# Introduction to Graphical Models

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#### **Introduction and Review**

# Graphical Models – Rough Sketch

#### Graphical models

- Graph: G = (V, E) V: the set of nodes, E: the set of edges
- In graphical models,
  - the random variables are represented by the nodes.
  - statistical relationships between the variables are represented by the edges.



### Purpose of using Graphical Models

#### Intuitive and visual representation

A graph is an intuitive way of representing and visualizing the relationships among variables.

#### Independence / conditional independence

A graph represents conditional independence relationships among variables.

 $\rightarrow$  Causal relationships, decision making, diagnosis system, etc.

#### Efficient computation

With graphs, efficient propagation algorithms can be defined.

 $\rightarrow$  Belief-propagation, junction tree algorithm

Which parts of the modeling block efficient computation?

### Independence

For simplicity, it is assumed that the distribution of a random variable X has the probability density function  $p_X(x)$ .

#### Independence

□ X and Y are independent  $(X \perp \!\!\!\perp Y)$ 

$$\Leftrightarrow p_{XY}(x, y) = p_X(x) p_Y(y)$$

 $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$ Dawid's notation

### **Conditional Independence**

- Conditional probability
  - Conditional probability density of *Y* given *X*

Def. 
$$p_{Y|X}(y \mid x) = \frac{p_{XY}(x, y)}{p_X(x)} = \frac{p_{XY}(x, y)}{\sum_y p_{XY}(x, y)}$$

Conditional independence

□ X and Y are conditionally independent given Z ( $X \perp \!\!\!\perp Y \mid Z$ )

$$\stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{\underset{\text{def.}}{\Rightarrow}} p_{XY|Z}(x, y \mid z) = p_{X|Z}(x \mid z) p_{Y|Z}(y \mid z)$$
 for all  $z$  with  $p_Z(z) > 0$ .

 $\Box \quad X \coprod Y \mid Z \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad p_{X \mid YZ}(x \mid y, z) = p_{X \mid Z}(x \mid z) \quad \text{ for all } (y, z) \text{ with } p_{YZ}(y, z) > 0.$ 

If we already know Z, additional information on Y does not increase the knowledge on X.

#### **Conditional Independence - Examples**

- Speeding Fine  $\lambda$  Type of Car (perhaps)
- □ Speeding Fine <u>↓</u> Type of Car | Speed
- □ Ability of Team A  $\coprod$  Ability of Team B
- Ability of Team A  $\lambda$  Ability of Team B | Outcome of Team A and B

## **Conditional Independence**

Another characterization of cond. independence

Proposition 1

 $\langle \square \rangle$ 

 $X \amalg Y \mid Z$ 

there exist functions f(x,z) and g(y,z) such that

$$p_{XYZ}(x, y, z) = f(x, z)g(y, z)$$

for all x, y and z with  $p_z(z) > 0$ .

#### Corollary 2

 $X \amalg Y$ 

there exist functions f(x) and g(y) such that

 $p_{XY}(x, y) = f(x)g(y)$  for all x, y.

#### **Conditional Independence**

- □ Proof of Prop.1.
  - $\begin{array}{l} \hline \Rightarrow & \text{Clear from the definition.} \\ \hline \hline \Rightarrow & \text{For any } x, y, \text{ and } z \text{ with } p_Z(z) > 0, \\ & p_Z(z) = \sum_{x,y} p_{XYZ}(x,y,z) = \sum_{x,y} f(x,z)g(y,z) \\ & = \left(\sum_x f(x,z)\right) \left(\sum_y g(y,z)\right) \end{array}$

We have

$$p_{XY|Z}(x,y|z) = \frac{p_{XYZ}(x,y,z)}{p_Z(z)} = \frac{f(x,z)g(y,z)}{\sum_x f(x,z) \sum_y g(y,z)}$$

$$p_{X|Z}(x|z) = \frac{p_{XZ}(x,z)}{p_Z(z)} = \frac{\sum_y p_{XYZ}(x,y,z)}{p_Z(z)} = \frac{f(x,z) \sum_y g(y,z)}{\sum_x f(x,z) \sum_y g(y,z)}$$

$$p_{Y|Z}(y|z) = \frac{p_{YZ}(y,z)}{p_Z(z)} = \frac{\sum_x p_{XYZ}(x,y,z)}{p_Z(z)} = \frac{\sum_x f(x,z)g(y,z)}{\sum_x f(x,z) \sum_y g(y,z)}$$

Thus,

$$p_{XY|Z}(x,y|z) = p_{X|Z}(x|z)p_{Y|Z}(y|z)$$

Undirected Graph and Markov Property

### **Undirected Graph**

#### Undirected Graph

□ G = (V, E) : undirected graph V: finite set

 $E \subset V \times V$ , the order is neglected. (a, b) = (b, a)

#### Example: $V = \{a, b, c, d\}$ $E = \{(a, b), (b, c), (c, d), (b, d)\}$



#### Graph terminology

- Complete: A subgraph *S* of *V* is complete if any *a* and *b* ( $a \neq b$ ) in *S* are connected by an edge.
- Clique: A clique is a maximal complete subset w.r.t. inclusion.



### **Probability and Undirected Graph**

- Probability associated with an undirected graph G = (V, E): undirected graph.  $V = \{1, ..., n\}$ 
  - $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ : random variables indexed by the node set V.

The probability distribution of *X* is associated with *G* if there is a nonnegative function  $\psi_C(X_C)$  for each clique *C* in *G* such that

$$p(X) = \prod_{C: \text{ clique}} \psi_C(X_C)$$

Notation: for a subset *S* of *V*,  $X_S = (X_a)_{a \in S}$ 

 An undirected graph does not specify a single probability, but defines a family of probabilities.
 In other words, it puts restrictions by the conditional independence relations represented by the graph.

### **Probability and Undirected Graph**

p(X) is associated with an undirected graph G if and only if it admits

$$p(X) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{C: \text{clique}} \psi_C(X_C)$$

Z: normalization constant

'p factorizes w.r.t. G.'

 $\psi_C$ : factor (or potential)

#### Example

a  
b  

$$p(X) = \frac{1}{Z} \psi_1(X_a, X_c) \psi_2(X_b, X_c, X_d) \psi_3(X_c, X_d, X_e)$$
  
e

#### Undirected graph and Markov property

Separation:

G = (V, E): undirected graph.

A, B, S: disjoint subsets of V.

*S* separates *A* from *B* if every path between any *a* in *A* and *b* in *B* intersects with *S*.



#### Theorem 3

G = (V, E): undirected graph.

*X*: random vector with the distribution associated with *G*.

If S separates A from B, then

$$X_A \perp X_B \mid X_S \mid$$

(Proof: next lecture.)

Example

$$p(X) = \frac{1}{Z} \psi_1(X_a, X_c) \psi_2(X_b, X_c, X_d) \psi_3(X_c, X_d, X_e)$$



- {c, d} separates {b} and {e}  $\Longrightarrow X_b \coprod X_e \mid X_{\{c,d\}}$  $p(X_b, X_c, X_d, X_e) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{X_a} \psi_1(X_a, X_c) \psi_2(X_b, X_c, X_d) \psi_3(X_c, X_d, X_e)$   $= \frac{1}{Z} \widetilde{\psi}_1(X_c) \psi_2(X_b, X_c, X_d) \psi_3(X_c, X_d, X_e)$   $= \frac{1}{Z} f(X_b, X_c, X_d) g(X_e, X_c, X_d) \quad \text{Use prop.1.}$
- {c} separates {a} and {b}  $\Longrightarrow X_a \coprod X_b \mid X_c$   $p(X_a, X_b, X_c) = \frac{1}{Z} \psi_1(X_a, X_c) \sum_{X_d, X_e} \{ \psi_2(X_b, X_c, X_d) \psi_3(X_c, X_d, X_e) \}$  $= \frac{1}{Z} [\psi_1(X_a, X_c) g(X_b, X_c)]$  Use prop.1.

Global Markov Property

*G* = (*V*, *E*) : undirected graph *X*: random vector indexed by *V*.

*X* satisfies global Markov property relative to *G* if  $X_A \perp \!\!\!\perp X_B \mid X_S$  holds for any triplet (*A*,*B*,*S*) of disjoint subsets of *V* such that *S* separates *A* from *B*.

The previous theorem tells

if the distribution of X factorizes w.r.t. G, then X satisfies global Markov property relative to G.

Remark: Both of 'factorize' and 'global Markov property' are the properties regarding a relation between the probability p(X) and the undirected graph G.

#### Hammersley-Clifford theorem (see e.g. Lauritzen. Th.3.9)

Theorem 4

G = (V, E) : undirected graph

X: random vector indexed by V.

Assume that the probability density function p(X) of the distribution of *X* is strictly positive.

If *X* satisfies global Markov property w.r.t. *G*, then *X* factorizes w.r.t. *G*, *i.e.* p(X) admits the factorization:

$$p(X) = \prod_{C: \text{ clique}} \psi_C(X_C).$$



#### Directed Acyclic Graph and Markov Property

### **Directed Acyclic Graph**

#### Directed Graph

• G = (V, E): directed graph V: finite set -- nodes  $E \subset V \times V$ : set of edges

Example: 
$$V = \{a, b, c, d\}$$
  
 $E = \{(a, b), (b, c), (c, d), (b, d)\}$ 



Orient the edge (a,b) by  $a \rightarrow b$ 

Directed Acyclic graph (DAG)

Directed graph with no cycles.

Cycle: directed path starting and ending at the same node.



#### **DAG** and **Probability**

- Probability associated with a DAG
  - A DAG defines a family of probability distributions

$$p(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(X_i \mid X_{pa(i)})$$
$$pa(i) = \{j \in V \mid (i, j) \in E\} \text{ : parents of node } i.$$

p is said to be associated with DAG G, or p factorizes w.r.t. G.

Example:  $p(X_a, X_b, X_c, X_d, X_e)$   $= p(X_a) p(X_b) p(X_c | X_a, X_b) p(X_d | X_b, X_c) p(X_e | X_c, X_d)$ 

#### **Conditional Independence with DAG**

Three basic cases (1)  $\rightarrow c \rightarrow b$   $p(X_a, X_b, X_c) = p(X_a)p(X_c | X_a)p(X_b | X_c)$  $(\mathbf{a})$  $X_a \perp X_b \mid X_c$ Note  $p(X_a) p(X_c | X_a) = p(X_a, X_c) = p(X_c) p(X_a | X_c)$  $\implies p(X_a, X_b, X_c) = p(X_c) p(X_a | X_c) p(X_b | X_c)$  $p(X_a, X_b | X_c) = p(X_a | X_c) p(X_b | X_c)$ (2) $p(X_a, X_b, X_c) = p(X_c)p(X_a | X_c)p(X_b | X_c)$ b)  $X_a \perp X_h \mid X_c$ 

Note:  $p(X_a, X_b, X_c)$  are the same for (1) and (2).

### **Conditional Independence with DAG**



Note:  $p(X_a, X_b, X_c)$  in (3) are different from (1) and (2).



If you often sneeze, but you do not have cold, then it is more likely you have allergy (hay fever).

### **D-Separation**

#### Blocked:

An undirected path  $\pi$  is said to be blocked by a subset *S* in *V* if there exists a node *c* on the path such that either

(i)  $c \in S$  and c is not head-to-head in  $\pi$  ( $\longrightarrow C \rightarrow C$ ), or  $(\rightarrow C \rightarrow C)$ ),

(ii) 
$$\longrightarrow c \leftarrow o$$
 and  $(\{c\} \cup de(c)) \cap S = \phi$ .  
head-to-head

Descendent:  $de(i) = \{ j \in V \mid \exists directed path from i to j \}$ 



### **D-Separation**

#### d-separate:

A, B, S: disjoint subsets of V.

S d-separates A from B if every undirected path between a in A and b in B is blocked by S.

#### d-separation and conditional independence

<u>Theorem 5</u>

X: random vector with the distribution associated with DAG G.

A, B, S: disjoint subsets of V.

If S d-separates A from B, then

$$X_A \perp \!\!\!\perp X_B \mid X_S$$

(Proof not shown in this course. See Lauritzen 1996, 3.23&3.25)

### **D-Separation**

#### Example

□  $X_a \coprod X_b$   $S = \phi$ .  $a \rightarrow c \leftarrow b$  is blocked (with c).  $a \rightarrow c \rightarrow d \leftarrow b$  is blocked (with d)  $a \rightarrow c \rightarrow e \leftarrow d \leftarrow b$  is blocked (with e)



□  $X_a \coprod X_d \mid X_{\{b,c\}}$ a → c → d is blocked (with c). a → c ← b ← d is blocked (with b) a → c → e ← d is blocked (with e or c)



#### **Comparison: UDG and DAG**

Limitation of undirected graph

 $p(X_a, X_b, X_c) = p(X_a) p(X_b) p(X_c | X_a, X_b)$ 



DAG

 $X_a \coprod X_b$ ,  $X_a \not\amalg X_b \mid X_c$ 



If  $X_a \not \amalg X_c$ ,  $X_b \not \amalg X_c$ ,  $X_a \not \amalg X_b | X_c$ , any UDG is not able to express  $X_a \coprod X_b$ .

### **Comparison: UDG and DAG**

#### Limitation of DAG

Undirected graph  $p(X_{a}, X_{b}, X_{c}, X_{d})$   $= p(X_{a}, X_{b}) p(X_{a}, X_{c}) p(X_{b}, X_{d}) p(X_{c}, X_{d})$   $X_{a} \coprod X_{d} \mid X_{\{b,c\}} \qquad X_{b} \coprod X_{c} \mid X_{\{a,d\}}$ 



No DAG expresses these conditional independence relationships.

[Sketch of the proof.] If every node had the form  $\rightarrow$   $\rightarrow$ , the graph would be a cycle. Thus, there must be a v-structure. Conditional independence of the parents of the v-structure given the other two nodes cannot be expressed by a DAG.

#### Mini Summary on UDG and DAG

Undirected graph



• Probability associated with G, (p(X) factorizes w.r.t. G)

 $p(X) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{C: \text{ clique}} \psi_C(X_C)$ 

□ p(X) factorizes w.r.t. *G*   $\implies$  *X* is global Markov relative to *G*. (*i.e.* if *S* separates *A* from *B*, then  $X_A \coprod X_B \mid X_S$ .) Directed acyclic graph (DAG)



• Probability associated with G(p(X) factorizes w.r.t. G)

$$p(X_1,...,X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(X_i | X_{pa(i)})$$

□ p(X) factorizes w.r.t. *G*   $\implies$  *X* is d-global Markov relative to *G*. (*i.e.* if *S* d-separates *A* from *B*, then  $X_A \coprod X_B \mid X_S$ .)

# Appendix: Terminology on Graphs

• Undirected graph G = (V, E)

- □ Adjacent: *a* and *b* in V ( $a \neq b$ ) are adjacent if (a,b)  $\in E$ .
- Neighbor:  $ne(a) = \{b \in V \mid (a,b) \in E\}.$

#### **DAG** G = (V, E)

- Parents:  $pa(a) = \{b \in V \mid (b,a) \in E\}.$
- Children:  $ch(a) = \{b \in V \mid (a,b) \in E\}.$
- Ancestors:

 $an(a) = \{b \in V \mid \exists \text{ directed path from } b \text{ to } a\}.$ 

Descendents:

 $de(a) = \{b \in V \mid \exists \text{ directed path from } a \text{ to } b\}.$ 



#### Factor Graph and Markov Property

#### Factor Graph

• Factor graph G = (V, E) V = (I, F): two types of nodes I: variable nodes F: factor nodes E: undirected edges  $E \subset I \times F \subset V \times V$ .

) – variable node

] – factor node

An edge exists only between a factor node and a variables node.

A factor graph is in general called bipartite graph.

A bipartite graph is an undirected graph G = (V, E) such that  $V = V_1 \cup V_2, V_1 \cap V_2 = \phi, E \subset V_1 \times V_2.$ 

### **Probability and Factor graph**

Factor graph to represent factorization

□  $X = (X_i)_{i \in I}$ : random vector indexed by a finite set *I*. The density of the distribution of *X* factorizes as

$$p(X) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{a \in F} f_a(X^{(a)})$$
  

$$F: \text{ finite set.}$$
  

$$Z: \text{ normalization constant}$$

 $f_a$ : non-negative function of a subset of  $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  $X^{(a)} = (X_i)_{i \in I_a}$ , where  $I_a := \{i \in I \mid (i, a) \in E\}$ 

□ The factor graph G = (V, E) representing the factorization is given by V = (I, F) $E = \{(i, a) \in I \times F \mid i \in I_a\}$ 

#### **Probability and Factor graph**

#### Example $I = \{1,2,3,4,5\}$ $F = \{a,b,c\}$ $p(X) = \frac{1}{Z} f_a(X_1, X_3) f_b(X_2, X_3, X_4) f_c(X_3, X_4, X_5)$

 A probability is often given by a factorized form, *i.e.*, a product of factors with a small number of variables.

# Markov Property of Factor Graph

- ne(*i*): neighbor of a variable node *i*  $ne(i) = \{ j \in I \mid \exists a \in F, \{i, j\} \subset I_a \}.$
- A path in a factor graph is a sequence of variables nodes such that any consecutive two nodes are neighbors.
   e.g. 2-3-5.



• Factorization  $\rightarrow$  global Markov property

#### Theorem 6

Assume the probability of *X* factorizes w.r.t. a factor graph *G*.

S, A, B: disjoint subsets of the variable nodes I.

If every path between any *a* in *A* and *b* in *B* intersects with *S*, then  $X_A \perp \!\!\!\perp X_B \mid X_S$ 

### Markov Property of Factor Graph

Example 1

$$p(X) = \frac{1}{Z} f(X_1, X_3) g(X_2, X_3)$$

$$1 - f - 3 - g - 2$$

$$X_1 \perp \perp X_2 \mid X_3$$

• Example 2  

$$p(X) = \frac{1}{Z} f_a(X_1, X_3) f_b(X_2, X_3, X_4) f_c(X_3, X_4, X_5)$$

$$X_1 \coprod X_5 \mid X_{\{3,4\}}$$
(2)

**Direct confirmation** 

$$p(X_1, X_3, X_4, X_5) = \sum_{X_2} p(X) = \frac{1}{Z} f_a(X_1, X_3) \sum_{X_2} f_b(X_2, X_3, X_4) f_c(X_3, X_4, X_5)$$
$$= \frac{1}{Z} f_a(X_1, X_3) g(X_3, X_4) f_c(X_3, X_4, X_5)$$
$$= \frac{1}{Z} \varphi(X_1, X_3, X_4) \psi(X_3, X_4, X_5) \quad \text{(Prop.1)} \quad 35$$

# Comparison of Factor Graph and other graphs



- All the variable nodes in (i), (ii), and (iii) have the same neighbors, and thus the same conditional independence relationships (no conditional independence).
- □ The factor graph representations of (i) and (ii) are different.

# Comparison of Factor Graph and other graphs

Factor graph and DAG

$$p(X_1, X_2, X_3) = p(X_1)p(X_2)p(X_3 | X_1, X_2)$$

DAG



Factor graph



Independence of 1 and 2 cannot be represented.

#### More on Markov Property

### Markov Properties Revisited

- Markov properties for an undirected graph
   G = (V, E) : undirected graph.
   X: random vector indexed by V.
  - Local Markov
     X satisfies local Markov property relative to G if for any node a

$$X_a \coprod X_{V \setminus (\{a\} \cup ne(a))} \mid X_{ne(a)}$$

Pairwise Markov

X satisfies pairwise Markov property relative to G if any non-adjacent pair of nodes (a, b) satisfies

$$X_a \coprod X_b \mid X_{V \setminus \{a,b\}}$$





### Markov Properties Revisited

#### Theorem 7

Factorization  $\implies$  global Markov  $\implies$  local Markov  $\implies$  pairwise Markov

- proof) factorization  $\Rightarrow$  global Markov : Theorem 3. global Markov  $\Rightarrow$  local Markov : easy. local Markov  $\Rightarrow$  pairwise Markov : needs some math (Exercise).
- Hammersley-Clifford asserts that the pairwise Markov property means factorization w.r.t. the graph under positivity of the density. (Theorem 4 assumes 'global Markov', but the assertion holds under 'pairwise Markov' assumptoin.)
- Similar notions are defined for directed and factor graphs.

#### **Proof for Undirected Case**

We show a slight generalization of Theorem 3.

Theorem 8

Let G = (V, E) be an undirected graph. If the distribution of X factorizes as  $p(X) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{C:\text{complete}} \psi_C(X_C),$ 

then X satisfies global Markov property relative to G, *i.e.*, for a triplet (S, A, B) such that S separates A from B, the conditional independence  $X_A \coprod X_B | X_S$  holds.



Proof

Let

 $\widetilde{A} = \{ d \in V \setminus S \mid \exists a \in A, \exists \pi \text{ path from } a \text{ to } d, \pi \cap S = \phi \}, \\ \widetilde{B} = V \setminus (\widetilde{A} \cup S).$ 

#### **Proof for Undirected Case**

Obviously  $A \subset \widetilde{A}$ , and since *S* separates *A* from *B*,  $B \subset \widetilde{B}$ .



We can show for any complete subgraph C $C \subset S \cup \widetilde{A}$  or  $C \subset S \cup \widetilde{B}$  holds.

If  $C \subset S$ , there is nothing to prove.

Assume  $C \not\subset S$ .

Suppose that the above assertion does not hold, then  $C \cap \widetilde{A} \neq \phi$  and  $C \cap \widetilde{B} \neq \phi$ . Let  $a \in \widetilde{A} \cap C$  and  $b \in \widetilde{B} \cap C$ . Because a and b are in the complete subgraph C, there is an edge e connecting a and b. Since  $a \in \widetilde{A}$ , there is a path  $\pi$  from a to A without intersecting S. Connecting  $\pi$  and e makes a path from b to A without intersecting S, which contradicts with the definition of  $\widetilde{A}$  and  $\widetilde{B}$ .

#### **Proof for Undirected Case**

From this fact,

$$p(X) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{C: \text{ complete}} \psi_C(X_C) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{\substack{C: \text{ complete}\\C \subset S \cup \widetilde{A}}} \psi_C(X_C) \prod_{\substack{D: \text{ complete}\\D \subset S \cup \widetilde{B}}} \psi_D(X_D)$$

$$= f(X_{\tilde{A}}, X_{S})g(X_{\tilde{B}}, X_{S})$$

which means

$$X_{\widetilde{A}} \perp X_{\widetilde{B}} \mid X_{S}, \qquad (Proposition 1)$$

and thus

$$X_A \perp \!\!\!\perp X_B \mid X_S.$$
 Q.E.D.

### Converting Factor Graph to UDG

Neighborhood structure by a factor graph make an undirected graph.



Each factor in (A) does not correspond to a clique in U, but to a complete subgraph in U.

In general, p(X) factorizes as

$$p(X) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{C: \text{ complete}} \psi_C(X_C),$$

for the converted undirected graph U.

#### **Proof for Factor Graph**

□ Proof of Theorem 6 ('Factorization  $\rightarrow$  Global Markov' for factor graph)

From the above observation, the proof is done by Theorem 8.

### **Practical Examples**

Markov random field for image analysis

$$p(X) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{(i,j)\in E} \exp\left(-U_{ij}(X_i, X_j)\right)$$



Mixture model and hidden Markov model



Conditional random field for sequential data (Lafferty et al. 2001)



Hidden label sequence

Observation

### Summary

- A graph represents the conditional independence relationships among random variables.
- There are many types of graph to represent probabilities.
  - Undirected graph

Directed graph

Factor graph

