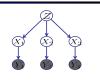


Another Variable Elimination Example

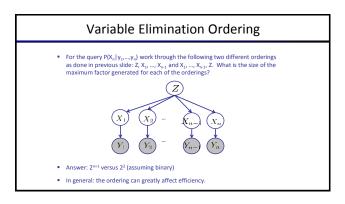
Query: $P(X_3|Y_1 = y_1, Y_2 = y_2, Y_3 = y_3)$ Start by inserting evidence, which gives the following initial factors: $p(Z)p(X_1|Z)p(X_2|Z)p(X_3|Z)p(y_1|X_1)p(y_2|X_2)p(y_3|X_3)$ Eliminate X_1 , this introduces the factor $f_1(Z, y_2) = \sum_{a,p} |x_1|Z|p(y_1|X_1)$, and we are left with: $p(Z)f_1(Z, y_1)p(X_2|Z)p(X_3|Z)p(y_2|X_2)p(y_2|X_3)$ Eliminate X_2 , this introduces the factor $f_1(Z, y_2) = \sum_{a,p} p(x_2|Z)p(y_2|X_2)$, and we are left with: $p(Z)f_1(Z, y_1)f_2(Z, y_2)p(X_3|Z)p(y_3|X_3)$

Climinate Z, this introduces the factor $f_3(y_1, y_2, X_3) = \sum_z p(z)f_1(z, y_1)f_2(z, y_2)p(X_3|z)$, nd we are left:

 $p(y_3|X_3), f_3(y_1, y_2, X_3)$ No hidden variables left. Join the remaining factors to get: $f_4(y_1, y_2, y_3, X_3) = P(y_3|X_3)f_3(y_1, y_2, X_3).$ Normalizing over X_i gives $P(X_i|y_1, y_2, y_3)$.

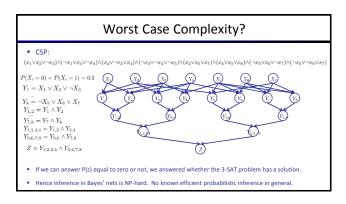


Computational complexity critically depends on the largest factor being generated in this process. Size of factor = number of entries in table. In example above (assuming binary) all factors generated are of size 2 --- as they all only have one variable (Z, Z, and X, respectively).



VE: Computational and Space Complexity The computational and space complexity of variable elimination is determined by the largest factor The elimination ordering can greatly affect the size of the largest factor. E.g., previous slide's example 2" vs. 2

Does there always exist an ordering that only results in small factors?
 No!



Polytrees

- A polytree is a directed graph with no undirected cycles
- For poly-trees you can always find an ordering that is efficient
 Try it!!
- Cut-set conditioning for Bayes' net inference
 - Choose set of variables such that if removed only a polytree remains
 - Exercise: Think about how the specifics would work out!

Bayes' Nets Representation Conditional Independences Probabilistic Inference Complexity) Variable elimination (exact, exponential complexity) Variable complexity, often better) Inference is NP-complete

- Sampling (approximate)
- Learning Bayes' Nets from Data