



Probabilistic Graphical Models

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Feedback — MAP Inference + Week 4 Review

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Question 1

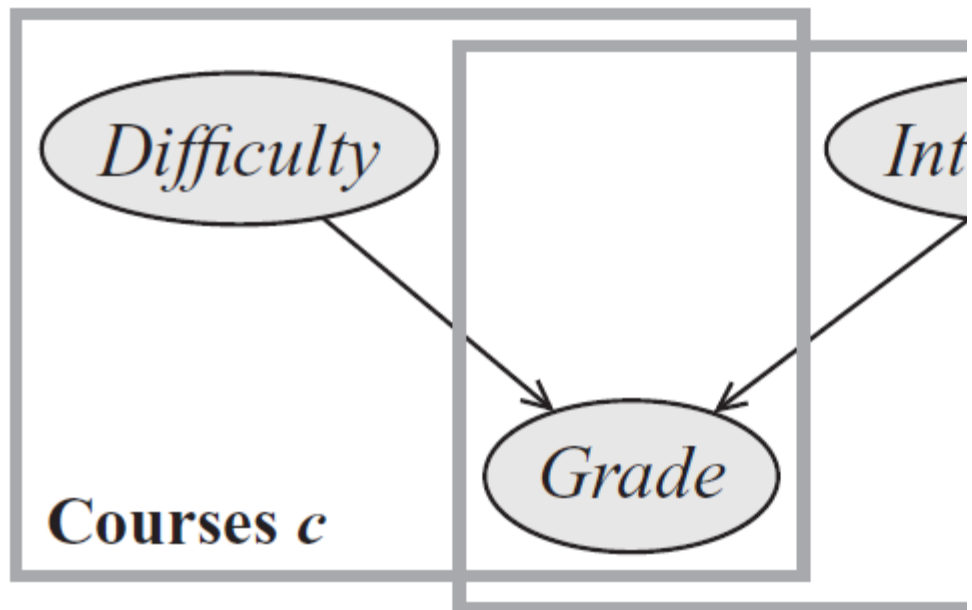
Reparameterization. Suppose we have a calibrated clique tree T and the same Markov network, and have thrown away the original factors. Now we want to sample a distribution over all the variables in the network only from the beliefs and do so from the beliefs and sepsets in T ? Separately, is it possible for us to sample from the sepsets in G ?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input checked="" type="radio"/> It is possible in both T and G	1.00	Using the clique tree and cluster we can reconstruct the original distribution.
Total	1.00	

Question 2

*Markov Network Construction.

Consider the unrolled network for the plate model shown below, where we have n students. We have observed the grade of all students in all courses. In general, what does a minimal I-map for the conditional distribution look like? (Hint: the factors in the network are the observed grades. We are interested in modeling the conditional distribution, so we cannot include the grade variables in this new network. Instead, we model their effect by appropriately modifying the network.)



Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input checked="" type="radio"/> A fully connected bipartite graph where instantiations of the Difficulty variables are on one side and instantiations of the Intelligence variables are on the other side.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1.00	The factors, reduced by the edge scopes over 2 variables: a Difficulty course and the Intelligence variable. Hence, the variables naturally have a bipartite graph. It is a factor for assignment.
Total	1.00	


Question 3

****Clique Tree Construction.**

We now wish to perform inference in the pairwise Markov network you came up with. The size of a clique to be the number of variables in the clique. There exists a clique tree such that the size of the largest clique in T^* is the smallest amongst all possible clique trees. What is the size of the largest sepset in T^* ?





Note: if you're wondering why we would ever care about this, remember that the complexity of the largest factor produced in the course of message passing, is the size of the largest clique in the network, amongst other things.

Hint: Use the relationship between sepsets and conditional independence to derive the largest sepset, then construct a clique tree that achieves this bound.

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input checked="" type="radio"/> $\min(m, n)$	 1.00	Given any clique tree, when you condition on a set of variables, the variables on one side of the tree can be rendered independent of the variables on the other side of the tree (excluding the variables in the separator set). This conclusion allows you to conclude that the minimum separator size is the minimum number of variables you need to condition on. If you condition on a subset of variables, the remaining variables will still be dependent on each other. Therefore, you can construct a clique tree that satisfies this condition.
Total	1.00	

Question 4

***Dual Decomposition Slaves.** Suppose you wish to perform MAP inference on an $n \times n$ grid. Which of the following decompositions of the MAP problem into the dual-decomposition algorithm? You may select 1 or more options (or none apply).

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slaves that are spanning trees of the grid; the trees, in combination, include all the edges in the grid.	 0.25	This decomposition is valid because the union of all spanning trees in a grid covers all edges. The MAP problem can be decomposed into these slaves.
<input type="checkbox"/> Slaves that each consist of a single factor in the network.	 0.00	This decomposition is not valid because a single factor in the network is not a spanning tree.
<input type="checkbox"/> Slaves that are spanning trees of the grid; the trees, in combination, do not include all the edges in the grid.	 0.25	This decomposition is not valid because the union of the trees does not cover all edges.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One slave for each row and column of the grid.	 0.25	This decomposition is valid because the union of all row and column factors covers all edges.
Total	0.75	

If we wish to use the dual-decomposition algorithm, the slave problems must be solvable MAP problems, and the problems must, in combination, include all the edges in the network.

