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Assumption in this part

Every variable takes values in a finite set.

Probabilistic Inference

 $p(Y \mid X)$

X: observed (evidence) *Y*: variable for inference

• Example: diagnosis for car start



P(Clean plug = no | No start, Fuel meter = half)

Probabilistic inference with graphical model



 $p(X) = p(X_1)p(X_2 | X_1)p(X_3 | X_1)$ × $p(X_4 | X_2)p(X_5 | X_3)p(X_6 | X_2, X_5)$

Given a value of $X_6 = e$, compute the probability of X_1

$$p(X_1 | X_6 = e) = \frac{p(X_1, X_6 = e)}{p(X_6 = e)}$$

Assume each variable takes K values

Naïve method

$$\begin{split} p(X_1, X_6 = e) &= \sum_{X_2} \sum_{X_3} \sum_{X_4} \sum_{X_5} p(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6 = e) \\ & (\text{K}^5 \text{ operations}) \\ p(X_6 = e) &= \sum_{X_1} p(X_1, X_6 = e) \\ p(X_1 \mid X_6 = e) &= \frac{p(X_1, X_6 = e)}{p(X_6 = e)} \end{split}$$
 (K operations)

In total: $K^5 + 2K$ operations are needed.

• Efficient method:

Elimination or successive marginalization

$$p(X_1, X_6 = e) = \sum_{X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5} p(X_1) p(X_2 \mid X_1) p(X_3 \mid X_1) p(X_4 \mid X_2)$$

$$\times p(X_5 \mid X_3) p(X_6 = e \mid X_2, X_5)$$

$$= p(X_1)\sum_{X_2} p(X_2 \mid X_1) \sum_{X_3} p(X_3 \mid X_1) \sum_{X_4} p(X_4 \mid X_2) \sum_{X_5} p(X_5 \mid X_3) p(X_6 = e \mid X_2, X_5)$$

= $p(X_1)\sum_{X_2} p(X_2 \mid X_1) \sum_{X_3} p(X_3 \mid X_1) m_5(X_2, X_3, X_6 = e) \sum_{X_4} p(X_4 \mid X_2)$
= $p(X_1)\sum_{X_2} p(X_2 \mid X_1) \sum_{X_3} p(X_3 \mid X_1) m_5(X_2, X_3, X_6 = e)$
= $p(X_1)\sum_{X_2} p(X_2 \mid X_1) m_3(X_1, X_2, X_6 = e)$

In total: K^3 (+ K) + K^3 + K^2 + 2K operations are needed. The efficiency depends on the number of variables in the factors.⁵

Tree

- □ The previous elimination method works most efficiently for trees.
- Tree: a (directed or undirected) graph such that for any two nodes there is a unique (undirected) path connecting them.
- □ Tree is connected, and has no loop.



undirected tree



directed tree

 $\Box |E| = |V|-1$

Propagation in a tree
 Marginalization in an undirected tree

$$p(X_1) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6} \psi_{12}(X_1, X_2) \psi_{13}(X_1, X_3) \psi_{24}(X_2, X_4) \\ \times \psi_{35}(X_3, X_5) \psi_{36}(X_3, X_6)$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{X_2} \psi_{12}(X_1, X_2) \sum_{X_3} \psi_{13}(X_1, X_3) \sum_{X_4} \psi_{24}(X_2, X_4) \sum_{X_5} \psi_{35}(X_3, X_5) \sum_{X_6} \psi_{36}(X_3, X_6) \sum_{M_{42}(X_2)} w_{12}(X_1, X_2) \sum_{X_3} \psi_{13}(X_1, X_3) m_{42}(X_2) m_{53}(X_3) m_{63}(X_3)$$

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$$= \frac{1}{Z} m_{21}(X_1) m_{31}(X_1) \sum_{X_3} \psi_{13}(X_1, X_3) m_{53}(X_3) m_{53}(X_3) m_{63}(X_3)$$

Propagate messages from the bottom nodes to an upper level.

$$m_{i \to j}(X_j) = \sum_{X_i} \psi_{ji}(X_j, X_i) \prod_{k \in ne(i) \setminus \{j\}} m_{k \to i}(X_i)$$

K² operations

When all the messages are propagated to i_0 , the marginal of X_{i_0} is given by

$$p(X_{i_0}) = \frac{b(X_{i_0})}{\sum_{X_{i_0}} b(X_{i_0})}, \qquad b(X_{i_0}) = \prod_{j \in ne(i_0)} m_{j \to i_0}(X_{i_0})$$

Note: normalization factor 1/Z in the joint probability is not needed. We can normalize the marginal after the propagation finishes.

 $m_{i \to j}(X_i)$

Computation of all the marginals

- □ We DO NOT need to repeat the process for every node.
- Propagate the messages downward after the upward propagations are done.
- When all the upward and downward messages are computed, every marginal can be obtained.



Belief Propagation for Undirected Tree

- Belief propagation algorithm for undirected tree (sum-product algorithm)
 - (1) Fix a root of the tree
 - (2) [Upward] Propagate the messages from to bottom nodes to the root according to

$$m_{i \to j}(X_j) = \sum_{X_i} \psi_{ji}(X_j, X_i) \prod_{k \in ne(i) \setminus \{j\}} m_{k \to i}(X_i)$$

(3) [Downward] Propagate the messages from the root to the bottom nodes by the same rule.(4) The marginals are obtained by

$$p(X_i) = \frac{b(X_i)}{\sum_{X_i} b(X_i)}, \qquad b(X_i) = \prod_{j \in ne(i)} m_{j \to i}(X_i)$$

$$(b(X_i): \text{ belief })$$

Belief Propagation for Undirected Tree

Message passing protocol

The order of updates may be different, but should keep the following message passing protocol:

"The message to a node must be propagated after the messages from all the other neighbors are received".

Efficient algorithm

- Reuse of messages to compute all the marginals.
- The cost for computing all the marginals

= (Upward + Downward) x $K^2 = 2|E| \times K^2 = 2(|V|-1) \times K^2$

Linear in the number of nodes or edges

Use of evidence

□ If some nodes have evidence, just fix the values in computing the messages.

Inference with Directed Tree (Details are omitted in this course)

Directed Tree

Directed tree (polytree)Example



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

× $p(X_4)p(X_5 | X_3, X_4)p(X_6 | X_3)$

directed tree (polytree)

Belief Propagation for Directed Tree

πλ-algorithm (Kim & Pearl 1983) two types of messages are used
 Parent to child:

$$\pi_{i \to k}(X_i) = \sum_{X_{pa(i)}} p(X_i \mid X_{pa(i)}) \prod_{j \in pa(i)} \pi_{j \to i}(X_j) \prod_{r \in ch(i) \setminus \{k\}} \lambda_{r \to i}(X_i)$$

Child to parent:

$$\lambda_{i \to j}(X_j) = \sum_{X_i, X_{pa(i) \setminus \{j\}}} p(X_i \mid X_{pa(i)}) \prod_{k \in ch(i)} \lambda_{k \to i}(X_i) \prod_{n \in pa(i) \setminus \{j\}} \pi_{n \to i}(X_n)$$

Marginal:

$$p(X_i) \propto \lambda(X_i) \pi(X_i)$$
$$\lambda(X_i) = \prod_{k \in ch(i)} \lambda_{k \to i}(X_i), \quad \pi(X_i) = \sum_{X_{pa(i)}} p(X_i \mid X_{pa(i)}) \prod_{j \in pa(i)} \pi_{j \to i}(X_j)$$

 \square $\pi\lambda$ -algorithm is the first general belief propagation algorithm.

Mini Summary

Belief propagation / sum-product algorithm

- □ All the marginals are exactly calculated for trees.
 - Undirected tree, factor tree, polytree.
 - Non-tree cases will be discussed later.
- The computational cost is linear w.r.t. the tree size (number of variables).
 - Basic idea is successive marginal-out, but the messages are reused to compute all the marginals.
 - Messages are passed upward and then downward.
 - In general, the order of the message passing should keep the message passing protocol.
- The equations of message passing is local: product of the messages from the neighbors and sum over local variables.

Mini Summary

Constant factor is not necessary.
 To given the joint probability density, the form

 $p(X) \propto \prod f_a(X_a)$

is sufficient to apply the belief propagation.

Just normalize after the unnormalized marginal is computed.

• Normalization factor can be computed by belief propagation. For $p(X) \propto \prod f_a(X_a)$

Normalization factor Z is given by marginal-out:

$$Z = \sum_{X} \prod f_a(X_a)$$