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# MESSAGE PASSING FOR EFFICIENT CONTRACTIONS

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RESEARCH NOTES IN THE ENEXA AND QROM PROJECTS

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Plan:

- Junction tree construction related to tree hypergraph construction
- Boolean propagation, extended by exact logical reasoning schemes (might put the latter in the propositional inference chapter)
- Basis propagation: Show with the data example, that single datapoint is exact, batchwise not.

## 1 Contraction Propagation

Generic algorithm:

- Variable are the hypergraph and the scheduler
- Fixed are the trivial initial messages, the message system by overlapping edges, variables by edge intersections, computation of message by contraction

**Definition 1.** Given a hypergraph  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$  the overlap graph  $\mathcal{G}^{\text{overlap}}$  consists of  $\mathcal{E}$  as nodes and an edges

$$\mathcal{E}^{\text{overlap}} = \{\{e_0, e_1\} : e_0, e_1 \in \mathcal{E}, e_0 \neq e, e_0 \cap e_1 \neq \emptyset\}.$$

We say that  $\mathcal{G}$  is a tree-hypergraph, if  $\mathcal{G}^{\text{overlap}}$  is a tree.

Messages are sent between overlapping edges, i.e. along the edges of  $\mathcal{G}^{\text{overlap}}$ . We further distinguish between messages  $e_0 \rightarrow e_1$  and  $e_1 \rightarrow e_0$  and build the directed overlap graph

$$\mathcal{G}^{\rightarrow} = (\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}^{\rightarrow}) = \left( \mathcal{E}, \bigcup_{\{e_0, e_1\} \in \mathcal{E}^{\text{overlap}}} \{(e_0, e_1), (e_1, e_0)\} \right).$$

The scheduler  $S$  maintains a subset of  $\mathcal{E}^{\rightarrow}$  of messages to be sent, which updated (possibly without change) after each message. Once the set of messages to be sent is empty, the algorithm terminates. The scheduler can have different implementation, in which he possibly uses the graph and the history of the messages to decide on initializations and updates.

**Tree-based implementation:** (guarantee by Thm. 1) (e.g. loop-free BP):

- Start: All leaves sending messages to their neighbors in the overlap graph.
- Update: Each direction only once loaded on  $S$ , namely when at  $e_1$  all but these messages are received.

Notice, that in the tree-based implementation the algorithm terminates after  $2 \cdot |\mathcal{E}^{\text{overlap}}|$  passed messages.

**Directed implementation:** (guarantee by Thm. 10, see Sect. 7) One side of the tree-based implementation: Sent messages only in direction of the acyclic graph.

**Constraint-propagation implementation** (guarantee by Thm. 4 see Sect. 4)

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**Algorithm 1** Generic Contraction Propagation
 

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**Require:** Hypergraph  $\mathcal{G}$   
**Ensure:** Scheduler  $S$

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Initialize  $S$  (differs in implementation)

Initialize messages

**while**  $S$  not empty **do**

    Take a  $(e_0, e_1)$  pair from  $S$

    Update the message

$$\chi_{e_0 \rightarrow e_1} [X_{e_0 \cap e_1}] = \langle \{\tau^{e_0} [X_{e_0}]\} \cup \{\chi_{e_2 \rightarrow e_0} [X_{e_2 \cap e_0}] : (e_2, e_0) \in \mathcal{E}^\rightarrow, e_2 \neq e_1\} \rangle_{[X_{e_0 \cap e_1}]}$$

    Update  $S$  (differs in implementation)

**end while**

**return** Messages

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- Start: All directions.
- Update: When the support of a message to  $e_1$  changed all directions  $(e_1, e_2)$
- Efficiency increase: Replace messages by their support, need only those with nontrivial support in the contraction.

In the constraint-propagation implementation each direction  $(e_0, e_1)$  is loaded at most

$$\sum_{(e_2, e_0) \in \mathcal{G}^\rightarrow} \left( \prod_{v \in e_2 \cap e_0} m_v \right)$$

many times onto  $S$ , the algorithm therefore terminates after at most

$$\sum_{(e_0, e_1) \in \mathcal{G}^\rightarrow} \sum_{(e_2, e_0) \in \mathcal{G}^\rightarrow} \left( \prod_{v \in e_2 \cap e_0} m_v \right)$$

iterations.

Loopy BP: Need Convergence criteria, or limits on the numbers of messages.

### 1.1 Analysis in the tree-based implementation

We denote for each pair  $(e_0, e_1)$  the subset  $\mathcal{E}^{\rightarrow(e_0, e_1)} \subset \mathcal{E}$  as the subset of edges  $e \in \mathcal{E}$ , for which each path to  $e_1$  passes through  $e_0$ . Note, that by construction  $e_0 \in \mathcal{E}^{\rightarrow(e_0, e_1)}$ .

**Theorem 1.** *For any tensor network on a tree hypergraph, Algorithm 1 terminates in the tree-based implementation and returns final messages*

$$\chi_{e_0 \rightarrow e_1} [X_{e_0 \cap e_1}] = \left\langle \{\tau^e [X_e] : e \in \mathcal{E}^{\rightarrow(e_0, e_1)}\} \right\rangle_{[X_{e_0 \cap e_1}]}$$

*Proof.* We show this property by induction over the edge sets  $\mathcal{E}^{\rightarrow(e_0, e_1)}$  to pairs  $(e_0, e_1) \in \mathcal{E}^\rightarrow$ , such that  $|\mathcal{E}^{\rightarrow(e_0, e_1)}| \leq n$ . Notice, that since always  $e_0 \in \mathcal{E}^{\rightarrow(e_0, e_1)}$  we have  $n \geq 1$ .

$n = 1$ : In this case we have  $\mathcal{E}^{\rightarrow(e_0, e_1)} = \{e_0\}$  and  $e_0$  is a leaf of the tree-hypergraph  $\mathcal{G}$ . The claimed message property holds thus by definition.

$n \rightarrow n + 1$ : Let us assume, that the message obeys the claimed property for edge sets with cardinality up to  $n$ . If there is no edge set with cardinality  $n + 1$ , the property holds also for those with cardinality up to  $n + 1$ . If there is an edge set  $\mathcal{E}^{\rightarrow(e_0, e_1)}$  with size  $n + 1$ , we have

$$\mathcal{E}^{\rightarrow(e_0, e_1)} = \{e_0\} \cup \left( \bigcup_{e_2 \in \mathcal{E}^\rightarrow} \mathcal{E}^{\rightarrow(e_2, e_0)} \right).$$

The message  $\chi_{e_0 \rightarrow e_1}$  is sent, once all messages  $\chi_{e_2 \rightarrow e_0}$  to  $(e_2, e_0) \in \mathcal{E}^{\rightarrow} \{(e_1, e_0)\}$  arrived. By definition we have

$$\chi_{e_0 \rightarrow e_1} [X_{e_0 \cap e_1}] = \langle \{\tau^{e_0} [X_{e_0}]\} \cup \{\chi_{e_2 \rightarrow e_0} [X_{e_2 \cap e_0}] : (e_2, e_0) \in \mathcal{E}^{\rightarrow}, e_2 \neq e_1\} \rangle_{[X_{e_0 \cap e_1}]}$$

Now we use the induction assumption on  $\mathcal{E}^{\rightarrow(e_2, e_0)}$  (since its cardinality is at most  $n$ ) and get

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{e_0 \rightarrow e_1} [X_{e_0 \cap e_1}] &= \left\langle \{\tau^{e_0} [X_{e_0}]\} \cup \left( \bigcup_{(e_2, e_0) \in \mathcal{E}^{\rightarrow}, e_2 \neq e_1} \left\langle \{\tau^{e_3} [X_{e_3}] : e_3 \in \mathcal{E}^{\rightarrow(e_2, e_0)}\} \right\rangle_{[X_{e_2 \cap e_0}]} \right) \right\rangle_{[X_{e_0 \cap e_1}]} \\ &= \left\langle \{\tau^{e_0} [X_{e_0}]\} \cup \left( \bigcup_{(e_2, e_0) \in \mathcal{E}^{\rightarrow}, e_2 \neq e_1} \{\tau^{e_3} [X_{e_3}] : e_3 \in \mathcal{E}^{\rightarrow(e_2, e_0)}\} \right) \right\rangle_{[X_{e_0 \cap e_1}]} \\ &= \left\langle \{\tau^e [X_e] : e \in \mathcal{E}^{\rightarrow(e_0, e_1)}\} \right\rangle_{[X_{e_0 \cap e_1}]} \end{aligned}$$

Here we used the commutation of contraction property in the second equation, which is justified by the assumed tree property of the hypergraph. Thus, the message property holds also for any edge sets of size  $n + 1$ .

By induction, the claimed message property therefore holds for all final messages.  $\square$

## 2 Exact Contractions

We apply Thm. ?? to split a contraction into subcontractions, which are consecutively performed.

Contractions can be performed partially, and the result passed to the rest of the network as a message.

### 2.1 Construction of Cluster Graphs

Let us first introduce with the cluster graph a mechanism to coarse grain the hypergraph capturing a tensor network.

**Definition 2** (Cluster Graph). *Given a tensor network  $\tau^G$  a cluster partition is a partition of the tensor network into  $n$  clusters, by a function*

$$\alpha : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow [n].$$

*The clusters are with tensors decorated edge sets  $C_i = \{e : \alpha(e) = i\}$  with variables  $\mathcal{V}_i = \bigcup_{e \in C_i} e$ .*

*We say, that the cluster graph satisfies the running intersection property, when for any clusters  $C_i$  and  $C_j$  and any  $v \in \mathcal{V}_i \cup \mathcal{V}_j$  there is a path between  $C_i$  and  $C_j$  with  $v \in \mathcal{V}_k$  for any cluster  $C_k$  along the path.*

Given a cluster graph to a tensor network, we can execute any global contraction by a contraction of local contraction to each cluster.

**Theorem 2.** *Given a tensor network  $\tau^G$  and a cluster graph. We then define for each cluster the node set*

$$\tilde{\mathcal{V}}_i = \bigcup_{j \neq i} \mathcal{V}_j$$

*and have*

$$\langle \tau^G \rangle_{[X_U]} = \left\langle \{\langle \tau^{C_i} \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{V}_i \cap (\tilde{\mathcal{V}}_i \cup U)}]} : i \in [n]\} \right\rangle_{[X_U]}.$$

*Proof.* By Thm. ?? applied for each cluster seen as a subgraph.  $\square$

### 2.2 Message Passing to calculate Contractions

Having a hypergraph  $\mathcal{G}$ , we iteratively apply Thm. ?? and call the  $\mathcal{G}_2$  a cluster. When iterating until  $\mathcal{G}$  is empty, we get a cluster graph, where all tensors are assigned to a cluster.

When the cluster are a polytree, that is a union of disjoint trees, we define messages between neighbored clusters  $C_i$  and  $C_j$  with  $C_j \prec C_i$  by the contractions

$$\chi_{j \rightarrow i} [X_{\mathcal{V}^i \cap \mathcal{V}^j}] = \left\langle \{\chi_{\tilde{j} \rightarrow j} [X_{\mathcal{V}^j \cap \mathcal{V}^j}] : C_{\tilde{j}} \prec C_j\} \cup \tau^{C_j} \right\rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{V}^i \cap \mathcal{V}^j}]}.$$

We note, that the messages are well defined by these recursive equations, exactly when the cluster graph is a polytree. When the cluster graph is a tree, we can choose a root cluster and order the clusters by the topological order  $\prec$ .

**Lemma 1.** *When the cluster graph is a tree satisfying the running intersection property, we have for neighbored clusters  $C_i$  and  $C_j$  with  $C_j \prec C_i$*

$$\chi_{i \rightarrow \tilde{i}} [X_{\mathcal{V}^i \cap \mathcal{V}^{\tilde{i}}}] = \langle \{\tau^{C_j} : C_j \prec C_i\} \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{V}^i \cap \mathcal{V}^{\tilde{i}}}]} .$$

*Proof.* By induction over the cardinality  $n$  of the preceding clusters.  $n = 1$ : For a single preceding cluster the statement holds trivial, since the preceding cluster is the cluster itself.

$n \rightarrow n+1$ : Let us now assume, that the statement holds for up to  $n$  preceding clusters, and let there be  $n+1$  preceding clusters. We build another cluster graph for the cores different from  $C_i$ , by assigning each cluster  $C_{\tilde{j}}$  to the neighbor  $C_j$  where  $j \in N(i)$ , for which

$$C_{\tilde{j}} \prec C_j .$$

We use Thm. 2 on this constructed cluster graph and get

$$\langle \{\tau^{C_{\tilde{j}}} [X_{\mathcal{V}^{\tilde{j}}}] : \tilde{j} \neq i\} \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{V}^i}]} = \left\langle \left\{ \langle \{\tau^{C_{\tilde{j}}} [X_{\mathcal{V}^{\tilde{j}}}] : \tilde{j} \prec j\} \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{V}^j}]} : j \in N(i) \right\} \right\rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{V}^i}]} .$$

Here by  $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}^j$  we denote the intersection of

$$\tilde{\mathcal{V}}^j = \left( \bigcup_{\tilde{j} \prec j} \mathcal{V}^{\tilde{j}} \right) \cap \left( \bigcup_{\tilde{j} \not\prec j} \mathcal{V}^{\tilde{j}} \right)$$

By the running intersection property, we have  $\mathcal{V}^j \cap \mathcal{V}^i = \tilde{\mathcal{V}}^j$ .

We further have for any  $j \in N(i)$  that

$$|\{\tilde{j} \prec j\}| \leq n .$$

We can therefore apply the assumption of the induction and get

$$\langle \{\tau^{C_{\tilde{j}}} [X_{\mathcal{V}^{\tilde{j}}}] : \tilde{j} \prec j\} \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{V}^j}]} = \chi_{j \rightarrow i} [X_{\mathcal{V}^j \cap \mathcal{V}^i}]$$

With the above, we arrive at

$$\chi_{i \rightarrow \tilde{i}} [X_{\mathcal{V}^i \cap \mathcal{V}^{\tilde{i}}}] = \langle \{\tau^{C_j} : C_j \prec C_i\} \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{V}^i \cap \mathcal{V}^{\tilde{i}}}]} . \quad \square$$

**Theorem 3.** *When the cluster graph is a tree satisfying the running intersection property, then we have for each cluster  $C_i$  with neighbors  $N(i)$*

$$\langle \tau^G \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{V}_i}]} = \langle \{\chi_{j \rightarrow i} [X_{\mathcal{V}^i \cap \mathcal{V}^j}] : j \in N(i)\} \cup \{\tau^{C_i}\} \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{V}_i}]} . \quad (1)$$

*Proof.* We use the topological order  $\prec$  of the clusters by the tree, when choosing a root by cluster  $C_i$ .

The claim then follows from Thm. 2 and Lem. 1.

$\square$

While we have defined message passing along the topological order of a graph, we can also define messages against the topological order, that is

$$\delta_{j \leftarrow i} = \langle \{\delta_{i \leftarrow \tilde{j}} : C_i \prec C_{\tilde{j}}\} \cup \tau^{C_i} \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{V}_i \cap \mathcal{V}_j}]}$$

To this end, we can get a similar statement for nodes, which are not the rotes of the cluster tree. The contractions at each cluster can then be computed batchwise, based on message passed along a topological order and against.

These message passing schemes can be derived from Lagrangian parameters given a local consistency polytope ?.

### 3 Graph Manipulation

The graph  $\mathcal{G}$  can result from manipulations: e.g. Bethe-Clustering ("deltafication").

Construction of coarse grained tree hypergraphs, by the junction tree algorithm

- Amounts to triangulation of underlying "extended graph" (i.e. node pairs contained in hypergraphs)
- Use the cliques of the triangulated graph as hyperedges (guaranteed to be a tree, a so called "clique tree").

#### 3.1 Factor graphs

**Definition 3.** Given a tensor network  $\tau^{\mathcal{G}}$  on a decorated hypergraph  $\mathcal{G}$ , we define the bethe hypergraph  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$  as  $(\mathcal{U}, \tilde{\mathcal{E}} \cup \Delta^{\mathcal{G}})$  where we have

- Recolored Edges  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}} = \{\tilde{e} : e \in \mathcal{E}\}$  where  $\tilde{e} = \{v^e : v \in e\}$ , which decoration tensor has same coordinates as  $\tau^e$
- Nodes  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{V} \cup (\bigcup_{e \in \mathcal{E}} \tilde{e})$
- Delta Edges  $\Delta^{\mathcal{G}} = \{\{v\} \cup \{v^e : e \ni v\} : v \in \mathcal{V}\}$ , each of which decorated by a delta tensor  $\delta^{\{v^e : e \ni v\}}$

The resulting overlap graph is bipartite, since any variable appears exactly in one cluster in  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$  and in one cluster of  $\Delta^{\mathcal{G}}$ . This further makes the dual of the Bethe Cluster Hypergraph a proper graph (i.e. edges consistent of node pairs).

We effectively copy each node  $v$  by  $v^e$ . Let us now show, that when assigning dirac delta tensors the contraction reproduces the original contraction.

By adding delta tensors to each node  $v \in \mathcal{V}$  and defining its leg variables by  $v^e$  for  $e \in \mathcal{E}$ . We mark each such delta tensor by a cluster in  $\Delta^{\mathcal{G}}$ , as defined in the following (see also Figure 1).

By Lem. ?? this construction does not change contractions.

**Lemma 2** (Bethe Invariance). Given a tensor network  $\tau^{\mathcal{G}} [X_{[d]}]$  on a hypergraph  $\mathcal{G}$ . We define a tensor network on its bethe hypergraph  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$  by the tensors for  $e \in \mathcal{E}$

$$\tilde{\tau}^{\tilde{e}} [X_{\tilde{e}}] = \langle \tau^e [X_e], \delta [X_e, X_{\tilde{e}}] \rangle_{[X_e]}$$

and the tensors for  $\tilde{e} \in \Delta^{\mathcal{G}}$

$$\tilde{\tau}^{\tilde{e}} [X_{\tilde{e}}, X_v] = \delta [X_{\tilde{e}}, X_v].$$

Then we have

$$\tau^{\mathcal{G}} [X_{[d]}] = \left\langle \{\tilde{\tau}^{\tilde{e}} [X_{\tilde{e}}] : \tilde{e} \in \tilde{\mathcal{E}} \cup \Delta^{\mathcal{G}}\} \right\rangle_{[X_{[d]}]}$$

*Proof.* By invariance of adding dirac deltas. □

Equal constructions:

- BP on factor graphs in ?
- Bethe Cluster graphs in ?

#### 3.2 Coarse graining

**Definition 4.** Let  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}} = (v, \tilde{\mathcal{E}})$  be two hypergraphs sharing their node set and  $c : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{E}}$  a map. We say that  $c$  is a coarse graining map and  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$ , if for all  $e \in \mathcal{E}$

$$e \subset c(e).$$

In the literature such coarse graining procedures appear as Cluster Graphs.

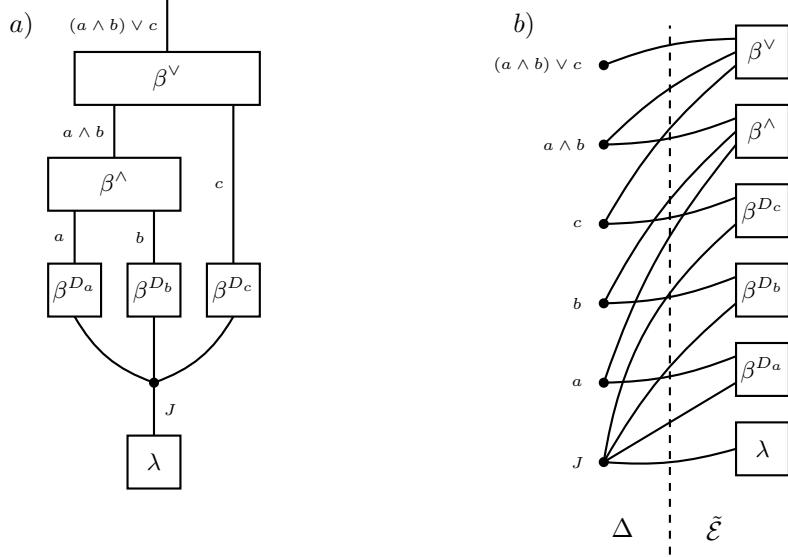


Figure 1: Example of a Bethe Cluster Graph. a) Example of a Tensor Network  $\tau^G$ , which represents the by  $\lambda$  averaged evaluation of the formula  $(a \wedge b) \vee c$  on data  $D$ . b) Corresponding Bethe Cluster Hypergraph, which dual is bipartite by the sets  $\Delta$  and  $\tilde{E}$ .

### 3.3 Variable Elimination

Based on disjoint subsets of  $\mathcal{V}$  we can construct a coarse graining procedure of a hypergraph: Construct iteratively  $\tilde{E}$  by iterating through the node subsets and

- Add those  $e \in \mathcal{E}$  which have not been assigned before and contain variables in the subset.
- Choose the new edge by the union of the old one with the assigned edges in  $\mathcal{E}$  and dropping those nodes, which are not appearing in the rest of  $\mathcal{E}$  any more.
- Return the intersection of the new edge with the rest of  $\mathcal{E}$  back to  $\mathcal{E}$ .

By construction this gives a tree hypergraph.

## 4 Boolean Propagation

**Sound in the sense that entailment decisions made during the propagation are always true.**

Instead of the exact calculation of a contraction, let us now investigate schemes to sparsify the tensors before a contraction. To this end, we first show underlying properties of contractions enabling these schemes.

To state the next theorem we use the nonzero function  $\mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [2]$  by  $\mathbb{I}_{\neq 0}(x) = 1$  if  $x \neq 0$  and  $\mathbb{I}_{\neq 0}(x) = 0$  else. Applied coordinatewise on tensors  $\tau[X_{[d]}]$  it marks the nonzero coordinates by 1. The resulting boolean tensor is denoted by  $\mathbb{I}_{\neq 0}(\tau[X_{[d]}])$ .

Further, we use the partial order  $\prec$  of boolean tensors, which is defined by

$$\tau[X_{[d]}] \prec \tilde{\tau}[X_{[d]}] \Leftrightarrow \forall x_{[d]} \in \bigtimes_{k \in [d]} [m_k] : \tau[X_{[d]} = x_{[d]}] \leq \tilde{\tau}[X_{[d]} = x_{[d]}]$$

**Theorem 4.** *For any implementation of Algorithm 1 we have at any stage of the algorithm for any message channel  $(e_0, e_1)$*

$$\mathbb{I}_{\neq 0}\left(\langle \tau^G[X_{[d]}] \rangle_{[X_{e_0 \cap e_1}]}\right) \prec \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0}(\chi_{e_0 \rightarrow e_1}[X_{e_0 \cap e_1}]).$$

To show this theorem we in the following proof the monotonicity of tensor contractions and the invariance of adding supports of subcontractions.

#### 4.1 Monotonicity of Tensor Contraction

We show that adding boolean tensor cores to a contraction orders the results by the partial ordering introduced in Def. ??.

**Theorem 5** (Monotonicity of Tensor Contractions). *Let  $\tau^G, \tau^{\tilde{G}}$  be tensor network of non-negative tensors and  $X_{\mathcal{U}}$  an arbitrary set of random variables. Then we have*

$$\mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} \left( \langle \tau^G \cup \tau^{\tilde{G}} \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{U}}]} \right) \prec \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} \left( \langle \tau^G \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{U}}]} \right).$$

*Proof.* It suffices to show that for any  $x_{\mathcal{U}}$  with

$$\mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} \left( \langle \tau^G \cup \tau^{\tilde{G}} \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{U}}=x_{\mathcal{U}}]} \right) = 1$$

we also have

$$\mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} \left( \langle \tau^G \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{U}}=x_{\mathcal{U}}]} \right) = 1.$$

For any  $x_{\mathcal{U}}$  satisfying the first equation we find an extension  $x_{\mathcal{V}}$  to all variables of the tensor networks such that

$$\langle \tau^G \cup \tau^{\tilde{G}} \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{V}}=x_{\mathcal{V}}]} > 0$$

and it follows that

$$\langle \tau^G \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{V}}=x_{\mathcal{V}}]} > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \langle \tau^{\tilde{G}} \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{V}}=x_{\mathcal{V}}]} > 0.$$

But this already implies, that

$$\mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} \left( \langle \tau^G \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{U}}=x_{\mathcal{U}}]} \right) = 1. \quad \square$$

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $\tau^G$  and  $\tau^{\tilde{G}}$  be non-negative tensor networks on the same hypergraph, and let us assume that for all  $e \in \mathcal{E}$*

$$\mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} (\tau^e [X_e]) \prec \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} (\tilde{\tau}^e [X_e]).$$

*Then we have for any subset  $\mathcal{U}$*

$$\mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} \left( \langle \tau^G \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{U}}]} \right) \prec \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} \left( \langle \tau^{\tilde{G}} \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{U}}]} \right).$$

*Proof.* It is sufficient to show that for all  $y_{\mathcal{U}} \in \times_{v \in \mathcal{U}} [m_v]$  we have

$$\left( \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} \left( \langle \tau^G \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{U}}=y_{\mathcal{U}}]} \right) = 1 \right) \Rightarrow \left( \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} \left( \langle \tau^{\tilde{G}} \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{U}}=y_{\mathcal{U}}]} \right) = 1 \right).$$

If and only if for there is an index  $x_{\mathcal{V}}$  with  $x_{\mathcal{V}}|_{\mathcal{U}} = y_{\mathcal{U}}$  with

$$\forall e \in \mathcal{E} : \tau^e [X_e = x_e] = 1$$

then  $\mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} \left( \langle \tau^G \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{U}}=y_{\mathcal{U}}]} \right) = 1$ . Note, that by assumption we have for this index also

$$\forall e \in \mathcal{E} : \tilde{\tau}^e [X_e = x_e] = 1$$

and thus  $\mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} \left( \langle \tau^{\tilde{G}} \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{U}}=y_{\mathcal{U}}]} \right) = 1$ .  $\square$

## 4.2 Invariance of Adding Subcontractions

Let us now state an equivalence of the contraction, when we add the result of the same contraction. This property was used in the proof of Thm. ??.

**Theorem 6** (Invariance under adding subcontractions). *Let  $\tau^G$  be a tensor network of non-negative tensors with variables  $X_V$  and let  $\tau^{\tilde{G}}$  be a subset. Then we have for any subset  $X_U$  of  $X_V$*

$$\left\langle \tau^G \cup \left\{ \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} \left( \langle \tau^{\tilde{G}} \rangle_{[X_U]} \right) \right\} \right\rangle_{[X_V]} = \langle \tau^G \rangle_{[X_V]} .$$

*Proof.* For any  $x_V$  with

$$\langle \tau^G \rangle_{[X_V=x_V]} = 0$$

we also have

$$\left\langle \tau^G \cup \left\{ \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} \left( \langle \tau^{\tilde{G}} \rangle_{[X_U]} \right) \right\} \right\rangle_{[X_V=x_V]} = 0 .$$

For any  $x_V$  with

$$\langle \tau^G \rangle_{[X_V=x_V]} \neq 0$$

we have for the reduction  $x_U$  of the index  $x_V$  that

$$\langle \tau^{\tilde{G}} \rangle_{[X_U=x_U]} \neq 0$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \tau^G \cup \left\{ \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} \left( \langle \tau^{\tilde{G}} \rangle_{[X_U]} \right) \right\} \right\rangle_{[X_V=x_V]} &= \langle \tau^G \rangle_{[X_V=x_V]} \cdot \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} \left( \langle \tau^{\tilde{G}} \rangle_{[X_U]} \right) [X_U = x_U] \\ &= \langle \tau^G \rangle_{[X_V=x_V]} . \end{aligned}$$

□

## 4.3 Consequences for boolean Contraction Propagation

**Lemma 4.** *In any implementation of Algorithm 1 and at any iteration of the While loop, we have the old message  $\chi_{e_2 \rightarrow e_1} [X_{e_2 \cap e_1}]$  and the updated message  $\hat{\chi}_{e_2 \rightarrow e_1} [X_{e_2 \cap e_1}]$  obey*

$$\chi_{e_2 \rightarrow e_1} [X_{e_2 \cap e_1}] \prec \hat{\chi}_{e_2 \rightarrow e_1} [X_{e_2 \cap e_1}] .$$

*Proof.* By induction over the iterations of the While loop, and using monotonicity of contractions. □

We are now ready to show the above guarantee on the soundness of message passing.

*Proof of Thm. 4.* We first show via induction on the message updates that at any stage of Algorithm 1 we have

$$\langle \tau^G [X_V] \rangle_{[\emptyset]} X_V = \langle \tau^G [X_V] \cup \{ \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} (\chi_{e_0 \rightarrow e_1} [X_{e_0 \cap e_1}]) : (e_0, e_1) \in G^\rightarrow \} \rangle_{[X_V]} . \quad (2)$$

Since the messages are initialized by trivial tensors, this is true after the initialization of Algorithm 1. Now we assume that this equation holds at an arbitrary state of the algorithm at the start of the While loop, and let  $(e_0, e_1)$  be the channel chosen by the scheduler. Then we choose

$$\tau^{\tilde{G}} = \{ \tau^{e_0} [e_1] \} \cup \{ \chi_{e_2 \rightarrow e_0} [X_{e_2 \cap e_0}] : (e_2, e_0) \in G^\rightarrow, e_2 \neq e_1 \}$$

and apply Thm. 6 to get

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \tau^G [X_V] \rangle_{[\emptyset]} X_V &= \langle \tau^G [X_V] \cup \{ \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} (\chi_{e_3 \rightarrow e_2} [X_{e_3 \cap e_2}]) : (e_3, e_2) \in G^\rightarrow \} \rangle_{[X_V]} \\ &= \left\langle \tau^G [X_V] \cup \{ \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} (\chi_{e_3 \rightarrow e_2} [X_{e_3 \cap e_2}]) : (e_3, e_2) \in G^\rightarrow \} \cup \{ \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} \left( \langle \tau^{\tilde{G}} \rangle_{[X_{e_0 \cap e_1}]} \right) \} \right\rangle_{[X_V]} \\ &= \langle \tau^G [X_V] \cup \{ \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} (\chi_{e_3 \rightarrow e_2} [X_{e_3 \cap e_2}]) : (e_3, e_2) \in G^\rightarrow, (e_3, e_2) \neq (e_0, e_1) \} \\ &\quad \cup \{ \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} (\chi_{e_0 \rightarrow e_1} [X_{e_0 \cap e_1}]), \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} (\hat{\chi}_{e_0 \rightarrow e_1} [X_{e_0 \cap e_1}]) \} \rangle_{[X_V]} \\ &= \langle \tau^G [X_V] \cup \{ \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} (\chi_{e_3 \rightarrow e_2} [X_{e_3 \cap e_2}]) : (e_3, e_2) \in G^\rightarrow, (e_3, e_2) \neq (e_0, e_1) \} \\ &\quad \cup \{ \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} (\hat{\chi}_{e_0 \rightarrow e_1} [X_{e_0 \cap e_1}]) \} \rangle_{[X_V]} . \end{aligned}$$

Here we used that by Lem. 4 we have

$$\langle \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} (\chi_{e_0 \rightarrow e_1} [X_{e_0 \cap e_1}]), \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} (\hat{\chi}_{e_0 \rightarrow e_1} [X_{e_0 \cap e_1}]) \rangle_{[X_{e_0 \cap e_1}]} = \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} (\hat{\chi}_{e_0 \rightarrow e_1} [X_{e_0 \cap e_1}]).$$

We therefore have by induction (2) during the algorithm.

The claim now follows from Thm. 5, since

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} \left( \langle \tau^G [X_V] \cup \{ \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} (\chi_{e_0 \rightarrow e_1} [X_{e_0 \cap e_1}]) : (e_0, e_1) \in G^\rightarrow \} \rangle_{[X_{e_0 \cap e_1}]} \right) \\ & \prec \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} (\mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} (\chi_{e_0 \rightarrow e_1} [X_{e_0 \cap e_1}])) = \mathbb{I}_{\neq 0} (\chi_{e_0 \rightarrow e_1} [X_{e_0 \cap e_1}]). \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

## 5 Complete Unit Clause Propagation (UCP)

**Investigate three conditions, where constraint propagation is also complete.**

Unit clauses are assignments to single variables. They are propagated between clusters of formulas

UCP is Knowledge Propagation (see Algorithm 1 in the report) in case of

- Domain edges by single variable nodes, i.e.

$$\mathcal{E}^k = \{ \{v\} : v \in \mathcal{V} \}$$

- Initial queue by those edges containing single nodes

$$\mathcal{Q} = \{ \{v\} : \{v\} \in \mathcal{E} \}$$

After termination of the Knowledge Propagation Algorithm we return "UNSAT", if any knowledge core vanishes. In that case we have an unsatisfiable CSP. If no knowledge core vanishes, we define  $A$  as the subset of variables with nontrivial knowledge cores and output  $x_A$  where for  $v \in A$

$$x_v = \epsilon^{-1}(\kappa[\{v\}]).$$

We always have, that UCP is sound (since KP is sound).

**Definition 5.** We say that UCP is complete for a CSP, if it outputs "UNSAT" or for no node  $v \in A$  we have that at all solutions of the CSP have the same index at  $v$ .

### 5.1 Forward Chaining for Horn-SAT

**Definition 6** (Definite Horn-SAT). Let  $\{\tau^e [X_e] : e \in \mathcal{E}\}$  be a CSP. We say it is a definite Horn-SAT problem, if each  $\tau^e$  is a clause, which has exactly one positive literal.

Forward chaining is a linear time and complete satisfiability checker on Horn Logic (a subset of Propositional Logic where each clause has at most one positive literal).

- Messages passed are the one-hot encodings of assignment to single variables (unit clauses).
- Clusters are the Horn clauses, which receive messages for their negative literals. A Cluster sends a nontrivial message to a variable, if the variable is the only unassigned literal in the clause and the clause has not been satisfied yet.

**Lemma 5.** Let  $\tau^G = \{\tau^e [X_e] : e \in \mathcal{E}\}$  be a Definite Horn-SAT problem, then UCP does never output "UNSAT". Let further  $x_A$  be the output of UCP. Then  $x_v = 1$  for each  $v \in A$  and

$$1_A \times 0_{\mathcal{V}/A} \quad \text{and} \quad 1_A \times 1_{\mathcal{V}/A}$$

are solutions of  $\tau^G$ .

*Proof.* First of all, when all knowledge cores are trivial, vanishing or  $\epsilon_1$ , then the nonzero transformation of any contraction is trivial, vanishing or  $\epsilon_1$ . Thus, since this assumption is met at the start all knowledge cores remain such during the algorithm.

At the termination of UCP we simplify the definite clauses by erasing the literals in  $A$ . This erasure results either in empty clauses or in definite clauses with at least 2 literals, since otherwise the algorithm would not have terminated. Since at least one positive and one negative literal remain, these are satisfied if all atoms are 1 and if all atoms are 0.  $\square$

**Theorem 7.** UCP for Definite Horn-SAT is complete.

*Proof.* From the above lemma we know that the remaining variables are in at least one solution 0 and in at least one 1. Thus they are neither entailed nor contradicted.  $\square$

## 5.2 UCP for 2-SAT

**Definition 7** (2-SAT). Let  $\{\tau^e [X_e] : e \in \mathcal{E}\}$  be a CSP. We say it is an 2-SAT problem, if each  $\tau^e$  has order at most 2 and is a clause.

2-SAT is in P and can be solved by the message passing algorithm Unit Clause Propagation (UCP).

- At each connected component of the problems factor graph, choose on variable an do the message passing scheme below with initialization by the variable on 0 and on 1.
- Messages passed are the one-hot encodings of assignment to single variables (unit clauses).
- Any clause that receives a message has only a single literal left and either gets directly trivial (if the message coincides with the literal) or assigns the remaining variable and passes further.

**Lemma 6.** Let  $\{\tau^e [X_e] : e \in \mathcal{E}\}$  be a 2-SAT instance. Given the outputs  $x_c^{s_c}$ ,  $s_c \in [n_c]$  and  $n_c \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  of UCP for each connected component  $c \subset \mathcal{V}$  we have

$$\langle \{\tau^e [X_e] : e \in \mathcal{E}\} \rangle_{[X_\mathcal{V}]} = \bigotimes_c \left( \sum_{s_c \in [n_c]} \epsilon_{x_c^{s_c}} [X_c] \right).$$

*Proof.* For each component  $c$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  we choose a start variable and choose a value  $x_v \in [2]$ . We then have

$$\langle \tau^c \cup \{\epsilon_{x_v} [X_v]\} \rangle_{[X_c]} = \begin{cases} 0 [X_c] & \text{if UCP returns "UNSAT"} \\ \epsilon_{x_c^{s_c}} [X_c] & \text{if UCP returns } x_c^{s_c} \end{cases}.$$

$\square$

We use UCP for entailment/contradiction decision by checking whether for each  $k \in c$   $x_k^{s_c}$  is constant. Exception: When one component is not sat, the whole 2-SAT instance is unsatisfiable and all entailment and contradiction properties hold.

**Theorem 8.** UCP for 2-SAT is complete.

*Proof.* We assume that 2-SAT at hand is satisfiable. Exactly when  $x_v^{s_c}$  is constant for  $s_c \in [n_c]$  we can write, using the above Lemma

$$\langle \{\tau^e [X_e] : e \in \mathcal{E}\} \rangle_{[X_\mathcal{V}]} = \epsilon_{x_k^{s_c}} [X_k] \otimes \langle \{\tau^e [X_e] : e \in \mathcal{E}\} \rangle_{[X_{\mathcal{V}/\{v\}}]}.$$

In case of  $x_v^{s_c} = 1$  this is an equivalent criterion for entailment (respectively contradiction in case of  $x_v^{s_c} = 0$ ).  $\square$

## 5.3 UCP for Tree-SAT

**Definition 8** (Tree-SAT). Let  $\{\tau^e [X_e] : e \in \mathcal{E}\}$  be a CSP. We say it is an Tree-SAT problem, if the factor graph is minimal connected.

Note that we do not demand the constraint cores to be clauses in the Tree-SAT definition.

We modify UCP slightly: If any constraint tensor is decomposed into a tensor product of a basis vector of one variable and an arbitrary rest tensor, the constraint tensor is added to the queue at initialization.

**Theorem 9.** The modified UCP for Tree-SAT is complete.

*Proof.* Since the message-passing provides exact contractions and the messages in UCP communicate the support.  $\square$

## 6 Outlook

### 6.1 With backtracking: DPLL for generic SAT

DPLL combines backtracking search with unit clause propagation (UCP). A form of message passing is applied to reduce the clauses given the current partial assignment: When guessed an assignment to a variable, the variable is removed from all clauses, either making the clause trivial (coinciding assignment) or smaller. If only one literal remains in a clause, the variable would be assigned accordingly (unit propagation). This can be directly done in the intermediate message passing scheme, or understood as the next backtracking step ("Find-Unit-Clause" in Figure 7.17 in ?).

### 6.2 With randomization: WalkSAT

WalkSAT is a stochastic local search algorithm for SAT. It starts with a random assignment and iteratively flips variables to reduce the number of unsatisfied clauses. This can be understood as a (modified) Gibbs sampling algorithm, where the number of unsatisfied clauses is the energy function to be minimized. The modifications are:

- Selection of variable to be resampled: Typically chosen by looking at unsatisfied clauses and picking a variable that minimizes the number of newly unsatisfied clauses (whereas in Gibbs sampling one follows a fixed variable order).
- Marginal probability: Typically fixed by a mixing parameter, whereas in Gibbs sampling would be sensitive to the energy differences.

## 7 Basis Propagation

**Theorem 10.** *Given a directed acyclic hypergraph and a tensor network of directed boolean tensors respecting the hypergraph. Then the final messages of Algorithm 1 in the directed implementation are exact.*

*Proof.* Just show inductively that the messages are one-hot encodings of the function evaluation.  $\square$

We have an interpretation of the messages by one-hot encodings of function evaluation at each node. The basis vectors at the leafs (i.e. edges with no incoming nodes) are understood as one-hot encodings of inputs. Passing a message  $\epsilon_i$  in direction thus gives the message  $\epsilon_{q(i)}$ .

Note, that the assumptions of Thm. 10 are met, whenever the graph is directed and acyclic. We do not need acyclicity of the underlying undirected graph.

This is because any basis encoding of a function, the decomposition

$$\beta^q = \sum_{y \in \text{im}(q)} \left( \sum_{i: q(i)=y} \epsilon_i \right) \otimes \epsilon_y$$

is a SVD of the matrification of  $\beta^q$  with respect to incoming and outgoing legs.

**Interpretation as dataset evaluation.** Let the only non-basis vectors be the incoming ones, e.g. by a dataset (i.e. averaging by  $\mathbb{I}[I]$ ). Message Passing of directed and boolean message by basis encoding of functions can be interpreted as function evaluation. Each subfunction evaluation is passed in its one-hot encoding. Distinguish:

- Single inference: Basis propagation
- Batchwise inference: "Tensor Parallelism", but in the most interesting cases not exact. If the graph is minimally connected, we are guaranteed that the averages are exact. Also we can apply boolean theory to have sound messages: If in a message a state is not supported, this state cannot be reached by any data point

**Remark 1** (Basis Calculus as Message Passing). *Given a tensor network of directed and binary tensor cores, each representing a function  $q_e$  depending on variables  $e^{\text{in}}$ . When there are not directed cycles, we define the compositions of  $q_e$  to be the function  $q$  from the nodes  $\mathcal{V}^1$  not appearing as incoming nodes to the nodes  $\mathcal{V}^2$  not appearing as outgoing nodes in an edge. Choosing arbitrary  $x_v \in [m_v]$  for  $v \in \mathcal{V}^1$  we have*

$$\langle \{\beta^{q_e} [X_{e^{\text{out}}}, X_{e^{\text{in}}}] : e = (e^{\text{out}}, e^{\text{in}}) \in \mathcal{E}\} \rangle_{[\mathcal{V}^2]} = \epsilon_q(x_v : v \in \mathcal{V}^1).$$