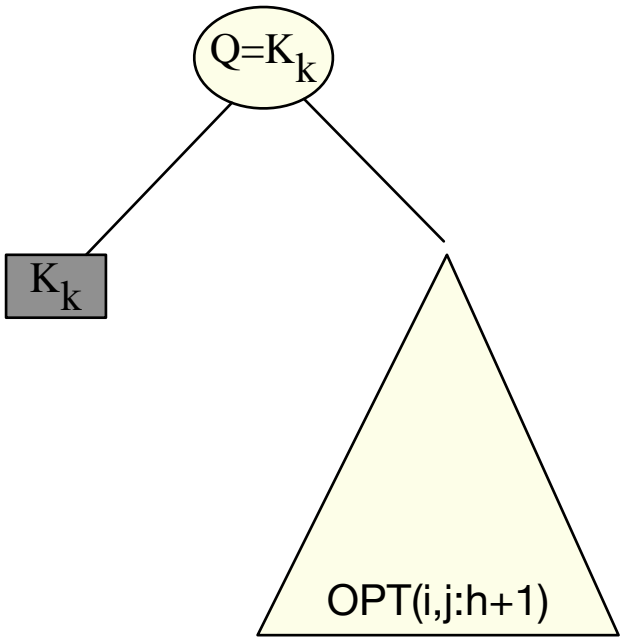


$$Q = K_k$$


A diagram illustrating a branching process. At the top is a yellow oval containing the text  $Q = K_k$ . Two lines extend downwards from this oval. The left line connects to a gray rectangular box containing the text  $K_k$ . The right line connects to the top vertex of a large yellow triangle. Inside the triangle, at the bottom, is the text  $\text{OPT}(i, j: h+1)$ .

$$K_k$$

$$\text{OPT}(i, j: h+1)$$