# Graphical Models 

Clique trees \& Belief Propagation

## Learning objectives

- message passing on clique trees
- its relation to variable elimination
- two different forms of belief propagation


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\sum_{C, D, I, G, S, L, H} P(D \mid C) P(G \mid D, I) P(S \mid I) P(L \mid G) P(J \mid L, S) P(H \mid G, J)
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$$
=\ldots . \sum_{I} \phi_{3}(S \mid I) \sum_{D} \phi_{2}(G, D, I) \sum_{C} \phi_{1}(D, C)
$$

- repeat this


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- maximal cliques are factors created during VE $\left(\psi_{t}\right)$



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C_{i}=\operatorname{Scope}\left[\psi_{i}\right]
$$

- sepsets are the result of marginalization over cliques

$$
\begin{aligned}
& S_{i, j}=S c o p e\left[\psi_{i}^{\prime}\right] \\
& S_{i, j}=C_{i} \cap C_{j}
\end{aligned}
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- running intersection property:
- if $X \in C_{i}, C_{j}$ then $X \in C_{k}$ for $C_{k}$ in the path $C_{i} \rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow C_{j}$

VE as message passing


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calculate the product of factors in each clique $\quad \psi_{i}\left(C_{i}\right) \triangleq \prod_{\phi: \bar{\alpha}(\phi)=i} \phi$ send messages from the leaves towards a root:

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&=\sum_{\mathcal{V}\langle(i \rightarrow j)} \prod_{\phi \in \mathcal{F}\langle(i \rightarrow j)} \phi \\
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- the message is the marginal from one side of the tree


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- the belief at the root clique is $\beta_{r}\left(C_{r}\right) \triangleq \psi_{r}\left(C_{r}\right) \prod_{k \in N b_{r}} \delta_{k \rightarrow r}\left(S_{r, k}\right)$ proportional to the marginal $\beta_{r}\left(C_{r}\right) \propto \sum_{\mathbf{x}-C_{i}} P(\mathbf{X})$


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- clique $\mathbf{i}$ sends a message to clique $\mathbf{j}$ when received messages from all the other neighbors $\mathbf{k}$


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- sum-product belief propagation (BP)

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\end{aligned}
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## marginals

for any clique (not only root)

## Summery so far...

- VE creates a chordal induced graph
- maximum cliques in this graph: clusters
- message passing view of VE:
- send messages between clusters towards a root
- going beyond VE:
- send messages back from the root
- produce marginal over all clusters


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being calibrated and
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\tilde{P}(\mathbf{X}) \propto \frac{\prod \beta_{i} i\left(C_{i}\right)}{\prod_{i, j \in \varepsilon} \mu_{i, j}\left(S_{i, j}\right)} \Leftrightarrow \beta_{i}\left(C_{i}\right) \propto P\left(C_{i}\right)
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\begin{aligned}
& \text { initialize } \beta_{i} \leftarrow \psi_{i}=\prod_{\phi: \alpha(\phi)=i} \phi, \quad \mu_{i, j} \leftarrow 1 \\
& \text { until convergence: } \\
& \qquad \begin{array}{ll}
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at convergence, beliefs are calibrated

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and so they are $\propto$ marginals

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3. use max. spanning-tree to build a tree (edge-cost $\mid C_{i} \cap C_{j}$ )

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input

triangulated

clique-tree


## clique-tree quiz

what clique-tree to use here?
what are the sepsets?
cost of exact inference?


## Summary

- VE as message passing in a clique-tree
- clique-tree: running intersection \& family preserving
- belief propagation updates:
- message update
- belief update
- types of queries
- how to build a clique-tree for exact inference


## Chordal graph and clique-tree

Chordal graph $=$ Markov $\cap$ Bayesian networks
convert MRF to Bayes-net (the actual procedure):

- triangulate
- build a clique-tree
- within cliques: fully connected directed edges
- between cliques: from root to leaves

