

Introduction to Probabilistic Machine Learning

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Tutorial 4 – Recap Theory Unit 4

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Course Overview

Week	Topic Lecture	Tutorial	Exercises
07.04. & 08.04.	1 Probability Theory	Intro Julia	
14.04. & 15.04.	2 Inference Methods and Decision-Making	no tutorial	Exercise 1
21.04. & 22.04.	no lecture	Theory Unit 1 & 2	(14.04. – 08.05.)
28.04. & 29.04.	3 Graphical Models: Independence	Theory Unit 3	
05.05. & 06.05.	4 Graphical Models: Exact Inference	Theory Unit 4	Exercise 2
12.05. & 13.05.	5 Graphical Models: Approximate Inference	Theory Unit 5	(05.05. – 19.05.)
19.05. & 20.05.	6 Bayesian Ranking	Theory Unit 6	Exercise 3
26.05. & 27.05.	7 Linear Basis Function Models	Theory Unit 7	(19.05. – 02.06.)
02.06. & 03.06.	8 Bayesian Regression	Theory Unit 8	Exercise 4
09.06. & 10.06.	no lecture	9 Bayesian Classification	(02.06. – 23.06.)
16.06. & 17.06.	10 Non-Bayesian Classification Learning	Theory Unit 9 & 10	
23.06. & 24.06.	11 Gaussian Processes	Theory Unit 11	Exercise 5
30.06. & 01.07.	12 Information Theory	Theory Unit 12	(23.06. – 07.07.)
07.07. & 08.07.	13 Real-World Applications		

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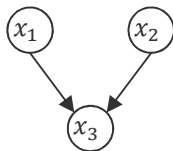
Factor Graphs

- **Factor Graph (Frey, 1998).** Given a product of m functions f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m , each over a subset of n variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n , a factor graph is a bipartite graphical model with m factor nodes and n variable nodes where an undirected edge connects f_i and x_j if and only if the function f_i depends on x_j .
- Factor graphs are more expressive than a Bayesian network!



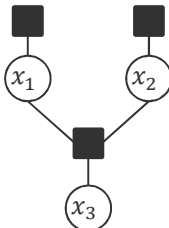
Brendan Frey
(1968 –)

Bayesian network



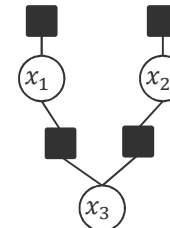
$$p(x_1, x_2, x_3) = p(x_1) \cdot p(x_2) \cdot p(x_3 | x_1, x_2)$$

Corresponding factor graph



$$p(x_1, x_2, x_3) = f_1(x_1) \cdot f_2(x_2) \cdot f_3(x_3, x_1, x_2)$$

Factor graph with more structure



$$p(x_1, x_2, x_3) = f_1(x_1) \cdot f_2(x_2) \cdot f_3(x_1, x_3) \cdot f_4(x_2, x_3)$$

Structure in $p(x_3 | x_1, x_2)$

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Unit 4 – Graphical Models:
Inference

Inference by Importance Sampling

- The key operation is **summing-out** all but one variable (marginalization).
- **Idea:** If we can get J samples $x_{j,1}, \dots, x_{j,n}, j \in \{1, \dots, J\}$ which are drawn according to

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n) \propto \prod_{i=1}^m f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

then we can approximate the marginals $p(x_k)$ arbitrarily well via

$$p(x_k) \approx \frac{1}{J} \sum_{j=1}^J \delta(x_k - x_{j,k})$$

- **Challenge:** How do we sample $p(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ if we only have access to (a few) known efficient samplers $q(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ such as (pseudo-random) numbers from the uniform distribution or normal distribution over each X_k ?
- **Importance Sampling:** We get J samples $x_{j,1}, \dots, x_{j,n}, j \in \{1, \dots, J\}$ from $q(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and re-weight them with

$$\frac{p(x_{j,1}, \dots, x_{j,n})}{q(x_{j,1}, \dots, x_{j,n})}$$

← Importance weight

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Marginalization by Sampling a Factor Graph

Importance Sampling

Given: Proposal distributions $q_1(\cdot), \dots, q_n(\cdot)$ for X_1, \dots, X_n

For $j \in \{1, \dots, J\}$

1. Sample $x_{j,1} \sim q_1, x_{j,2} \sim q_2$ up to $x_{j,n} \sim q_n$ into $\mathbf{x}_j = (x_{j,1}, \dots, x_{j,n})$
2. Compute

$$w_j = \prod_{i=1}^m f_i(x_{j,1}, \dots, x_{j,n}) / \prod_{k=1}^n q_k(x_{j,k})$$

Return: $\{\mathbf{x}_j\} \in \mathbb{R}^{J \times n}$ and $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{+J}$ as weighted empirical distribution

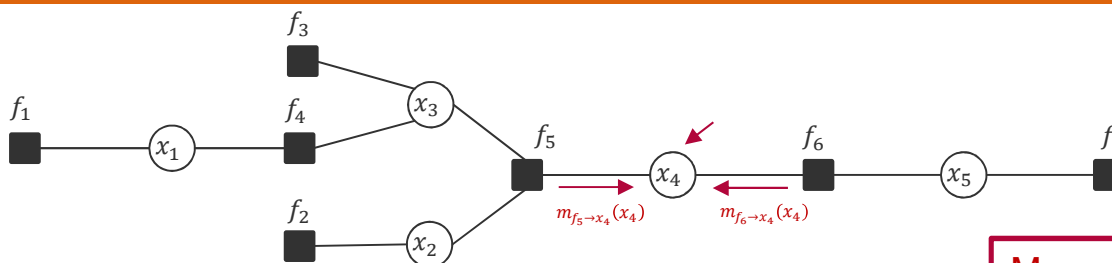
■ Pros

1. Sampling of the \mathbf{x}_j is parallel rather than sequential (as in a Bayesian network)!
2. The weights can also be computed in parallel!

■ Cons

1. If the proposal $\prod_{k=1}^n q_k(\cdot)$ is far from the marginal of $\prod_{i=1}^m f_i(\cdot, \dots, \cdot)$ then convergence is slow

Sum-Product Algorithm: Marginals



Message $m_{f_j \rightarrow x_i}(x_i)$ is the sum over all variables in the subtree rooted at f_j

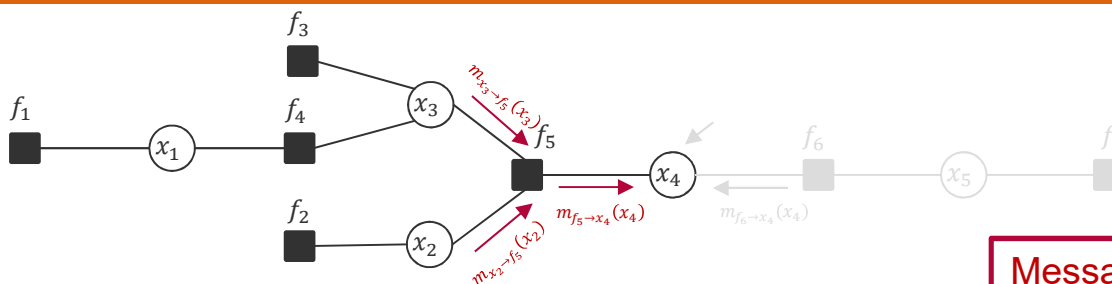
$$\begin{aligned}
 p(x_4) &= \sum_{\{x_1\}} \sum_{\{x_2\}} \sum_{\{x_3\}} \sum_{\{x_5\}} f_1(x_1) \cdot f_2(x_2) \cdot f_3(x_2) \cdot f_4(x_1, x_3) \cdot f_5(x_2, x_3, x_4) \cdot f_6(x_4, x_5) \cdot f_7(x_5) \\
 &= \left[\sum_{\{x_1\}} \sum_{\{x_2\}} \sum_{\{x_3\}} f_1(x_1) \cdot f_2(x_2) \cdot f_3(x_3) \cdot f_4(x_1, x_3) \cdot f_5(x_2, x_3, x_4) \right] \cdot \left[\sum_{\{x_5\}} f_6(x_4, x_5) \cdot f_7(x_5) \right] \\
 &\quad \quad \quad m_{f_5 \rightarrow x_4}(x_4) \quad \quad \quad m_{f_6 \rightarrow x_4}(x_4)
 \end{aligned}$$

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Marginals are the product of all incoming messages from neighbouring factors!

Sum-Product Algorithm: Message from Factor to Variable



Message $m_{x_i \rightarrow f_j}(x_i)$ is the sum over all variables in the subtree rooted at x_i

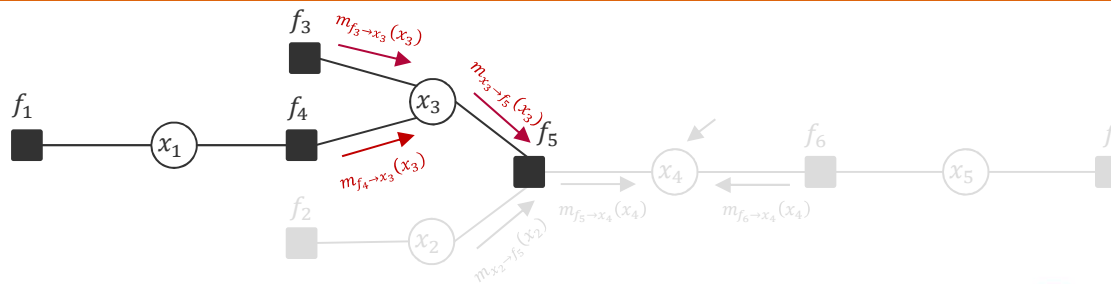
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 &= \sum_{\{x_2\}} \sum_{\{x_3\}} f_5(x_2, x_3, x_4) \cdot \underbrace{[f_2(x_2)]}_{m_{x_2 \rightarrow f_5}(x_2)} \cdot \underbrace{\left[\sum_{\{x_1\}} f_1(x_1) \cdot f_3(x_3) \cdot f_4(x_1, x_3) \right]}_{m_{x_3 \rightarrow f_5}(x_3)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Messages from a factor to a variable sum out all neighboring variables weighted by their incoming message

Sum-Product Algorithm: Message from Variable to Factor



$$\blacksquare \quad m_{x \rightarrow f}(x) = \frac{p(x)}{m_{f \rightarrow x}(x)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m_{x_3 \rightarrow f_5}(x_3) &= \sum_{\{x_1\}} f_1(x_1) \cdot f_3(x_3) \cdot f_4(x_1, x_3) \\ &= \underbrace{[f_3(x_3)]}_{m_{f_3 \rightarrow x_3}(x_3)} \cdot \underbrace{\left[\sum_{\{x_1\}} f_1(x_1) \cdot f_4(x_1, x_3) \right]}_{m_{f_4 \rightarrow x_3}(x_3)} \end{aligned}$$

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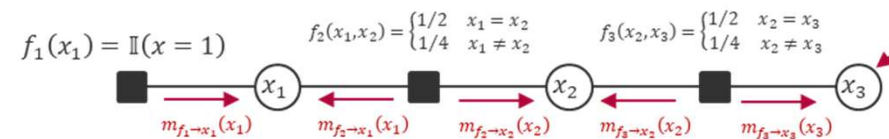
Messages from a variable to a factor multiply incoming message from neighboring factors

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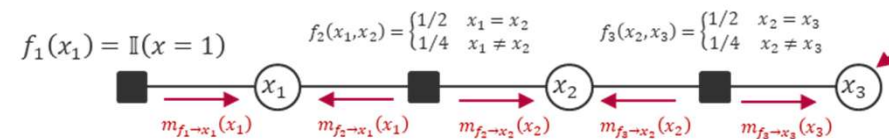
Chain Graph:



$$x_1 \in \{1, 2, 3\}, x_2 \in \{1, 2, 3\}, x_3 \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$

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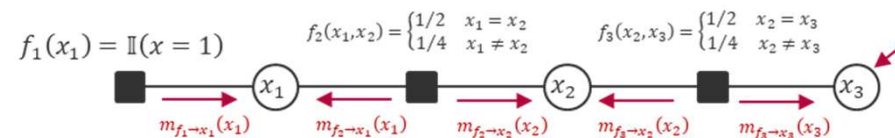


Initial Probability: $X_1 = 1 \Rightarrow P(X_1 = x_1) = 1_{\{x_1=1\}} \xrightarrow{x_1=1,2,3} (1, 0, 0) \quad x_1 \in \{1, 2, 3\}, x_2 \in \{1, 2, 3\}, x_3 \in \{1, 2, 3\}$

Transition Probability: $P(X_{i+1} = x_{i+1} | X_i = x_i) = f(x_i, x_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 1/2 & x_{i+1} = x_i \\ 1/4 & x_{i+1} \neq x_i \end{cases} \quad i = 1, 2$

Example Chain (Slide 13): Computing Marginals as Usual

Chain Graph:



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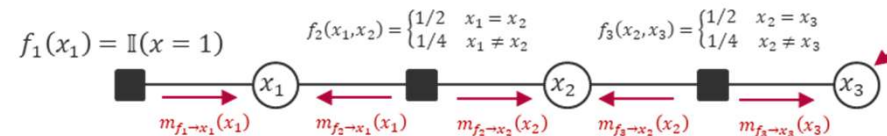
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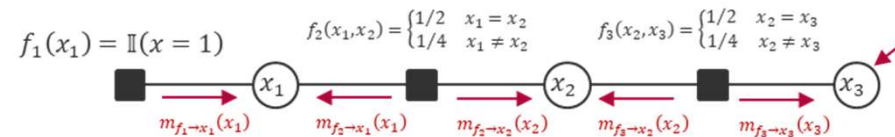
Marginal x1: $p(x_1) = \sum_{x_2} \sum_{x_3} p(x_1, x_2, x_3) = ??$

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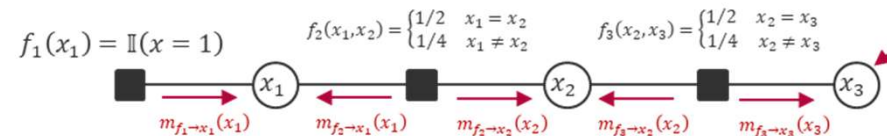
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Marginal x_2 : $p(x_2) = \sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_3} p(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_3} p(x_1) \cdot p(x_2 | x_1) \cdot p(x_3 | x_2)$
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Marginal x_3 : $p(x_3) = \sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_2} p(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \sum_{x_1} \underbrace{p(x_1)}_1 \cdot \sum_{x_2} p(x_2 | x_1) \cdot p(x_3 | x_2)$

Example Chain (Slide 13): Results for Marginals

Chain Graph:



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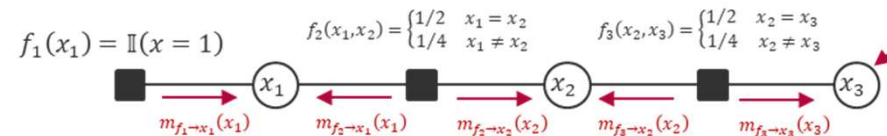
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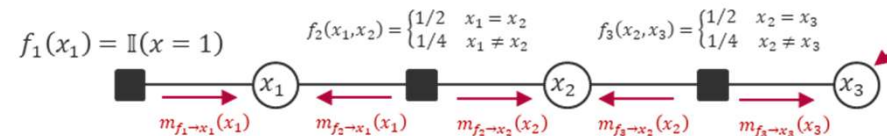
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Example Chain (Slide 13): Computing Probabilities as Usual

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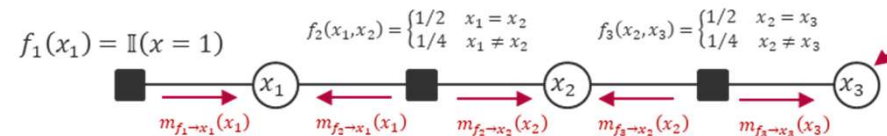
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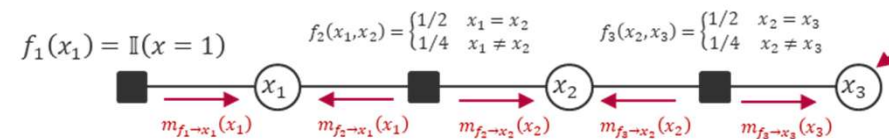
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$$= \sum_{x_2=1,2,3}^{X_1=1} P(X_2 = x_2 | X_1 = 1) \cdot P(X_3 = x_3 | X_2 = x_2)$$

$$= \left(\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4}}_{x_3=1}, \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4}}_{x_3=2}, \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2}}_{x_3=3} \right) \xrightarrow{x_3=1,2,3} \left(\frac{6}{16}, \frac{5}{16}, \frac{5}{16} \right)$$

Example Chain (Slide 13): Impact of Observations ($x_3=2$)

Chain Graph:

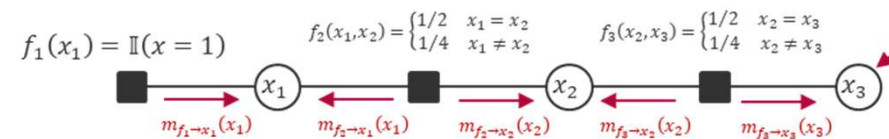


Observation: $X_3 = 2$

Marginals (**conditioned on $x_3=2$**): ??

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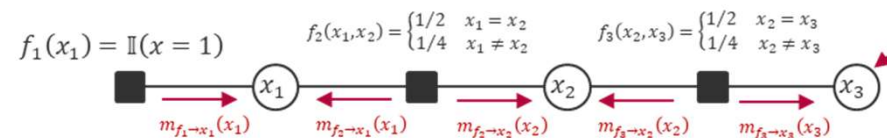
Marginals (conditioned):

$$P(X_1 = x_1 \mid X_3 = 2) = 1_{\{x_1=1\}}^{x_1=1,2,3} \rightarrow (1, 0, 0)$$

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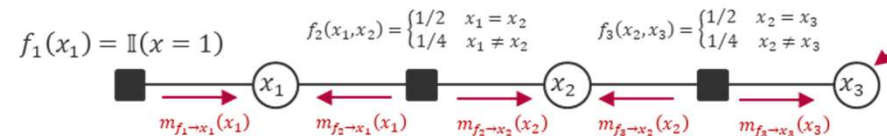
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$$P(X_2 = x_2 | X_3 = 2) = \frac{P(X_2 = x_2, X_3 = 2)}{P(X_3 = 2)} = \frac{\sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_3: x_3=2} p(x_1, x_2, x_3)}{\sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_2} \sum_{x_3: x_3=2} p(x_1, x_2, x_3)} = \frac{\sum_{x_1} p(x_1) \cdot p(x_2 | x_1) \cdot \sum_{x_3: x_3=2} p(x_3 | x_2)}{\sum_{x_1} p(x_1) \cdot \sum_{x_2} p(x_2 | x_1) \cdot \sum_{x_3: x_3=2} p(x_3 | x_2)}$$

$$\stackrel{X_1=1}{\stackrel{X_3=2}{=}} \frac{??}{5/16}$$

Example Chain (Slide 13): Impact of Observations (x3=2)

Chain Graph:



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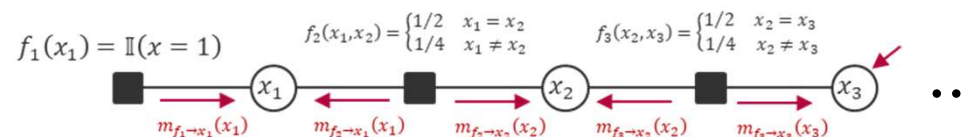
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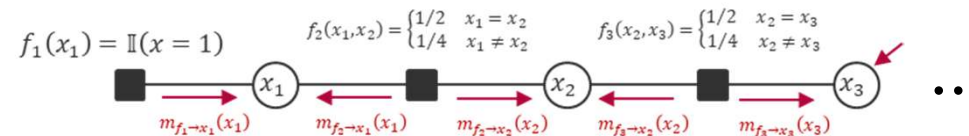
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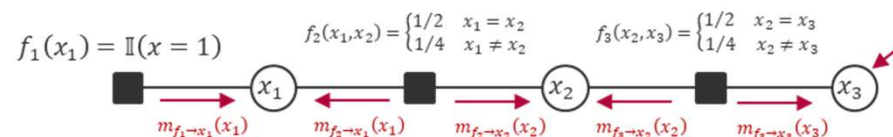
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Example Chain (Slide 13): Marginal & Messages (Plan)

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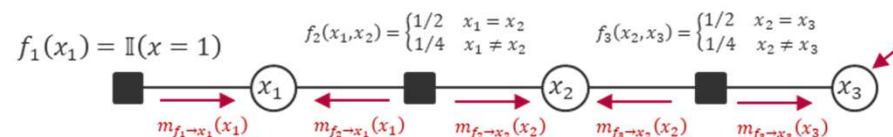
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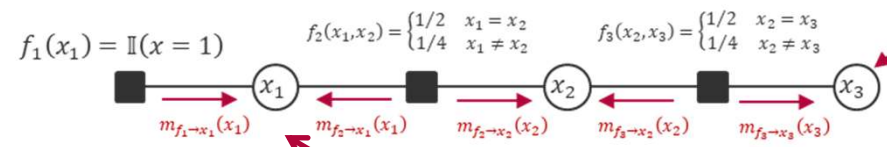
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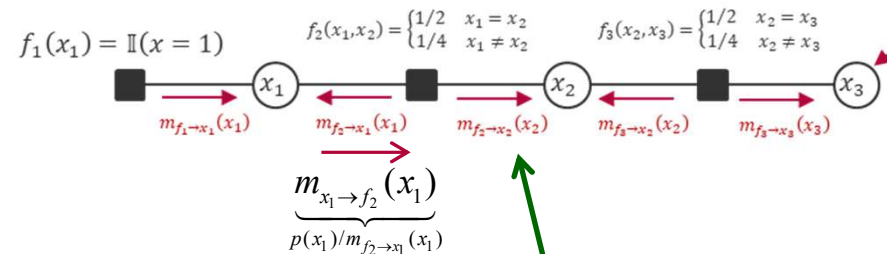
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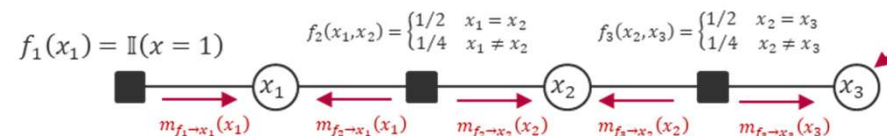
use: $m_{f_2 \rightarrow x_2}(x_2) \hat{=} \sum_{x_1=1,2,3} f_2(x_1, x_2) \cdot m_{x_1 \rightarrow f_2}(x_1)$

and: $p(x_1) = m_{f_2 \rightarrow x_1}(x_1) \cdot m_{x_1 \rightarrow f_2}(x_1)$

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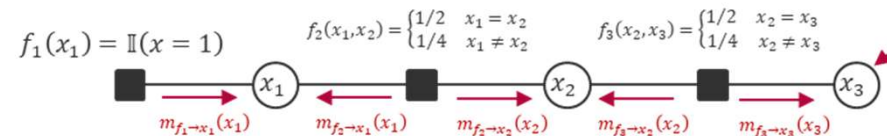
then marginal x2: $p(x_2)$ and: $p(x_1) = m_{f_2 \rightarrow x_1}(x_1) \cdot m_{x_1 \rightarrow f_2}(x_1)$

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Example Chain (Slide 13): Computing Marginal & Messages

Chain Graph:



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Initial message f1 to x1: $m_{f_1 \rightarrow x_1}(x_1) = f_1(x_1) = 1_{\{x_1=1\}} \xrightarrow{x_1=1,2,3} (1, 0, 0)$

then marginal x1:

message from f2 to x2:

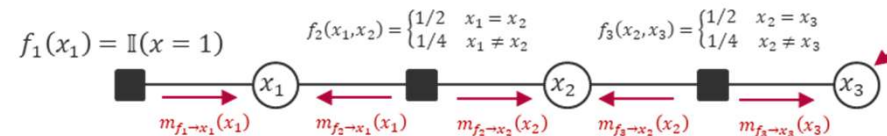
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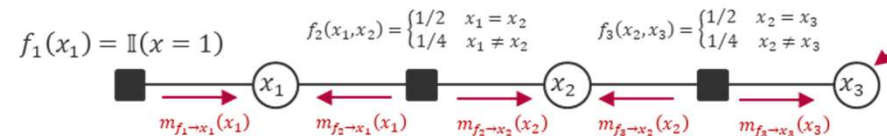
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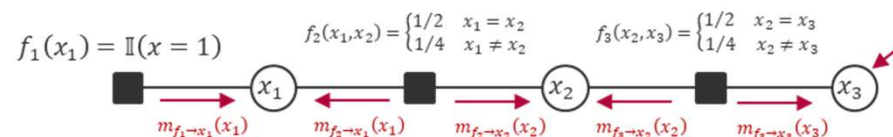
then marginal x3:

$$m_{f_2 \rightarrow x_2}(x_2) = \frac{\sum_{x_1=1,2,3} f_2(x_1, x_2) \cdot p(x_1) / m_{f_2 \rightarrow x_1}(x_1)}{\sum_{\tilde{x}_2=1,2,3} \sum_{\tilde{x}_1=1,2,3} f_2(\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2) \cdot p(\tilde{x}_1) / m_{f_2 \rightarrow x_1}(\tilde{x}_1)} \xrightarrow{x_2=1,2,3} \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right)$$

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Example Chain (Slide 13): Forward Results

Chain Graph:



initial message from f_1 to x_1 : $m_{f_1 \rightarrow x_1}(x_1) = f_1(x_1) \xrightarrow{x_1=1,2,3} (1,0,0)$

then marginal x_1 : $p(x_1) \xrightarrow{x_1=1,2,3} (1,0,0)$

then message from f_2 to x_2 : $m_{f_2 \rightarrow x_2}(x_2) \xrightarrow{x_2=1,2,3} \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right)$

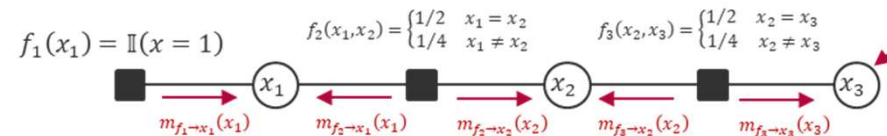
then **marginal x_2** : should be ??

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Example Chain (Slide 13): Forward Results (Confirmed)

Chain Graph:



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then marginal x1: $p(x_1) \xrightarrow{x_1=1,2,3} (1,0,0)$

then message from f2 to x2: $m_{f_2 \rightarrow x_2}(x_2) \xrightarrow{x_2=1,2,3} \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right)$

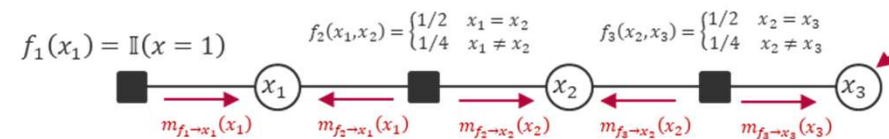
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then message from f3 to x3: $m_{f_3 \rightarrow x_3}(x_3) \xrightarrow{x_3=1,2,3} \left(\frac{6}{16}, \frac{5}{16}, \frac{5}{16}\right)$

then **marginal x3**: $p(x_3) \xrightarrow{x_3=1,2,3} \left(\frac{6}{16}, \frac{5}{16}, \frac{5}{16}\right) \leftarrow$

Example Chain (Slide 13): Impact of Observations ($x_3=2$)

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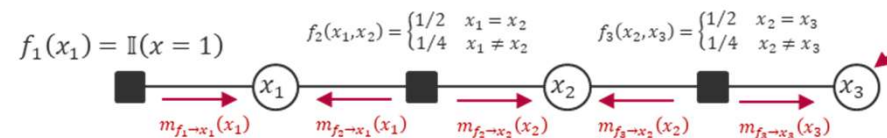
3. Observation:

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4. What now?

Example Chain (Slide 13): Impact of Observations ($x_3=2$)

Chain Graph:



Observation: $X_3 = 2$

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Now messages **backwards**: $m_{f_4 \rightarrow x_3}(x_3) = f_4(x_3)$

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message from f_3 to x_2 : $m_{f_3 \rightarrow x_2}(x_2)$

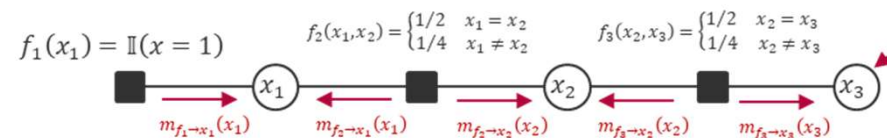
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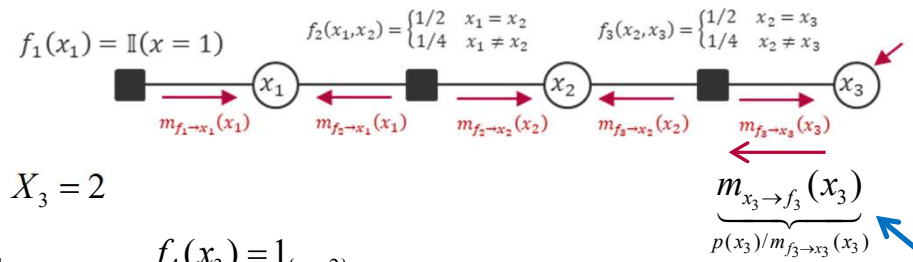
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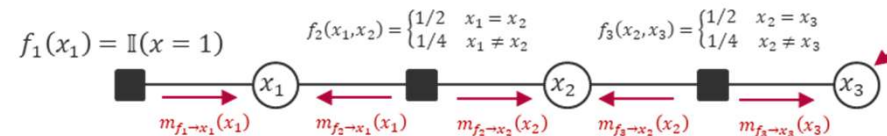
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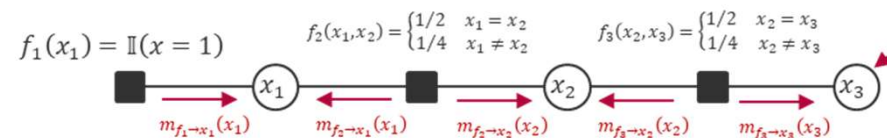
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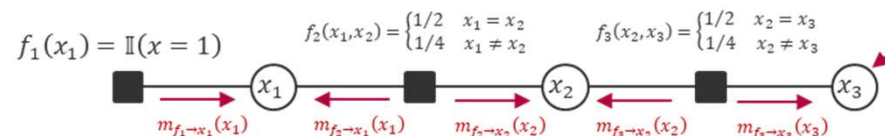
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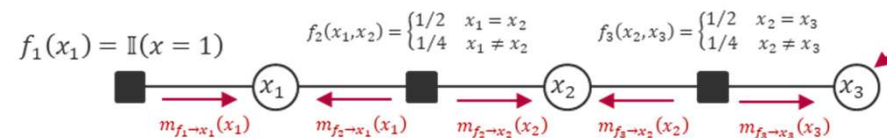
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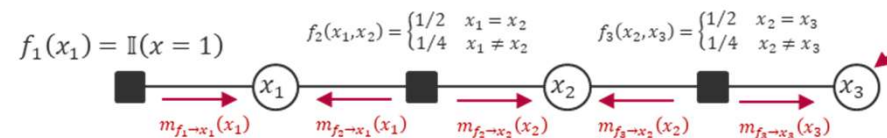
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$$p(x_2) \xrightarrow{x_2=1,2,3} \left(\frac{2}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{1}{5} \right) \leftarrow$$

then message from x_2 to x_1 :

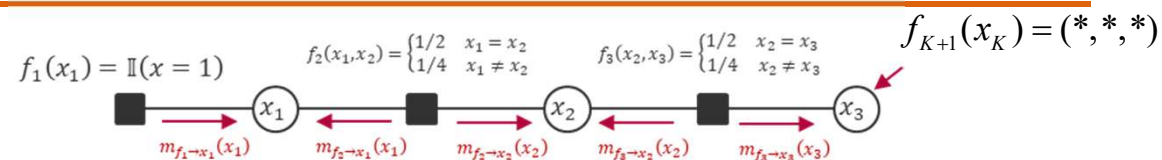
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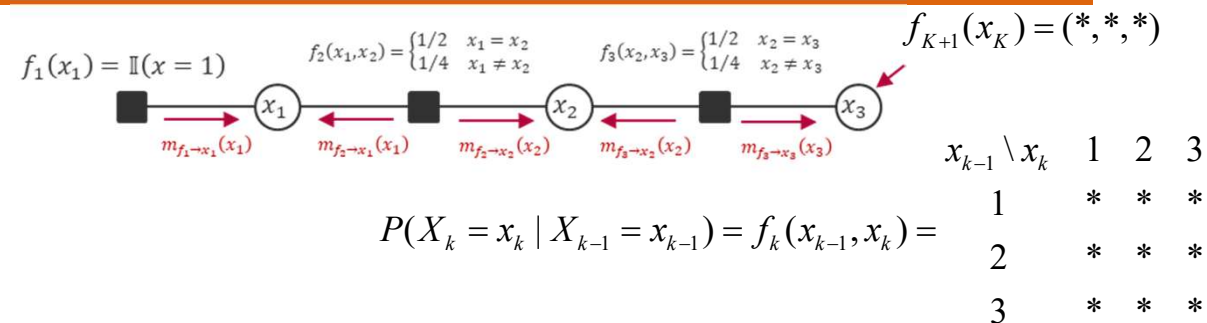
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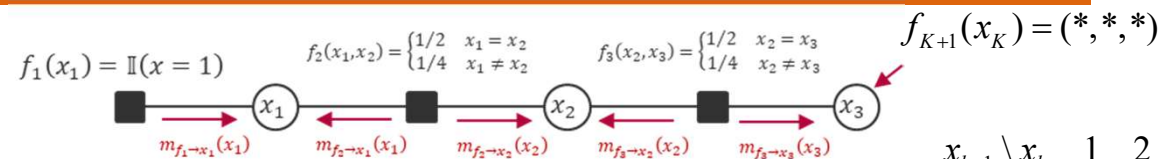
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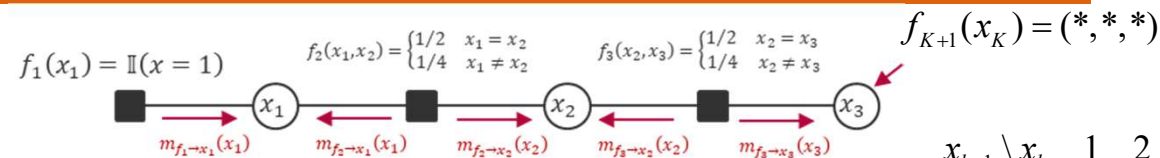
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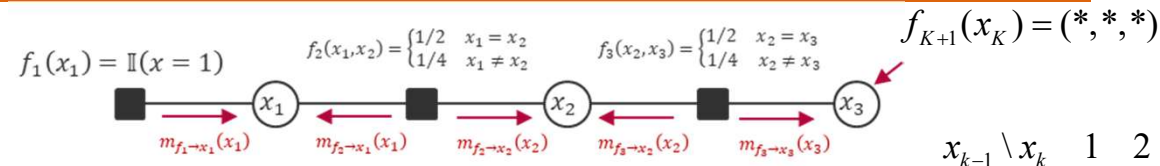
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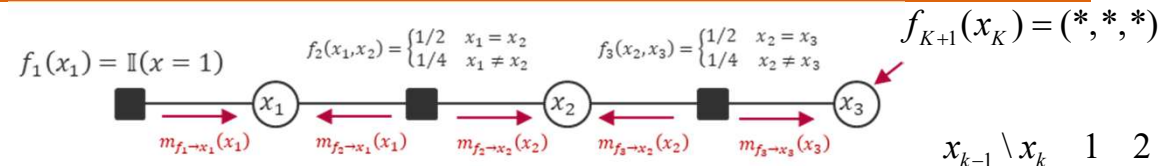
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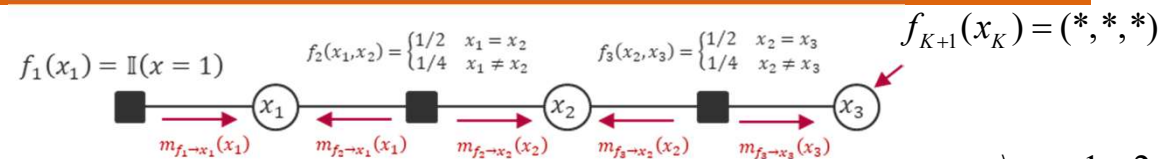
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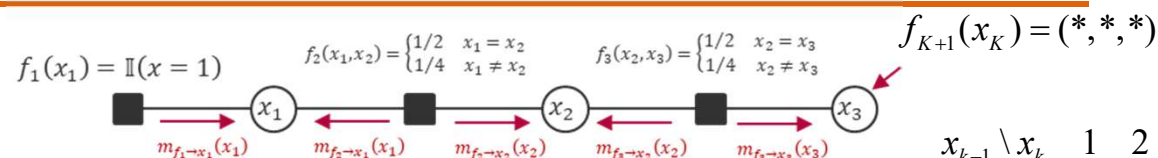
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Do you think you can do that?

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$x_{k-1} \backslash x_k$	1	2	...	N
1	*	*	*	*
2	*	*	*	*
...	*	*	*	*
N	*	*	*	*

Test it: It easily works for K=100.

Note: This has not been possible by using standard summations!

Overview

1. Questions and Updates
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3. Example: Message Passing in Factor Graphs
- 4. Hints for Exercise 2 (to be handed in May 19)**

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Exercise 2 (until May 19)

- Part I: Sums & Products of Gaussians & Distributions
- Part II: Conditional Independence & D-separation
- Part III: TrueSkill (discrete) via Message Passing

Summary

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- Recap II: Conditional Independence in Bayesian Networks
- Recap III: Messages & Marginals in Factor Graphs (Chain)

See you next Week!