Causal and Probabilistic Reasoning

### Slides Set 6: Exact Inference Algorithms Tree-Decomposition Schemes

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(Dechter chapter 5, Darwiche chapter 6-7)



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#### From BE to Bucket-Tree Elimination(BTE)

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P(D)?

First, observe the BE operates on a tree.

Second, What if we want the marginal on D?



 $bel(d) = \alpha \sum_{a,b} P(d|a,b) \cdot \pi_{B \to D}(a,b).$ slides6 276 2024

#### **BTE: Allows Messages Both Ways**



BTE

**Theorem:** When BTE terminates The product of functions in each bucket is the beliefs of the variables joint with the evidence.

$$elim(i,j) = scope(B_i) - scope(B_j)$$

Algorithm bucket-tree elimination (BTE) Input: A problem  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{F}, \prod, \Sigma \rangle$ , ordering d.  $X = \{X_1, ..., X_n\}$  and  $F = \{f_1, ..., f_r\}$ Evidence E = e. Output: Augmented buckets  $\{B'_i\}$ , containing the original functions and all the  $\pi$  and  $\lambda$  functions received from neighbors in the bucket tree. 1. Pre-processing: Partition functions to the ordered buckets as usual and generate the bucket tree. 2. Top-down phase:  $\lambda$  messages (BE) do for i = n to 1, in reverse order of d process bucket  $B_i$ : The message  $\lambda_{i \rightarrow j}$  from  $B_i$  to its parent  $B_j$ , is:  $\lambda_{i \to j} \Leftarrow \sum_{elim(i,j)} \psi_i \cdot \prod_{k \in child(i)} \lambda_{k \to i}$ endfor 3. bottom-up phase:  $\pi$  messages for j = 1 to n, process bucket  $B_j$  do:  $B_i$  takes  $\pi_{k \to i}$  received from its parent  $B_k$ , and computes a message  $\pi_{i \to i}$ for each child bucket B. by  $\pi_{j \to i} \Leftarrow \sum_{elim(j,i)} \pi_{k \to j} \cdot \psi_j \cdot \prod_{r \neq i} \lambda_{r \to j}$ endfor 4. Output: augmented buckets  $B'_1, ..., B'_n$ , where each  $B'_i$  contains the original bucket functions and the  $\lambda$  and  $\pi$  messages it received.



#### Bucket-Tree Construction From the Graph

- 1. Pick a (good) variable ordering, d.
- 2. Generate the induced ordered graph



- 3. From top to bottom, each bucket of X is mapped to pairs (variables, functions)
- 4. The variables are the clique of X, the functions are those placed in the bucket
- 5. Connect the bucket of X to earlier bucket of Y if Y is the closest node connected to X

Example: Create bucket tree for ordering A,B,C,D,F,G

#### Asynchronous BTE: Bucket-tree Propagation (BTP)

All messages are called lambda

BUCKET-TREE PROPAGATION (BTP)

**Input:** A problem  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{F}, \prod, \Sigma \rangle$ , ordering  $d \cdot X = \{X_1, ..., X_n\}$  and

 $F = \{f_1, ..., f_r\}, \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{e}$ . An ordering *d* and a corresponding bucket-tree structure, in which for each node  $X_i$ , its bucket  $B_i$  and its neighboring buckets are well defined. **Output:** Explicit buckets. Assume functions assigned with the evidence.

- 1. for bucket  $B_i$  do:
- 2. **for** each neighbor bucket  $B_j$  **do**,

once all messages from all other neighbors were received, do

compute and send to  $B_i$  the message

$$\lambda_{i \to j} \Leftarrow \sum_{elim(i,j)} \psi_i \cdot (\prod_{k \neq j} \lambda_{k \to i})$$

3. **Output:** augmented buckets  $B'_1, ..., B'_n$ , where each  $B'_i$  contains the original bucket functions and the  $\lambda$  messages it received.

# **Query Answering**

#### Computing marginal beliefs

**Input:** a bucket tree processed by BTE with augmented buckets:  $B_{l_1}, ..., B_{l_n}$ **output:** beliefs of each variable, bucket, and probability of evidence.

$$bel(B_i) \Leftarrow \alpha \cdot \prod_{f \in B'_i} f$$
$$bel(X_i) \Leftarrow \alpha \cdot \sum_{B_i - \{X_i\}} \prod_{f \in B'_i} f$$
$$P(evidence) \Leftarrow \sum_{B_i} \prod_{f \in B'_i} f$$

Figure 5.4: Query answering.

# Complexity of BTE/BTP on Trees

**Theorem 5.6 Complexity of BTE.** Let  $w^*(d)$  be the induced width of  $(G^*, d)$  where G is the primal graph of  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{F}, \prod, \Sigma \rangle$ , r be the number of functions in  $\mathbf{F}$  and k be the maximum domain size. The time complexity of BTE is  $O(r \cdot \deg \cdot k^{w^*(d)+1})$ , where deg is the maximum degree of a node in the bucket tree. The space complexity of BTE is  $O(n \cdot k^{w^*(d)})$ .

**Proposition 5.8 BTE on trees** For tree graphical models, algorithms BTE and BTP are time and space  $O(nk^2)$  and O(nk), respectively, when k bound the domain size and n bounds the number of variables.

This will be extended to acyclic graphical models shortly

### From Buckets to Tree-Clusters

- Merge non-maximal buckets into maximal clusters.
- Connect clusters into a tree: connect each cluster to one with which it shares a largest subset of variables.
- Separators are variable-intersection on adjacent clusters.



#### Message Passing on a Tree Decomposition



For max-product Just replace  $\Sigma$ With max.

$$Cluster(u) = \psi(u) \cup \{m_{X_{1 \rightarrow u}}, m_{X_{1 \rightarrow u}}, m_{X_{2 \rightarrow u}}, \dots m_{X_{n \rightarrow u}}\}$$
$$Elim(u, v) = cluster(u) - sep(u, v)$$

 $\boldsymbol{m}_{\boldsymbol{u} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{v}} = \sum_{elim(\boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{v})} \psi(\boldsymbol{u}) \prod_{r \in neighbor(\boldsymbol{u}), r \neq \boldsymbol{v}} \{ \boldsymbol{m}_{r \rightarrow \boldsymbol{u}} \}$ 

# **Propagation in Both Directions**

Messages can propagate both ways and we get beliefs for each variable



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## **Acyclic Graphical Models**

- Dual network: Each scope of a CPT is a node and each arc is denoted by intersection.
- Acylic network: when the dual graph is a tree or has a jointree
- Tree-clustering converts a network into an acyclic one.

# From Acyclic Networks

Sometime the dual graph seems to not be a tree, but it is in fact, a tree. This is because some of its arcs are redundant and can be removed while not violating the original independency relationships that is captured by the graph. *A* 



Figure 5.1: (a)Hyper, (b)Primal, (c)Dual and (d)Join-tree of a graphical model having scopes ABC, AEF, CDE and ACE. (e) the factor graph

#### Connectedness and Ascyclic Dual Graphs

(The Running Intersection Property)

**Definition 5.11 Connectedness, join-trees.** Given a dual graph of a graphical model  $\mathcal{M}$ , an arc subgraph of the dual graph satisfies the *connectedness* property iff for each two nodes that share a variable, there is at least one path of labeled arcs of the dual graph such that each contains the shared variables. An arc subgraph of the dual graph that satisfies the connectedness property is called a *join-graph* and if it is a tree, it is called a *join-tree*.

Definition: A graphical model whose dual graph has a join-tree is acyclic

Theorem: BTE is time and space linear on acyclic graphical models

**Tree-decomposition:** If we transform a general model into an acyclic one it can then be solved by a BTE/BTP scheme. Also known as tree-clustering

# **Tree Decompositions**

A *tree decomposition* for a graphical model  $\langle X, D, P \rangle$  is a triple  $\langle T, \chi, \psi \rangle$ , where T = (V, E) is a tree and  $\chi$  and  $\psi$  are labeling functions, associating with each vertex  $v \in V$  two sets,  $\chi(v) \subseteq X$  and  $\psi(v) \subseteq P$  satisfying :

1. For each function  $p_i \in P$  there is exactly one vertex such that

 $p_i \in \psi(v)$  and  $scope(p_i) \subseteq \chi(v)$ 

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Tree decomposition





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*Tree decomposition* 

# H-Tree Decompositions (TD)

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Treewidth: maximum number of variables in a node of TD - 1Seperator-width: maximum intersection between adjacent nodes Eliminator: elim(u,v) = x(u) - x(v)Hypertree-width = Max number off functions in a node

Hypertree-decomposition: 3. If every variable in a node is covered by a function scope.



### **Cluster-Tree Elimination**



#### Properties of CTE

- Theorem: Correctness and completeness: Algorithm CTE is correct, i.e. it computes the exact joint probability of a single variable and the evidence. Moreover, it generates explicit clusters.
- Time complexity:
  - $O(deg \times (n+N) \times k^{w^{*}+1})$
- Space complexity: O ( N × k sep)

where

deg = the maximum degree of a node n = number of variables (= number of CPTs) N = number of nodes in the tree decomposition k = the maximum domain size of a variable  $w^*$  = the induced width, treewidth sep = the separator size

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### The Idea of Cutset-Conditioning



Figure 7.1: An instantiated variable cuts its own cycles.



Figure 6.1: Probability tree for computing P(d = 1, g = 0).

Complexity of conditioning: exponential time, linear space

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# **Cycle-Cutset Conditioning**



*1-cutset = {A,B,C}, size 3* slides6 276 2024

### Search Over the Cutset (cont)



#### The Impact of Observations





Figure 4.9: Adjusted induced graph relative to observing *B*.

Ordered graph

Induced graph

Ordered conditioned graph

# The Idea of Cutset-Conditioning

We observed that when variables are assigned, connectivity reduces. The magnitude of saving is reflected through the "conditioned-induced graph"

- *Cutset-conditioning exploit this in a systematic way:*
- Select a subset of variables, assign them values, and
- Solve the conditioned problem by bucket-elimination.
- Repeat for all assignments to the cutset.

Algorithm VEC

#### The Cycle-Cutset Scheme: Condition Until Treeness

- Cycle-cutset
- i-cutset
- C(i)-size of i-cutset





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# Loop-Cutset Conditioning

#### You condition until you get a polytree



P(B|F=0) = P(B, A=0|F=0) + P(B,A=1|F=0)

Loop-cutset method is time exponential in loop-cutset size but linear space. For each cutset we can do BE (belief propagation.)

#### Loop-Cutset, q-Cutset, cycle-cutset

- A loop-cutset is a subset of nodes of a directed graph that when removed the remaining graph is a poly-tree
- A q-cutset is a subset of nodes of an undirected graph that when removed the remaining graph has an inducedwidth of q or less.
- A cycle-cutset is a q-cutset such that q=1.

### Search Over the Cutset (cont)



VEC: Variable Elimination with Conditioning; or, q-cutset Igorithms

#### VEC-bel:

- Identify a q-cutset, C, of the network
- For each assignment to C=c solve the conditioned sub-problem by CTE or BTE.
- Accumulate probabilities.
- Time complexity:  $nk^{c+q+1}$
- Space complexity: nk<sup>q</sup>

#### Algorithm VEC (Variable-elimination with conditioning)

#### Algorithm VEC-evidence

**Input:** A belief network  $\mathcal{B} = \langle \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{P} \rangle$ , an ordering  $d = (x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ ; evidence e over E, a subset C of conditioned variables;

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output: The probability of evidence P(e)
Initialize: \lambda = 0.
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- 1. For every assignment C = c, do
  - $\lambda_1 \leftarrow$  The output of BE-bel with  $c \cup e$  as observations.
  - $\lambda \leftarrow \lambda + \lambda_1$ . (update the sum).

2. Return  $P(e) = \alpha \cdot \lambda$  ( $\alpha$  is so provided at the second distance of the second distance

# What Hybrid Should We Use?

- q=1? (loop-cutset?)
- q=0? (Full search?)
- q=w\* (Full inference)?
- q in between?
- depends... on the graph
- What is relation between cycle-cutset and the induced-width?

#### Properties; Conditioning+Elimination

Definition 5.6.1 (cycle-cutset, w-cutset) Given a graph G, a subset of nodes is called a w-cutset iff when removed from the graph the resulting graph has an induced-width less than or equal to w. A minimal w-cutset of a graph has a smallest size among all w-cutsets of the graph. A cycle-cutset is a 1-cutset of a graph.

A cycle-cutset is known by the name a *feedback vertex set* and it is known that finding the minimal such set is NP-complete [41]. However, we can always settle for approximations, provided by greedy schemes. Cutset-decomposition schemes call for a new optimization task on graphs:

Definition 5.6.2 (finding a minimal w-cutset) Given a graph G = (V, E) and a constant w, find a smallest subset of nodes U, such that when removed, the resulting graph has induced-width less than or equal w.

#### Tradeoff between w\* and q-cutstes

**Theorem 7.7** Given graph G, and denoting by  $c_q^*$  its minimal q-cutset then,

 $1 + c_1^* \geq 2 + c_2^* \geq \dots q + c_q^*, \dots \geq w^* + c_{w^*}^* = w^*.$ 

*Proof.* Let's assume that we have a q-cutset of size  $c_q$ . Then if we remove it from the graph the result is a graph having a tree decomposition whose treewidth is bounded by q. Let's T be this decomposition where each cluter has size q + 1 or less. If we now take the q-cutset variables and add them back to every cluster of T, we will get a tree decomposition of the whole graph (exercise: show that) whose treewidth is  $c_q + q$ . Therefore, we showed that for every  $c_q$ -size q-cutset, there is a tree decomposition whose treewidth is  $c_a + q$ . In particular, for an optimal q-cutset of size  $c_a^*$  we have that  $w^*$ , the treewidth obeys,  $w^* \le c_q^* + q$ . This does not complete the proof because we only showed that for every q,  $w^* \le c_q^* + q$ . But, if we remove even a single node from a minimal q-cutset whose size is  $c_q^*$ , we get a q + 1 cutset by definition, whose size is  $c_q^* - 1$ . Therefore,  $c_{q+1}^* \le c_q^* - 1$ . Adding q to both sides of the last inequality we get that for every  $1 \le q \le w^*$ ,  $q + c_q^* \ge q + 1 + c_{q+1}^*$ , which completes the proof  $e_{2024}$ 



## Generating Join-trees (Junction-trees); a special type of tree-decompositions



#### **ASSEMBLING A JOIN TREE**

- 1. Use the fill-in algorithm to generate a chordal graph G' (if G is chordal, G = G').
- 2. Identify all cliques in G'. Since any vertex and its parent set (lower ranked nodes connected to it) form a clique in G', the maximum number of cliques is |V|.
- 3. Order the cliques  $C_1, C_2, ..., C_t$  by rank of the highest vertex in each clique.
- 4. Form the join tree by connecting each  $C_i$  to a predecessor  $C_j$  (j < i) sharing the highest number of vertices with  $C_i$ .



**EXAMPLE:** Consider the graph in Figure 3.9*a*. One maximum cardinality ordering is (A, B, C, D, E).

- Every vertex in this ordering has its preceding neighbors already connected, hence the graph is chordal and no edges need be added.
- The cliques are ranked C<sub>1</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>, and C<sub>3</sub> as shown in Figure 3.9b.
- C<sub>3</sub> = {C, E} shares only vertex C with its predecessors C<sub>2</sub> and C<sub>1</sub>, so either one can be chosen as the parent of C<sub>3</sub>.
- These two choices yield the join trees of Figures 3.9b and 3.9c.
- Now suppose we wish to assemble a join tree for the same graph with the edge (B, C) missing.
- The ordering (A, B, C, D, E) is still a maximum cardinality ordering, but now when we discover that the preceeding neighbors of node D (i.e., B and C) are nonadjacent, we should fill in edge (B, C).
- This renders the graph chordal, and the rest of the procedure yields the same join trees as in Figures 3.9b and 3.9c. slides6 276 2024



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# Hypertree width and EmpBN

#### Tree and Hypertree Decompositions

A **tree decomposition** of a graphical model is a triple  $\langle T, \chi, \psi \rangle$ , where  $T = \langle V, E \rangle$  is a tree and  $\chi$  and  $\psi$  are labeling functions that associate with each vertex  $v \square V$  two sets,  $\chi(v) \square X$  and  $\psi(v) \square F$ , that satisfy the following conditions:

- for each  $f_i \square F$ , there is at least one  $v \square V$  such that  $f_i \square \psi(v)$ .
- if  $f_j \square \psi(v)$ , then  $scope(f_j) \square \chi(v)$ .
- for each  $x_i \square X$ , the set  $\{v \square V \mid x_i \square \chi(v)\}$  induces a connected subtree of T.

The **tree width** of T is  $w = \max_{v \ge v} |\chi(v)| - 1$ . T is also a **hypertree decomposition** if it satisfies the following additional condition:

• for each  $v \square V, \chi(v) \square \square_{fj \square \psi(v)} scope(f_j)$ .

#### In this case, the hypertree width of T is $hw = max_{v \otimes v} / \psi(v) / .$

Finding tree and hypertree decompositions of minimal width is known to be NP-complete, therefore heuristic algorithms are employed in practice. Once a tree or hypertree decomposition is available, it can be processed by a suitable version of a message passing algorithm like **Cluster-Tree Elimination (CTE)**.

# representation

Table 80: 6 Variables with domain size 3

(a) Data Table

Α	В	С	D	Е	F
0	1	2	0	1	<b>2</b>
1	2	0	1	2	0
2	0	1	2	0	1
1	0	<b>2</b>	1	0	<b>2</b>
2	1	0	2	1	0
0	1	<b>2</b>	0	1	2
1	2	0	1	2	0
2	0	1	2	0	1
1	0	<b>2</b>	1	0	2
0	1	<b>2</b>	0	1	2
1	2	0	1	2	0
<b>2</b>	0	1	<b>2</b>	0	1
1	0	<b>2</b>	1	0	<b>2</b>
2	1	0	<b>2</b>	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	2	1	0	2	0
0	1	0	<b>2</b>	1	1
0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	1	2	0	1
0	2	2	1	0	1

(b) Sparse Factor Table											
Α	В	С	D	Е	F	Probability					
0	1	<b>2</b>	0	1	<b>2</b>	0.20					
1	<b>2</b>	0	1	<b>2</b>	0	0.20					
$^{2}$	0	1	<b>2</b>	0	1	0.20					
1	0	$^{2}$	1	0	<b>2</b>	0.15					
$^{2}$	1	0	<b>2</b>	1	0	0.10					
0	0	0	0	0	0	0.10					
1	<b>2</b>	1	0	<b>2</b>	0	0.05					
0	1	0	<b>2</b>	1	1	0.05					
0	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	1	0	1	0.05					

# Decompositions



**Theorem:** A hypertree decomposition of a graphical model whose functions are sparse and bounded by t, can be processed in time and space exp(hw):  $O(m \cdot deg \cdot hw \cdot \log t \cdot t^{hw})$ .

**Corollary:** Given graph G and data D, reasoning over empBN(G,D) is  $O(m \cdot deg \cdot hw \cdot log t \cdot t^{hw})$ .

### **BN** Hypergraphs and Hypertrees

**BN** hypergraphs. A BN can be associated with a dual graph or a hypergraph

 $P(V_7 \mid do(V_1)) = \sum_{V_2, V_3, V_4, V_5, V_6} P(V_6 \mid V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4, V_5) P(V_4 \mid V_1, V_2, V_3) P(V_2 \mid V_1)$  $\times \sum_{V_1'} P(V_7 \mid V_1', V_2, V_3, V_4, V_5, V_6) P(V_5 \mid V_1', V_2, V_3, V_4) P(V_3 \mid V_1', V_2) P(V_1')$ 



Figure 1: Chain Model with 7 observable variables and 3 latent variables





