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HW5

Vision Aided Navigation 086761

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Question 1: Factor graph, variable elimination and Bayes net. Consider a SAM problem where a robot travels through an unknown environment and captures observations using its onboard sensors. Assume the robot starts at time t_0 , with a known prior p(x) and consider motion and observation models $p(x_k|x_{k-1},u_{k-1})$ and $p(z_{k,i}|x_k,l_i)$, respectively, where l_i denotes the i^{th} landmark. The robot moves according to given controls and observes a single landmark at time instances t_1 and t_2 .

a: Write the joint pdf corresponding to the above scenario until time t_4 : $p(x_{0:4}, l|u_{0:3}, z_1, z_2)$

$$p(x_{k}|x_{k-1},u_{k-1}) \sim motion \, model$$

$$p(z_{k}|x_{k},l_{i}) \sim measurement \, model$$

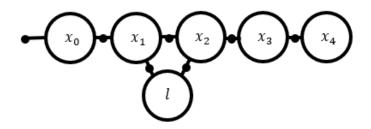
$$p(x_{0:4},l|u_{0:3},z_{1},z_{2}) \underset{cond.\\+indep.}{=} p(x_{4}|x_{3}u_{3})p(x_{3}|x_{2},u_{2}) \cdot \underbrace{p(x_{0:2},l|u_{0:1},z_{1:2})}_{known \, structure} =$$

$$= p(x_{4}|x_{3}u_{3})p(x_{3}|x_{2},u_{2}) \cdot p(x_{0}) \prod_{i=1}^{2} \eta_{i}p(z_{i}|x_{i},l)p(x_{i}|u_{i-1},x_{i-1}) =$$

$$\left\{ \eta = \prod_{i=1}^{2} \eta_{i} \colon not \, a \, function \, of \, x \, or \, l, the \, varibles \, we \, optimize \, on \right\}$$

$$= \eta \cdot p(x_{4}|x_{3}u_{3})p(x_{3}|x_{2},u_{2}) \cdot p(x_{0}) \prod_{i=1}^{2} p(z_{i}|x_{i},l)p(x_{i}|u_{i-1},x_{i-1})$$

b: Draw the corresponding factor graph.



c: Eliminate the factor graph into a Bayes net, assuming elimination order:

$$x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, l$$

$$p(x_{0:4}, l|u_{0:3}, z_{1:2}) = \eta \cdot p(x_0)p(x_1|x_0, u_0)p(x_2|x_1, u_1)p(x_3|x_2, u_2)p(x_4|x_3, u_3)p(z_1|x_1, l)p(z_2|x_2, l)$$

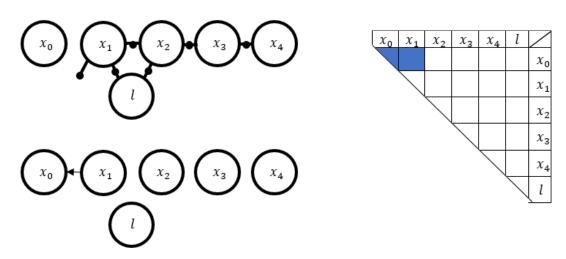
$$p(x_{0:4}, l|u_{0:3}, z_{1:2}) \propto f_0(x_0)f_1(x_0, x_1)f_2(x_1, x_2)f_3(x_2, x_3)f_4(x_3, x_4)f_{l1}(x_1, l)f_{l2}(x_2, l)$$

Elinination of x_0 :

$$f_{joint}(x_0, x_1) = f_0(x_0) f_1(x_0, x_1) \propto p(x_0 | x_1) \cdot f_{1-new}(x_1)$$

After the elimination of x_0 we get:

 $p(x_{0:4}, l|u_{0:3}, z_{1:2}) \propto p(x_0|x_1) \cdot f_{1-new}(x_1) f_2(x_1, x_2) f_3(x_2, x_3) f_4(x_3, x_4) f_{l1}(x_1, l) f_{l2}(x_2, l)$

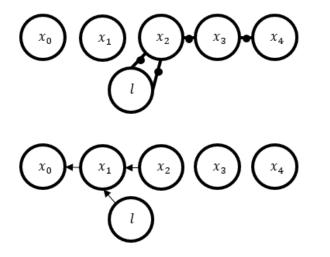


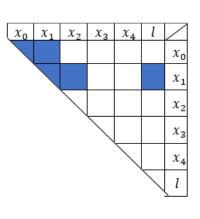
Elinination of x_1 :

$$f_{joint}(x_1, x_2, l) = f_{1-new}(x_1)f_2(x_1, x_2)f_{l1}(x_1, l) \propto p(x_1|x_2, l) \cdot f_{2-new}(x_2, l)$$

After the elimination of x_1 we get:

$$p(x_{0:4}, l|u_{0:3}, z_{1:2}) \propto p(x_0|x_1)p(x_1|x_2, l) \cdot f_{2-new}(x_2, l)f_3(x_2, x_3)f_4(x_3, x_4)f_{l2}(x_2, l)$$



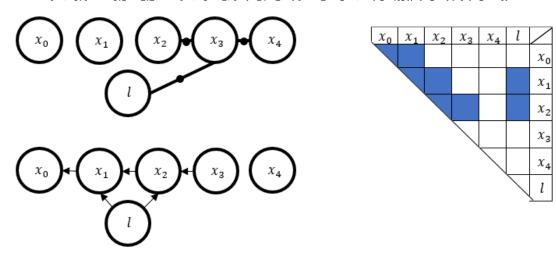


Elinination of x_2 :

$$f_{joint}(x_2,x_3,l) = f_{2-new}(x_2,l)f_3(x_2,x_3)f_{l2}(x_2,l) \propto p(x_2|x_3,l) \cdot f_{3-new}(x_3,l)$$

After the elimination of x_2 we get:

$$p(x_{0:4}, l|u_{0:3}, z_{1:2}) \propto p(x_0|x_1)p(x_1|x_2, l)p(x_2|x_3, l) \cdot f_{3-new}(x_3, l)f_4(x_3, x_4)$$

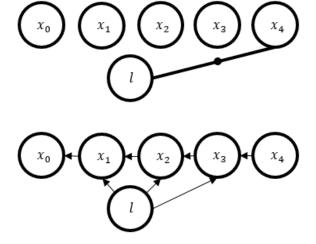


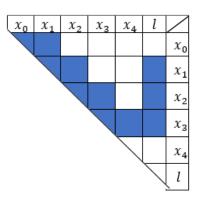
Elinination of x_3 :

$$f_{joint}(x_3, x_4, l) = f_{3-new}(x_3, l) f_4(x_3, x_4) \propto p(x_3 | x_4, l) \cdot f_{4-new}(x_4, l)$$

After the elimination of x_3 we get:

$$p(x_{0:4}, l|u_{0:3}, z_{1:2}) \propto p(x_0|x_1)p(x_1|x_2, l)p(x_3|x_4, l) \cdot f_{4-new}(x_4, l)$$



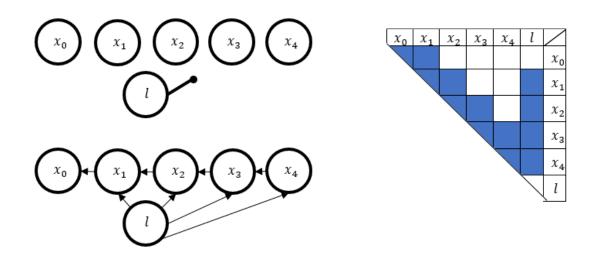


Elinination of x_4 :

$$f_{joint}(x_4, l) = f_{4-new}(x_4, l) \propto p(x_4|l) \cdot f_{l-new}(l)$$

After the elimination of x_4 we get:

$$p(x_{0:4}, l|u_{0:3}, z_{1:2}) \propto p(x_0|x_1) p(x_1|x_2, l) p(x_2|x_3, l) p(x_4|l) \cdot f_{l-new}(l)$$

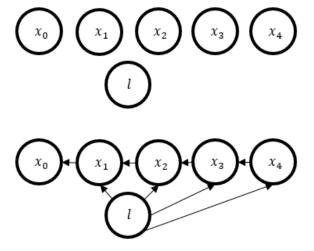


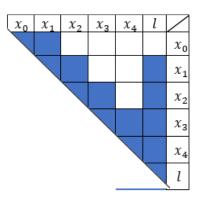
Elinination of 1:

$$f_{joint}(l) = f_{l-new}(l) \propto p(l)$$

After the elimination of l we get:

$$p(x_{0:4},l|u_{0:3},z_{1:2}) \propto p(x_0|x_1)p(x_1|x_2,l)p(x_3|x_4,l)p(l)$$





d: Repeat the previous clause using a different variable elimination order:

$$x_4, x_3, x_2, l, x_1, x_0$$

$$p(x_{0:4}, l|u_{0:3}, z_{1:2}) = \eta \cdot p(x_0)p(x_1|x_0, u_0)p(x_2|x_1, u_1)p(x_3|x_2, u_2)p(x_4|x_3, u_3)p(z_1|x_1, l)p(z_2|x_2, l)$$

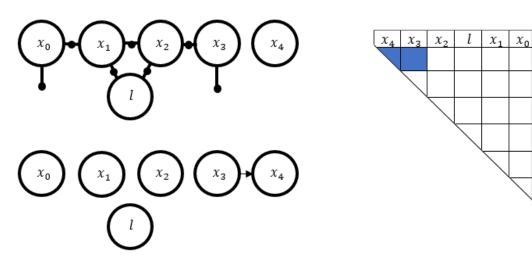
$$p(x_{0:4}, l|u_{0:3}, z_{1:2}) \propto f_0(x_0)f_1(x_0, x_1)f_2(x_1, x_2)f_3(x_2, x_3)f_4(x_3, x_4)f_{l1}(x_1, l)f_{l2}(x_2, l)$$

Elinination of x_4 :

$$f_{joint}(x_3, x_4) = f_4(x_3, x_4) \propto p(x_4|x_3) \cdot f_{3-new}(x_3)$$

After the elimination of x_4 we get:

 $p(x_{0:4}, l|u_{0:3}, z_{1:2}) \propto p(x_4|x_3) \cdot f_{3-new}(x_3) f_0(x_0) f_1(x_0, x_1) f_2(x_1, x_2) f_3(x_2, x_3) f_{l1}(x_1, l) f_{l2}(x_2, l)$

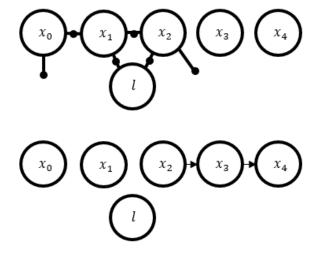


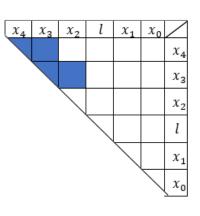
Elinination of x_3 :

$$f_{joint}(x_2, x_3) = f_{3-new}(x_3) f_3(x_2, x_3) \propto p(x_3 | x_2) \cdot f_{2-new}(x_2)$$

After the elimination of x_3 we get:

 $p(x_{0:4},l|u_{0:3},z_{1:2}) \propto p(x_4|x_3)p(x_3|x_2) \cdot f_{2-new}(x_2)f_0(x_0)f_1(x_0,x_1)f_2(x_1,x_2)f_{l1}(x_1,l)f_{l2}(x_2,l)$





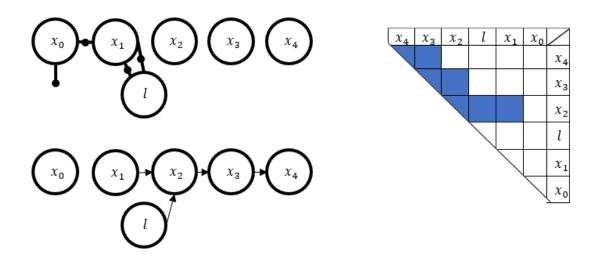
 x_2

Elinination of x_2 :

$$f_{joint}(x_1,x_2,l) = f_{2-new}(x_2)f_2(x_1,x_2)f_{l2}(x_2,l) \propto p(x_2|x_1,l) \cdot f_{l-new}(x_1,l)$$

After the elimination of x_2 we get:

$$p(x_{0:4}, l|u_{0:3}, z_{1:2}) \propto p(x_4|x_3)p(x_3|x_2)p(x_2|x_1, l) \cdot f_{l-new}(x_1, l)f_0(x_0)f_1(x_0, x_1)f_{l1}(x_1, l)$$

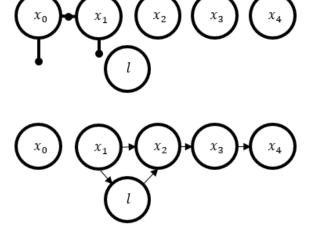


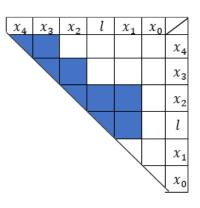
Elinination of 1:

$$f_{joint}(x_1, l) = f_{l-new}(x_1, l) f_{l1}(x_1, l) \propto p(l|x_1) \cdot f_{1-new}(x_1)$$

After the elimination of x_3 we get:

$$p(x_{0:4}, l|u_{0:3}, z_{1:2}) \propto p(x_4|x_3)p(x_3|x_2)p(l|x_1) \cdot f_{1-new}(x_1)f_0(x_0)f_1(x_0, x_1)$$



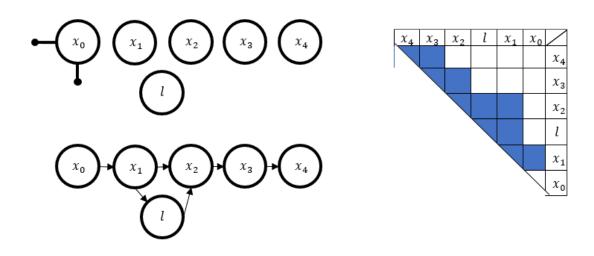


Elinination of x_1 :

$$f_{joint}(x_0,x_1) = f_{1-new}(x_1)f_1(x_0,x_1) \propto p(x_1|x_0) \cdot f_{0-new}(x_0)$$

After the elimination of x_1 we get:

$$p(x_{0:4}, l|u_{0:3}, z_{1:2}) \propto p(x_4|x_3) p(x_3|x_2) p(l|x_1) p(x_1|x_0) \cdot f_{0-new}(x_0) f_0(x_0)$$

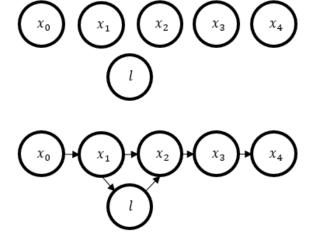


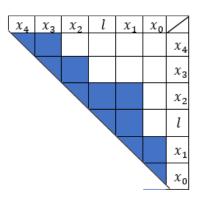
Elinination of x_0 :

$$f_{joint}(x_0) = f_{0-new}(x_0) f_0(x_0) \propto p(x_0)$$

After the elimination of x_0 we get:

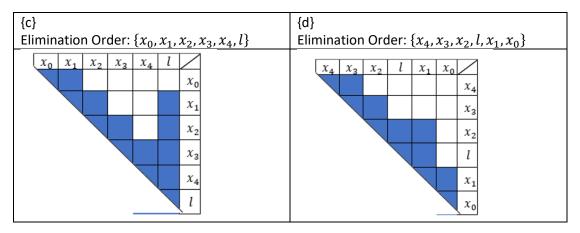
$$p(x_{0:4},l|u_{0:3},z_{1:2}) \propto p(x_4|x_3)p(x_3|x_2)p(l|x_1)p(x_1|x_0)p(x_0)$$





e: Which of the two elimination orders you would prefer in terms of estimation accuracy and computational aspects?

We show the elimination order and resulting R matrix for each section below.



Regarding computation efficiency: We would prefer the elimination order in $\{d\}$, as it produces a sparser R matrix (12 non-zero elements vs 14), and with more structure – all rows but one contains two elements at the start of the row.

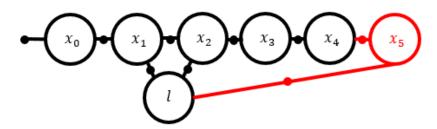
Regarding Accuracy: Both matrices contain the same information. As such, the solution of the LMS problem is independent of the elimination order, or which $\it R$ matrix we choose to use.

$$R_d^T R_d = R_c^T R_c = A^T A$$

Question 2: Incremental factorization.

Consider now the robot, from question 1, executes command u_4 and moves to a new location; denote its new pose by x_5 . Assume the robot observes again the landmark l from the new location.

a: Draw the factor graph of the problem and indicate the new factors and variable nodes.



b: Consider the Bayes net from question 1(c) with elimination order $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, l$. Perform incremental factorization by updating this Bayes net with the new information using the elimination order:

$$x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, l, x_5$$

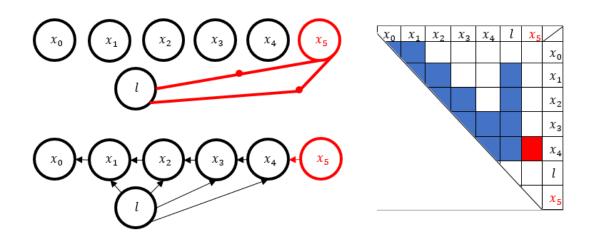
$$\begin{split} p(x_{0:4}, x_5, l | u_{0:3}, z_{1:2}, \mathbf{z_3}) &= \eta \cdot p(x_0) p(x_1 | x_0, u_0) p(x_2 | x_1, u_1) p(x_3 | x_2, u_2) p(x_4 | x_3, u_3) p(x_5 | x_4, u_4) p(z_1 | x_1, l) p(z_2 | x_2, l) \; p(\mathbf{z_3} | \mathbf{x_5}, l) \\ p(x_{0:4}, \mathbf{x_5}, l | u_{0:3}, z_{1:2}, \mathbf{z_3}) &\propto f_0(x_0) f_1(x_0, x_1) f_2(x_1, x_2) f_3(x_2, x_3) f_4(x_3, x_4) f_5(\mathbf{x_4}, \mathbf{x_5}) f_{l1}(x_1, l) f_{l2}(\mathbf{x_2}, l) f_{l3}(\mathbf{x_5}, l) \\ We \; need \; to \; reeliminat \; the \; factors \; x_4, l \; beacose \; they \; involve \; the \; changes. \end{split}$$

Back to Elimination of x_A :

$$f_{ioint}(x_4, x_5, l) = f_{4-new}(x_4, l) f_5(x_4, x_5) \propto p(x_4 | x_5, l) \cdot f_{l-new}(x_5, l)$$

After the elimination of x_4 we get:

$$p(x_{0:4}, x_5, l|u_{0:3}, z_{1:2}, z_3) \propto p(x_0|x_1)p(x_1|x_2, l)p(x_2|x_3, l)p(x_4|x_5, l) \cdot f_{l3}(x_5, l)f_{l-new}(x_5, l)$$

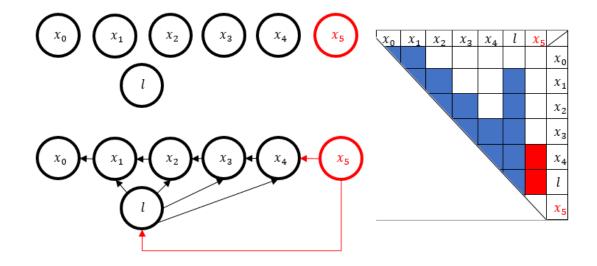


Elinination of 1:

$$f_{joint}(x_5, l) = f_{l-new}(x_5, l) f_{l3}(x_5, l) \propto p(l|x_5) \cdot f_{5-new}(x_5)$$

After the elimination of l we get:

$$p(x_{0:4}, x_5, l|u_{0:3}, z_{1:2}, z_3) \propto p(x_0|x_1)p(x_1|x_2, l)p(x_3|x_4, l)p(l|x_5) \cdot f_{5-new}(x_5)$$

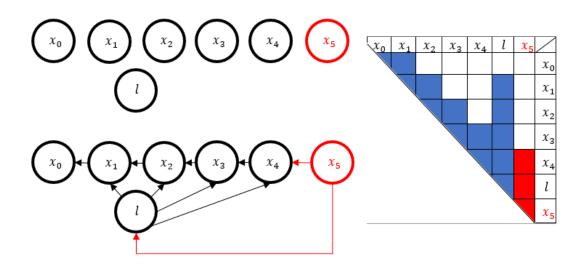


Elinination of x_5 :

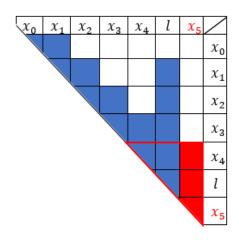
$$f_{joint}(x_5) = f_{5-new}(x_5) \propto p(x_5)$$

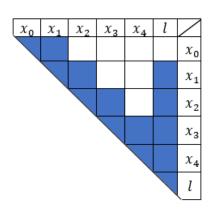
After the elimination of x_5 we get:

$$p(x_{0:4}, \mathbf{x_5}, l|u_{0:3}, z_{1:2}, \mathbf{z_3}) \propto p(x_0|x_1)p(x_1|x_2, l)p(x_3|x_4, l)p(l|\mathbf{x_5})p(\mathbf{x_5})$$



c: Show the corresponding updated square root information matrix R



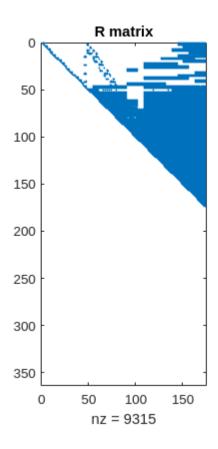


Q3 - Variable Ordering

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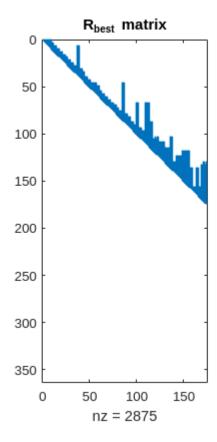
(a) Obtain R with QR fatorization

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[~,R] = qr(A);
spy(R);
title('R matrix');
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(b) best R

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p = colamd(A);
[~,Rbest] = qr(A(:,p));
spy(Rbest);
title('R_{best} matrix');
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 $R_{\rm best}$ has ~30% values of the initial R matrix.

Hence will require to do only ~30% of the computations when sovling back substitution with R_{best} when compared to R.