

PROBABILISTIC GRAPHICAL MODELS  
 CPSC 532C (TOPICS IN AI)  
 STAT 521A (TOPICS IN MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS)

## LECTURE 9

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## REVIEW

- Variable elimination can be used to answer a single query,  $P(X_q|e)$ .
- VarElim requires an elimination ordering; you can use `elimOrderGreedy` to find this.
- VarElim implicitly creates an elimination tree (a junction tree with non-maximal cliques).
- You can create a jtree of maximal cliques by triangulating and using max weight spanning tree.
- Given a jtree, we can compute  $P(X_c|e)$  for all cliques  $c$  using belief propagation (BP).

- HW4 due today

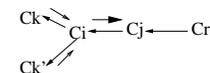
## BELIEF PROPAGATION

- There are 2 variants of BP, which we will cover today:
- Shafer-Shenoy, that multiplies by all-but-one incoming message:

$$\delta_{i \rightarrow j} = f \left( \prod_{k \in N_i \setminus \{j\}} \delta_{k \rightarrow i} \right)$$

- Lauritzen-Spiegelhalter, that multiplies by all incoming messages and then divides out by one

$$\delta_{i \rightarrow j} = f \left( \frac{\prod_{k \in N_i} \delta_{k \rightarrow i}}{\delta_{j \rightarrow i}} \right)$$



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SHAFER-SHENOY ALGORITHM

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$\{\psi_i^1\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{function Ctree-VE-calibrate}(\{\phi\}, T, \alpha)$

$R := \text{pickRoot}(T)$

$DT := \text{mkRootedTree}(T, R)$

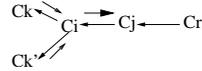
$\{\psi_i^0\} := \text{initializeCliques}(\phi, \alpha)$

(\* Upwards pass \*)

for  $i \in \text{postorder}(DT)$

$j := \text{pa}(DT, i)$

$\delta_{i \rightarrow j} := \text{VE-msg}(\{\delta_{k \rightarrow i} : k \in \text{ch}(DT, i)\}, \psi_i^0)$




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SUB-FUNCTIONS

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$\{\psi_i^0\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{function initializeCliques}(\phi, \alpha)$

for  $i := 1 : C$

$\psi_i^0(C_i) = \prod_{\phi: \alpha(\phi)=i} \phi$

$\delta_{i \rightarrow j} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{function VE-msg}(\{\delta_{k \rightarrow i}\}, \psi_i^0)$

$\psi_i^1(C_i) := \psi_i^0(C_i) \prod_k \delta_{k \rightarrow i}$

$\delta_{i \rightarrow j}(S_{i,j}) := \sum_{C_i \setminus S_{i,j}} \psi_i^1(C_i)$

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SHAFER-SHENOY ALGORITHM

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(\* Downwards pass \*)

for  $i \in \text{preorder}(DT)$

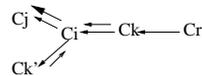
for  $j \in \text{ch}(DT, i)$

$\delta_{i \rightarrow j} = \text{VE-msg}(\{\delta_{k \rightarrow i} : k \in N_i \setminus j\}, \psi_i^0)$

(\* Combine \*)

for  $i := 1 : C$

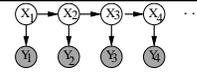
$\psi_i^1 := \psi_i^0 \prod_{k \in N_i} \delta_{k \rightarrow i}$




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SHAFER SHENOY FOR HMMs

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C1: X1,X2 — C2: X2,X3 — C3: X3,X4

$\psi_t^0(X_t, X_{t+1}) = P(X_{t+1}|X_t)p(y_{t+1}|X_{t+1})$

$\delta_{t \rightarrow t+1}(X_{t+1}) = \sum_{X_t} \delta_{t-1 \rightarrow t}(X_t) \psi_t^0(X_t, X_{t+1})$

$\delta_{t \rightarrow t-1}(X_t) = \sum_{X_{t+1}} \delta_{t+1 \rightarrow t}(X_{t+1}) \psi_t^0(X_t, X_{t+1})$

$\psi_t^1(X_t, X_{t+1}) = \delta_{t-1 \rightarrow t}(X_t) \delta_{t+1 \rightarrow t}(X_{t+1}) \psi_t^0(X_t, X_{t+1})$

$$\alpha_t(i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \delta_{t-1 \rightarrow t}(i) = P(X_t = i, y_{1:t})$$

$$\beta_t(i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \delta_{t \rightarrow t-1}(i) = p(y_{t+1:T} | X_t = i)$$

$$\xi_t(i, j) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \psi_t^1(X_t = i, X_{t+1} = j) = P(X_t = i, X_{t+1} = j, y_{1:T})$$

$$P(X_{t+1} = j | X_t = i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A(i, j)$$

$$p(y_t | X_t = i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} B_t(i)$$

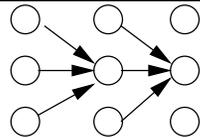
$$\alpha_t(j) = \sum_i \alpha_{t-1}(i) A(i, j) B_t(j)$$

$$\beta_t(i) = \sum_j \beta_{t+1}(j) A(i, j) B_{t+1}(j)$$

$$\xi_t(i, j) = \alpha_t(i) \beta_{t+1}(j) A(i, j) B_{t+1}(j)$$

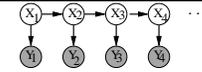
$$\gamma_t(i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P(X_t = i | y_{1:T}) \propto \alpha_t(i) \beta_t(j) \propto \sum_j \xi_t(i, j)$$

HMM TRELLIS



- Forwards algorithm uses dynamic programming to efficiently sum over all possible paths that state  $i$  at time  $t$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_t(i) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P(X_t = i, y_{1:t}) \\ &= \left[ \sum_{X_1} \dots \sum_{X_{t-1}} P(X_1, \dots, X_{t-1}, y_{1:t-1}) P(X_t | X_{t-1}) \right] p(y_t | X_t) \\ &= \left[ \sum_{X_{t-1}} P(X_{t-1}, y_{1:t-1}) P(X_t | X_{t-1}) \right] p(y_t | X_t) \\ &= \left[ \sum_{X_{t-1}} \alpha_{t-1}(X_{t-1}) P(X_t | X_{t-1}) \right] p(y_t | X_t) \end{aligned}$$



$$\alpha_t(j) = \sum_i \alpha_{t-1}(i) A(i, j) B_t(j)$$

$$\alpha_t = (A^T \alpha_{t-1}) \cdot * B_t$$

$$\beta_t(i) = \sum_j \beta_{t+1}(j) A(i, j) B_{t+1}(j)$$

$$\beta_t = A(\beta_{t+1} \cdot * B_{t+1})$$

$$\xi_t(i, j) = \alpha_t(i) \beta_{t+1}(j) A(i, j) B_{t+1}(j)$$

$$\xi_t = \left( \alpha_t (\beta_{t+1} \cdot * B_{t+1})^T \right) \cdot * A$$

$$\gamma_t(i) \propto \alpha_t(i) \beta_t(j)$$

$$\gamma_t \propto \alpha_t \cdot * \beta_t$$

AVOIDING NUMERICAL UNDERFLOW IN HMMs

- $\alpha_t(j) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P(X_t = j, y_{1:t})$  is a tiny number
- Hence in practice we use

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\alpha}_t(j) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P(X_t = j | y_{1:t}) = \frac{P(X_t, y_t | y_{1:t-1})}{p(y_t | y_{1:t-1})} \\ &= \frac{\sum_i P(X_{t-1} = i | y_{1:t-1}) P(X_t = j | X_{t-1} = i) p(y_t | X_t = j)}{p(y_t | y_{1:t-1})} \\ &= \frac{1}{c_t} \sum_i \hat{\alpha}_{t-1}(i) A(i, j) B_t(j) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$c_t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P(y_t | y_{1:t-1}) = \sum_j \sum_i \hat{\alpha}_{t-1}(i) A(i, j) B_t(j)$$

$$\log p(y_{1:T}) = \log p(y_1) p(y_2 | y_1) p(y_3 | y_{1:2}) \dots = \log \prod_{t=1}^T c_t = \sum_{t=1}^T \log c_t$$

- We always normalize all the messages

$$\hat{\delta}_{i \rightarrow j} = \frac{1}{z_i} \text{VE-msg}(\hat{\delta}_{k \rightarrow i}, \psi_i^0)$$

- By keeping track of the normalization constants during the collect-to-root, we can compute the log-likelihood

$$\log p(e) = \sum_i \log z_i$$

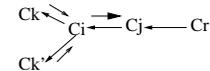
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 MESSAGE PASSING WITH DIVISION

- The posterior is the product of all incoming messages

$$\pi_i(C_i) = \pi_i^0(C_i) \prod_{k \in N_i} \delta_{k \rightarrow i}(S_{ik})$$

- The message from  $i$  to  $j$  is the product of all incoming messages excluding  $\delta_{j \rightarrow i}$ :



$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{i \rightarrow j}(S_{ij}) &= \sum_{C_i \setminus S_{ij}} \pi_i^0(C_i) \prod_{k \in N_i \setminus \{j\}} \delta_{k \rightarrow i}(S_{ik}) \\ &= \sum_{C_i \setminus S_{ij}} \pi_i^0(C_i) \frac{\prod_{k \in N_i} \delta_{k \rightarrow i}(S_{ik})}{\delta_{j \rightarrow i}(S_{ij})} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{C_i \setminus S_{ij}} \pi_i(C_i)}{\delta_{j \rightarrow i}(S_{ij})} \end{aligned}$$

- Consider an MRF with one potential per edge

$$P(X) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{\langle ij \rangle} \psi_{ij}(X_i, X_j) \prod_i \phi_i(X_i)$$

- We can generalize the forwards-backwards algorithm as follows:

$$m_{ij}(x_j) = \sum_{x_i} \phi_i(x_i) \psi_{ij}(x_i, x_j) \prod_{k \in N_i \setminus \{j\}} m_{ji}(x_i)$$

$$b_i(x_i) \propto \phi_i(x_i) \prod_{j \in N_i} m_{ji}(x_i)$$

- In matrix-vector form, this becomes

$$m_{ij} = \phi_i \cdot * \psi_{ij}^T \prod_k m_{ki}$$

$$b_i \propto \phi_i \cdot * \prod_{j \in N_i} m_{ji}$$

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 LAURITZEN-SPIEGELHALTER ALGORITHM

$\{\psi_i\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{function Ctree-BP-two-pass}(\{\phi\}, T, \alpha)$

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$DT := \text{mkRootedTree}(T, R)$

$\{\psi_i\} := \text{initializeCliques}(\phi, \alpha)$

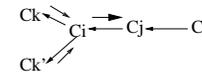
$\mu_{i,j} := 1$  (\* initialize messages for each edge \*)

(\* Upwards pass \*)

for  $i \in \text{postorder}(DT)$

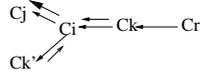
$j := \text{pa}(DT, i)$

$[\psi_j, \mu_{i,j}] := \text{BP-msg}(\psi_i, \psi_j, \mu_{i,j})$



(\* Downwards pass \*)  
 for  $i \in \text{preorder}(DT)$   
   for  $j \in \text{ch}(DT, i)$   
      $[\psi_j, \mu_{i,j}] := \text{BP-msg}(\psi_i, \psi_j, \mu_{i,j})$

$[\psi_j, \mu_{i,j}] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{function BP-msg}(\psi_i, \psi_j, \mu_{i,j})$   
 $\delta_{i,j} := \sum_{C_i \setminus S_{ij}} \psi_i$   
 $\psi_j := \psi_j * \frac{\delta_{i \rightarrow j}}{\mu_{i,j}}$   
 $\mu_{i,j} := \delta_{i \rightarrow j}$



PARALLEL BP

(\* send \*)  
 for  $i = 1 : C$   
   for  $j \in N_i$   
      $\delta_{i \rightarrow j}^{old} = \delta_{i \rightarrow j}$   
      $\delta_{i \rightarrow j} = \sum_{C_i \setminus S_{ij}} \psi_i$   
   end  
 end  
 (\* receive \*)  
 for  $i = 1 : C$   
   for  $j \in N_i$   
      $\psi_i := \psi_i * \frac{\delta_{j \rightarrow i}}{\delta_{i \rightarrow j}^{old}}$   
   end  
 end

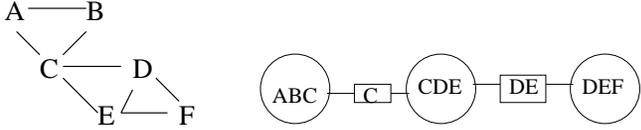
- $\mu_{i,j}$  stores the most recent message sent along edge  $C_i - C_j$ , in either direction.
- We can send messages in any order, including multiple times, because the recipient divides out by the old  $\mu_{i,j}$ , to avoid overcounting.
- Hence the algorithm can be run in a parallel, distributed fashion.
- $\psi_i \propto P(C_i | e')$  contains the product of all received messages so far (summarizing evidence  $e'$ ); it is our best partial guess (belief) about  $P(C_i | e)$ .

USING A CLIQUE TREE TO ANSWER QUERIES

- We can enter evidence about  $X_i$  by multiplying a local evidence factor into any potential that contains  $X_i$  in its scope.
- After the tree is calibrated, we can compute  $P(X_q | e)$  for any  $q$  contained in a clique (e.g., a node and its parents).
- If new evidence arrives about  $X_i$ , we pick a clique  $C_r$  that contains  $X_i$  and distribute the evidence (downwards pass from  $C_r$ ).

## SEPARATOR SETS

- Define the separator sets on each edge to be  $S_{ij} = C_i \cap C_j$ .
- Thm 8.1.8: Let  $X_i$  be all the nodes to the "left" of  $S_{ij}$  and  $X_j$  be all the nodes to the "right". Then  $X_i \perp X_j | S_{ij}$ .
- $ABCDE \perp DEF | DE$ , i.e.,  $ABC \perp F | DE$ .



## CLIQUE TREE AS A DISTRIBUTION

- Consider Markov net  $A - B - C$  with clique tree

$$C1 : A, B - C2 : B, C$$

- After BP has converged, we have

$$\psi_1(A, B) = P_F(A, B), \psi_2(B, C) = P_F(B, C)$$

- In addition, neighboring cliques agree on their intersection, e.g.

$$\sum_A \psi_1(A, B) = \sum_C \psi_2(B, C) = P_F(B)$$

- Hence the joint is

$$\begin{aligned} P(A, B, C) &= P(A, B)P(C|B) = P(A, B) \frac{P(B, C)}{P(B)} \\ &= \psi_1(A, B) \frac{\psi_2(B, C)}{\sum_c \psi_2(B, c)} = \psi_1(A, B) \frac{\psi_2(B, C)}{\sum_a \psi_1(a, c)} \\ &= \psi_1(A, B) \frac{\psi_2(B, C)}{\mu_{1,2}(B)} \end{aligned}$$

## CLIQUE TREE AS A DISTRIBUTION

- Defn 8.9: The clique tree invariant for  $T$  is

$$\pi_T = \prod \phi = \frac{\prod_{i \in T} \psi_i(C_i)}{\prod_{\langle ij \in T \rangle} \mu_{i,j}(S_{i,j})}$$

- Initially, the clique tree over all factors satisfies the invariant since  $\mu_{i,j} = 1$  and all the factors  $\phi$  are assigned to cliques.
- Thm 8.3.6: Each step of BP maintains the clique invariant.

## MESSAGE PASSING MAINTAINS CLIQUE INVARIANT

- Proof. Suppose  $C_i$  sends to  $C_j$  resulting in new message  $\mu_{i,j}^{new}$  and new potential

$$\psi_j^{new} = \psi_j \frac{\mu_{ij}^{new}}{\mu_{ij}}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_T &= \frac{\prod_{i'} \psi_{i'}^{new}}{\prod_{\langle ij \rangle'} \mu_{i',j'}^{new}} \\ &= \frac{\psi_j^{new} \prod_{i' \neq j} \psi_{i'}}{\mu_{ij}^{new} \prod_{\langle ij \rangle' \neq (i,j)} \mu_{i',j'}} \\ &= \frac{\psi_j \mu_{ij}^{new} \prod_{i' \neq j} \psi_{i'}}{\mu_{ij} \mu_{ij}^{new} \prod_{\langle ij \rangle' \neq (i,j)} \mu_{i',j'}} \\ &= \frac{\prod_{i'} \psi_{i'}}{\prod_{\langle ij \rangle'} \mu_{i',j'}} \end{aligned}$$

PROOF OF CORRECTNESS OF BP

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- Message passing does not change the invariant, so the clique tree always represents the distribution as a whole.
- However, we want to show that when the algorithm has converged, the clique potentials represent correct marginals.
- Defn 8.3.7.  $C_i$  is **ready to transmit** to  $C_j$  when  $C_i$  has received informed messages from all its neighbors except from  $C_j$ ; a message from  $C_i$  to  $C_j$  is **informed** if it is sent when  $C_i$  is ready to transmit to  $C_j$ .
- e.g., leaf nodes are always ready to transmit.
- Defn 8.3.8: A connected subtree  $T'$  is fully informed if, for each  $C_i \in T'$  and each  $C_j \notin T'$ , we have that  $C_j$  has sent an informed message to  $C_i$ .
- Thm 8.3.9: After running BP, then  $\pi_{T'} = P_F(\text{Scope}(T'))$  for any fully informed connected subtree  $T'$ .

OUT-OF-CLIQUE QUERIES

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- To compute  $P(X_q|e)$  where  $q$  is not contained with a clique, we look at the smallest subtree that contains  $q$ , and perform variable elimination on those factors.
- e.g. Consider Markov net  $A - B - C - D$  with clique tree

$$C1 : A, B - C2 : B, C - C3 : C, D$$

- We can compute  $P(B, D)$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} P(B, D) &= \sum_C P(B, C, D) \\ &= \sum_C \frac{\pi_2(B, C)\pi_3(C, D)}{\mu_{2,3}(C)} \\ &= \sum_C P(B|C)P(C, D) \\ &= \text{VarElim}(\{\pi_2, \frac{\pi_3}{\mu_{2,3}}\}, \{B, D\}) \end{aligned}$$

PROOF OF CORRECTNESS OF BP

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- Corollary 8.3.10: If all nodes in  $T$  are fully informed, then  $\pi_T = P_F(\text{Scope}(T))$ . Hence  $\pi_i = P_F(C_i)$ .
- Claim: There is a scheduling such that all nodes can become fully informed (namely postorder/ preorder).
- Defn 8.3.11. A clique tree is said to be **calibrated** if for each edge  $C_i - C_j$ , they agree on their intersection

$$\sum_{C_i \setminus S_{ij}} \psi_i(C_i) = \sum_{C_j \setminus S_{ij}} \psi_j(C_j)$$

- Claim: if all nodes are fully informed, the clique tree is calibrated. Hence any further message passing will have no effect.

VITERBI DECODING (FINDING THE MPE)

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- Let  $x_{1:n}^* = \arg \max_{x_{1:N}} P(x_{1:N})$  be (one of the) most probable assignments.
- We can compute  $p^* = P(x_{1:N}^*)$  using the max product algorithm.
- e.g.,  $A \rightarrow B$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P(a^*, b^*) &= \max_a \max_b P(a)P(b|a) \\ &= \max_a \max_b \phi_A(a)\phi_B(b, a) \\ &= \max_a \phi_A(a) \underbrace{\max_b \phi_B(b, a)}_{\tau_B(a)} \\ &= \underbrace{\max_a \phi_A(a)\tau_B(a)}_{\tau_A(\emptyset)} \end{aligned}$$

- We can push max inside products.
- $(\max, \prod)$  and  $(\sum, \prod)$  are both commutative semi-rings.

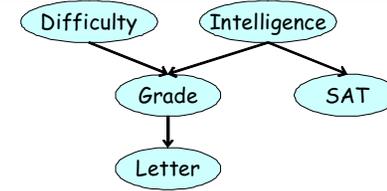
## VITERBI DECODING (FINDING THE MPE)

- Max-product gives us  $p^* = \max_{x_{1:N}} P(x_{1:N})$ , but not  $x_{1:N}^* = \arg \max_{x_{1:N}} P(x_{1:N})$ .
- To compute the most probable assignment, we need to do max-product followed by a traceback procedure.
- e.g.,  $A \rightarrow B$ .
- We cannot find the most probable value for  $A$  unless we know what  $B$  we would choose in response.
- So when we compute  $\tau_B(a) = \max_b \phi_B(b, a)$ , also store  $\lambda_B(a) = \arg \max_b \phi_B(b, a)$
- When we compute  $\tau_A(\emptyset) = \max_a \phi_A(a) \tau_A(a)$ , we also compute  $a^* = \arg \max_a \phi_A(a) \tau_A(a)$
- Then traceback:  $b^* = \lambda_B(a^*)$ .

## MORE COMPLEX EXAMPLE

$$\begin{aligned}
 p^* &= \max_G \max_L \phi_L(L, G) \max_D \phi_D(D) \max_I \phi_I(I) \phi_G(G, I, D) \underbrace{\max_S \phi_S(I, S)}_{\tau_1(I)} \\
 &= \max_G \max_L \phi_L(L, G) \max_D \phi_D(D) \underbrace{\max_I \phi_I(I) \phi_G(G, I, D) \tau_1(I)}_{\tau_2(G, D)} \\
 &= \max_G \max_L \phi_L(L, G) \underbrace{\max_D \phi_D(D) \tau_2(G, D)}_{\tau_3(G)} \\
 &= \max_G \underbrace{\max_L \phi_L(L, G) \tau_3(G)}_{\tau_4(G)} \\
 &= \underbrace{\max_G \tau_4(G)}_{\tau_5(\emptyset)} \\
 &= 0.184
 \end{aligned}$$

## MORE COMPLEX EXAMPLE



$$p^* = \max_G \max_L \phi_L(L, G) \max_D \phi_D(D) \max_I \phi_I(I) \phi_G(G, I, D) \max_S \phi_S(I, S)$$

## TRACEBACK

$$\begin{aligned}
 p^* &= \max_G \max_L \phi_L(L, G) \max_D \phi_D(D) \max_I \phi_I(I) \phi_G(G, I, D) \underbrace{\max_S \phi_S(I, S)}_{\tau_1(I)} \\
 &= \max_G \max_L \phi_L(L, G) \max_D \phi_D(D) \underbrace{\max_I \phi_I(I) \phi_G(G, I, D) \tau_1(I)}_{\tau_2(G, D)} \\
 &= \max_G \max_L \phi_L(L, G) \underbrace{\max_D \phi_D(D) \tau_2(G, D)}_{\tau_3(G)} \\
 &= \max_G \underbrace{\max_L \phi_L(L, G) \tau_3(G)}_{\tau_4(G)} \\
 &= \underbrace{\max_G \tau_4(G)}_{\tau_5(\emptyset)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda_5(\emptyset) = \arg \max_g \tau_4(g) = g^*$$

$$\lambda_4(g) = \arg \max_l \phi_L(L, G) \tau_3(g), l^* = \lambda_4(g^*)$$

$$\lambda_3(g) = \arg \max_d \phi_D(d) \tau_2(G, d), d^* = \lambda_3(g^*)$$

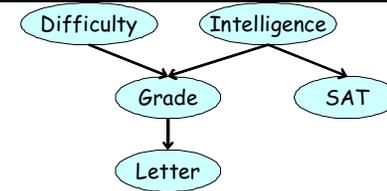
$$\lambda_2(g, d) = \arg \max_i \phi_I(i) \phi_G(G, i, D) \tau_1(i), i^* = \lambda_2(g^*, d^*)$$

$$\lambda_1(i) = \arg \max_s \phi_S(I, s), s^* = \lambda_1(i^*)$$

## FINDING K-MOST PROBABLE ASSIGNMENTS

- There may be several ( $m_1$ ) assignments with the same highest probability, call them  $x_{1:n}^{(1,1)}, \dots, x_{1:n}^{(1,m_1)}$ .
- These can be found by breaking ties in the argmax.
- The second most probable assignment(s) after these,  $x_{1:n}^{(2,1)}, \dots, x_{1:n}^{(2,m_2)}$ , must differ in at least one assignment,.
- Hence we assert evidence that the next assignment must be distinct from all  $m_1$  MPEs, and re-run Viterbi.
- Project idea: implement this and compare to the loopy belief propagation version to be discussed later.
- This is often used to produce the “N-best list” in speech recognition; these hypotheses are then re-ranked using more sophisticated (discriminative) models.

## MARGINAL MAP (MAX-SUM-PRODUCT)



$$p^* = \max_L \max_S \sum_G \phi_L(L, G) \sum_I \phi_I(I) \phi_S(S, I) \sum_D \phi_G(G, I, D)$$

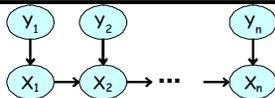
- We can easily modify the previous algorithms to cope with examples such as this.
- However, max and sum do not commute!

$$\max_X \sum_Y \phi(X, Y) \neq \sum_Y \max_X \phi(X, Y)$$

- Hence we must use a constrained elimination ordering, in which we sum out first, then max out.

## CONSTRAINED ELIMINATION ORDERINGS MAY INDUCE LARGE

### CLIQUES



$$p^* = \max_{Y_1, \dots, Y_n} \sum_{X_1, \dots, X_n} P(Y_{1:n}, X_{1:n})$$

- We must eliminate all the  $X_i$ 's first, which induces a huge clique over all the  $Y_i$ 's!
- Thm: exact max-marginal inference is NP-hard even in tree-structured graphical models.
- An identical problem arises with decision diagrams, where we must sum out random variables before maxing out action variables.
- An identical problem arises with “hybrid networks”, where we must sum out discrete random variables before integrating out Gaussian random variables (ch 11).