

Research

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Context

- Exact probabilistic inference using Variable Elimination
- Focus on asymmetrical graphical models
 - Factor graphs with discrete (currently boolean) RVs

Research Interests

**Incorporate
Lifting Ideas
into Exact
Inference in
Asymmetrical
Models**

**Increase Gap
between
Lifted Model
and Grounded
Model**

**Model
Transformation:
Approach
Probabilistic
Inference From
Different
Perspectives**

Lifting in this context: Compact representation + calculations (i.e., currently not necessarily within relational context)

A First Naive Approach

- Expand the model to introduce more structure
 - Add **artificial random variables** to the model
 - Preserve full joint distribution

A	B	ϕ_1
1	1	a
1	0	b
0	1	c
0	0	d



A	B	I	ϕ_1^I
1	1	1	a_1
1	1	0	a_2
1	0	1	b_1
1	0	0	b_2
0	1	1	c_1
0	1	0	c_2
0	0	1	d_1
0	0	0	d_2

1. Added random variable I artificially
2. Summing out I yields the original factor ϕ_1

$$a_1 + a_2 = a$$

$$b_1 + b_2 = b$$

$$c_1 + c_2 = c$$

$$d_1 + d_2 = d$$

A First Naive Approach

Introduce **new factorisation**

A	B	ϕ_1
1	1	a
1	0	b
0	1	c
0	0	d

A	B	I	ϕ_1^I
1	1	1	a_1
1	1	0	a_2
1	0	1	b_1
1	0	0	b_2
0	1	1	c_1
0	1	0	c_2
0	0	1	d_1
0	0	0	d_2

Added random variable I artificially.



1. Replace B with new variable I
2. Introduce new Factor with B and I as arguments

A	I	ϕ_{11}^I	B	I	ϕ_{12}^I
1	1	x_1	1	1	λ_1
1	0	x_2	1	0	λ_2
0	1	x_3	0	1	λ_3
0	0	x_4	0	0	λ_4

$$x_1 \cdot \lambda_1 + x_2 \cdot \lambda_2 = a$$

$$x_1 \cdot \lambda_3 + x_2 \cdot \lambda_4 = b$$


$$x_3 \cdot \lambda_1 + x_4 \cdot \lambda_2 = c$$

$$x_3 \cdot \lambda_3 + x_4 \cdot \lambda_4 = d$$

A First Naive Approach

Introduce new factorisation using artificially added random variables


- $\phi \rightarrow \phi^I$: „Replace“ A and B by A_1 and B_1
- Introduce new factors ϕ^{A_1}, ϕ^{B_1} for „replacement“
- x_1, \dots, x_4 determined by $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_4$ (don't have to be the same for ϕ^{A_1}, ϕ^{B_1})

A	B	ϕ		A_1	B_1	ϕ^I	B	B_1	ϕ^{B_1}	A	A_1	ϕ^{A_1}
1	1	a		1	1	x_1	1	1	λ_1	1	1	λ_1
1	0	b		1	0	x_2	1	0	λ_2	1	0	λ_2
0	1	c		0	1	x_3	0	1	λ_3	0	1	λ_3
0	0	d		0	0	x_4	0	0	λ_4	0	0	λ_4

A First Naive Approach

Introduce new factorisation using artificially added random variables

A	B	ϕ
1	1	a
1	0	b
0	1	c
0	0	d



A ₁	B ₁	ϕ^I
1	1	x_1
1	0	x_2
0	1	x_3
0	0	x_4

B	B ₁	ϕ^{B_1}
1	1	λ_1
1	0	λ_2
0	1	λ_3
0	0	λ_4

A	A ₁	ϕ^{A_1}
1	1	λ_1
1	0	λ_2
0	1	λ_3
0	0	λ_4


$$x_1 = \frac{b - \frac{\lambda_4}{\lambda_2} \cdot a}{\lambda_3 - \frac{\lambda_4}{\lambda_2} \cdot \lambda_1}, \quad x_2 = \frac{b - \frac{\lambda_3}{\lambda_1} \cdot a}{\lambda_4 - \frac{\lambda_3}{\lambda_1} \cdot \lambda_2}, \quad x_3 = \frac{d - \frac{\lambda_4}{\lambda_2} \cdot c}{\lambda_3 - \frac{\lambda_4}{\lambda_2} \cdot \lambda_1}, \quad x_4 = \frac{d - \frac{\lambda_3}{\lambda_1} \cdot c}{\lambda_4 - \frac{\lambda_3}{\lambda_1} \cdot \lambda_2}$$

- Allows for choosing $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_4$ arbitrarily as long as division by zero is avoided
 - $x_1, \dots, x_4, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_4 \in \mathbb{C}$
- As long as we sum out A_1, B_1 (which will happen since artificially added RVs do not appear in query nor evidence) the full joint over A, B is preserved

A First Naive Approach

A different view on what we achieve by this procedure: Representing the potentials of ϕ as a **Matrix-Vector-Multiplication**, i.e.,

A	B	ϕ
1	1	a
1	0	b
0	1	c
0	0	d



$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1' & \lambda_2' & \lambda_3' & \lambda_4' \\ \lambda_5' & \lambda_6' & \lambda_7' & \lambda_8' \\ \lambda_9' & \lambda_{10}' & \lambda_{11}' & \lambda_{12}' \\ \lambda_{13}' & \lambda_{14}' & \lambda_{15}' & \lambda_{16}' \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 & \lambda_4 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 & \lambda_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 & \lambda_4 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 & \lambda_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

...instead of this representation

Work with this representation...

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 & \lambda_4 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 & \lambda_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Work with this representation

1. Allows for introducing new structure into a factor
 - Structured Matrix
 - Sparse Vector
2. Allows for approaching probabilistic inference differently
3. Allows for exploiting existing structure differently

A First Naive Approach – Overview Introducing Artificial RVs

A	B	ϕ
1	1	a
1	0	b
0	1	c
0	0	d



A_1	B_1	ϕ^I
1	1	x_1
1	0	x_2
0	1	x_3
0	0	x_4

B	B_1	ϕ^{B_1}
1	1	λ_1
1	0	λ_2
0	1	λ_3
0	0	λ_4

A	A_1	ϕ^{A_1}
1	1	λ_1
1	0	λ_2
0	1	λ_3
0	0	λ_4

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1' & \lambda_2' & \lambda_3' & \lambda_4' \\ \lambda_5' & \lambda_6' & \lambda_7' & \lambda_8' \\ \lambda_9' & \lambda_{10}' & \lambda_{11}' & \lambda_{12}' \\ \lambda_{13}' & \lambda_{14}' & \lambda_{15}' & \lambda_{16}' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

||

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 & \lambda_4 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 & \lambda_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Factor Graph -> Tensor Network

A	B	ϕ_1
1	1	a_1
1	0	b_1
0	1	c_1
0	0	d_1

A	C	ϕ_2
1	1	a_2
1	0	b_2
0	1	c_2
0	0	d_2

B	C	ϕ_3
1	1	a_3
1	0	b_3
0	1	c_3
0	0	d_3



A_1	B_1	ϕ_1^I
1	1	x_{11}
1	0	x_{12}
0	1	x_{13}
0	0	x_{14}

A_2	C_1	ϕ_2^I
1	1	x_{21}
1	0	x_{22}
0	1	x_{23}
0	0	x_{24}

B_2	C_2	ϕ_3^I
1	1	x_{31}
1	0	x_{32}
0	1	x_{33}
0	0	x_{34}

A	A_1	ϕ^{A_1}
1	1	λ_1
1	0	λ_2
0	1	λ_3
0	0	λ_4

B	B_1	ϕ^{B_1}
1	1	λ_1
1	0	λ_2
0	1	λ_3
0	0	λ_4

C	C_1	ϕ^{C_1}
1	1	λ_1
1	0	λ_2
0	1	λ_3
0	0	λ_4

A	A_2	ϕ^{A_2}
1	1	λ_1
1	0	λ_2
0	1	λ_3
0	0	λ_4

B	B_2	ϕ^{B_2}
1	1	λ_1
1	0	λ_2
0	1	λ_3
0	0	λ_4

C	C_2	ϕ^{C_2}
1	1	λ_1
1	0	λ_2
0	1	λ_3
0	0	λ_4

Factor Graph -> Tensor Network

A_1	B_1	ϕ_1^I
1	1	x_{11}
1	0	x_{12}
0	1	x_{13}
0	0	x_{14}

A_2	C_1	ϕ_2^I
1	1	x_{21}
1	0	x_{22}
0	1	x_{23}
0	0	x_{24}

B_2	C_2	ϕ_3^I
1	1	x_{31}
1	0	x_{32}
0	1	x_{33}
0	0	x_{34}

A	A_1	ϕ^{A_1}
1	1	λ_1
1	0	λ_2
0	1	λ_3
0	0	λ_4

B	B_1	ϕ^{B_1}
1	1	λ_1
1	0	λ_2
0	1	λ_3
0	0	λ_4

C	C_1	ϕ^{C_1}
1	1	λ_1
1	0	λ_2
0	1	λ_3
0	0	λ_4

A	A_2	ϕ^{A_2}
1	1	λ_1
1	0	λ_2
0	1	λ_3
0	0	λ_4

B	B_2	ϕ^{B_2}
1	1	λ_1
1	0	λ_2
0	1	λ_3
0	0	λ_4

C	C_2	ϕ^{C_2}
1	1	λ_1
1	0	λ_2
0	1	λ_3
0	0	λ_4

Sum Out A

Sum Out B

Sum Out C

Factor Graph -> Tensor Network

A_1	B_1	ϕ_1^I
1	1	x_{11}
1	0	x_{12}
0	1	x_{13}
0	0	x_{14}

A_2	C_1	ϕ_2^I
1	1	x_{21}
1	0	x_{22}
0	1	x_{23}
0	0	x_{24}

B_2	C_2	ϕ_3^I
1	1	x_{31}
1	0	x_{32}
0	1	x_{33}
0	0	x_{34}

A_1	A_2	$\phi^{A_{12}}$
1	1	λ_1^*
1	0	λ_2^*
0	1	λ_3^*
0	0	λ_4^*

B_1	B_2	$\phi^{B_{12}}$
1	1	λ_1^*
1	0	λ_2^*
0	1	λ_3^*
0	0	λ_4^*

C_1	C_2	$\phi^{C_{12}}$
1	1	λ_1^*
1	0	λ_2^*
0	1	λ_3^*
0	0	λ_4^*

1. Each random variable appears in exactly 2 factors
2. Factors on the left / right do not share any random variable
3. Sum out of arbitrary RV requires single multiplication -> factor multiplication + sum out combined

Factor Graph -> Tensor Network

Represents a „2-sided-model“

A_1	B_1	ϕ_1^I
1	1	x_{11}
1	0	x_{12}
0	1	x_{13}
0	0	x_{14}

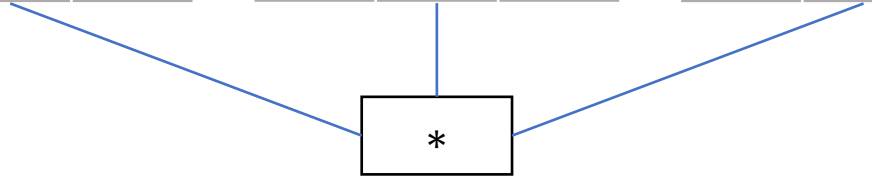
A_2	C_1	ϕ_2^I
1	1	x_{21}
1	0	x_{22}
0	1	x_{23}
0	0	x_{24}

B_2	C_2	ϕ_3^I
1	1	x_{31}
1	0	x_{32}
0	1	x_{33}
0	0	x_{34}

A_1	A_2	$\phi^{A_{12}}$
1	1	λ_1^*
1	0	λ_2^*
0	1	λ_3^*
0	0	λ_4^*

B_1	B_2	$\phi^{B_{12}}$
1	1	λ_1^*
1	0	λ_2^*
0	1	λ_3^*
0	0	λ_4^*

C_1	C_2	$\phi^{C_{12}}$
1	1	λ_1^*
1	0	λ_2^*
0	1	λ_3^*
0	0	λ_4^*



A_1	A_2	B_1	B_2	C_1	C_2	ϕ
1	1	1	1	1	1	...
...

Factor Graph -> Tensor Network

Represents a „2-sided-model“

A_1	B_1	ϕ_1^I
1	1	x_{11}
1	0	x_{12}
0	1	x_{13}
0	0	x_{14}

A_2	C_1	ϕ_2^I
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1	0	x_{22}
0	1	x_{23}
0	0	x_{24}

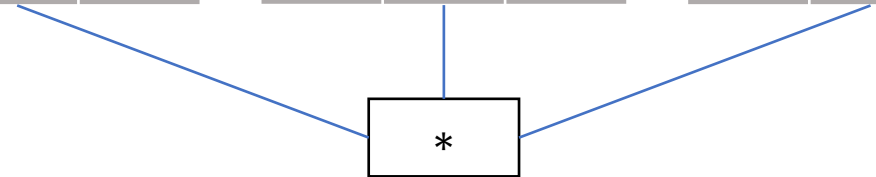
B_2	C_2	ϕ_3^I
1	1	x_{31}
1	0	x_{32}
0	1	x_{33}
0	0	x_{34}

A_1	A_2	$\phi^{A_{12}}$
1	1	λ_1^*
1	0	λ_2^*
0	1	λ_3^*
0	0	λ_4^*

B_1	B_2	$\phi^{B_{12}}$
1	1	λ_1^*
1	0	λ_2^*
0	1	λ_3^*
0	0	λ_4^*

C_1	C_2	$\phi^{C_{12}}$
1	1	λ_1^*
1	0	λ_2^*
0	1	λ_3^*
0	0	λ_4^*

1. Inference (VE) does not primarily focus on summing out RVs one by one
2. Structure / Symmetries on one side sufficient for efficient probabilistic inference
 - Interesting for handling evidence (evidence only affects one side)
3. Potentials of both sides can be affected since we can choose $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_4$ arbitrarily.
4. Parallelisation / efficient implementation of tensor operations (GPU/CPU)
5. ...



A_1	A_2	B_1	B_2	C_1	C_2	ϕ
1	1	1	1	1	1	...
...

Factor Graph -> Tensor Network

Represents a „2-sided-model“

A_1	B_1	ϕ_1^I
1	1	x_{11}
1	0	x_{12}
0	1	x_{13}
0	0	x_{14}

A_2	C_1	ϕ_2^I
1	1	x_{21}
1	0	x_{22}
0	1	x_{23}
0	0	x_{24}

B_2	C_2	ϕ_3^I
1	1	x_{31}
1	0	x_{32}
0	1	x_{33}
0	0	x_{34}

A_1	A_2	B_1	B_2	C_1	C_2	ϕ
1	1	1	1	1	1	...
...

Example

-	-	ϕ_1
1	1	5
1	0	6
0	1	7
0	0	8

-	-	-	ϕ
1	1	1	1
1	1	0	2
1	0	1	2
1	0	0	3
0	1	1	2
0	1	0	3
0	0	1	3
0	0	0	4

Sum out all RVs in ϕ_1

→ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 6+7 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$

Introducing Structure – Simple Example

<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	ϕ
1	1	1	1	x_1
1	1	1	0	x_2
1	1	0	1	x_3
1	1	0	0	x_4
1	0	1	1	x_5
1	0	1	0	x_6
1	0	0	1	x_7
1	0	0	0	x_8
0	1	1	1	x_9
0	1	1	0	x_{10}
0	1	0	1	x_{11}
0	1	0	0	x_{12}
0	0	1	1	x_{13}
0	0	1	0	x_{14}
0	0	0	1	x_{15}
0	0	0	0	x_{16}

➔ $M \cdot$

A_1	B_1	C_1	D_1	ϕ
1	1	1	1	x_1^*
1	1	1	0	x_2^*
1	1	0	1	x_3^*
1	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1	x_4^*
1	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	x_5^*
0	1	1	0	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	0

- M Walsh-Matrix
 - Recursive Matrix-Definition
 - $M_1 = (1)$
 - $M_k = \begin{pmatrix} M_k & M_k \\ M_k & -M_k \end{pmatrix}$
 - Special case of discrete Fourier-Transformation
- There are factor structures which can be captured by a Walsh-Matrix and a vector consisting of only $(|rv(\phi)| + 1)$ **non-zero values**
 - Same reduction as counting symmetry for boolean RVs
 - Linear instead of exponential
- Factor does not require
 - Decomposability / Independence
 - State-Space Symmetry

Introducing Structure – Simple Example

A_x	B_x	C_x	D_x	ϕ
1	1	1	1	x_1
1	1	1	0	x_2
1	1	0	1	x_3
1	1	0	0	x_4
1	0	1	1	x_5
1	0	1	0	x_6
1	0	0	1	x_7
1	0	0	0	x_8
0	1	1	1	x_9
0	1	1	0	x_{10}
0	1	0	1	x_{11}
0	1	0	0	x_{12}
0	0	1	1	x_{13}
0	0	1	0	x_{14}
0	0	0	1	x_{15}
0	0	0	0	x_{16}

• Another interesting aspect: Factors with completely different potentials but same structure are identical* after this transformation

- *differ in a single potential



A_1	B_1	C_1	D_1	ϕ
				x_1^*
				x_2^*
				x_3^*
				0
				x_4^*
1	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	x_5^*
0	1	1	0	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	*



A_y	B_y	C_y	D_y	ϕ
1	1	1	1	y_1
1	1	1	0	y_2
1	1	0	1	y_3
1	1	0	0	y_4
1	0	1	1	y_5
1	0	1	0	y_6
1	0	0	1	y_7
1	0	0	0	y_8
0	1	1	1	y_9
0	1	1	0	y_{10}
0	1	0	1	y_{11}
0	1	0	0	y_{12}
0	0	1	1	y_{13}
0	0	1	0	y_{14}
0	0	0	1	y_{15}
0	0	0	0	y_{16}

Introducing Structure – New Operator

We introduce a new factor operation to work more efficiently with this representation (by adding more structure): **factor addition**

A	B	ϕ
1	1	a
1	0	b
0	1	c
0	0	d

=

A	B	ϕ
1	1	a_1
1	0	b_1
0	1	c_1
0	0	d_1

+

A	B	ϕ
1	1	a_2
1	0	b_2
0	1	c_2
0	0	d_2

- If full joint given by $\phi_1 \cdot \phi_2 \cdot \phi_3$ we have, e.g., $\phi_1 \cdot \phi_2 \cdot (\phi_{31} + \phi_{32})$
 - i.e., $(\phi_1 \cdot \phi_2 \cdot \phi_{31}) + (\phi_1 \cdot \phi_2 \cdot \phi_{32})$
 - Can be understood as splitting a factor graph into two factor graphs
 - Inference: Calculate result for each factor graph, add up results

Summary

- Model transformation
 - Artificial Random Variables
 - Factor Graph -> Tensor Network
 - „2-sided-model“
- Probabilistic inference by means of tensor operations
- Structure exploitation in Tensor Networks
- Extending structure exploitation by matrix-vector-representation
- New operator: factor addition
- Incorporating lifting ideas in asymmetrical models