Randomized Pruning

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- **Recurrent problem: computation of expectations over large-scale combinatorial spaces**
  - High-degree dynamic programs
- **Standard solution: a single pruning mask**
  - Introduces bias
  - Requires tuning thresholds
- **New solution: sequence of masks**
  - Auxiliary variable construction
  - Easy to trade-off time and quality
  - Outperforms standard pruning heuristics