

# PATTERN GRAPH: A GRAPHICAL APPROACH TO NONMONOTONE MISSING DATA

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- Missing completely at random (MCAR):

$$P(R = r|L) = P(R = r).$$

- Missing at random (MAR; [Little and Rubin 2002](#)):

$$P(R = r|L) = P(R = r|L_r).$$

- Missing not at random (MNAR) is the case where the probability  $P(R = r|L)$  may depend on the unobserved  $L_{\bar{r}}$ .
- In this talk, the identifying restrictions we construct are mostly MNAR.



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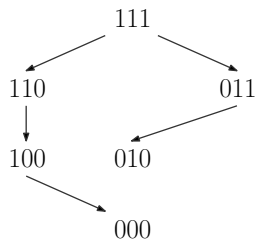
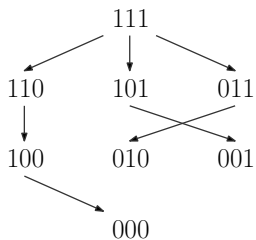
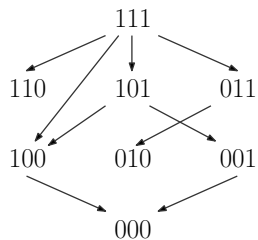
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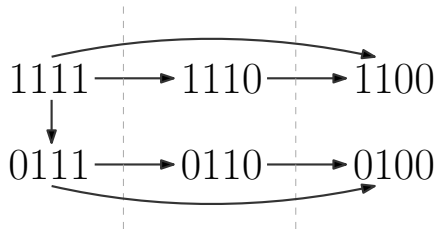
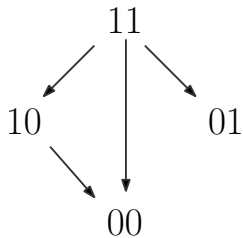
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- (G2) implies that the resulting graph is a directed acyclic graph (DAG).

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- Note: pattern graphs are not the conventional graphical model!



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$$\pi(L) = \frac{1}{\sum_r Q_r(L)}, \quad Q_r(L) = O_r(L_r) \sum_{s \in \text{PA}_r} Q_s(L).$$

- This provides a recursive approach to identify  $\pi(L)$ .

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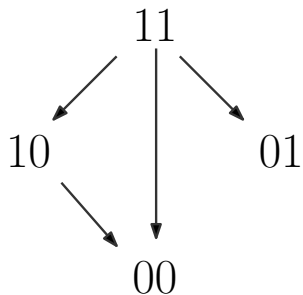
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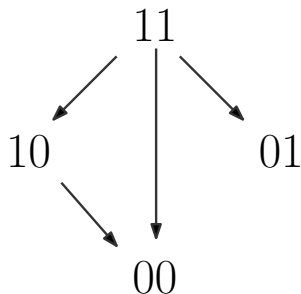
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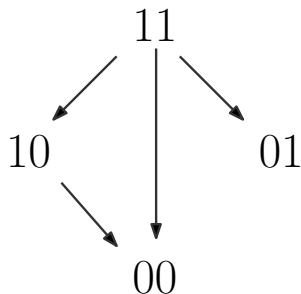
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- Recall that PMMs decompose the joint density via

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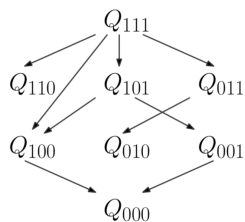
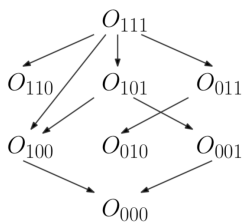
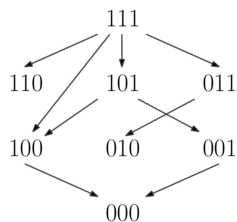
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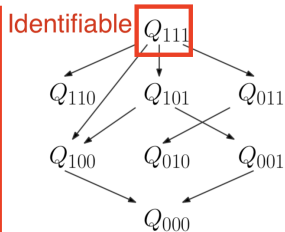
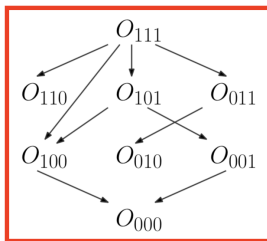
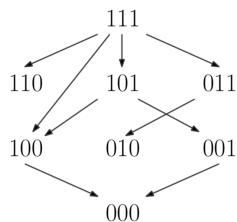
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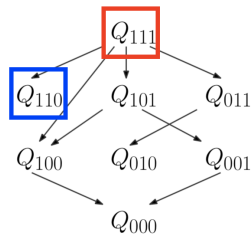
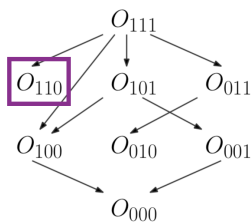
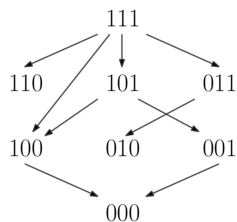
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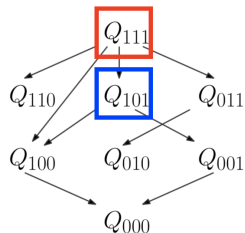
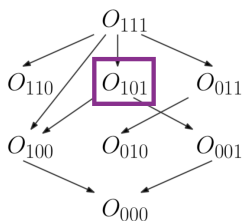
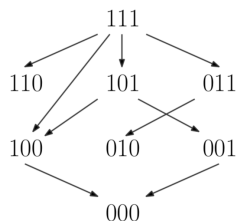


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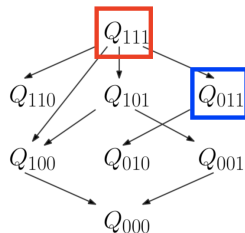
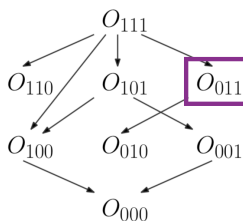
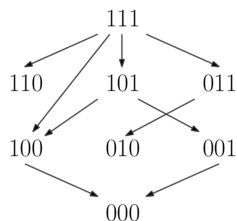
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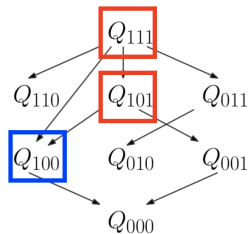
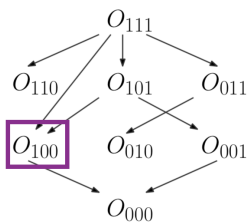
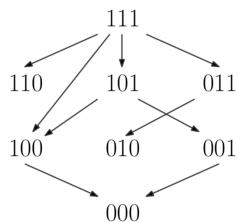
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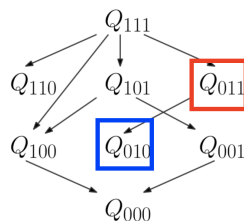
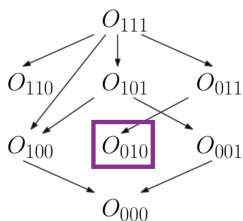
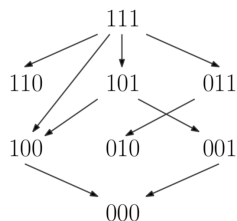
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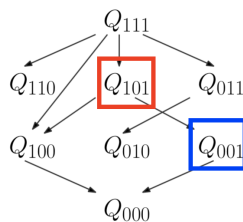
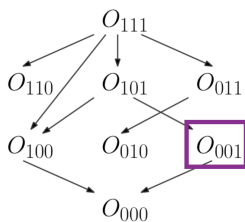
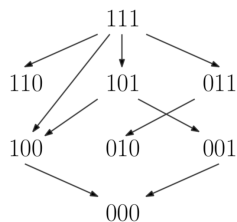
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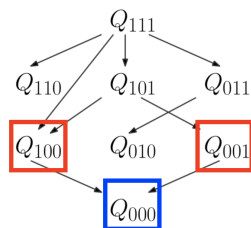
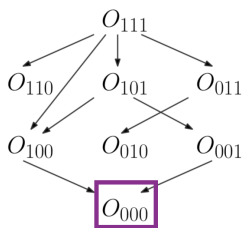
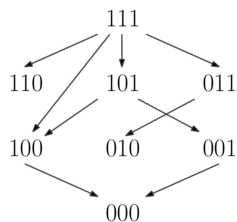
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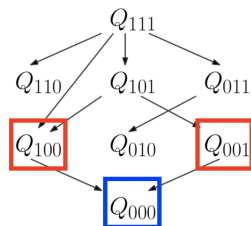
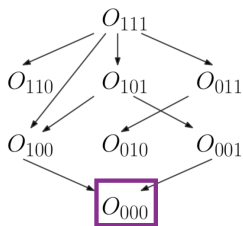
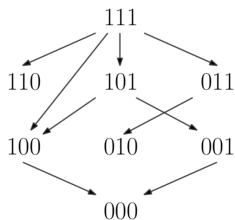
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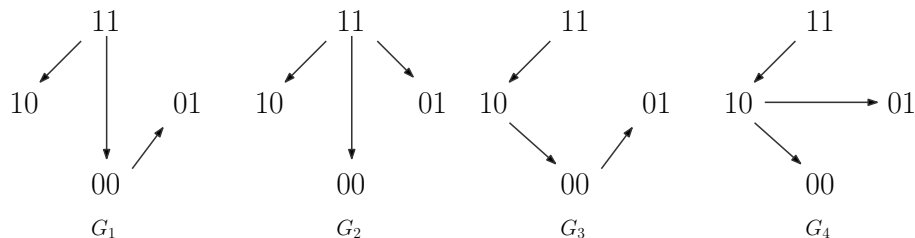
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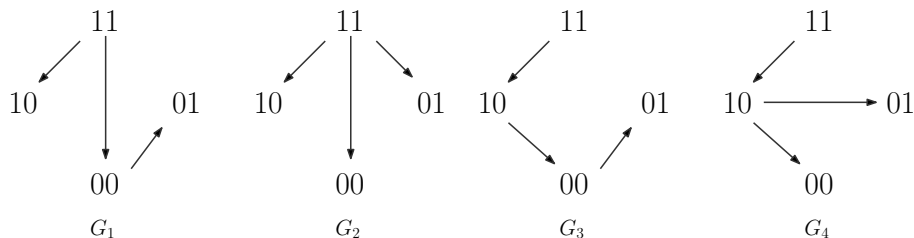


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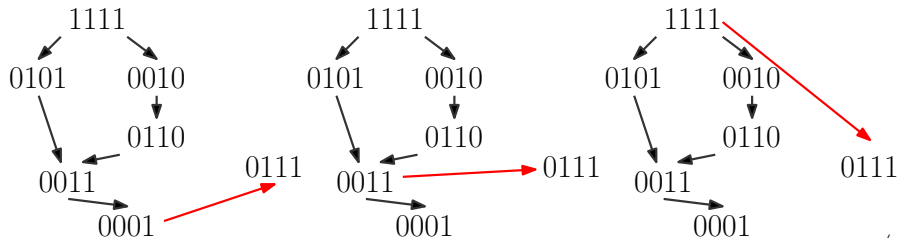
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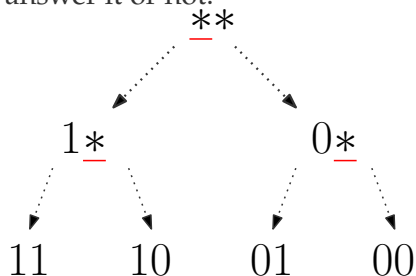
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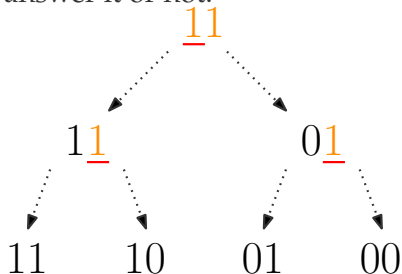
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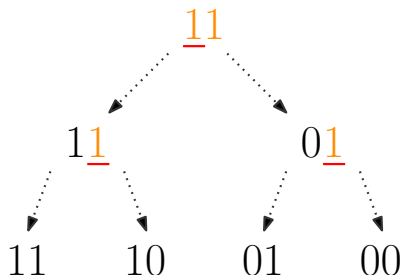


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- There will be 4 possible scenarios that an individual respond:

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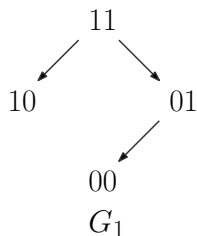
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- The notation  $\triangleright$  denotes the decision of answering one question or not.
- $r_1 \triangleright r_2$  will become an arrow in a DAG when  $r_1 \neq r_2$ .
- The only exception is the scenario that  $1_d \triangleright 1_d \triangleright \dots \triangleright 1_d$ ; in this case we denote it as  $1_d \rightarrow 1_d$ .



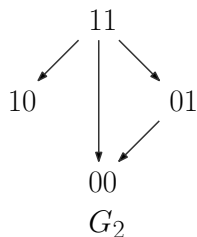
- The above plot is the pattern graph that corresponds to these scenarios:

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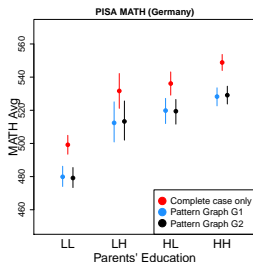
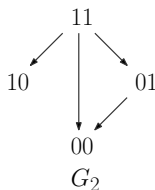
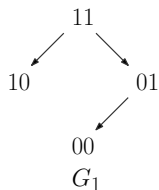
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- Suppose that there are some individuals who would skip any questions relating to parent's education level.
- This can be represented by a path  $11 \rightarrow 00$ .
- Then the above graph will be a better description.

# Choice of pattern graph and PISA data - 7



- The left two panels show the two possible pattern graphs.
- The right panel displays the average score of mathematics, separated by different parents' education level.
- The estimator is obtained by the IPW with logistic regression; uncertainty is obtained by the bootstrap.



# Conclusion

- Pattern graph provides a theoretical framework for missing data.
- Identification, interpretation, estimation, efficiency, computation, sensitivity analysis all depend on the underlying pattern graph.
- It is a new graph-based model for data analysis.
- And it opens several new research directions.
- Note again: the pattern graph is not a conventional graphical model.

- **Pattern separation and missing data:** if a set of patterns  $A$  separates  $B$  and  $C$ , what does this mean?
- **Semi-parametric inference:** how to find the underlying efficient estimator with graph-based augmentation?
- **Merging patterns to avoid small sample size:** what should we do when some pattern only has a few observations.
- **Deeper understanding on the equivalence class:** given a pattern graph, how to find other patterns in the same class?
- **Inference with multiple graphs:** what should we do if we have many identifying restrictions?

# Thank You!

More details can be found in <https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.00744>.

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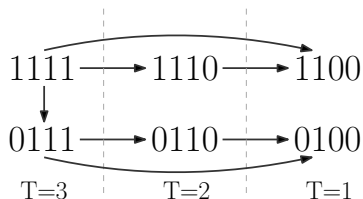
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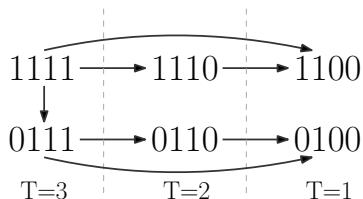
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# Assumptions on the IPW estimator

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$$0 < \underline{O} \leq O_r(\ell_r; \eta) \leq \bar{O} < \infty$$

for all  $\ell_r \in \mathcal{S}_r$  and  $r \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $\eta \in \Theta$ .

(L2) there exists  $\eta^* = (\eta_r^* : r \in \mathcal{R})$  in the interior of  $\Theta$  such that

$$O_r(\ell_r; \eta^*) = \frac{P(R=r|\ell_r)}{P(R \in \text{PA}_r|\ell_r)} \text{ and}$$

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## Assumptions on the regression adjustments

The regression adjustment estimator has asymptotic normality under the following conditions:

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- (R2) For every  $r$ , the class

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- (R3) For every  $r$ ,  $q_r(\lambda) = \mathbb{E}(m(L_r, r; \lambda)I(R = r))$  is bounded twice-differentiable and

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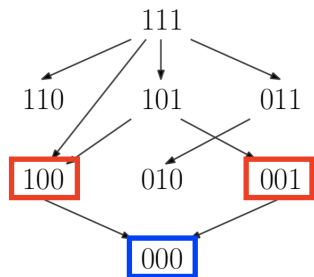
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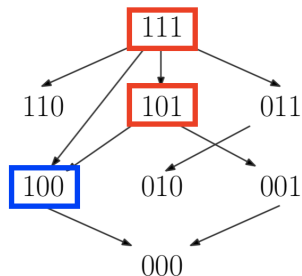
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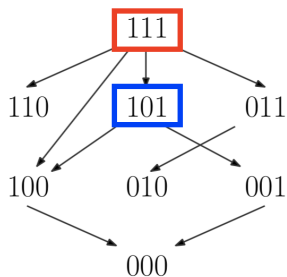
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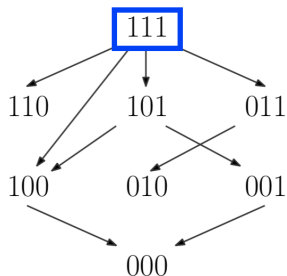
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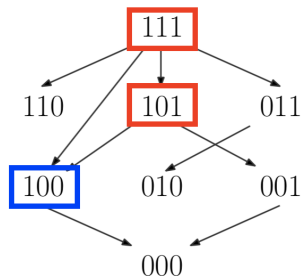
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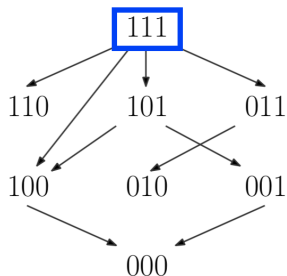
- Because there is only one parent 111, we will always move to this node.
- We generate variable  $L_{010}$  from  $\widehat{p}(\ell_{010}|L_{101}, R = 111)$ .
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- Note that at the pattern 100, it is possible to directly move to 111.

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- In this case, we will generate  $L_{011}$  from  $\widehat{p}(\ell_{011}|L_{100}, R = 111)$ .
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- Here is an interesting result—perturbing the selection odds and perturbing the pattern mixture models are equivalent.

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## Theorem

*Suppose that  $(L, R)$  factorizes with respect to a regular pattern graph and  $p(\ell_r, r) > 0$  for all  $\ell_r$  and  $r \in \mathcal{R}$ . Then  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{F}$ .*

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### Proposition

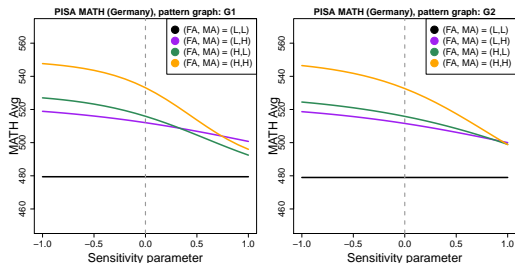
Let  $s, r$  be vertices of  $G$  and  $e_{s \rightarrow r}$  be the edge/arrow from  $s$  to  $r$ . We define  $G \oplus e_{s \rightarrow r}$  to be the graph where edge  $e_{s \rightarrow r}$  is added and  $G \ominus e_{s \rightarrow r}$  to be the graph where edge  $e_{s \rightarrow r}$  is moved. Then

$$\Delta_{+1}G = \{G \oplus e_{s \rightarrow r} : s > r, s \notin \mathbf{PA}_r\},$$

$$\Delta_{-1}G = \{G \ominus e_{s \rightarrow r} : s \in \mathbf{PA}_r, |\mathbf{PA}_r| > 1\}.$$

- This proposition provides a simple way to characterize the two perturbed classes of graphs.

# Exponential tilting on the PISA data



- We use the same sensitivity parameter for all pattern and all values, i.e., every element of  $\delta_{\bar{r}}$  is the same.
- Note that because only FA and MA are subject to missing, the sensitivity parameter only applies to these two variables.
- In both panels we see that the group  $(L, L)$  is unaffected by the sensitivity parameter. This is because when both FA and MA are L (the binary representation of L is 0 and H is 1).