



Exact Inference

want to query the conditional probability $P(y|e)$

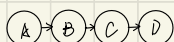
$$P(y|e) = \frac{P(y, e)}{P(e)}$$

let $w = \mathcal{X} \cup \mathcal{Y} \cup \mathcal{Z}$ where $\mathcal{X}$ are all variables in the network

$$P(y, e) = \sum_{\mathcal{X}} P(y, e, w)$$

$$P(e) = \sum_{\mathcal{X}} P(y, e)$$

Variable Elimination: Intuition



$$P(B) = \sum_a P(B|a) \cdot p(a)$$

$$P(C) = \sum_b P(C|b) \cdot p(b)$$

$$P(D) = \sum_c P(D|c) \cdot p(c)$$



$$P(X_{n+1}) = \sum_{x_n} P(X_{n+1}|x_n) \cdot p(x_n)$$

Suppose each x_i has k values, the CPT $P(X_{n+1}|x_i)$ has k^2 values

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Sum over k possibilities

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k^2 operations for calculating $P(X_{n+1})$ given $p(x_n)$ } $O(k^2)$

$$P(X_n) = \sum_{x_{n-1}} \sum_{x_{n-2}} \dots \sum_{x_1} P(X_n | x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, \dots, x_1) \cdot p(x_{n-1}) \cdot p(x_{n-2}) \cdot \dots \cdot p(x_1)$$

$O(k^n)$

Using the chain rule, we did the inference over the joint distribution without generating it explicitly

$$P(d^1) = \begin{matrix} P(a^1) & P(b^1 | a^1) & P(c^1 | b^1) & P(d^1 | c^1) \\ + & P(a^2) & P(b^1 | a^2) & P(c^1 | b^1) & P(d^1 | c^1) \\ + & P(a^1) & P(b^2 | a^1) & P(c^1 | b^2) & P(d^1 | c^1) \\ + & P(a^2) & P(b^2 | a^2) & P(c^1 | b^2) & P(d^1 | c^1) \\ + & P(a^1) & P(b^1 | a^1) & P(c^2 | b^1) & P(d^1 | c^2) \\ + & P(a^2) & P(b^1 | a^2) & P(c^2 | b^1) & P(d^1 | c^2) \\ + & P(a^1) & P(b^2 | a^1) & P(c^2 | b^2) & P(d^1 | c^2) \\ + & P(a^2) & P(b^2 | a^2) & P(c^2 | b^2) & P(d^1 | c^2) \end{matrix}$$

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$$P(D) = \sum_e \sum_b \sum_a p(a) \cdot p(b|a) \cdot p(c|b) \cdot p(d|c)$$

$$= \sum_c p(D|c) \sum_b p(c|b) \sum_a p(a|b)$$

Variable Elimination

Factor Normalization:

$$\psi(X) = \sum_Y \phi(X, Y)$$

Figure 9.7: Example of factor normalization. A table with 4 columns of factors $\phi_i(X, Y)$ and one column of the result $\psi(X)$.

the factor ψ is the factor marginalization of γ in ϕ , denoted $\sum_Y \phi$

Factor products: $\phi_1 \cdot \phi_2 = \phi_2 \cdot \phi_1$ $(\phi_1 \phi_2) \cdot \phi_3 = \phi_1 \cdot (\phi_2 \phi_3)$

Factor summations: $\sum_X \sum_Y \phi = \sum_Y \sum_X \phi$

If $X \notin \text{scope}(\phi)$, then $\phi \cdot \sum_Y \phi_2 = \sum_Y (\phi \cdot \phi_2)$

$$\begin{aligned} P(D) &= \sum_A \sum_B \sum_C P(A, B, C, D) \\ &= \sum_A \sum_B \sum_C \phi_A \phi_B \phi_C \phi_D \\ &= \sum_A \sum_B \phi_A \phi_B \sum_C (\phi_C \phi_D) \\ &= \sum_A \phi_A \sum_B \phi_B \sum_C \phi_C \phi_D \end{aligned}$$

The form $\sum \prod \phi$ is called "sum-product" inference task

those equal signs are justified by the limited scope of the CPD factors

Let X be some set of variables, $\mathcal{E}$ be a set of factors such that $\forall \phi \in \mathcal{E} \text{ scope}(\phi) \subseteq X$

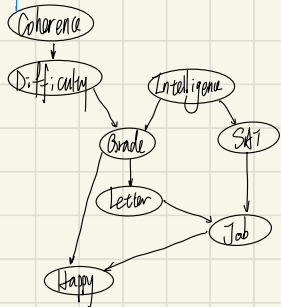
Let $Y \subset X$ be a set of query variables and $Z = X \setminus Y$

$$\phi^*(Y) = \sum_Z \prod_{\phi \in \mathcal{E}} \phi$$

for a Bayesian network $\mathcal{E} = \{P(X_i | \text{pa}(X_i))\}$

for a Markov Network ϕ_i is a clique potential

eg. compute $P(I)$



$$P(C, D, I, G, S, L, J, H) = P(C) \cdot P(D|C) \cdot P(I) \cdot P(G|I, D) \cdot P(S|I, D) \cdot P(L|G, S) \cdot P(J|L, S) \cdot P(H|G, J)$$

$$= \phi_C(C) \cdot \phi_D(D, C) \cdot \phi_I(I) \cdot \phi_G(G, I, D) \cdot \phi_S(S, I, D) \cdot \phi_L(L, G, S) \cdot \phi_J(J, L, S) \cdot \phi_H(H, G, J)$$

1' eliminate C
 $\pi_I(D) = \sum_C \phi_C(C) \cdot \phi_D(D, C) \cdot P(D)$
 4' eliminate H
 $\pi_H(G, J) = \sum_H \phi_H(H, G, J)$
 $\sum_H P(H|G, J) = 1$

2' eliminate D
 $\pi_G(G, I) = \sum_D \phi_G(G, I, D) \cdot \pi_I(D)$
 $\sum_D P(G|I, D) \cdot P(D) = \sum_D P(G, D|I)$
 $(I, L, D) = P(G, I)$
 3' eliminate I
 $\pi_S(G, S) = \sum_I \phi_S(S, I, D) \cdot \pi_G(G, I)$
 $P(G, S) = \sum_I P(I) \cdot P(G|I) \cdot P(S|I)$
 $(S, L, G, I) = P(G, S)$

5' eliminate G
 $\pi_J(J, L, S) = \sum_G \pi_G(G, I) \cdot \phi_L(L, G, S) \cdot \pi_S(G, S)$
 $P(L, S) = \sum_G P(L|G, S) \cdot P(G, S)$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(I) &= \sum_{S, L} \pi_J(J, L, S) \cdot \phi_J(J, L, S) \\ &= \sum_{S, L} P(L, S) \cdot P(J|L, S) \end{aligned}$$

def eliminate_variable (Φ : set of factors, z : variable to be eliminated):

$\Phi' = \{ \phi \in \Phi : z \in \text{scope}(\phi) \}$ // factors that contains the target variable

$\Phi'' = \Phi - \Phi'$

$\psi = \prod_{\phi \in \Phi'} \phi$

// factor product

$T = \sum_z \psi$

// renormalize

return $\Phi'' \cup \{T\}$

def sum_product_variable_elimination (Φ : set of factors, z : set of variable to be eliminated, $<$: ordering of z)

for $i = 1, \dots, k$

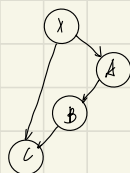
// $z_i < z_j$ iff $i < j$

$\Phi = \text{eliminate_variable}(\Phi, z_i)$

$\phi^* = \prod_{\phi \in \Phi} \phi$

return ϕ^*

Variable Elimination: Semantics of Factors



$$\Phi = \{ p(x), p(a|x), p(b|a), p(c|b,x) \}$$

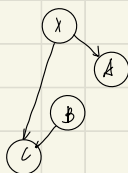
eliminate x

$$T(A,B,C) = \sum_x p(x) p(a|x) p(c|b,x)$$

$T(A,B,C)$ does not correspond to any probability

↳ $T(A,B,C)$ cannot be $P(B|\dots)$ since $p(b|a)$ is not multiplied

↳ $T(A,B,C) = \sum_x p(a|x) p(c|b,x) \neq p(a,c|b)$



$$\Phi = \{ p(x), p(a|x), p(c|b,x) \}$$

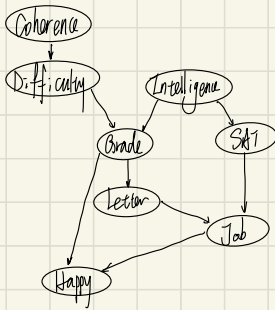
eliminate x

$$p(a,b,c) = \sum_x p(x) p(a|x) p(c|b,x)$$

$$= p(b) \cdot \sum_x p(x) p(a|x) p(c|b,x)$$

$$\therefore \sum_x p(x) p(a|x) p(c|b,x) = p(a,c|b)$$

Dealing with Evidences



$$P(J|i, h) ?$$

$$P(J|i, h) = \frac{P(J, i, h)}{P(i, h)}$$

$$P(C, D, I, G, S, L, J, H) = \phi(C) \cdot \phi(D, C) \cdot \phi_I(I) \cdot \phi(G, I, D) \cdot \phi_S(S, I) \cdot \phi_L(L, G) \cdot \phi_J(J, L, S) \cdot \phi_H(H, G, J)$$

$$P(C, D, I=i, G, S, L, J, H=h) = \phi(C) \cdot \phi(D, C) \cdot \phi_I(I=i) \cdot \phi_G(I=i)(G, D) \cdot \phi_S(I=i)(S) \cdot \phi_L(G) \cdot \phi_J(I=i)(J) \cdot \phi_H(I=i)(G, J)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{eliminate } C \\
 & T_1(D) = \sum_C \phi(C) \cdot \phi(D, C) \\
 & \text{eliminate } D \\
 & T_2(A) = \sum_D T_1(D) \cdot \phi_I(I=i)(G, D) \\
 & \text{eliminate } S \\
 & T_3(L) = \sum_S \phi_S(I=i)(S) \cdot \phi_J(I=i)(J) \cdot \phi_H(I=i)(G, J) \\
 & \text{eliminate } G \\
 & \phi^*(J) = \sum_G T_3(L) \cdot \phi_L(G) \cdot \phi_J(I=i)(G, J)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(I=i, H=h) = \sum_J P(J=i, I=i, H=h)$$

$$P(J|i, h) = P(J, I=i, H=h) / P(I=i, H=h)$$

$$\phi^*(J) = \sum_G T_3(L) \cdot \phi_L(G) \cdot \phi_J(I=i)(G, J) \quad P(J, I=i, H=h)$$

def conditional_probability_variable_elimination (K: A network over X, Y: set of query variables, E: Evidence):

Φ = Factors parametrizing K

replace each $\phi \in \Phi$ by $\phi[I=E]$

select an elimination ordering $\prec$

$$Z = X - Y - E$$

ϕ^* = Sum-product-Variable-Elimination ($\Phi, \prec, E$)

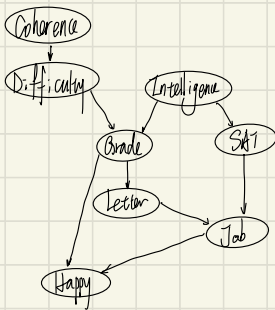
$$\alpha = \sum \phi^*(\omega)$$

return ϕ^*/α

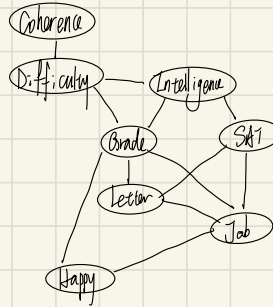
Complexity and Graph Structure: Variable elimination

The variable elimination algorithm does not care whether the graph is directed, undirected or partially directed.
The algorithm's input is a set of factors, the only relevant aspect to the computation is the scope of the factors.
Can define the notion of an undirected graph associated with a set of factors

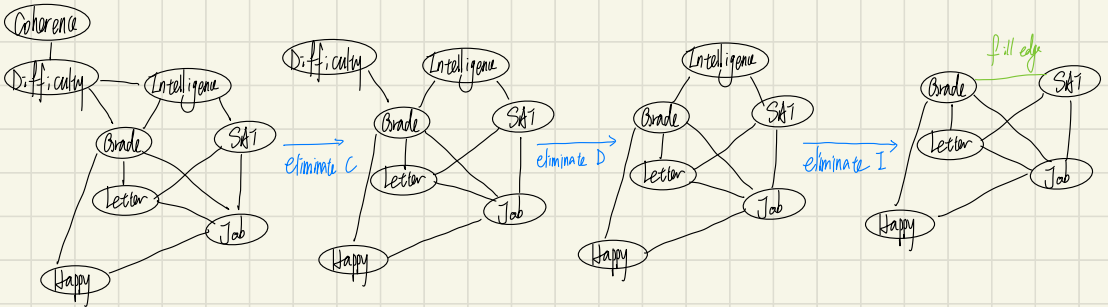
Let $\mathcal{F}$ be a set of factors. $\text{Scope}[\mathcal{F}] = \bigcup \text{Scope}[f] \quad f \in \mathcal{F}$
define $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}$ to be the undirected graph whose nodes corresponds to variables in $\text{Scope}[\mathcal{F}]$,
and $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}$ has an edge $x_i - x_j$ iff $\exists f \in \mathcal{F}$ st. $\{x_i, x_j\} \subseteq \text{Scope}[f]$



$\mathcal{F} = \{ \phi_c, \phi_{(D,C)}, \phi_{(I,C)}, \phi_{(D,I)}, \phi_{(S,I)}, \phi_{(L,I)}, \phi_{(J,S)}, \phi_{(L,J)} \}$



Let P be a Gibbs distribution $P(X) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \phi$, then $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}$ is the minimal Z -map for P ,
and the factors $\mathcal{F}$ are a parametrization of this network that defines P

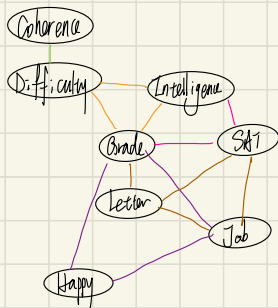


Let $\mathcal{F}$ be a set of factors over $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ and $<$ be an elimination ordering for some $X \subseteq \mathcal{X}$

the induced graph $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{F}, <}$ is a undirected graph over $\mathcal{X}$, where x_i and x_j are connected $\iff (x_i, x_j)$ appear some intermediate factor ϕ generated by variable elimination using $<$ as an elimination ordering

For a Bayesian Network G , $\mathcal{I}_{G, <} = \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{F}, <}$ where $\mathcal{F}$ are CPDs

For a Markov Network $\mathcal{H}$, $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{H}, <} = \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{F}, <}$ where $\mathcal{F}$ are potentials in $\mathcal{H}$



$$\pi() = \sum_c \phi_c(c) \phi_{\pi}(c)$$

$$I(G, Z) = \sum_z \phi_z(Z, D, G), \pi()$$

$$B(G, S) = \sum_z I(G, Z) \phi_z(S, Z) \phi_z(Z)$$

$$T_L(G, J) = \sum_z \phi_z(G, J)$$

$$T_S(J, L, S) = \sum_z T_L(G, J) \phi_z(L, G) B(G, S)$$

$$T_G(J, L) = \sum_S T_S(J, L, S) \phi_S(J, L, S)$$

elimination ordering:

C

D

I

H

G

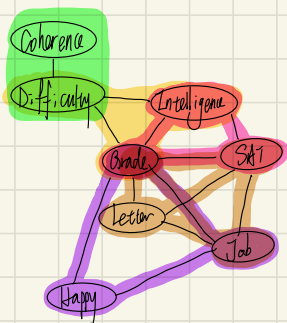
S

L

Let $\mathcal{I}_{\prec}$ be the induced graph for a set of factors $\mathcal{E}$ and some elimination ordering $\prec$, then:

The scope of any factor generated during the variable elimination is a clique in $\mathcal{I}_{\prec}$

Every maximal clique in $\mathcal{I}_{\prec}$ is the scope of some intermediate factor in $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{E}}$



maximal cliques: $\{C, D\}$

$\{D, I, G\}$

$\{I, G, S\}$

$\{G, J, L, S\}$

$\{G, H, J\}$