


Undirected GM / Markov Random Fields

A distribution $P(X)$ factorizes wrt $G = (V, E)$

$$\text{if } P(X) \propto \prod_{c \in \mathcal{C}} f_c(x_c)$$

is proportional to set of all cliques
or, equivalently, all maximal cliques

A normalization term can convert this into a probability distribution.

Graph Separation: We say $A + C$ are separated by B

$$\text{if } \nexists A - B - C$$

any path from any $a \in A$ to any $c \in C$



[Global Markov Property (G)]

A distribution $P(X)$ is consistent w/ G if $\nexists A - B - C$ sets

$$X_A \perp\!\!\!\perp X_C \mid X_B$$

$$A, B, C \subseteq V$$

Local markov Property(L)

$P(X)$ satisfies (L) wrt. $G = (V, \mathcal{E})$ if

$$X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{V \setminus \{i\} \cup S_i} \mid X_{S_i}$$

$$S_i = \{j \mid (i, j) \in \mathcal{E}\}$$

If $i \in V$

Pairwise Property (P)

$P(X)$ satisfies (P) wrt graph G if

$$\forall (i, j) \notin E \quad X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_j \mid X_{V \setminus \{i, j\}}$$

Claim $(G) \Rightarrow (L) \Rightarrow (P)$

Why $(G) \Rightarrow (L)$

for $\frac{(G)}{P(X)}$ & sets A, B, C s.t. $A - B - C$, we have that $X_A \perp\!\!\!\perp X_C \mid X_B$
Graph G

assume

$$\Rightarrow (L) : X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{V \setminus \{i\} \cup S_i} \mid X_{S_i}$$

want to show X_i

Proof why? $A = \{i\}$ $B = S_i$ $C = V \setminus \{i\} \cup S_i$
 $A - B - C$ (by def of the sets)

$$X_A \perp\!\!\!\perp X_C | X_B$$

$$X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{V \setminus \{i\} \cup S_i} | X_{S_i} \quad (L) \quad \square$$

Claim (L) \Rightarrow (P)

P(X) satisfies (P) if $f(i, j) \notin E$ $X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_j | X_{V \setminus \{i, j\}}$

Lemma [Data Processing inequalities]

Suppose we have a graph s.t. $X - Z - Y - h(Y)$

Then we know $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y | Z$, and

(DP1) $X \perp\!\!\!\perp h(Y) | Z$ \forall functions $h(\cdot)$

(Postprocessing doesn't break independences)

(DP2) $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y | Z, h(Y)$

Take arbitrary $(i, j) \notin E$. Want to show

$$X_{\{i\}} \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{\{j\}} \mid X_{V \setminus \{i, j\}}$$

We know: $X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{V \setminus (\{i\} \cup S_i)} \mid X_{S_i}$

(that $(i, j) \notin E \Rightarrow j \notin S_i$)

DP2 $\Rightarrow X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{V \setminus (\{i\} \cup S_i)} \mid X_{S_i} \cup X_{V \setminus \{i, j\}}$

DP1 $\Rightarrow X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_j \mid X_{V \setminus \{i, j\}}$ & $X_{V \setminus \{i, j\}}$

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Claim

(P) \Rightarrow (G) when $P(X) > 0$

Lemma
and

Intersection Lemma

(1) $X_A \perp\!\!\!\perp X_B \mid X_C, X_D$

(2) $X_A \perp\!\!\!\perp X_C \mid X_B, X_D$

$\Rightarrow X_A \perp\!\!\!\perp X_B, X_C \mid X_D$

If $P(X) > 0 \quad \forall X \in \mathcal{X}^n$

(A)

(B)

(C)

(D)

Proof of Claim

We know (P) $\forall (i,j) \notin E \quad x_i \perp\!\!\!\perp x_j \mid X_{V \setminus \{i,j\}}$

Want to show $\forall A-B-C \quad x_A \perp\!\!\!\perp x_C \mid X_B$

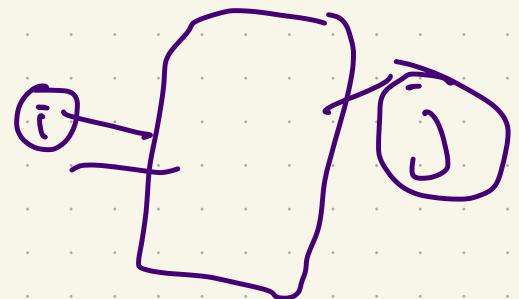
By induction on $|B| = n-2, n-3, \dots, 2$

(1) Start w/ $|B| = n-2$

$$A = \{i\}$$

$$C = \{j\}$$

$$\therefore x_i \perp\!\!\!\perp x_j$$

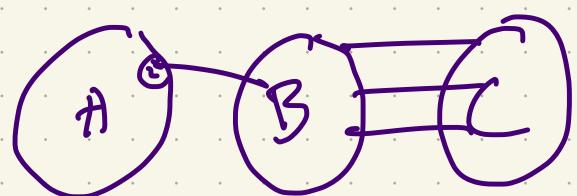


$$\hookrightarrow x_A \perp\!\!\!\perp x_C \mid X_{V \setminus \{i,j\}}$$

(2) Want to show (G) for $|B| = s-1 < n-2$

Assume (G) holds w/ $|B| \geq s$

Fix $|A| \geq 2$ (WLOG), assumption $A-B-C$



$$A \setminus \{i,j\} - B \cup \{i,j\} = C$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{A \setminus \{i,j\}} \perp\!\!\!\perp x_C \mid X_{B \cup \{i,j\}}$$

$\{i\} - B \cup A \setminus \{i\} - C$

[Why?]

(IH) $\Rightarrow x_i \perp\!\!\!\perp x_C \mid x_{B \cup A \setminus \{i\}}$

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