Information Theory and Probabilistic Programming

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This time

- Method of types
- Universal source coding
- Large deviation theory

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- Multivariate Normal: $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\mu},\Sigma)=\frac{1}{det(2\pi\Sigma)}e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})^T\Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})}$

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Note that $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\mu},\Sigma)=\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu};\mathbf{x},\Sigma)$. It is trivial but quite useful

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In general, we usually would like to assume Σ *to be strictly positive definite. Because otherwise it means that some of its eigenvalues are zero and so in some dimension, there is actually no variation and is just constant along that dimension. Representing those dimension as random variable is troublesome since "*$1/\sigma^2$*" which occurs often will become infinite. Instead we can always simply strip away those dimensions to avoid complications*

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We will sketch the proof by construction. For any n-d Hermitian matrix M, consider an eigenvalue λ and corresponding eigenvector u, without loss of generality, let's also normalize u such that $\|u\| = 1$. Consider the subspace orthogonal to u, $U^\perp$, and let $v_1, \cdots, v_{n-1}$ be arbitrary orthonormal basis of $U^\perp$. Note that for any k, Mv_k will be orthogonal to u since

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Thus, $(u, v_1, \cdots, v_{n-1})^\dagger M (u, v_1, \cdots, v_{n-1}) = \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & M' \end{smallmatrix}\right)$. Moreover, M' is also a Hermitian matrix with one less dimension. We can apply the same process on M' and "diagonalize" one more row/column. That is,
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and V is unitary (orthogonal), i.e., $V^\dagger V = I$ and thus $V^{-1} = V^\dagger$. Note that $v_i \perp v_j$ if $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$. Otherwise, we may use Gram-Schmidt

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The reverse is obviously true. If a matrix can be diagonalized by a unitary matrix into a real diagonal matrix, the matrix is Hermitian

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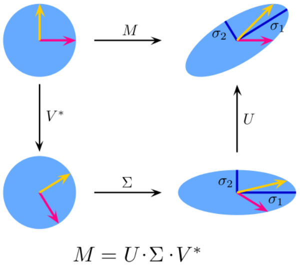

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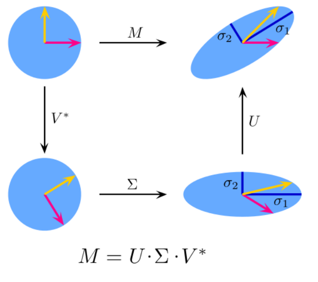

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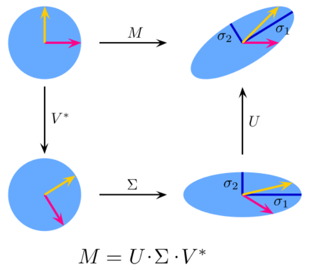

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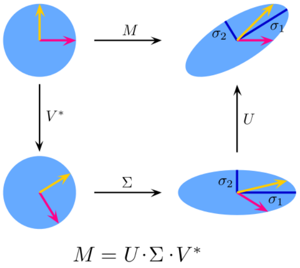

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where (a) and (b) will be shown next

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Review

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where we use $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{y}}$ as shorthands of $\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}}$ and $\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{Y}}$ as before

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Uncorrelated implies independence

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If $\mathbf{X}$ and $\mathbf{Y}$ are uncorrelated, $\Sigma_{\mathbf{XY}} = 0$. Then

$$\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}}, \Sigma_{\mathbf{XX}})$$

Note that the statistics of $\mathbf{X}$ does not change with respect to $\mathbf{y}$ and so $\mathbf{X}$ is independent of $\mathbf{Y}$

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Corollary

Given multivariate Gaussian variables X, Y and Z, we have X and Y are conditionally independent given Z if $\rho_{XZ}\rho_{YZ} = \rho_{XY}$, where $\rho_{XZ} = \frac{E[(X-E(X))(Z-E(Z))]}{\sqrt{E[(X-E(X))^2]E[(Z-E(Z))^2]}}$ is the correlation coefficent between X and Z. Similarly, ρ_{YZ} and ρ_{XY} are the correlation coefficients between Y and Z, and X and Y, respectively.

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Gaussian Process

- Consider a 1-D discrete-time signal, and say the signal is joint Gaussian and two points are conditional independent given points in the middle
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$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho & \rho^2 & \cdots & \\ \rho & 1 & \rho & \rho^2 & \cdots \\ \rho^2 & \rho & 1 & \rho & \cdots \\ & & \cdots & & \end{pmatrix}$$

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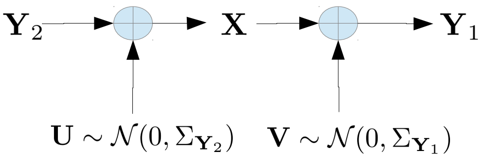

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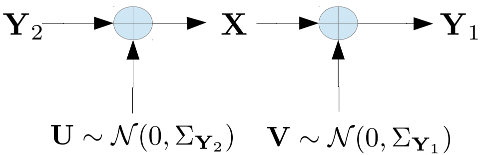

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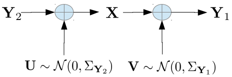

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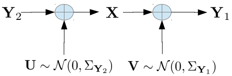

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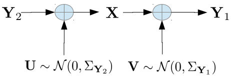

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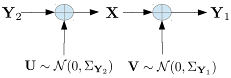

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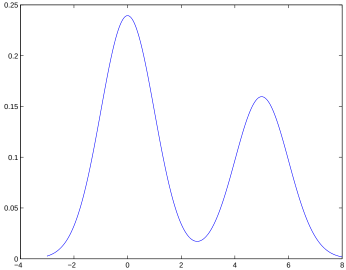

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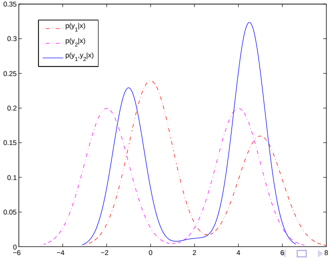

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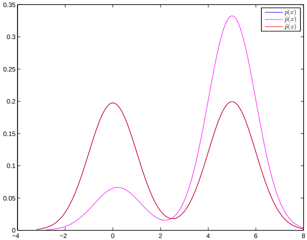

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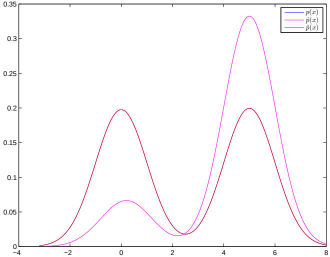

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To successfully obtain such approximation $\tilde{p}(x)$, we have to answer two questions:

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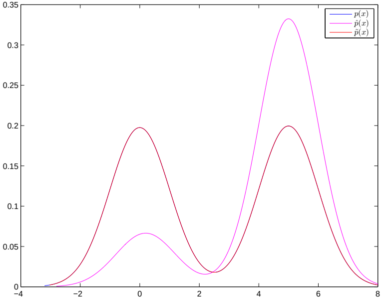

Review multivariate normal

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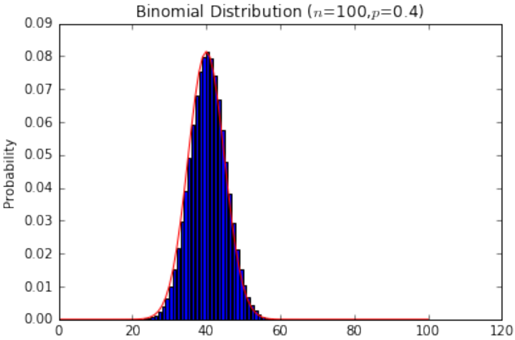

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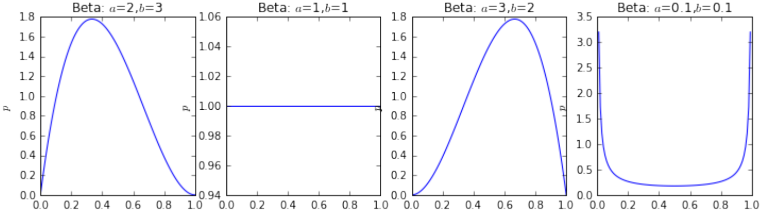

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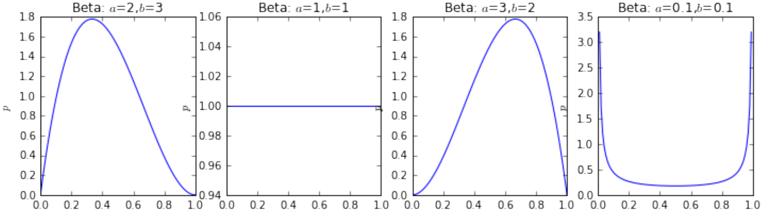

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We will not show it now but will leave as an exercise

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N.B. the parameters λT comes as a group and so we can consider it as a single parameter

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- $E[T] = 1/\lambda$
- $Var(T) = 1/\lambda^2$

Normal distribution revisit

For a univariate normal random variable, the pdf is given by

$$\begin{aligned} Norm(x|\mu,\sigma^2) =& \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\ =& \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2\pi}} exp\left(-\frac{\lambda(x-\mu)^2}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

with

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Recall that $\lambda = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$ is the precision parameter that simplifies computations in many cases

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=& Norm\left(\mu; \tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\sigma}^2\right),
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Posterior distribution of normal variable for fixed σ^2

Given prior $p(\mu) = Norm(\mu|\mu_0, \sigma_0^2)$ and likelihood $Norm(x|\mu; \sigma^2)$. Let's find the posterior probability,

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where $\tilde{\mu} = \frac{\sigma_0^2 x + \mu_0 \sigma^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}$ and $\tilde{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\sigma_0^2 \sigma^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}$. Alternatively, $\tilde{\lambda} = \lambda_0 + \lambda$ and $\tilde{\mu} = \frac{\lambda}{\tilde{\lambda}} x + \frac{\lambda_0}{\tilde{\lambda}} \mu_0$. Note that we have already came across the more general expression when we studied product of multivariate normal distribution

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From inspection, the conjugate prior should have a form $\lambda^a\exp(-b\lambda)$

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where $\tilde{a} \leftarrow a + \frac{1}{2}$ and $\tilde{b} \leftarrow b + \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2}$

Conjugate prior summary

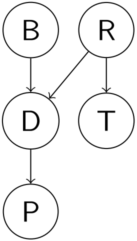
Distribution	Likelihood $p(\mathbf{x}\|\theta)$	Prior $p(\theta)$	Distribution
Bernoulli	$(1-\theta)^{(1-x)}\theta^x$	$\propto (1-\theta)^{(a-1)}\theta^{(b-1)}$	Beta
Binomial	$\propto (1-\theta)^{(N-x)}\theta^x$	$\propto (1-\theta)^{(a-1)}\theta^{(b-1)}$	Beta
Multinomial	$\propto \theta_1^{x_1}\theta_2^{x_2}\theta_3^{x_3}$	$\propto \theta_1^{\alpha_1-1}\theta_2^{\alpha_2-1}\theta_3^{\alpha_3-1}$	Dirichlet
Normal (fixed σ^2)	$\propto \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\theta)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$	$\propto \exp\left(-\frac{(\theta-\mu_0)^2}{2\sigma_0^2}\right)$	Normal
Normal (fixed μ)	$\propto \sqrt{\theta}\exp\left(-\frac{\theta(x-\mu)^2}{2}\right)$	$\propto \theta^{a-1} exp(-b\theta)$	Gamma
Poisson	$\propto \theta^x \exp(-\theta)$	$\propto \theta^{a-1} exp(-b\theta)$	Gamma

This time...

- Bayesian Net
- Belief Propagation Algorithm
- LDPC/IRA Codes

Bayesian Net

- Relationship of variables depicted by a directed graph with no loop
- Given a variable's parents, the variable is conditionally independent of any non-descendants
- Reduce model complexity
- Facilitate easier inference



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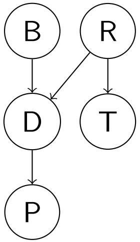

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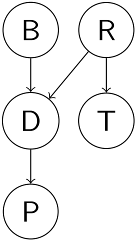

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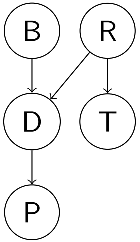

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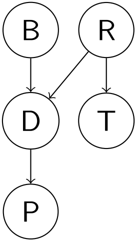

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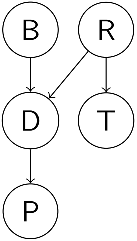

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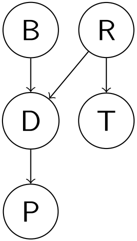

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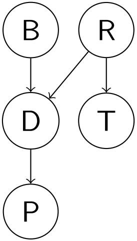

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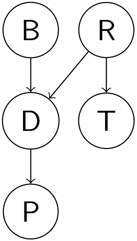

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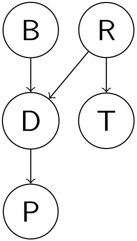

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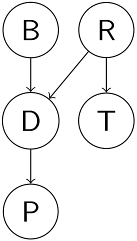

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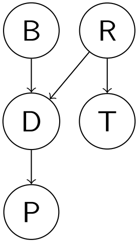
  - Total: $2+4+1+2+1=10$
- The model size reduces to less than $\frac{1}{3}$!



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$\Rightarrow$

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p	d	b	$\neg r$	0.0032
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$\neg t$	p	$\neg d$	$\neg b$	r	0.000297
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$\neg t$	p	d	b	$\neg r$	0.058099
$\neg t$	p	d	b	r	0.0045868
$\neg t$	p	$\neg d$	$\neg b$	$\neg r$	0.12942
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$$p(b|\neg t, p) = 0.058099 + 0.0045868 \approx 0.0626$$

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Belief Propagation Algorithm

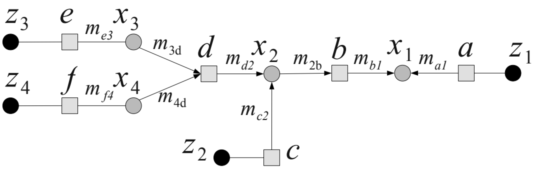
- It is also known to be the sum-product algorithm
- The goal of belief propagation is to efficiently compute the marginal distribution out of the joint distribution of multiple variables. This is essential for inferring the outcome of a particular variable with insufficient information
- The belief propagation algorithm is usually applied to problems modeled by a undirected graph (Markov random field) or a factor graph
- Rather than giving a rigorous proof of the algorithm, we will provide a simple example to illustrate the basic idea

Factor Graph

- A factor graph is a bipartite graph describing the correlation among several random variables. It generally contains two different types of nodes in the graph: variable nodes and factor nodes
- A variable node that is usually shown as circles corresponds to a random variable
- A factor node that is usually shown as a square connects variable nodes whose corresponding variables are immediately related

An Example

- A factor graph example is shown below. We have 8 *discrete* random variables, x_1^4 and z_1^4, depicted by 8 variable nodes



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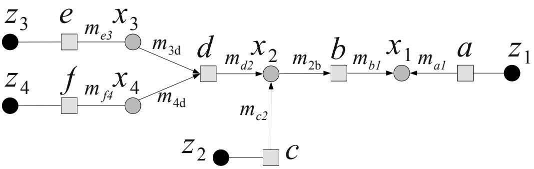

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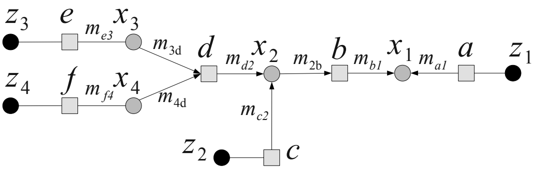

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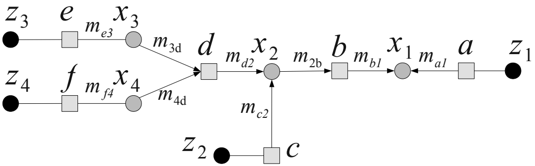

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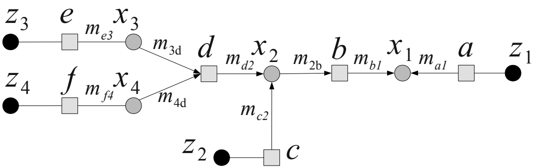

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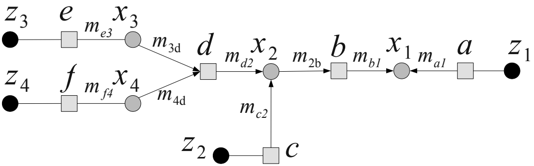

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We can see from the last equation that the joint probability can be computed by combining a sequence of messages passing from a variable node i to a factor node a (m_{ia}) and vice versa (m_{ai}). More precisely, we can write

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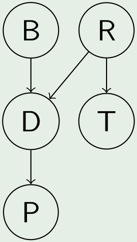

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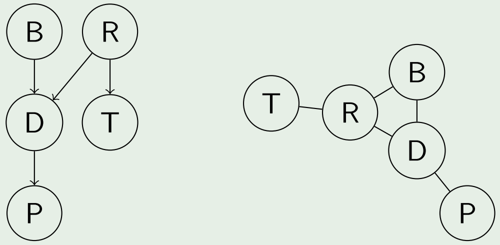

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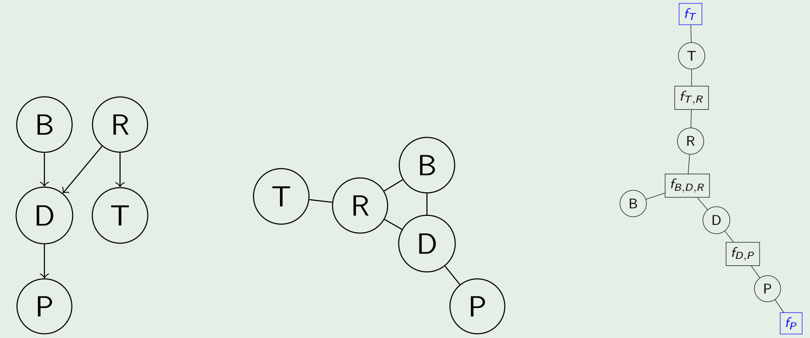

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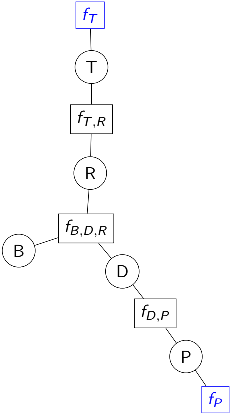

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- Before 1990's, the strategy for channel code has always been looking for codes that can be decoded optimally. This leads to a wide range of so-called algebraic codes. It turns out the "optimally-decodable" codes are usually poor codes
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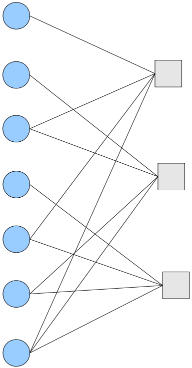

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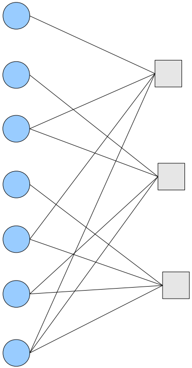

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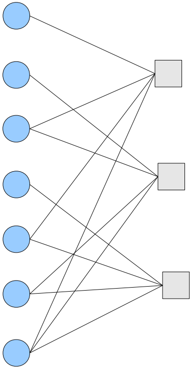

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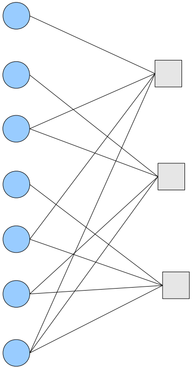

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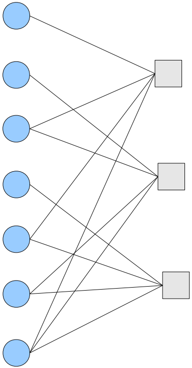

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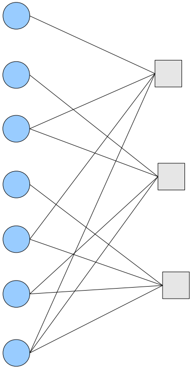

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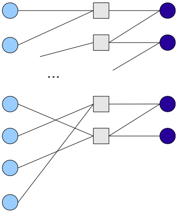

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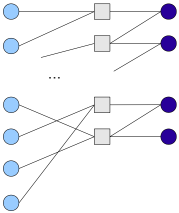

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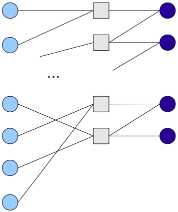

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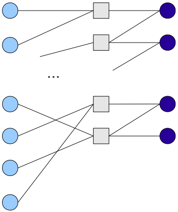

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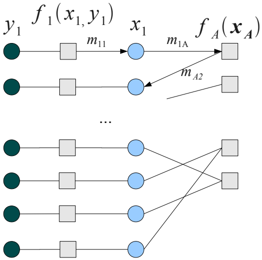

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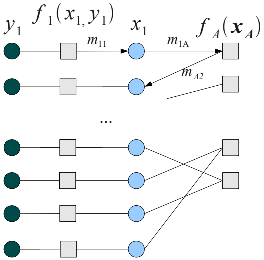

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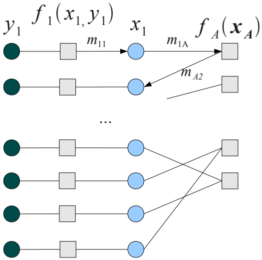
- $f_i(x_i, y_i) = p(y_i|x_i)$ and

$$f_A(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 0, & \mathbf{x} \text{ contains even number of 1,} \\ 1, & \mathbf{x} \text{ contains odd number of 1.} \end{cases}$$



Variable Node Update

- Since the unknown variables are binary, it is more convenient to represent the messages using likelihood or log-likelihood ratios. Define

$$l_{ai} \triangleq \frac{m_{ai}(0)}{m_{ai}(1)}, \qquad L_{ai} \triangleq \log l_{ai} \tag{2}$$

and

$$l_{ia} \triangleq \frac{m_{ia}(0)}{m_{ia}(1)}, \qquad L_{ia} \triangleq \log l_{ia} \tag{3}$$

for any variable node i and factor node a.

- Then,

$$L_{ia} \leftarrow \sum_{b \in N(i) \backslash i} L_{ai}. \tag{4}$$

Check Node Update

- Assuming that we have three variable nodes 1,2, and 3 connecting to the check node a, then the check to variable node updates become

$$m_{a1}(1) \leftarrow m_{2a}(1)m_{3a}(0) + m_{2a}(0)m_{3a}(1) \tag{5}$$
$$m_{a1}(0) \leftarrow m_{2a}(0)m_{3a}(0) + m_{2a}(1)m_{3a}(1) \tag{6}$$

- Substitute in the likelihood ratios and log-likelihood ratios, we have

$$l_{a1} \triangleq \frac{m_{a1}(0)}{m_{a1}(1)} \leftarrow \frac{1 + l_{2a}l_{3a}}{l_{2a} + l_{3a}} \tag{7}$$

and

$$e^{L_{a1}} = l_{a1} \leftarrow \frac{1 + e^{L_{2a}}e^{L_{3a}}}{e^{L_{2a}} + e^{L_{3a}}}. \tag{8}$$

- Note that

$$\tanh\left(\frac{L_{a1}}{2}\right) = \frac{e^{\frac{L_{a1}}{2}} - e^{-\frac{L_{a1}}{2}}}{e^{\frac{L_{a1}}{2}} + e^{-\frac{L_{a1}}{2}}} = \frac{e^{L_{a1}} - 1}{e^{L_{a1}} + 1} \tag{9}$$

$$\leftarrow \frac{1 + e^{L_{2a}} e^{L_{3a}} - e^{L_{2a}} - e^{L_{3a}}}{1 + e^{L_{2a}} e^{L_{3a}} + e^{L_{2a}} + e^{L_{3a}}} \tag{10}$$

$$= \frac{(e^{L_{2a}} - 1)(e^{L_{3a}} - 1)}{(e^{L_{2a}} + 1)(e^{L_{3a}} + 1)} \tag{11}$$

$$= \tanh\left(\frac{L_{2a}}{2}\right) \tanh\left(\frac{L_{3a}}{2}\right). \tag{12}$$

- When we have more than 3 variable nodes connecting to the check node a, it is easy to show using induction that

$$\tanh\left(\frac{L_{ai}}{2}\right) \leftarrow \prod_{j \in N(a) \backslash i} \tanh\left(\frac{L_{ja}}{2}\right). \tag{13}$$

More inequalities

Lemma (Anup Rao, CSE 533, Lecture 2, Lemma 3)

If $k \leq n/2$, *then* $\sum_{i=0}^{k} \binom{n}{i} \leq 2^{nH(k/n)}$

Proof.

Consider length-n binary sequence $X_1, X_2, \cdots, X_n$ uniformly sampled from a set of binary sequences with at most k 1's. Since there are $\sum_{i=0}^{k} \binom{n}{i}$ so many sequences, $H(X_1, X_2, \cdots, X_n) = \log \sum_{i=0}^{k} \binom{n}{i}$. On the other hand, $H(X_1, X_2, \cdots, X_n) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} H(X_i) = nH(k/n)$. Raise both sides with the power of two and we get the proof □

Example

Say we have 2^n people watching a subset of $2n$ movies. Each of them have at least watch 90% of all movies. At least two people actually watch the same set

Proof.

Let's count how many different subsets a person can watch, which is

$$\sum_{i=0.9(2n)}^{2n} \binom{2n}{i} = \sum_{i=0}^{0.1(2n)} \binom{2n}{i} \leq 2^{2nH(0.1)} < 2^n$$

since $H(0.1) = 0.469 < 0.5$.
As we have 2^n people, by pigeon hole principle, there must be at least a pair who watched the same set □