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THE XENOLOGY GRAPH COMPLETION PROBLEM

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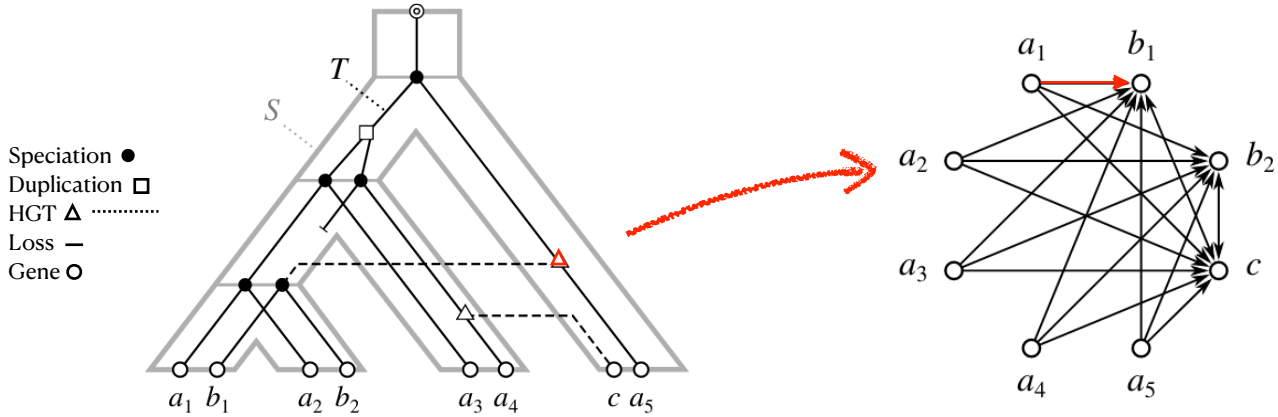
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Problem: Reliable information only for **subset** of genes



Is the **partial** information enough to infer the missing information?

ORTHOLOGY GENES



G is the **xenology graph** of the evolutionary scenario S if

- $V(G) = L(T)$ leaf-set of T and
- $x \rightarrow y$ if between y and $\text{lca}_T(x, y)$ there is an HGT

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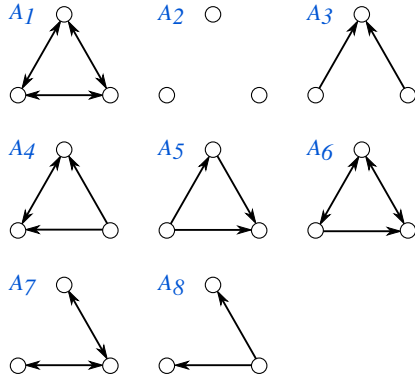
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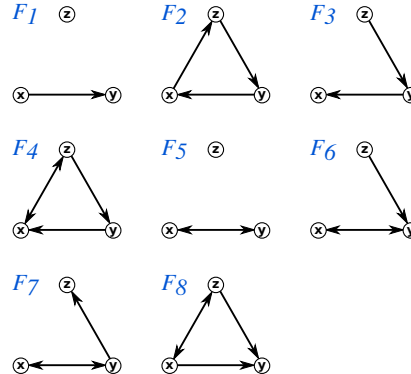
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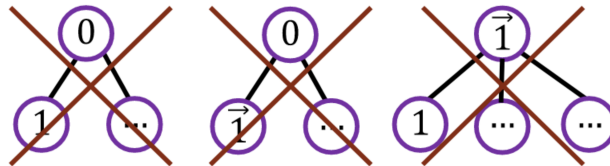


FITCH COTREES

- ▶ Fitch graphs form a hereditary sub-class of the directed cographs
- ▶ Fitch graphs are explained by **Fitch-cotrees** (C, t)
 - C rooted tree with $L(C) = V(F)$ • $t : \{\text{inner nodes of } C\} \rightarrow \{0, 1, \vec{1}\}$ st
 - $E(F) = E_1(C, t) \cup E_{\vec{1}}(C, t)$ and $E_0(T, t)$ has non-adjacent pairs of vertices in $V(F)$

$$E_1(C, t) = \{(x, y) \mid t(\text{lca}(x, y)) = 1\}, \quad E_0(C, t) = \{(x, y) \mid t(\text{lca}(x, y)) = 0\},$$

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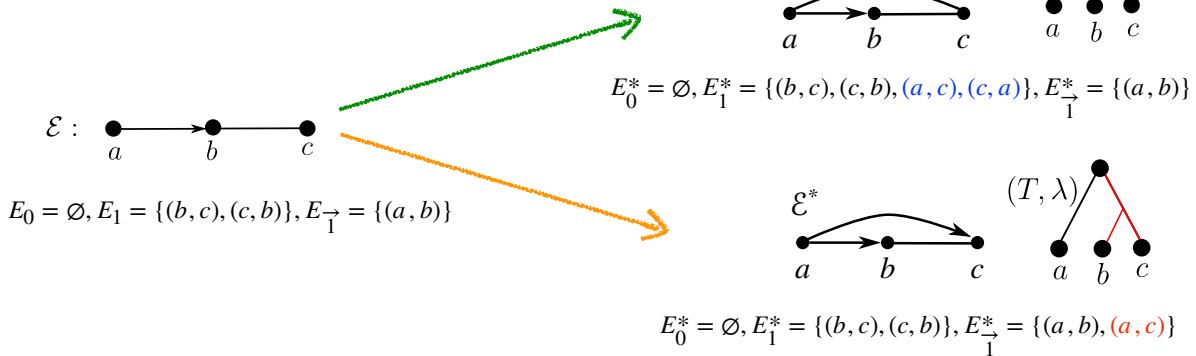
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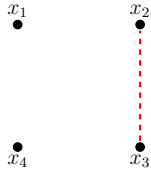
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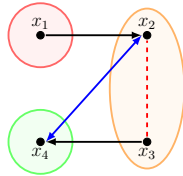
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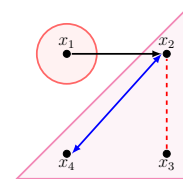
$\mathcal{E}[C]$ Fitch-sat $\forall C$ component



(S2)

$G_{\overrightarrow{1}} = (V, E_{\overrightarrow{1}} \cup E_0 \cup E_1)$ strongly disconnected
 M -min for topological order on $G_{\overrightarrow{1}} / \{C_1, \dots, C_n\}$

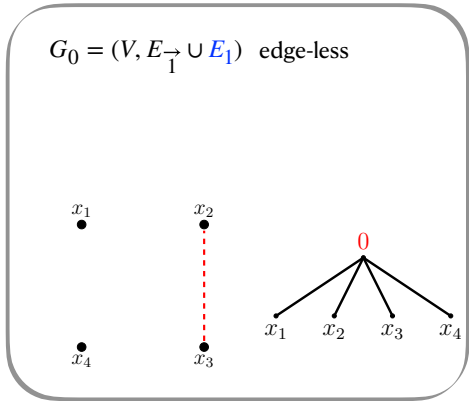
$G_0[M]$ edge-less $\mathcal{E}[V \setminus M]$ Fitch-sat



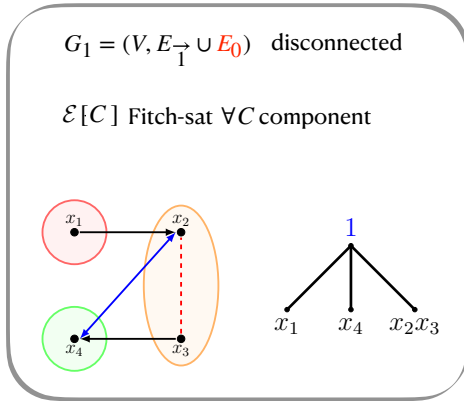
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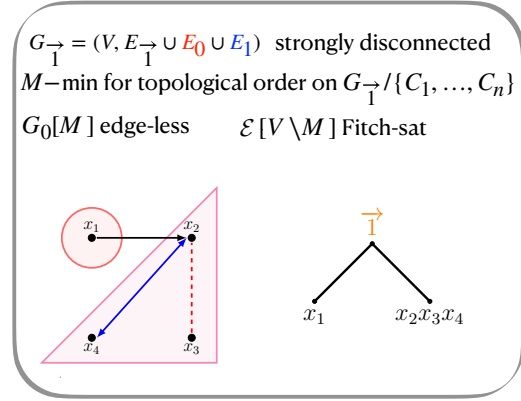
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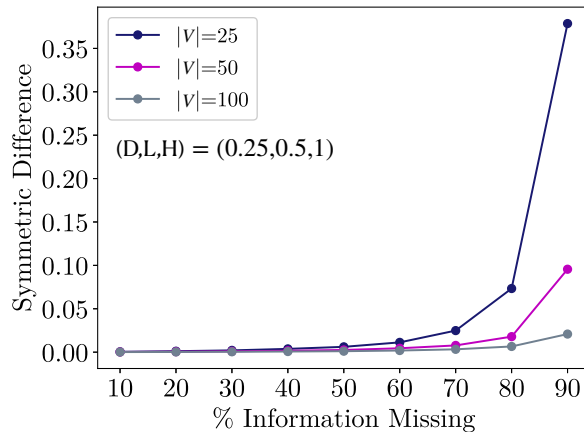


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- ▶ **Algorithm 1** recursively checks the Fitch-sat rules in polynomial time.

XENOLOGY COMPLETION RESULTS

- ▶ Analysis: xenology estimation wrt % information missing, ie $|E_0 \cup E_1 \cup E_{\rightarrow}|$ "complement" symmetric distance, ie relative distance between the inferred and original full tuples
- ▶ Dataset: 2100 xenology graphs, $|V| = 25, 50, 100$, $|(D,L,H)| = 7$ Duplication, Loss, HGT rates



(D,L,H)	Symmetric Difference
(0.5,0.5, 0.25)	0.3
(0.5,0.5, 0.5)	0.4
(0.5,0.5, 1)	0.45

$|V| = 25$, % Information Missing = 90 %

- ▶ Results: Better performance with more genes and lower H

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- ▶ Difficult case: weighted Fitch Completion problem with $\mathcal{E} = (\emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset) \rightarrow \text{FC}$
 - Input:* A set V , an assignment of four weights $w(x :: y)$ to all distinct $x, y \in V$ where $:: \in \{=, \rightarrow, \leftarrow, \perp\}$, and an integer $k \geq 0$.
 - Question:* Is there a Fitch graph $F = (V, E)$ such that
$$f(F) = \sum_{\substack{x, y \in V \\ x \neq y}} w(F[\{x, y\}]) \geq k?$$

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