

# Lifted Junction Tree Algorithm

## Preventing Groundings and Handling Evidence

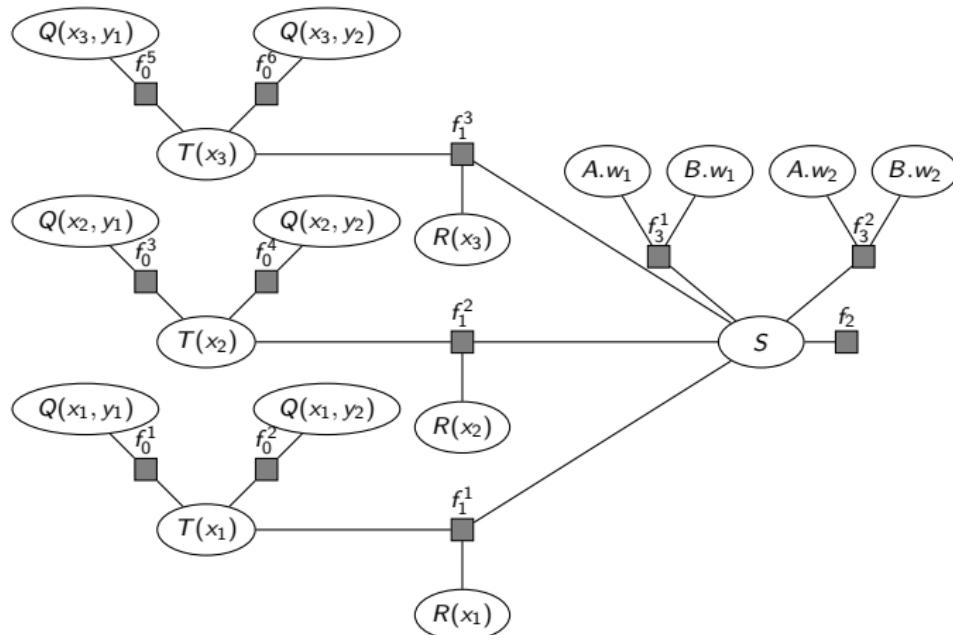
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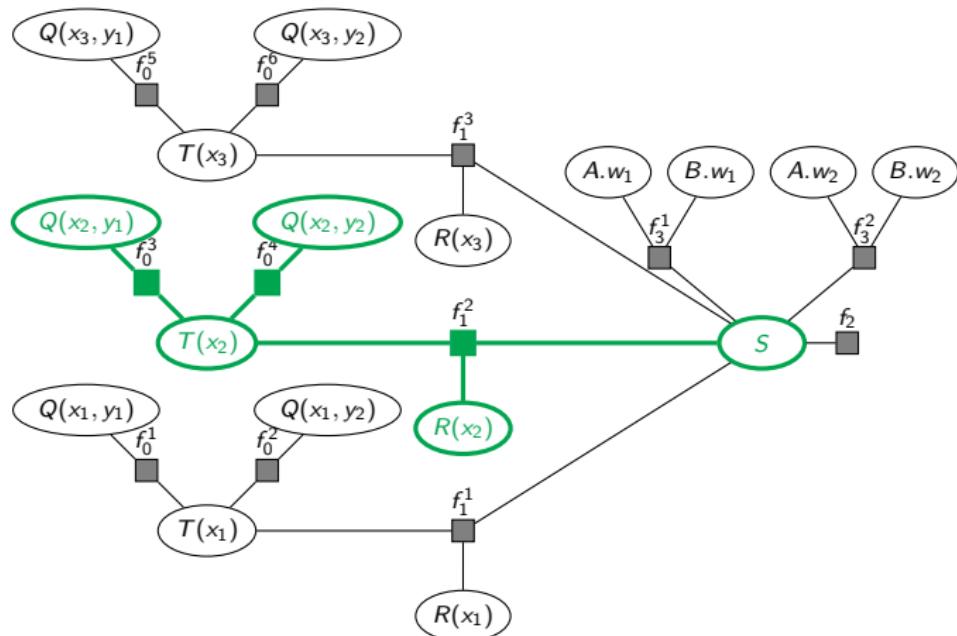
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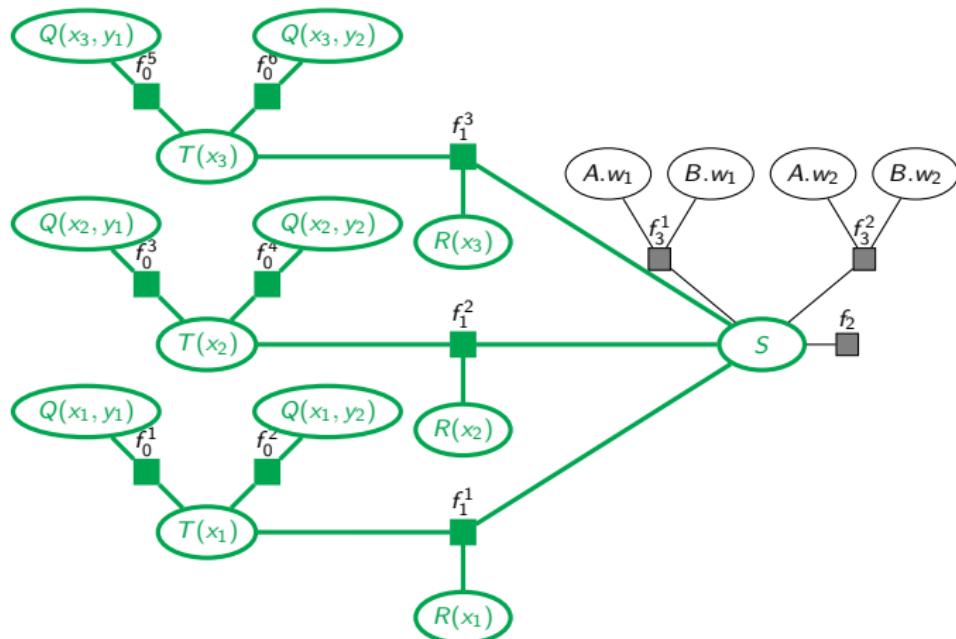
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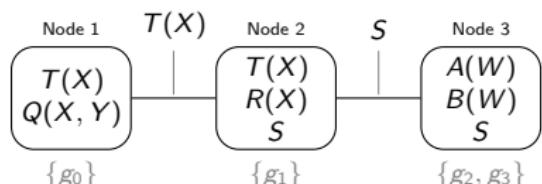
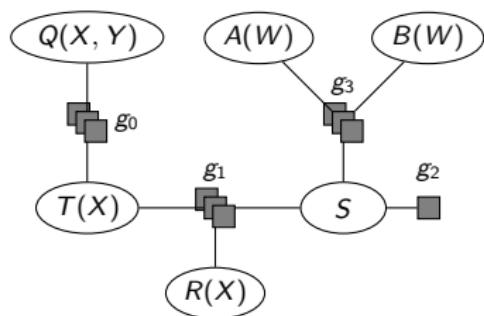


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# Approach: Parameters and Clusters



- Parameterization
  - Avoid explosion of nodes
- Lifted variable elimination (LVE)<sup>1</sup>
  - Save computations
  - Each query in isolation
- Multiple queries: Junction Tree<sup>2</sup>
  - Cluster representation, messages
- Lifted Junction Tree Algorithm (LJT)<sup>3</sup>
  - Save computations
  - Ground marginal queries

<sup>1</sup> Poole (2003), de Salvo Braz (2007), Milch et al. (2008), Taghipour (2013),

<sup>2</sup> Lauritzen & Spiegelhalter (1988)      <sup>3</sup> Braun & Möller (2016)

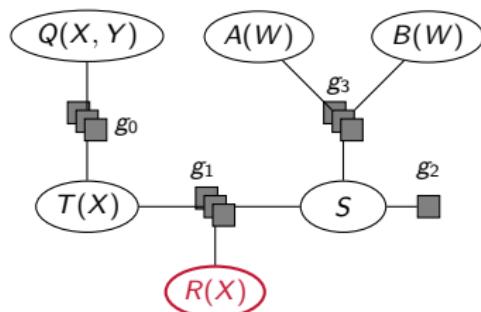
# Conference Contribution

## Extensions to LJT [Braun & Möller 2016]

- Expressivity extension for query language
    - Evidence-based queries
    - Same evidence for multiple queries
  - Speed-up for specific inputs
    - Avoid unnecessary groundings
    - At least as good as LVE w.r.t. runtimes
- Speed-up for all inputs with at least two clusters

# Marginal Distribution Ground Queries

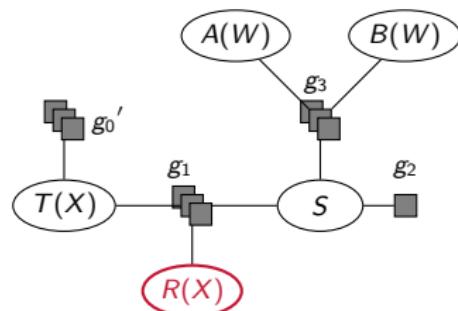
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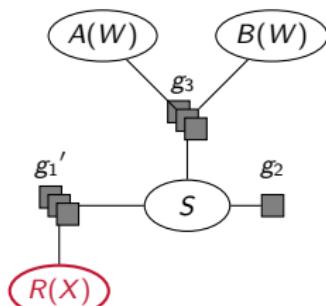


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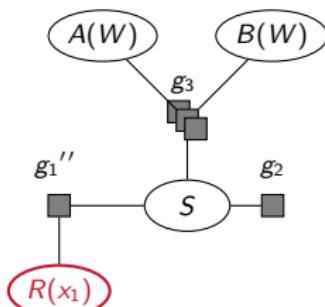


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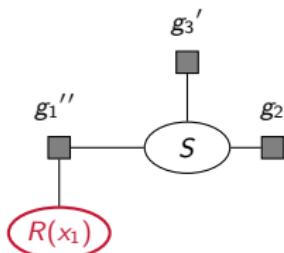


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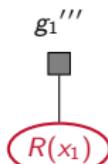


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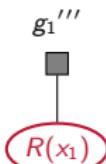


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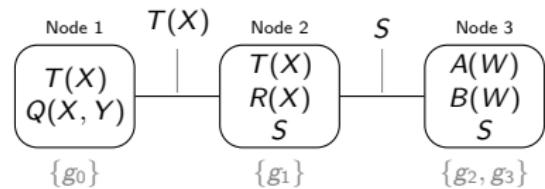
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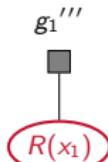


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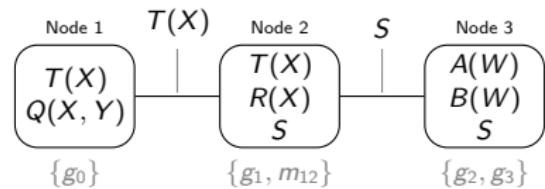
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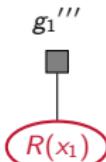


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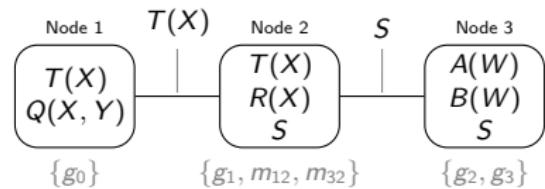
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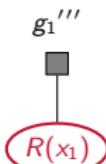


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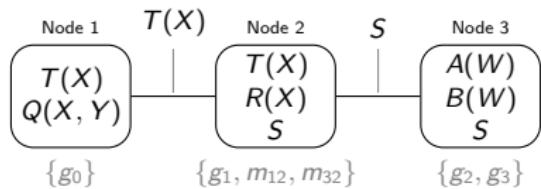
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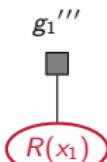


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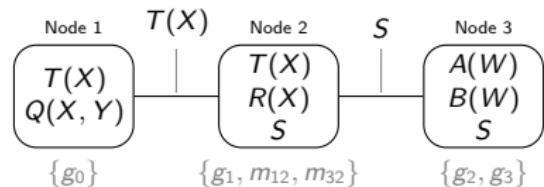
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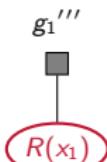
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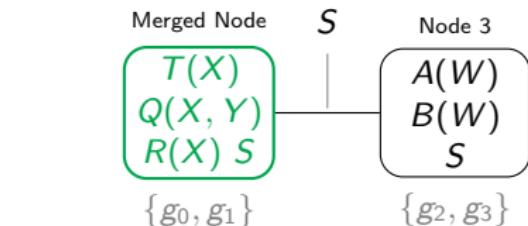
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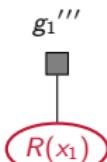
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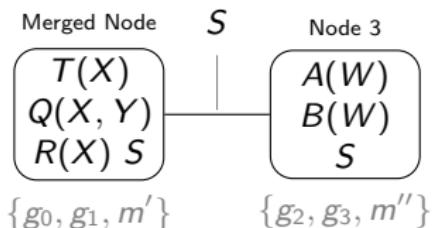
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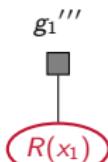
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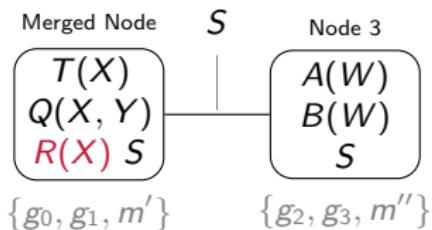
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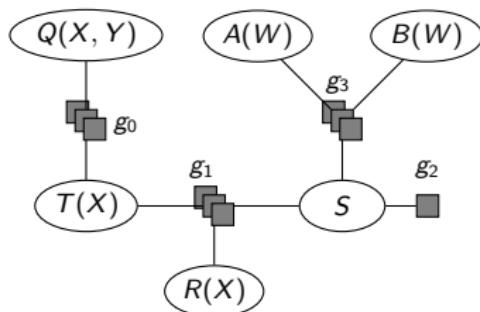
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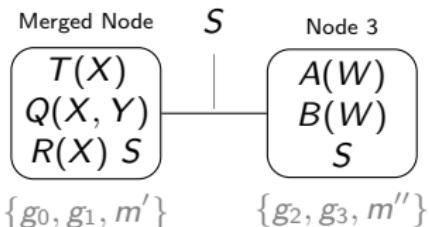
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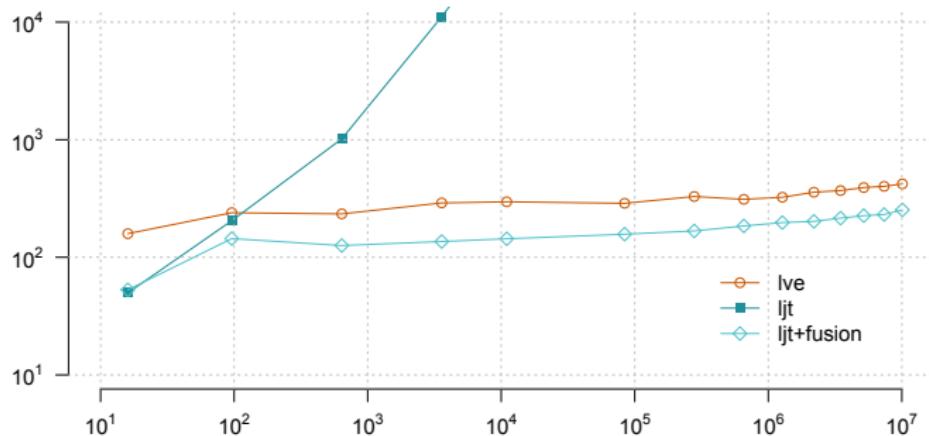


Figure: Runtimes [ms] over 6 queries with grounded model sizes from 16 to 10,000,000 (points connected for readability)

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ljt: Our implementation of LJT

ljt+fusion: Our implementation of LJT with fusion

# Analysis: LJT with Fusion

## Algorithm steps

- ① FO jtree construction
- ② Fusion
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## Effect of fusion on an FO jtree

Worst Case: Collapse into one node

→ Direct LVE with LJT overhead

Best Case: No modification

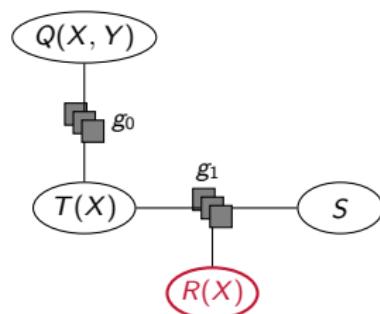
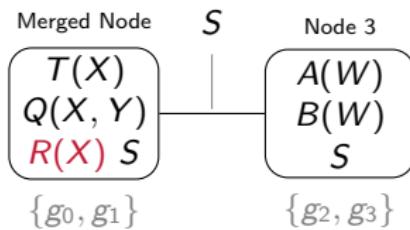
→ Full potential of clusters

Average Case: Modification, no collapse

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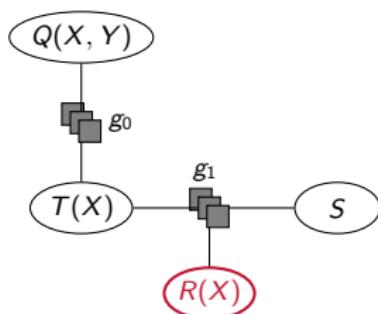
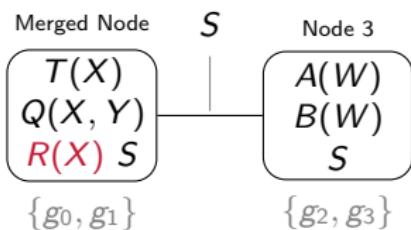


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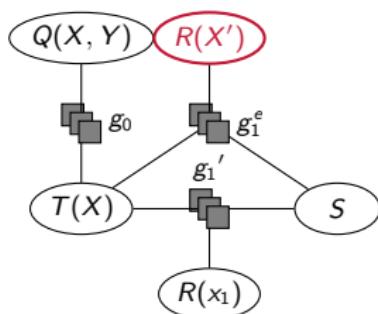
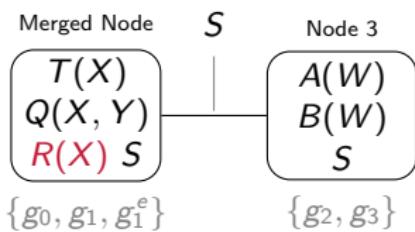
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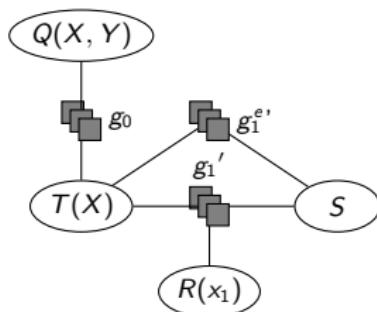
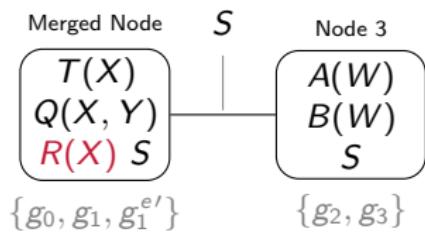
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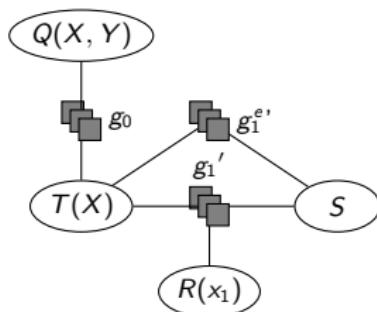
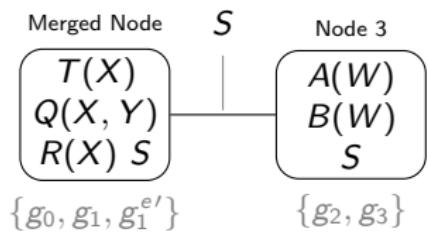
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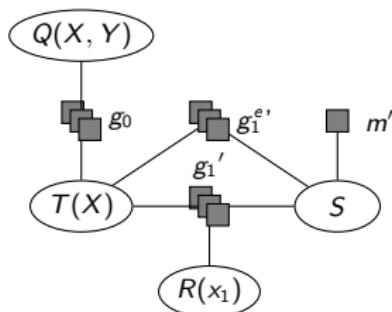
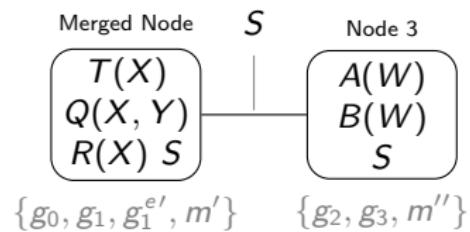
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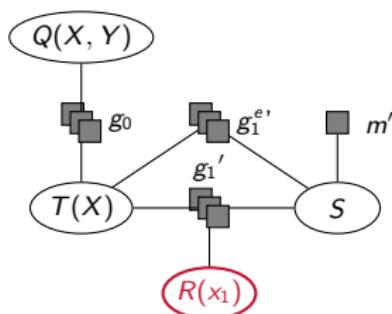
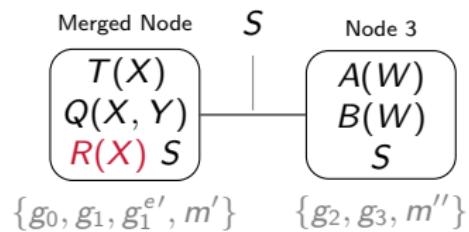
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→ Pass messages

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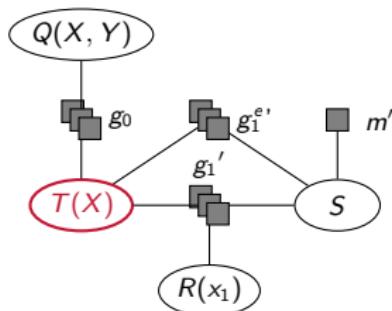
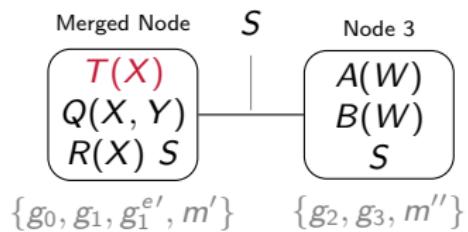
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Curve Shapes and Difference between Curves Independent of Grounded Model Size

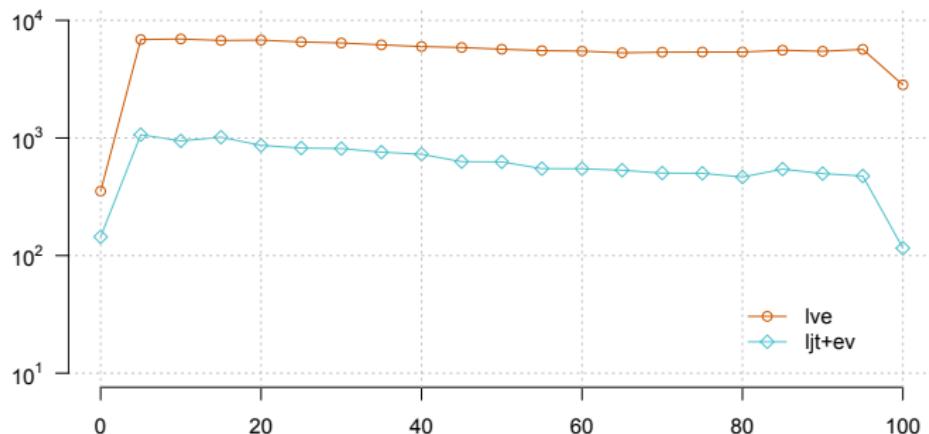


Figure: Runtimes [ms] over 6 queries with evidence ranging from 0% to 100% (points connected for readability)

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# Analysis: LJT with Evidence

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## Effect of evidence entering

One pass over FO jtree

→ Continue with LJT as before

Same evidence for all queries

→ QA as before

New evidence

→ Restart at step 3

# Conference Contribution

## Extensions to LJT [Braun & Möller 2016]

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