

# The Sum-Product Bridge

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# Sums of Products United – People

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# SoPU – Mission

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**algorithm theory** and **computational statistics**  
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The amazing Fairyland Bridge connects two mountains at 5,000ft at Huangshan.

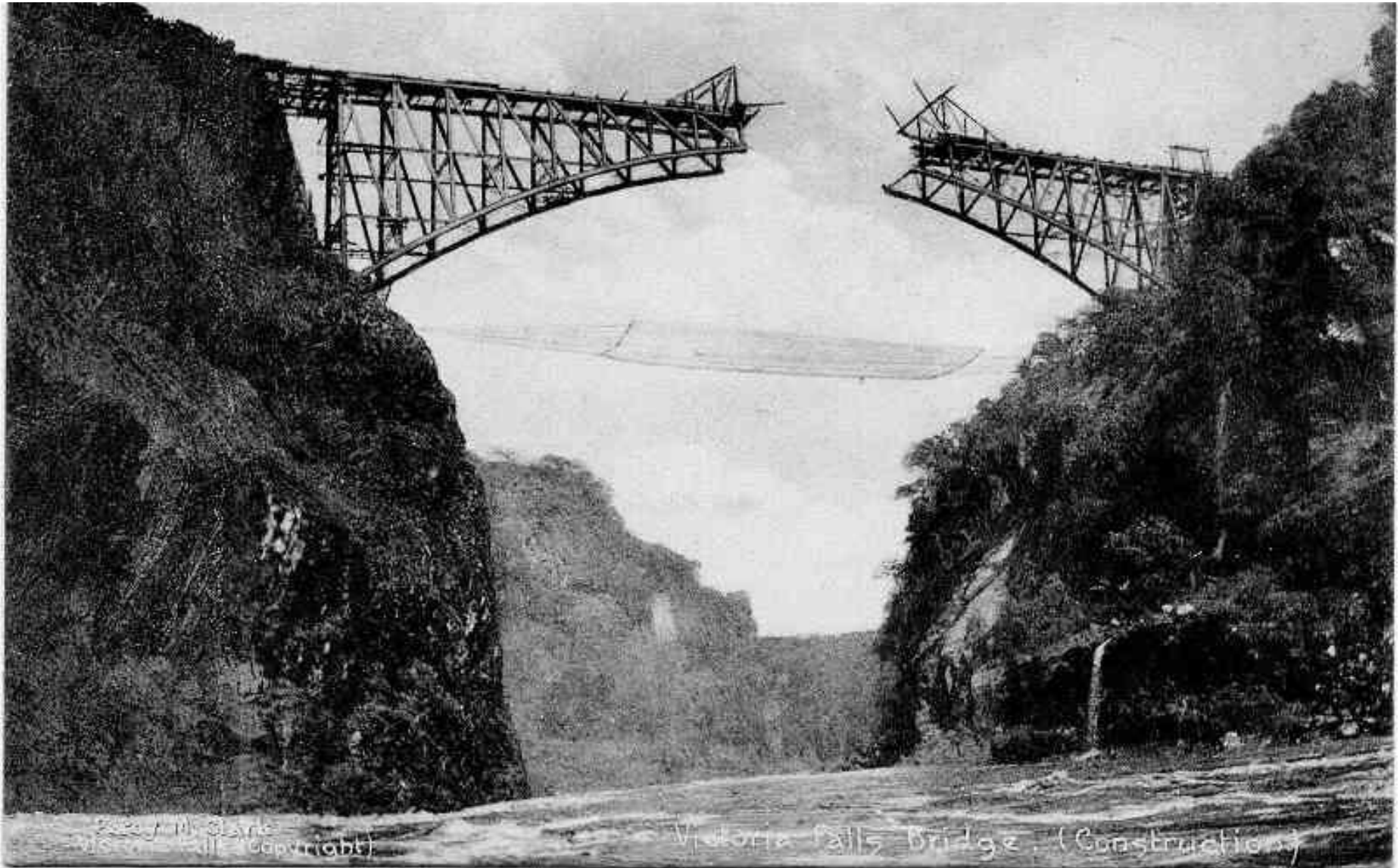




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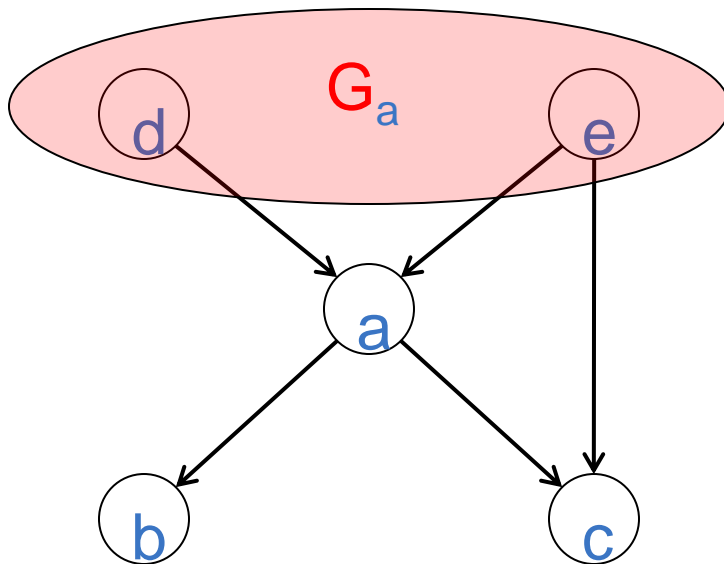
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# Probabilistic Models – Sums of Products

## Bayesian network



## Computational tasks

### Inference:

$$p_G(a|bc) \\ = \sum_{de} p_G(abcde) / \sum_{ade} p_G(abcde)$$

### Learning:

$$G^* \in \operatorname{argmax}_G p_G(abcde)p(G), \\ \text{with } p(G) = p(G_a)p(G_b)\dots p(G_e)$$

$$p_G(abcde) = p(d)p(e)p(a|de)p(b|a)p(c|ae)$$

# Sums of Products – Algebra & Combinat.

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## Algebra

$$\sum_{x \in A} \prod_S f_S(x_S)$$

### ■ Rings

(+, ·) over integers

(+, ·) over polynomials

### ■ Semirings

(max, ·)

(min, +)

(min, max)

## Combinatorics

- The scopes  $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  form a **hypergraph**.  
(E.g., in BN inference)

- The summation is over a **domain**  $A \subseteq D_1 \times \dots \times D_n$  that may have a **combinatorial** structure.  
(E.g., in BN learning)





# SoPU: Results 2010–2011

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## ■ Algorithm theory

SODA'10,

ICALP'10,

SODA'12,

Information Processing Letters 2010.

## ■ Computational statistics

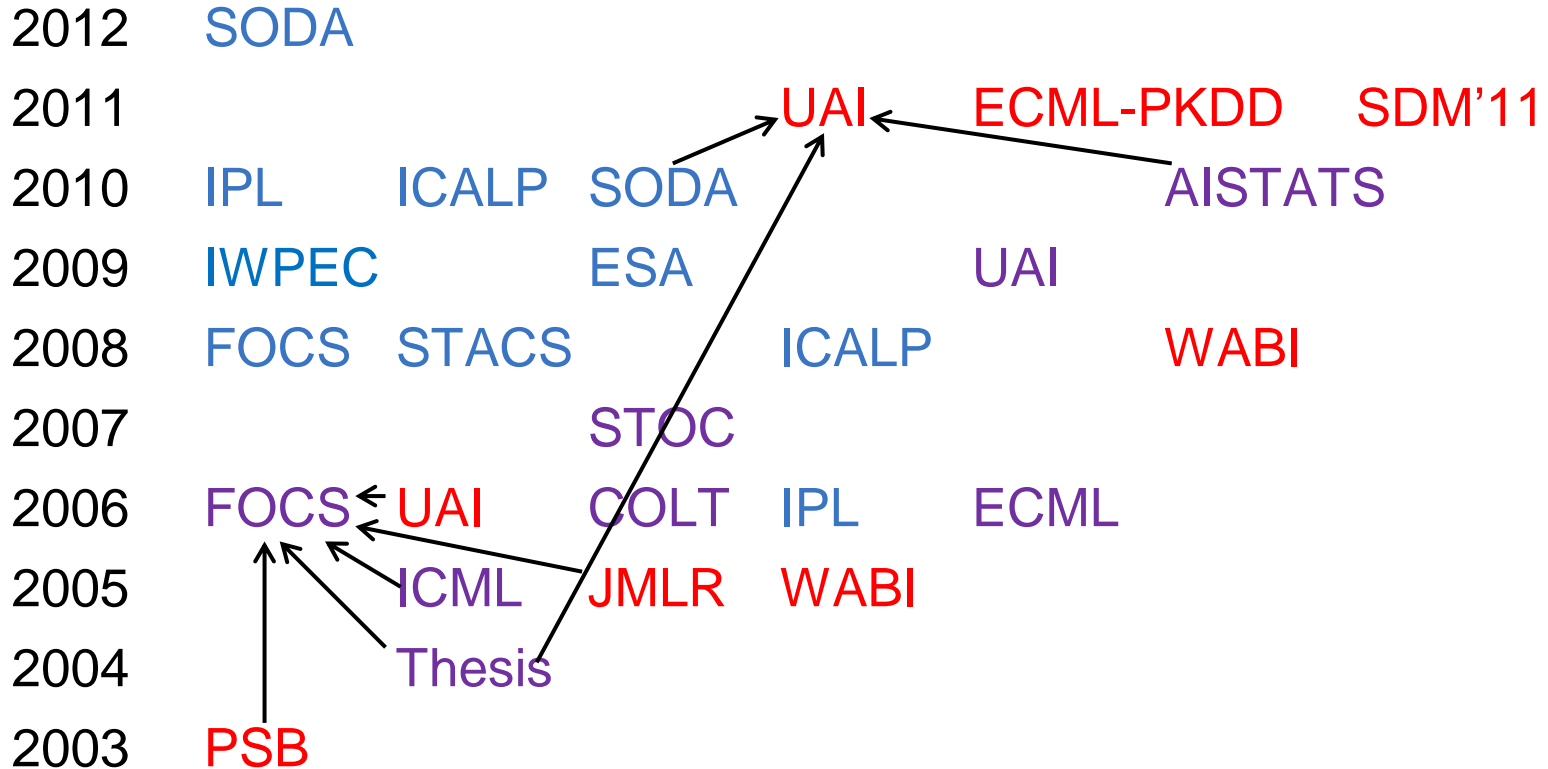
AISTATS'10,

UAI'11,

ECML-PKDD'11,

SDM'11.

# Interactions: a directed acyclic graph





# Permanent stuff (BHKK, IPL 2010)

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- $\text{per } A = \sum_{\mathbf{p}} a_{1\mathbf{p}(1)} \cdots a_{m\mathbf{p}(m)}$ ,  
where  $\mathbf{p}$  runs through all injections from  $[m]$  to  $[n]$ .

- Theorem

Algebraic structure

Time complexity

semiring

$m B(n, m)$

commutative semiring

$m(n-m+1)2^m$

ring

$m B(n, m/2)$

commutative ring

$(mn-m^2+n)2^m$

$B(n, m)$  is the number of subsets of  $[n]$  of size at most  $m$ .

# What Next

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- Keep the main themes
  - Make use of subtraction (additive inverses)
  - Optimization via counting
  - Space-time tradeoff considerations
- Bilinear transforms
  - Systematic study
- Bayesian networks
  - Implement into a public software
  - Apply to causal discovery with domain experts
- Other
  - Can randomized algorithms be much faster?
  - Better combinatorial bounds?

