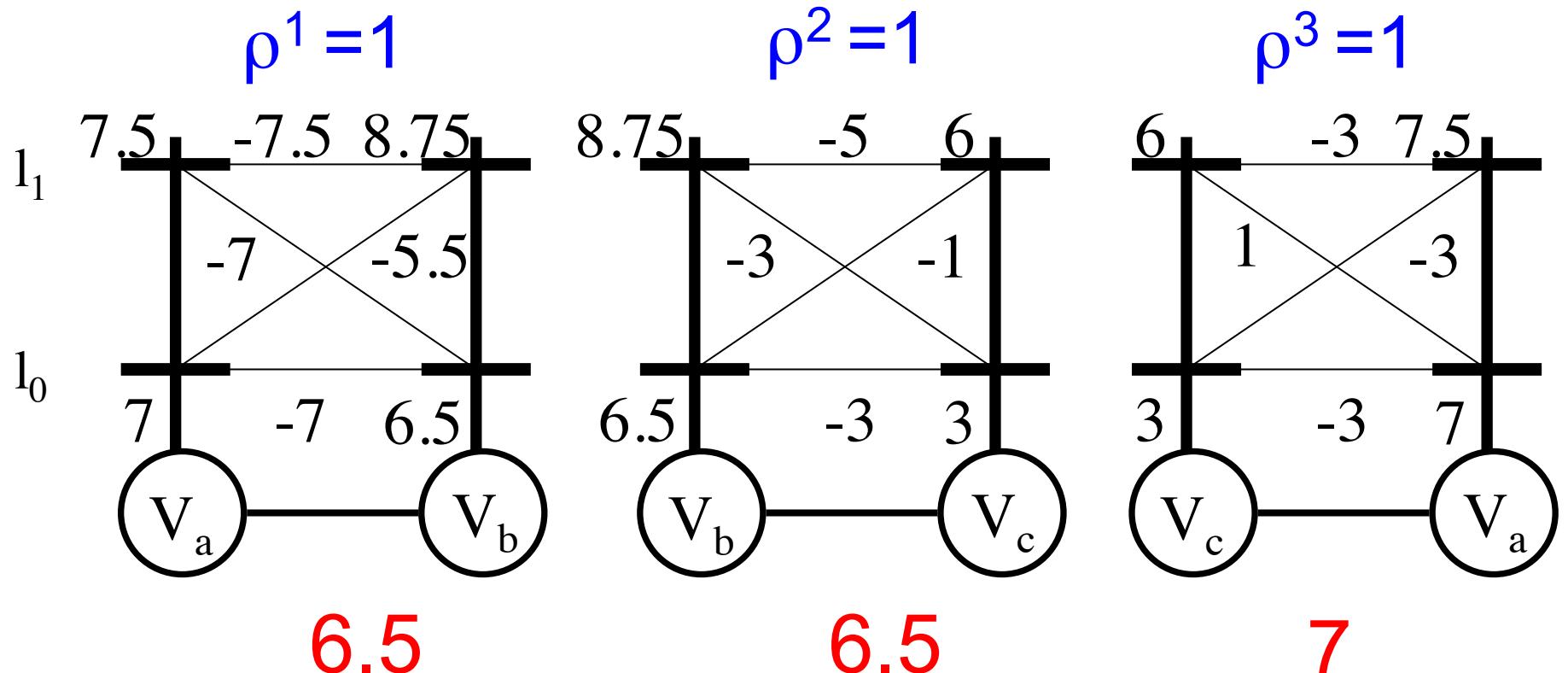
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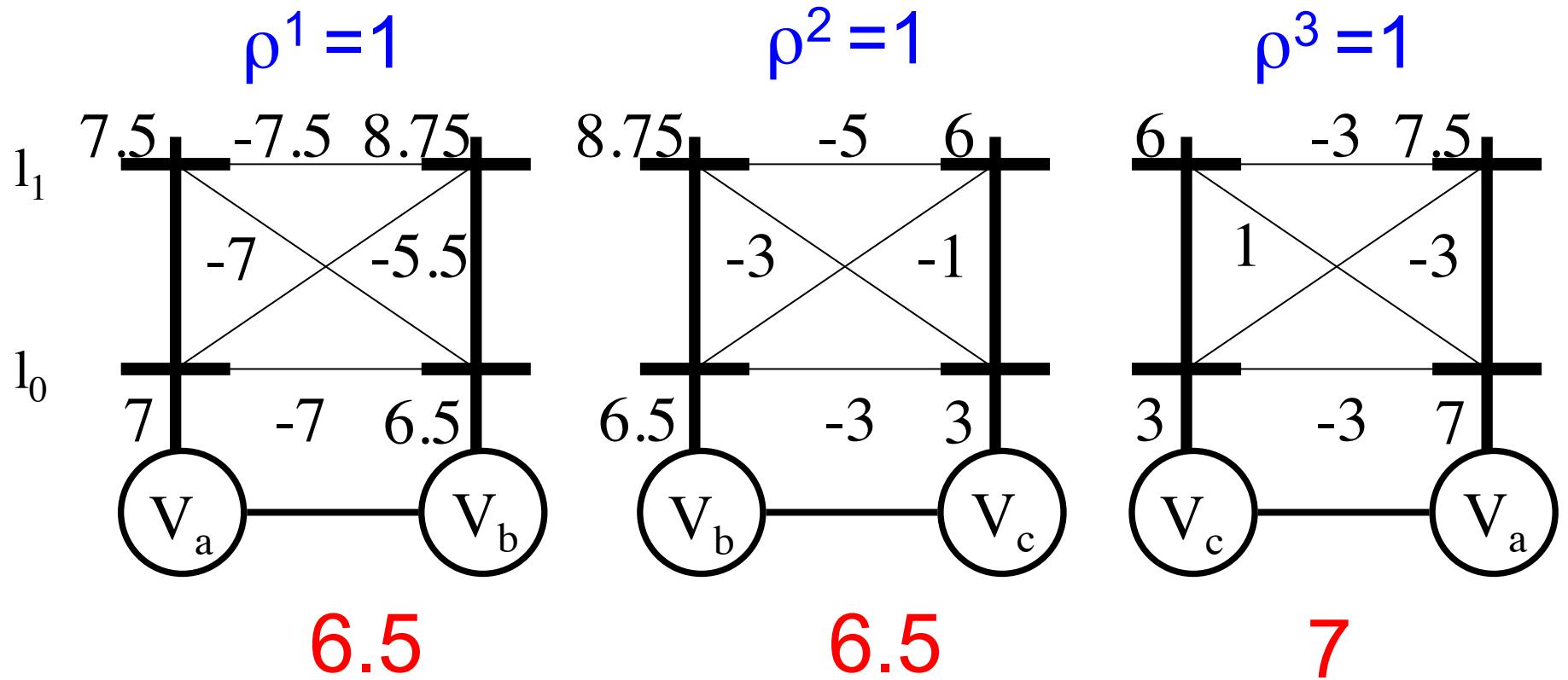
Average the min-marginals of  $V_b$

# Example 1



Value of dual does not increase

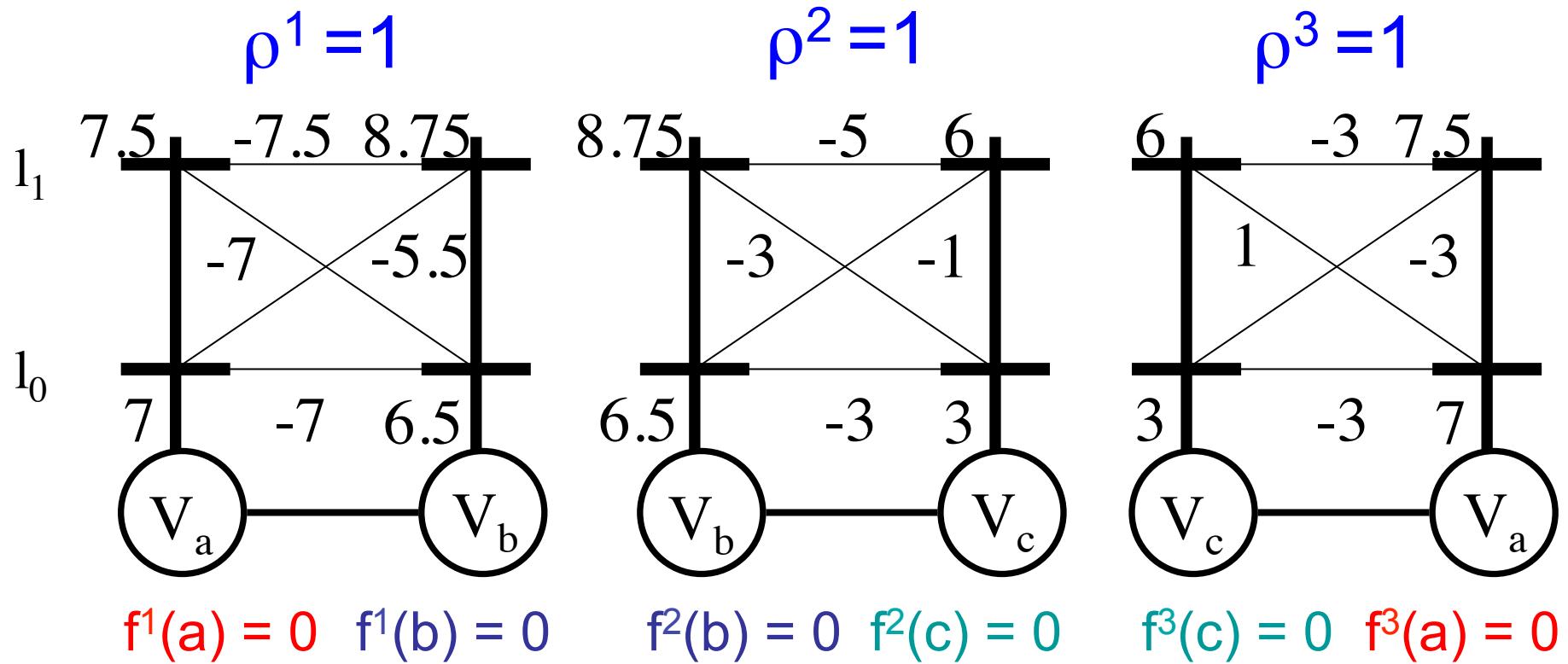
# Example 1



Maybe it will increase for  $V_c$

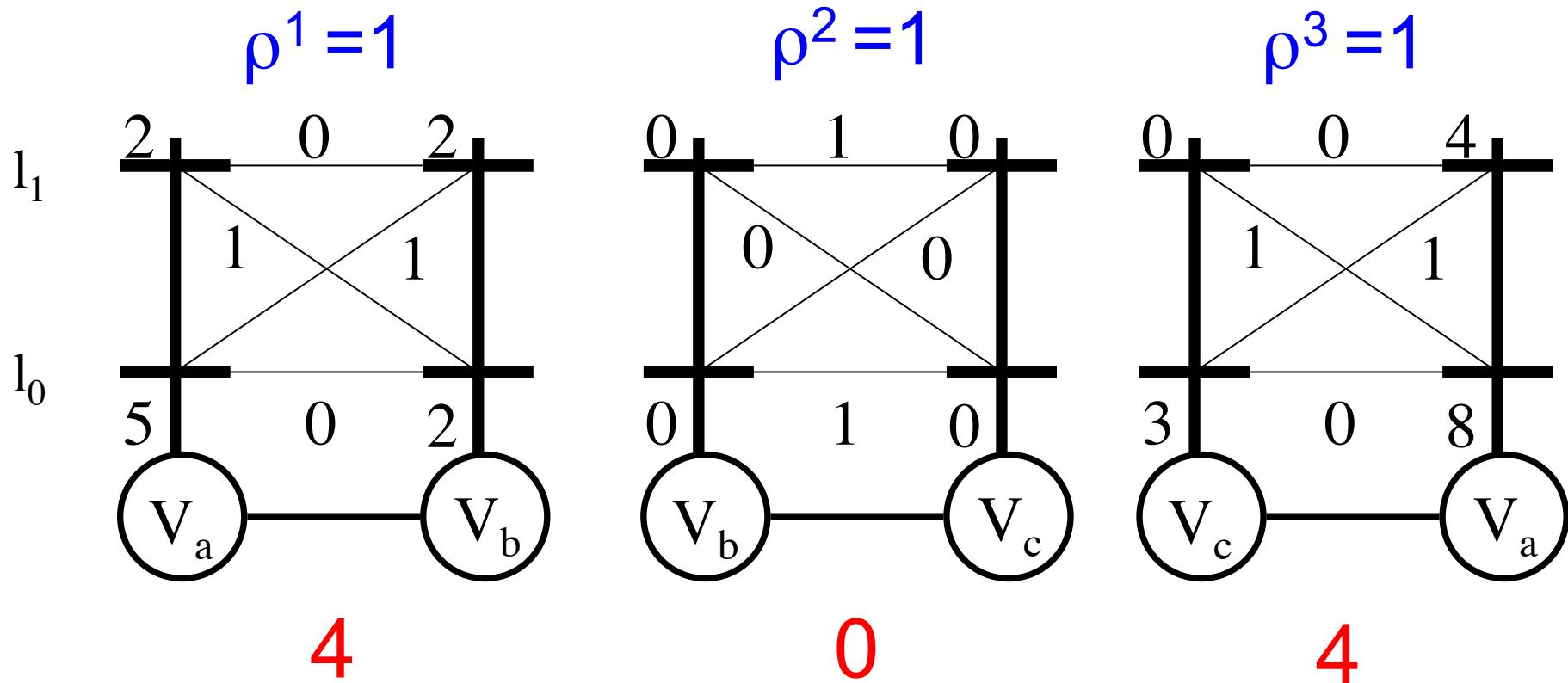
NO

# Example 1



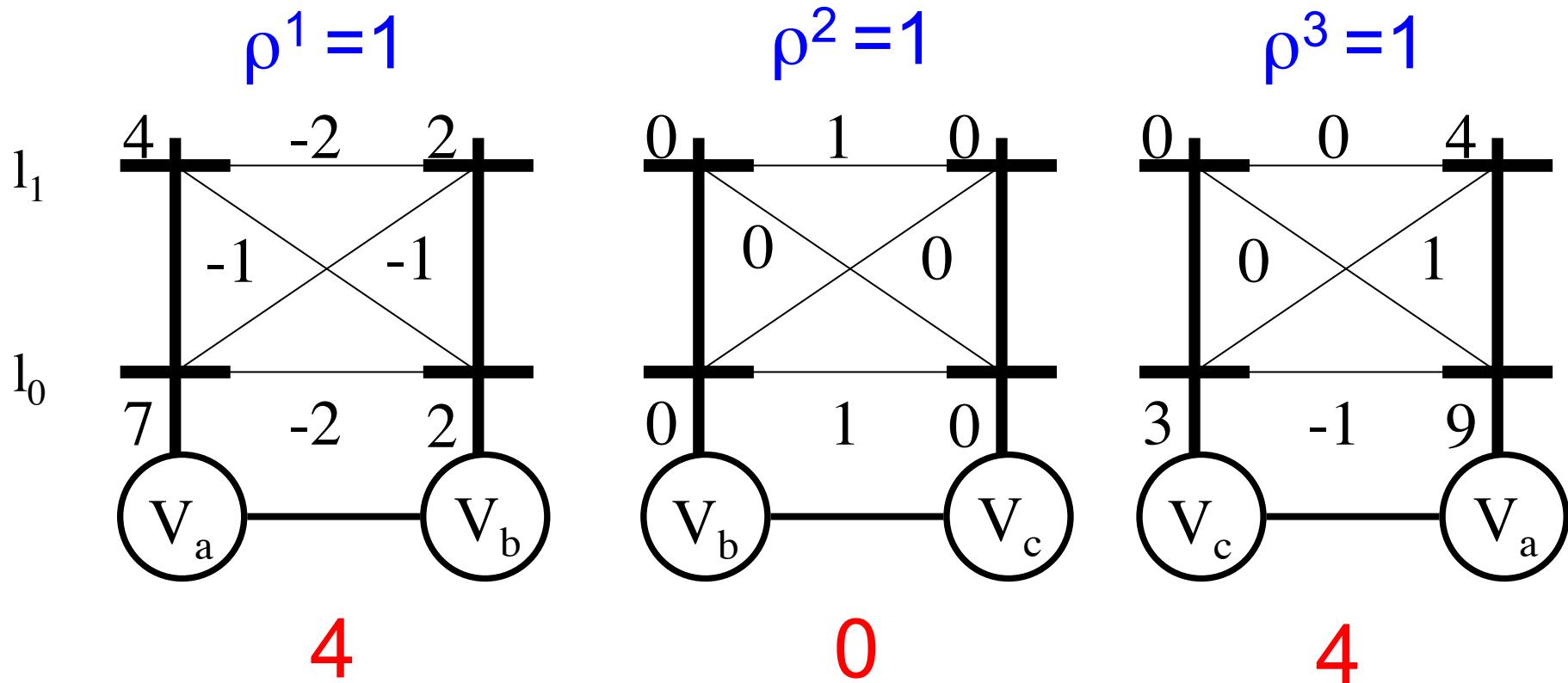
Strong Tree Agreement  
Exact MAP Estimate

## Example 2



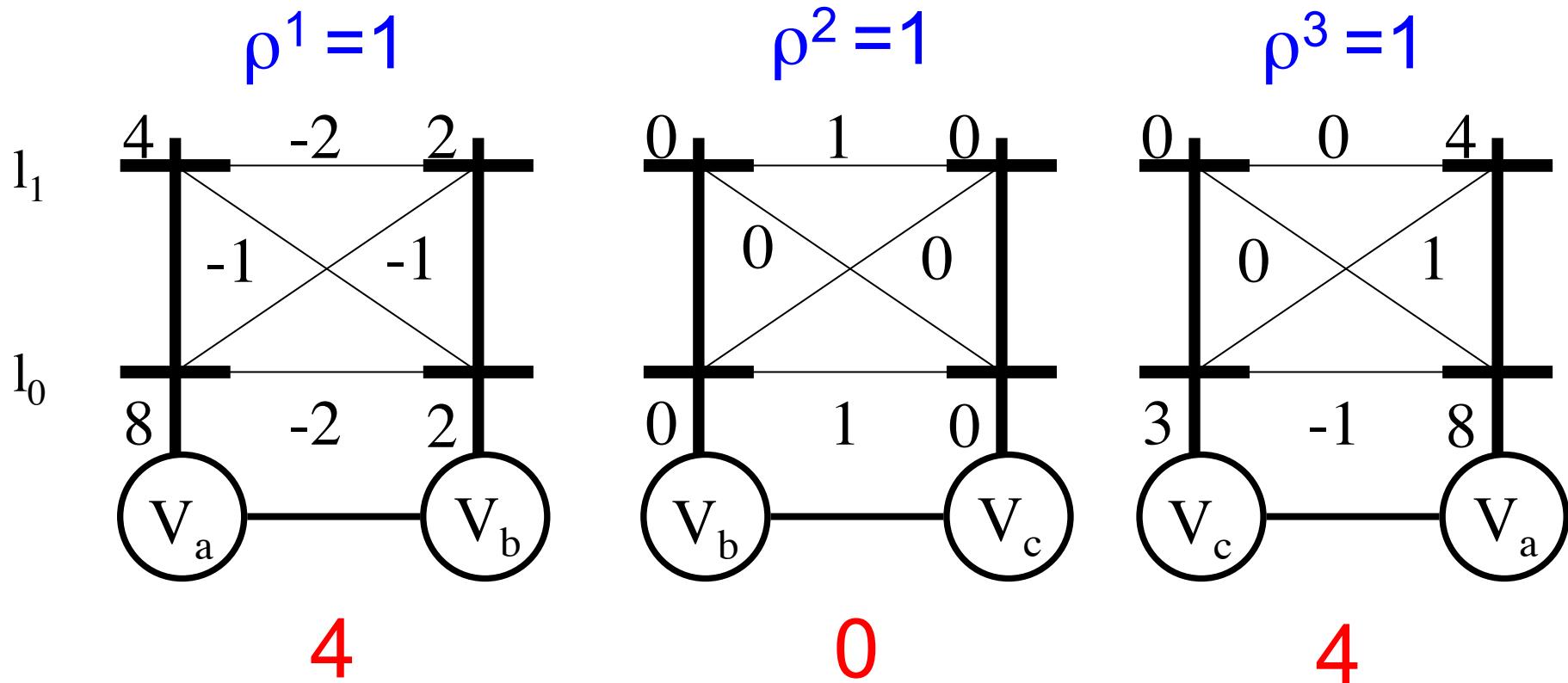
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## Example 2



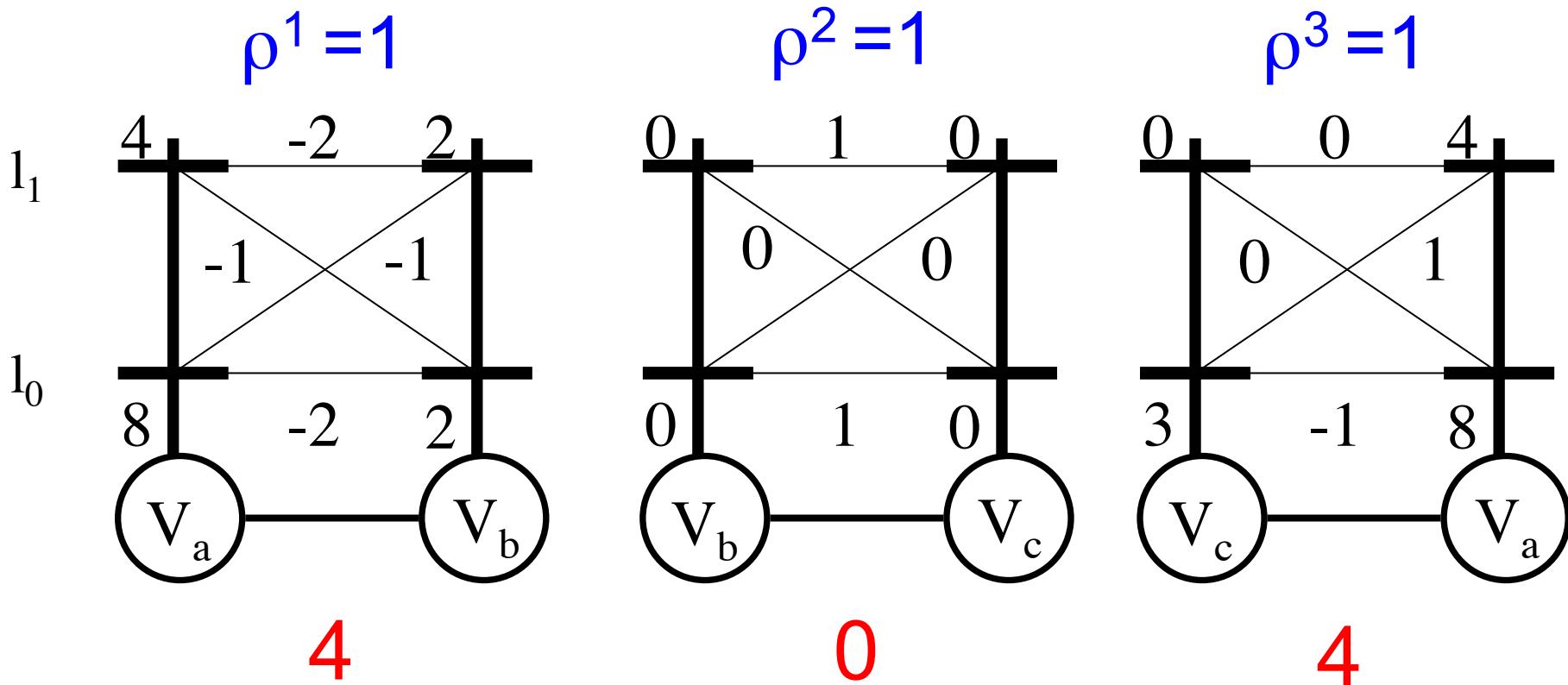
Average the min-marginals of V<sub>a</sub>

## Example 2



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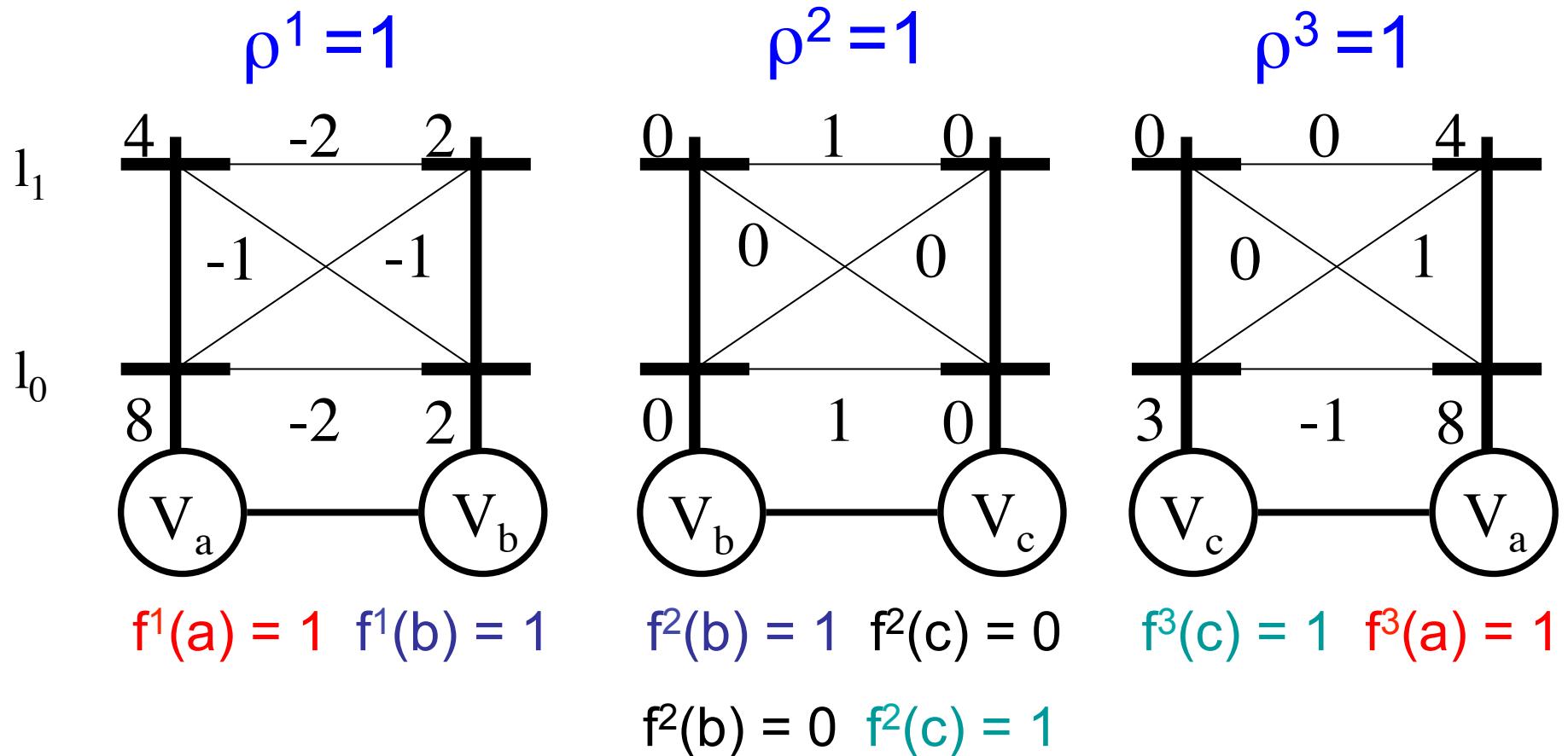
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Maybe it will decrease for  $V_b$  or  $V_c$

NO

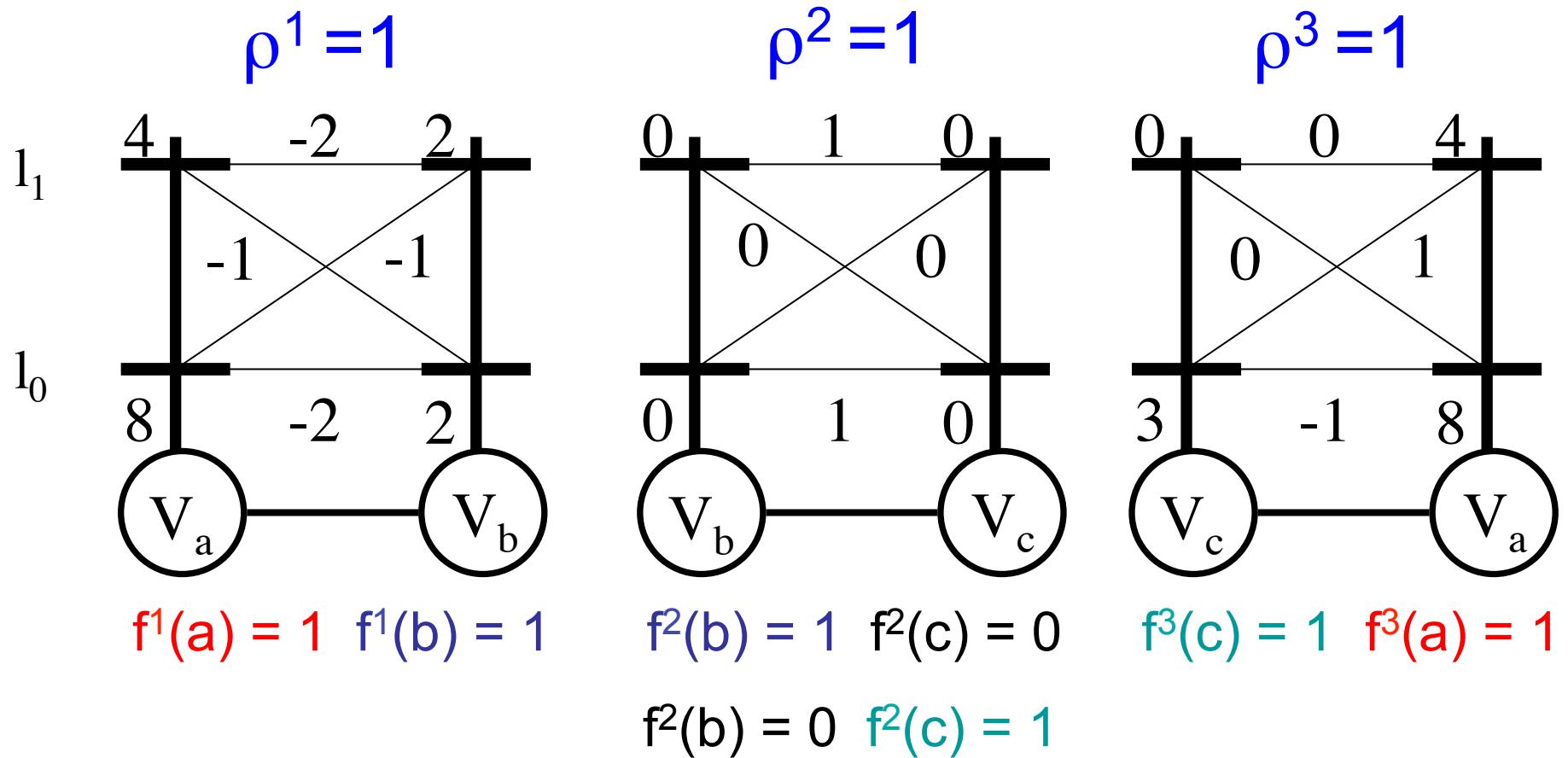
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Weak Tree Agreement

Not Exact MAP Estimate

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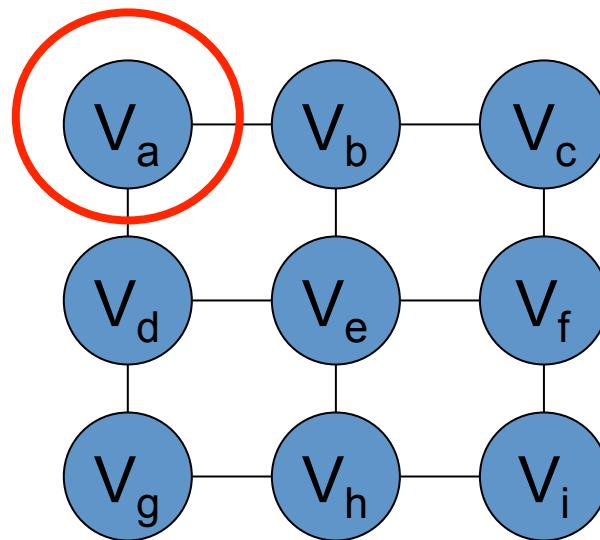


Weak Tree Agreement

Convergence point of TRW

# Obtaining the Labeling

Only solves the dual. Primal solutions?

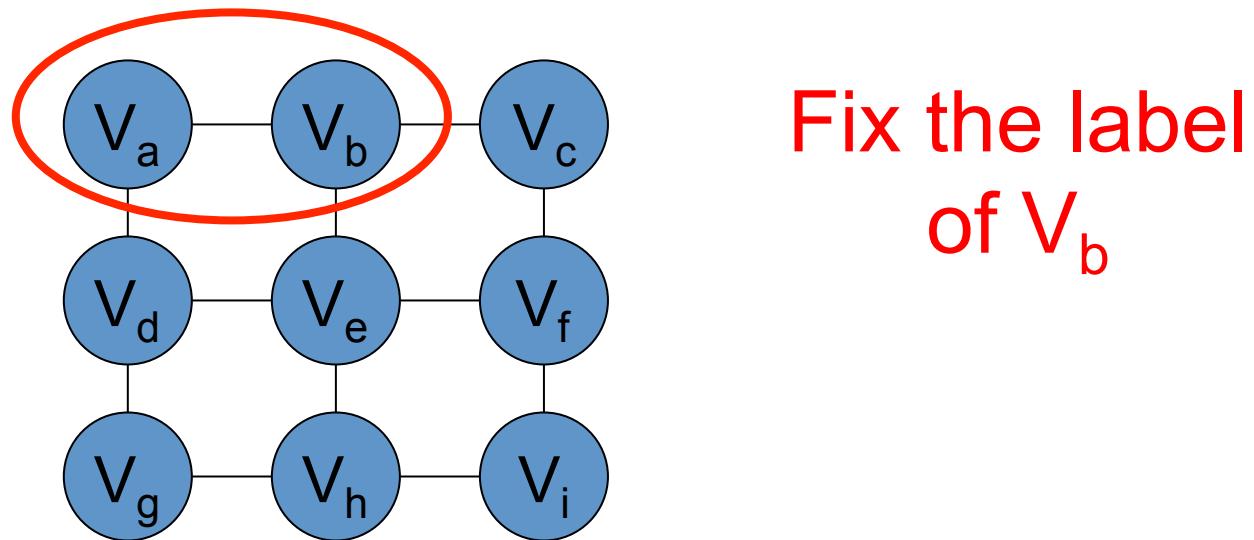


Fix the label  
of V<sub>a</sub>

$$\theta' = \sum \rho^i \theta^i \equiv \theta$$

# Obtaining the Labeling

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Continue in some fixed order

Meltzer et al., 2006

# Outline

- Reparameterization (lecture 1)
- Belief Propagation (lecture 1)
- Tree-reweighted Message Passing
  - Integer Programming Formulation
  - Linear Programming Relaxation and its Dual
  - Convergent Solution for Dual
  - Computational Issues and Theoretical Properties

# Computational Issues of TRW

Basic Component is Belief Propagation

- Speed-ups for some pairwise potentials  
*Felzenszwalb & Huttenlocher, 2004*
- Memory requirements cut down by half  
*Kolmogorov, 2006*
- Further speed-ups using monotonic chains  
*Kolmogorov, 2006*

# Theoretical Properties of TRW

- Always converges, unlike BP  
Kolmogorov, 2006
- Strong tree agreement implies exact MAP  
Wainwright et al., 2001
- Optimal MAP for two-label submodular problems

$$\theta_{ab;00} + \theta_{ab;11} \leq \theta_{ab;01} + \theta_{ab;10}$$

Kolmogorov and Wainwright, 2005

# Summary

- Trees can be solved exactly - BP
- No guarantee of convergence otherwise - BP
- Strong Tree Agreement - TRW-S
- Submodular energies solved exactly - TRW-S
- TRW-S solves an LP relaxation of MAP estimation