
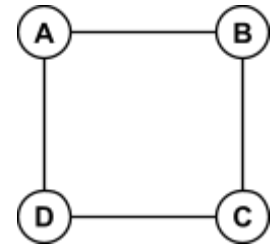


<b>Probabilistic Graphical Models</b> <b>Final Exam - Spring 1402 (2023)</b>	<b>Instructor:</b> <b>B. Nasihatkon</b>	
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**Question 1 - Loopy Max-sum message passing (35 points)**



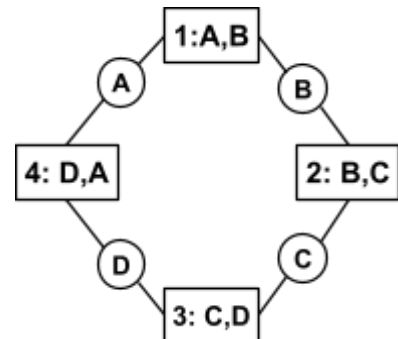
Consider the following MRF with the distribution

$$P(A, B, C, D) = 1/Z \exp(\theta(A, B, C, D))$$

where  $\theta(A, B, C, D) = AB + 1(B = C) - CD + 1(D = A)$  and all the variables are binary  $A, B, C, D \in \{0, 1\}$ .

A) Calculate the max-marginal  $M(A, B) = \max_C \max_D \theta(A, B, C, D)$ . (10 points)

B) We intend to perform Loopy Max-Sum message passing using the following cluster graph. All the messages are equal to **zero** at the beginning. Let us just calculate the clock-wise messages. Compute  $\delta_{1 \rightarrow 2}(B)$ , then  $\delta_{2 \rightarrow 3}(C)$ , then  $\delta_{3 \rightarrow 4}(D)$ , then  $\delta_{4 \rightarrow 1}(A)$ . After that, compute  $\delta_{1 \rightarrow 2}(B)$  again. (20 points)



C) What will be the value of the max-sum message  $\delta_{1 \rightarrow 2}(B)$  after computing the messages  $n$  times? Do you think the algorithm will converge? (5 points)

## Question 2 - Gibbs sampling (25 points)

Consider the MRF in Question 1:

$P(A, B, C, D) = 1/Z \exp(AB + 1(B = C) - CD + 1(D = A))$  with binary variables  $A, B, C, D \in \{0, 1\}$ . We want to take a sample from it using the Gibbs sampling algorithm.

To perform a single MCMC transition

$$A^t, B^t, C^t, D^t \rightarrow A^{t+1}, B^{t+1}, C^{t+1}, D^{t+1}$$

we sample  $A^{t+1}, B^{t+1}, C^{t+1}$ , and  $D^{t+1}$  (in order) from the distributions  $Q_A(A)$ ,  $Q_B(B)$ ,  $Q_C(C)$ , and  $Q_D(D)$ , respectively. Derive  $Q_A(A)$ ,  $Q_B(B)$ ,  $Q_C(C)$ , and  $Q_D(D)$ . Simplify as much as possible. (be careful about using  $A^t$  or  $A^{t+1}$  etc., in the distributions).

### Question 3 - Variable Elimination / MRF parameter estimation (40 points)

Consider the MRF  $P(A, B, C, D) = 1/Z \exp(\alpha AB + 1(B = C) - CD + 1(D = A))$  where all the variables are binary  $A, B, C, D \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $\alpha$  is the only parameter.

A) Find the partition function  $Z$  as a function of  $\alpha$  using variable elimination. The

partition function will be in the form of  $Z = p e^\alpha + q$ . What are  $p$  and  $q$ ? (10 points)

Hint: Write  $\exp(\alpha AB + 1(B = C) - CD + 1(D = A)) =$

$\exp(\alpha AB) \exp(1(B = C)) \exp(-CD) \exp(1(D = A))$ , then apply variable elimination.

B) Write down the log-likelihood function considering the data below. To be concise, write in terms of  $p$  and  $q$  defined in part A. (14 points)

$A^i$	$B^i$	$C^i$	$D^i$
0	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
0	0	1	0

C) Find the maximum-likelihood solution for  $\alpha$  by taking the setting derivative of log-likelihood equal to zero. Your solution can be in terms of  $p$  and  $q$ . (16 points)