

Optimal Decision Trees for Interpretable Clustering with Constraints

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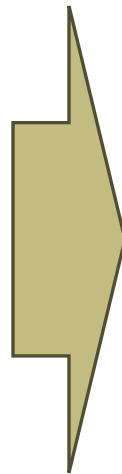
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Experiments

Quality solutions in short time

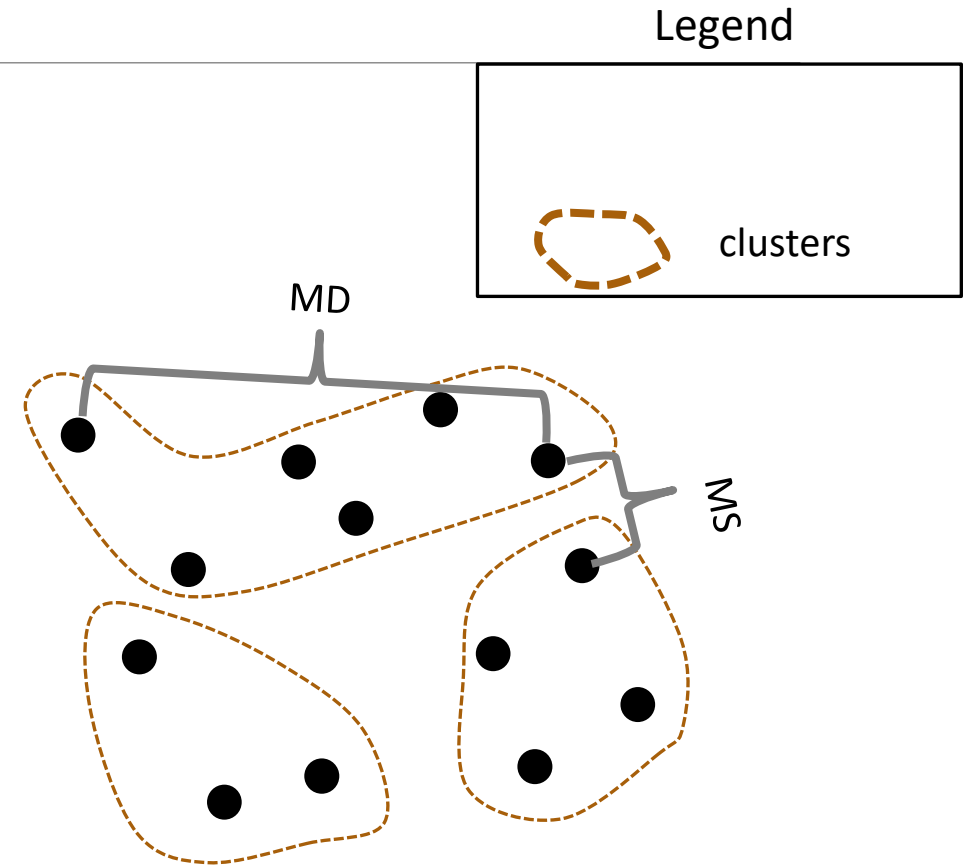
Tree > non-tree

Bi-criteria > single obj.

Better constraint utilization

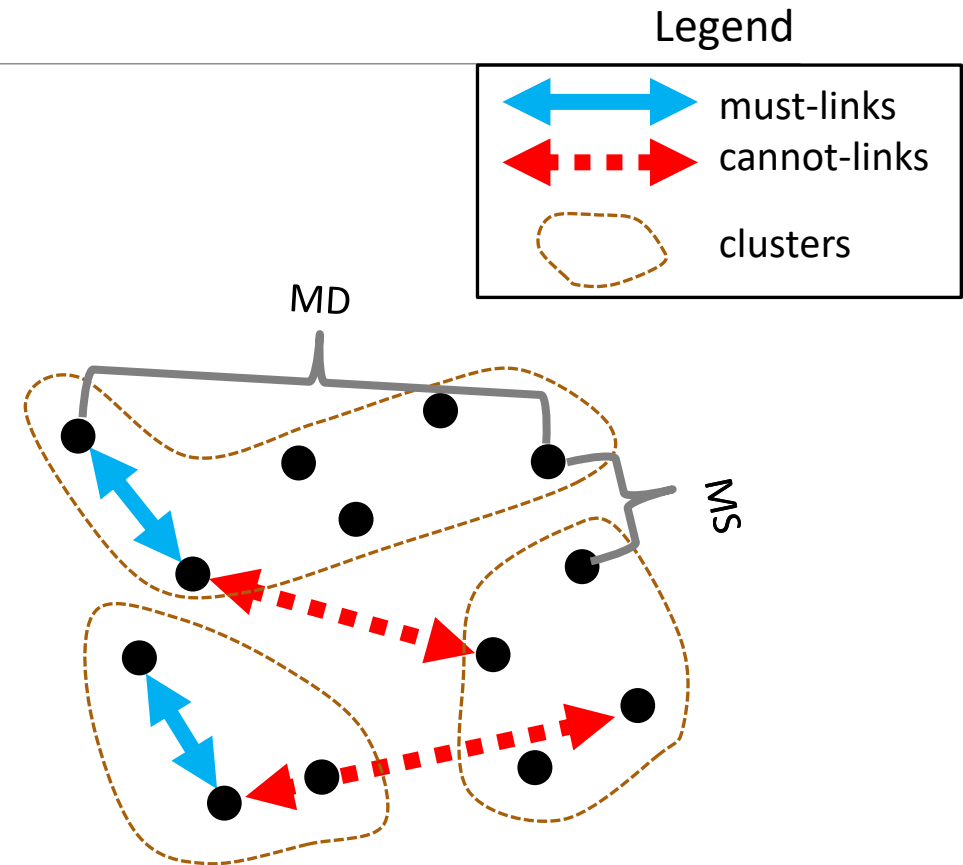
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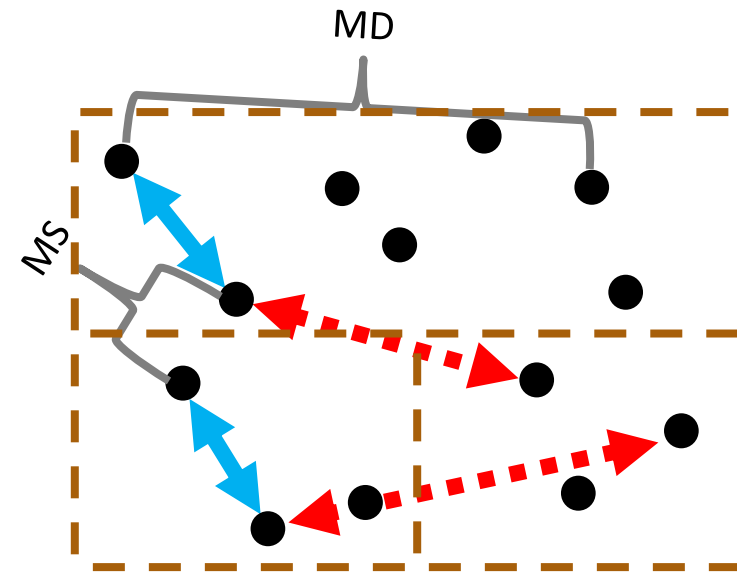
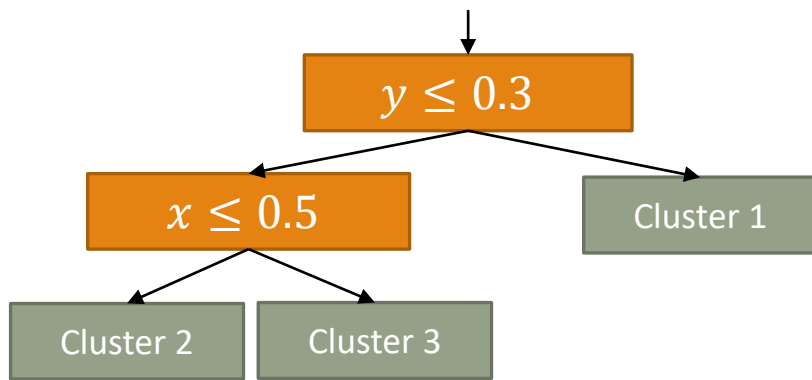
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- **Pairwise Constraints:**
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 - **Cannot-links:** pairs that should be in different clusters



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- Decision tree clustering:



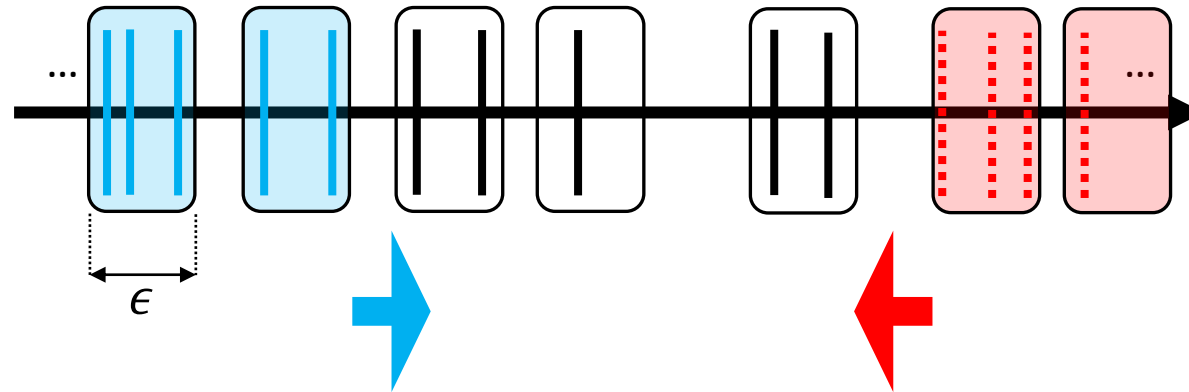
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	must-links
	cannot-links
	clusters

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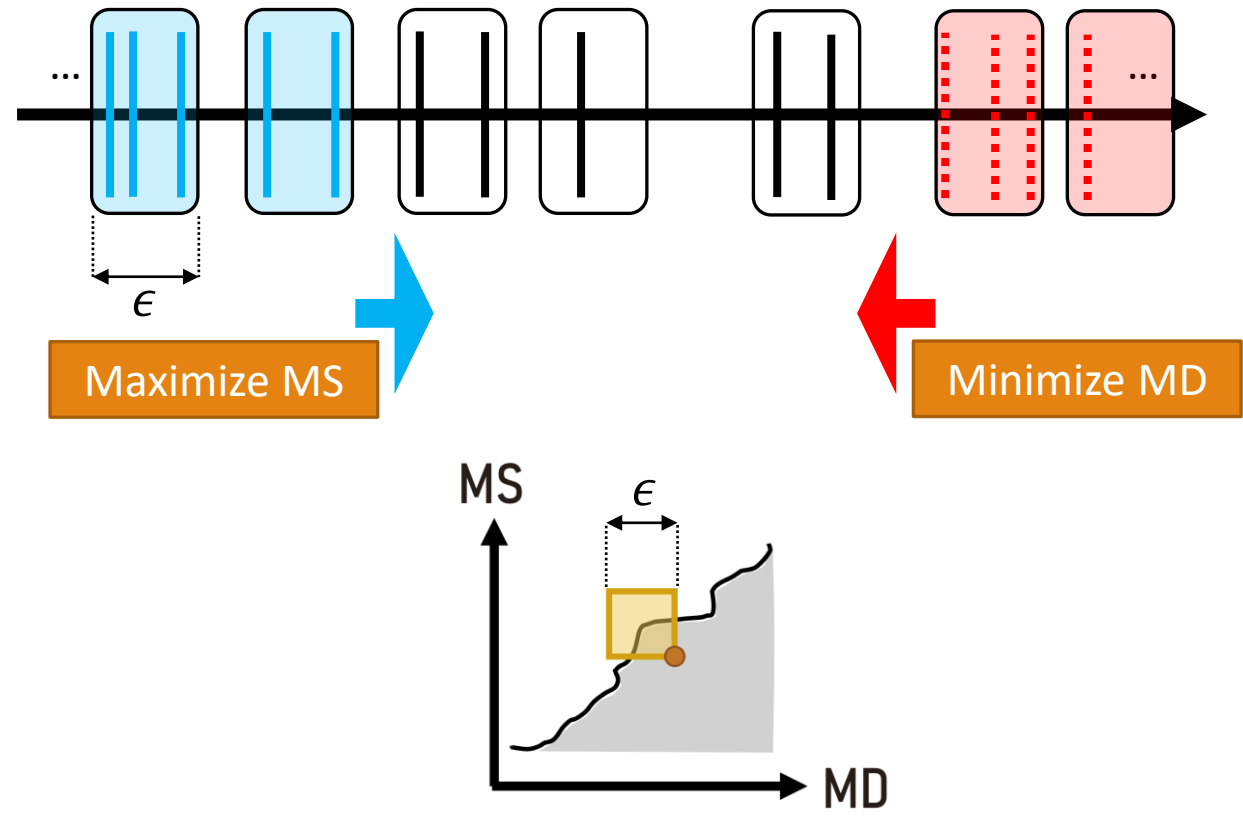
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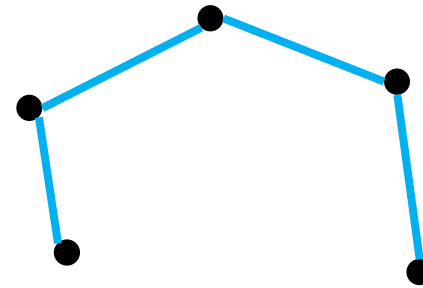
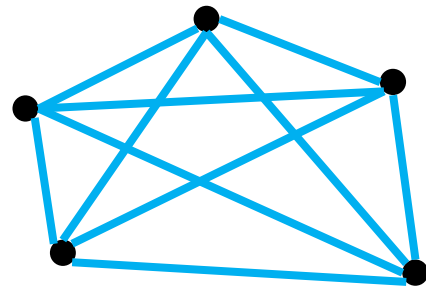
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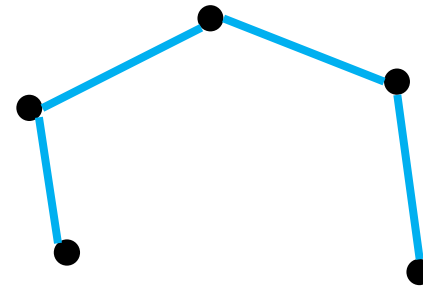
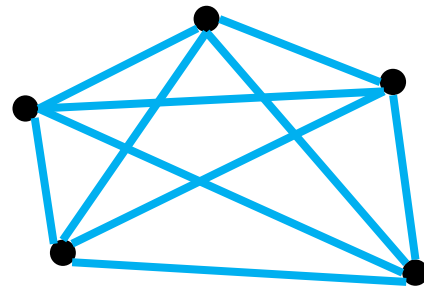
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	Constraints	Conditional
Force to be in the same cluster	Must-link	MS obj.
Force to be in different clusters	Cannot-link	MD obj.

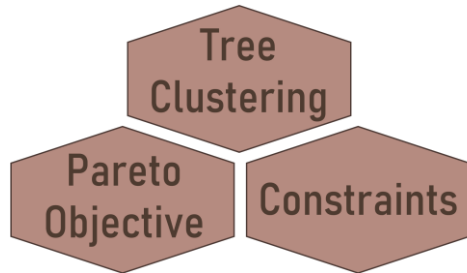


Detect **redundant** edges

Detect **infeasible** edges

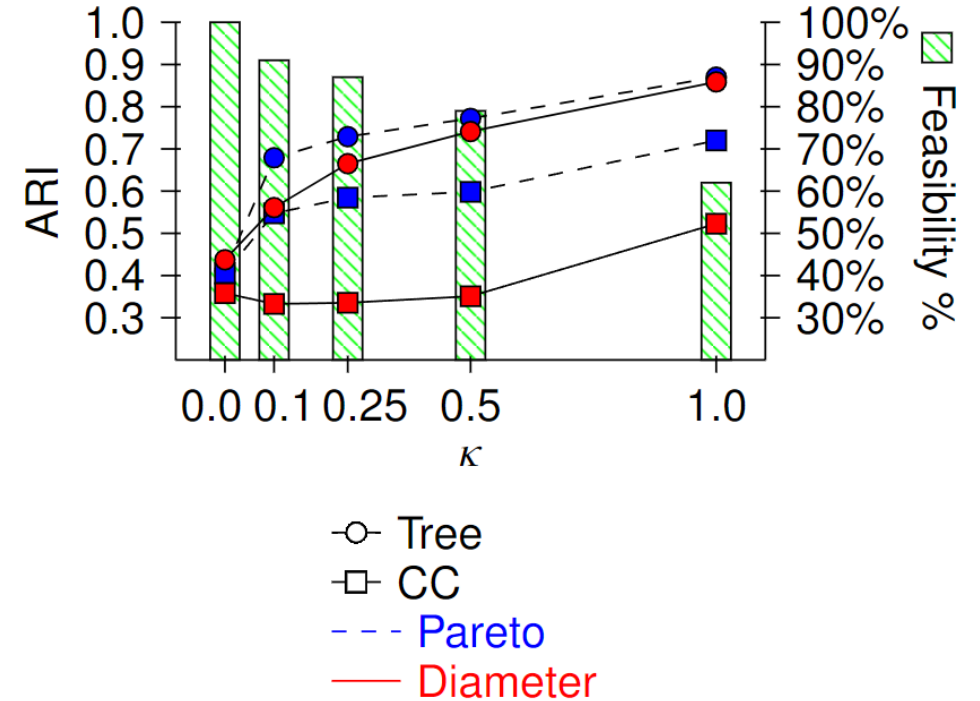
Better Score + Better Interpretability

- High quality solutions in a short time



- Improve the solution individually
- Complement each other

- Trade-off between quality and feasibility



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