## 10-708 PGM (Spring 2019): Homework 1 v1.1

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## 1 Bayesian Networks [20 points] (Xun)

State True or False, and briefly justify your answer in a few sentences. You can cite theorems from Koller and Friedman (2009). Throughout the section, P is a distribution and  $\mathcal G$  is a BN structure.

1. [2 points] If  $A \perp B \mid C$  and  $A \perp C \mid B$ , then  $A \perp B$  and  $A \perp C$ . (Suppose the joint distribution of  $A, B, C$  is positive.)



Figure 1: A Bayesian network.

- 2. [2 points] In Figure 1,  $E \perp C \mid B$ .
- 3. [2 points] In Figure 1,  $A \perp E \mid C$ .



Figure 2: Some relations in Bayesian networks.

- 4. [2 points] In Figure 2, relation (1) is true.
- 5. [2 points] In Figure 2, relation (2) is true.
- 6. [2 points] In Figure 2, relation (3) is true.
- 7. [2 points] If  $G$  is an I-map for  $P$ , then  $P$  may have extra conditional independencies than G.
- 8. [2 points] Two BN structures  $\mathcal{G}_1$  and  $\mathcal{G}_2$  are I-equivalent iff they have the same skeleton and the same set of v-structures.
- 9. [2 points] The minimal I-map of a distribution is the I-map with fewest edges.
- 10. [2 points] The P-map of a distribution, if exists, is unique.

## 2 Undirected Graphical Models [25 points] (Paul)

#### 2.1 Local, Pairwise and Global Markov Properties [18 points]

- 1. Prove the following properties:
	- [2 points] If  $A \perp (B, D) \mid C$  then  $A \perp B \mid C$ .
	- [2 points] If  $A \perp (B, D) \mid C$  then  $A \perp B \mid (C, D)$  and  $A \perp D \mid (B, C)$ .
	- [2 points] For strictly positive distributions, if  $A \perp B \mid (C, D)$  and  $A \perp C \mid (B, D)$ then  $A \perp (B, C) \mid D$ .
- 2. [6 points] Show that for any undirected graph  $G$  and distribution  $P$ , if  $P$  factorizes according to  $G$ , then  $P$  will also satisfy the global Markov properties of  $G$ .
- 3. **[6 points]** Show that for any undirected graph G and distribution  $P$ , if  $P$  satisfies the local Markov property with respect to  $G$ , then  $P$  will also satisfy the pairwise Markov property of G.

#### 2.2 Gaussian Graphical Models [7 points]

Now we consider a specific instance of undirected graphical models. Let  $X = \{X_1, ..., X_d\}$ be a set of random variables and follow a joint Gaussian distribution  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Lambda^{-1})$  where  $\Lambda \in \mathbb{S}^{++}$  is the precision matrix. Let  $X_j, X_k$  be two nodes in X, and  $Z = \{X_i \mid i \notin \{j, k\}\}\$ denote the remaining nodes. Show that  $X_j \perp X_k \mid Z$  if and only if  $\Lambda_{jk} = 0$ .

## 3 Exact Inference [40 points] (Xun)

#### 3.1 Variable elimination on a grid [10 points]

Consider the following Markov network:



We are going to see how *tree-width*, a property of the graph, is related to the intrinsic complexity of variable elimination of a distribution.

- 1. **[2 points]** Write down largest clique(s) for the elimination order  $E, D, H, F, B, A, G, I, C$ .
- 2. [2 points] Write down largest clique(s) for the elimination order  $A, G, I, C, D, H, F, B, E$ .
- 3. [2 points] Which of the above ordering is preferable? Explain briefly.
- 4. [4 points] Using this intuition, give a reasonable  $(\ll n^2)$  upper bound on the tree-width of the  $n \times n$  grid.

#### 3.2 Junction tree in action: part 1 [10 points]

Consider the following Bayesian network  $\mathcal{G}$ :



We are going to construct a junction tree  $\mathcal T$  from  $\mathcal G$ . Please sketch the generated objects in each step.

- 1. **[1 pts]** Moralize  $\mathcal{G}$  to construct an undirected graph  $\mathcal{H}$ .
- 2. [3 pts] Triangulate H to construct a chordal graph  $\mathcal{H}^*$ .

(Although there are many ways to triangulate a graph, for the ease of grading, please use the triangulation that corresponds to the elimination order  $A, B, C, D, E$ .

- 3. [3 pts] Construct a cluster graph  $\mathcal U$  where each node is a maximal clique  $\mathcal C_i$  from  $\mathcal H^*$ and each edge is the sepset  $S_{i,j} = C_i \cap C_j$  between adjacent cliques  $C_i$  and  $C_j$ .
- 4. [3 pts] Run maximum spanning tree algorithm on  $\mathcal U$  to construct a junction tree  $\mathcal T$ . (The cluster graph is small enough to calculate maximum spanning tree in one's head.)

#### 3.3 Junction tree in action: part 2 [20 points]

Continuing from part 1, now assume all variables are binary and the CPDs are parameterized as follows:



We are going to implement belief propagation on  $\mathcal T$ . The provided template junction\_tree.py contains the following tasks:

- initial\_clique\_potentials(): Compute initial clique potentials  $\psi_i(\boldsymbol{C}_i)$  from factors  $\phi_i$ .
- messages(): Compute messages  $\delta_{i\to j}$  from initial clique potentials  $\psi_i(\bm{C}_i)$ .
- beliefs(): Compute calibrated clique beliefs  $\beta_i(\bm{C}_i)$  and sepset beliefs  $\mu_{i,j}(\bm{S}_{i,j})$ , using initial clique potentials  $\psi_i(\mathbf{C}_i)$  and messages  $\delta_{i\rightarrow j}$ .
- Using the beliefs  $\beta_i(\mathbf{C}_i)$ ,  $\mu_{i,j}(\mathbf{S}_{i,j})$ , compute
	- query1():  $P(B)$
	- query2():  $P(A|C)$
	- $-$  query3():  $P(A, B, C, D, E)$

Please finish the unimplemented TODO blocks and submit completed junction\_tree.py to Gradescope (https://www.gradescope.com/courses/36025).

In the implementation, please represent factors as **numpy**.ndarray and store different factors in a dictionary with its scope as the key. For example, as provided in the template, phi['ab'] is a factor  $\phi_{AB}$  represented as a 2 × 2 matrix, where phi<sup>['ab']</sup>[0, 0] =  $\phi_{AB}(A = 0, B = 0)$  $(0) = P(B = 0|A = 0) = x_1$ . For messages, one can use **delta**['ab\_cd'] to denote a message from  $AB$  to  $CD$ . Most functions can be written in 3 lines of code. You may find np.einsum() useful.

### 4 Parameter Learning [15 points] (Xun)



Consider an HMM with  $Y_t \in [M], X_t \in \mathbb{R}^K \ (M, K \in \mathbb{N})$ . Let  $(\pi, A, \{\mu_i, \sigma_i^2\}_{i=1}^M)$  be its parameters, where  $\pi \in \mathbb{R}^M$  is the initial state distribution,  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M}$  is the transition matrix,  $\mu_i \in \mathbb{R}^K$  and  $\sigma_i^2 > 0$  are parameters of the emission distribution, which is defined to be an isotropic Gaussian. In other words,

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P(Y_1 = i) = \pi_i \tag{1}
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P(Y_{t+1} = j | Y_t = i) = A_{ij} \tag{2}
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P(X_t|Y_t = i) = \mathcal{N}(X_t; \mu_i, \sigma_i^2 I). \tag{3}
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We are going to implement the Baum-Welch (EM) algorithm that estimates parameters from data  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times T \times K}$ , which is a collection of N observed sequences of length T. Note that there are different forms of forward-backward algorithms, for instance the  $(\alpha, \gamma)$ -recursion, which is slightly different from the  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -recursion we saw in the class. For the ease of grading, however, please implement the  $(\alpha, \beta)$  version, and remember to normalize the messages at each step for numerical stability.

Please complete the unimplemented TODO blocks in the template baum\_welch.py and submit it to Gradescope (https://www.gradescope.com/courses/36025). The template has its own toy problem to verify the implementation. The test cases are ran on other randomly generated problem instances.

# References

D. Koller and N. Friedman. Probabilistic Graphical Models: Principles and Techniques. MIT Press, 2009.