

## ECE 544NA: Pattern Recognition

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## 1 Background

Inference program:

$$y^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{\hat{y}} \sum_r f_r(\hat{y}_r)$$

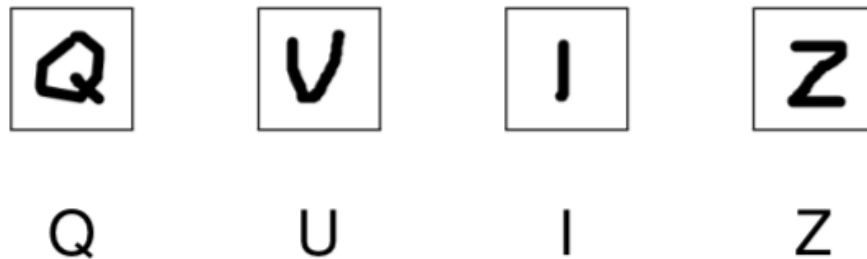


Figure 1: An inference example

Example:

$$F(w, x, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = f_1(w, x, y_1) + f_2(w, x, y_2) + f_3(w, x, y_3) + f_4(w, x, y_4) + f_{1,2}(w, x, y_1, y_2) + f_{2,3}(w, x, y_2, y_3) + f_{3,4}(w, x, y_3, y_4)$$

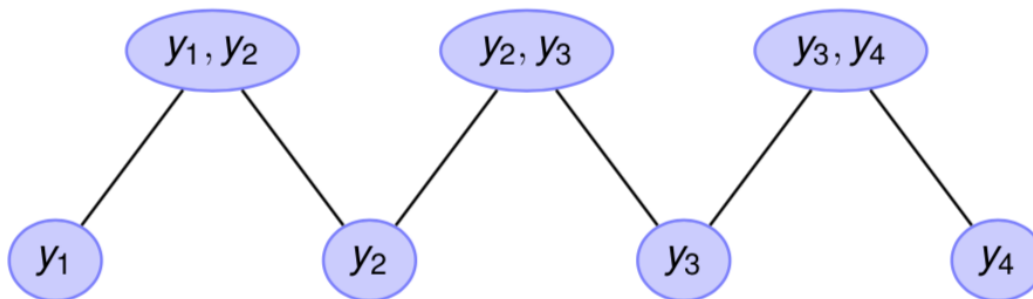


Figure 2: A visual decomposition of 'quiz' example

In the above figure, the edges denote subset relationships

## 2 Integer linear program

In this example, integer linear program maximize score function with constraints defined by binary in this case.

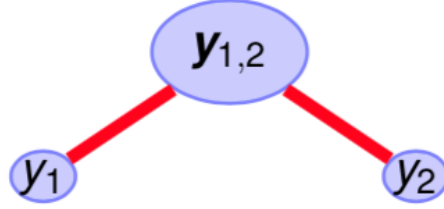


Figure 3: Visualization

$$\max_{b_1, b_2, b_{12}} \begin{bmatrix} b_1(1) \\ b_1(2) \\ b_2(1) \\ b_2(2) \\ b_{12}(1, 1) \\ b_{12}(2, 1) \\ b_{12}(1, 2) \\ b_{12}(2, 2) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} f_1(1) \\ f_1(2) \\ f_2(1) \\ f_2(2) \\ f_{12}(1, 1) \\ f_{12}(2, 1) \\ f_{12}(1, 2) \\ f_{12}(2, 2) \end{bmatrix}$$

such that

$$b_r(y_r) \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall r, y_r$$

$$\sum_{y_r} b_r(y_r) = 1 \quad \forall r$$

$$\sum_{y_p \setminus y_r} b_p(y_p) = b_r(y_r) \quad \forall r, y_r, p \in P(r)$$

In other words, integer linear program can be expressed like below.

$$\sum_{r, y_r} b_r(y_r) f_r(y_r)$$

such that

$$b_r(y_r) \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall r, y_r$$

Local probability  $b_r$   
Marginalization

Advantage: global optimum, very good solvers available

Disadvantage: very slow for larger problems

### 3 Linear programming relaxation

In LP relaxation, there is no more integer constraint. Therefore, the first constraint about binary limitation introduced in the previous section can be ignored, therefore, allowing  $b_r(y_r)$  can have any value between 0 and 1. Due to this relaxation, LP relaxation has better score function which provides upper bound for the ILP case.

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For example, please see the below figure.

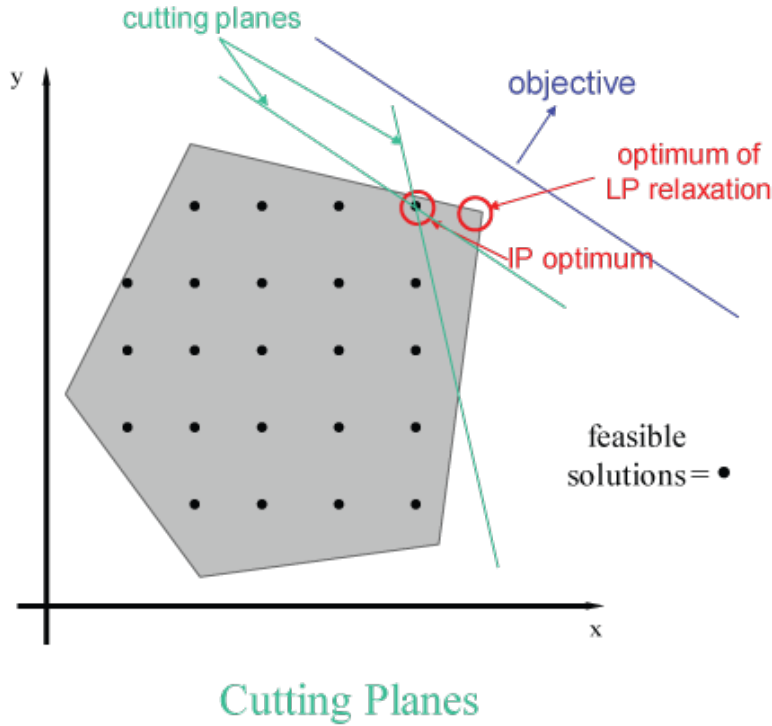


Figure 4: Illustration of ILP and LP relaxation. [3]

In the example, ILP optimum and LP optimum are different. In case of ILP optimum where  $x$  and  $y$  can take only integer, the optimal value cannot be better than LP optimal value where  $x$  and  $y$  can take any values.

Advantage: global optimum for LP, very good solvers available

Disadvantage: no global optimum for ILP, slow for larger problems

## 4 Message passing

### 4.1 Brief idea of belief propagation

Marginalization with partial sum with 'belief'.

$$\sum_{x_2, x_3, x_4} P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = P(x_1) \sum_{x_2} P(x_2|x_1) \sum_{x_3} P(x_3|x_2) \sum_{x_4} P(x_4|x_3)$$

[2]

A huge amount of calculations can be saved by partially summing up computation. For example, let's say each variables can have 10 values. Instead of performing  $10 \times 10 \times 10 = 1000$  times to marginalize, only  $10 + 10 + 10 = 30$  times can be done with partial sum. [2]

### 4.2 Brief idea of message passing

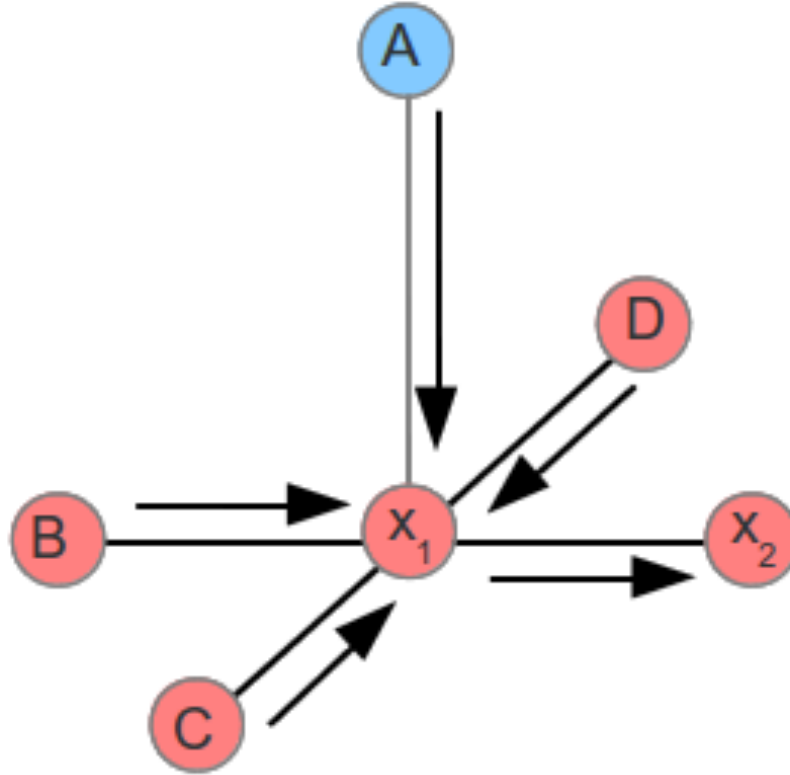


Figure 5: An example of LBP. [1]

Loopy belief propagation is message passing algorithm. For example, let's say  $x_i$  want to pass a message to  $x_j$ . Before it pass the message, it collects all the data related to  $j$  from adjacent nodes such as A, B, C, and D. It can be expressed like below.

$$msg_{i \rightarrow j}(l)$$

[1] The expression means belief message of node  $i$  about node  $j$  regarding label  $l$ . [1]. Note that node  $i$  does not collect message from node  $j$ .

### 4.3 Detail of message passing

The inference program can be expressed like below maximization problem with given constraints as shown below.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \max \sum_{r, y_r} b_r(y_r) f_r(y_r) \\
& \text{such that} \\
& b_r(y_r) \geq 0 \quad \forall r, y_r \\
& \sum_{y_r} b_r(y_r) = 1 \quad \forall r \\
& \sum_{y_p \setminus y_r} b_p(y_p) = b_r(y_r) \quad \forall r, y_r, p \in P(r)
\end{aligned}$$

By taking Lagrangian,

$$\begin{aligned}
L = & \sum_{r, y_r} b_r(y_r) f_r(y_r) + \sum_{r, y_r, p \in P(r)} \lambda_{r \rightarrow p}(y_r) \left( \sum_{y_p \setminus y_r} b_p(y_p) - b_r(y_r) \right) \\
& \sum_{r, y_r} b_r(y_r) \left( f_r(y_r) - \sum_{p \in P(r)} \lambda_{r \rightarrow p}(y_r) + \sum_{c \in C(r)} \lambda_{c \rightarrow r}(y_c) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Now, the problem is reformulated to maximize Lagrangian with respect to primal variables subject to remaining constraints:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \max_b L() \\
& \text{such that} \\
& b_r(y_r) \geq 0 \quad \forall r, y_r \\
& \sum_{y_r} b_r(y_r) = 1 \quad \forall r
\end{aligned}$$

Then, dual function is given as below.

$$g(\lambda) = \sum_r \max_{y_r} \left( f_r(y_r) - \sum_{p \in P(r)} \lambda_{r \rightarrow p}(y_r) + \sum_{c \in C(r)} \lambda_{c \rightarrow r}(y_c) \right)$$

Dual program is below.

$$\min_{\lambda} g(\lambda)$$

Advantage: Efficient due to analytically computable sub-problems  
Disadvantage: Special care required to find LP relaxation optimum

Properties of dual program:

- Convex program
- Not strongly convex
- Unconstrained
- Lagrange multipliers are messages

## 5 Graph-cut

Graph cut solvers can be used to maximize maximum flow through a weighted graph as well as to minimize minimum cost cut in a weighted graph.

Example) Ford-Fulkerson algorithm

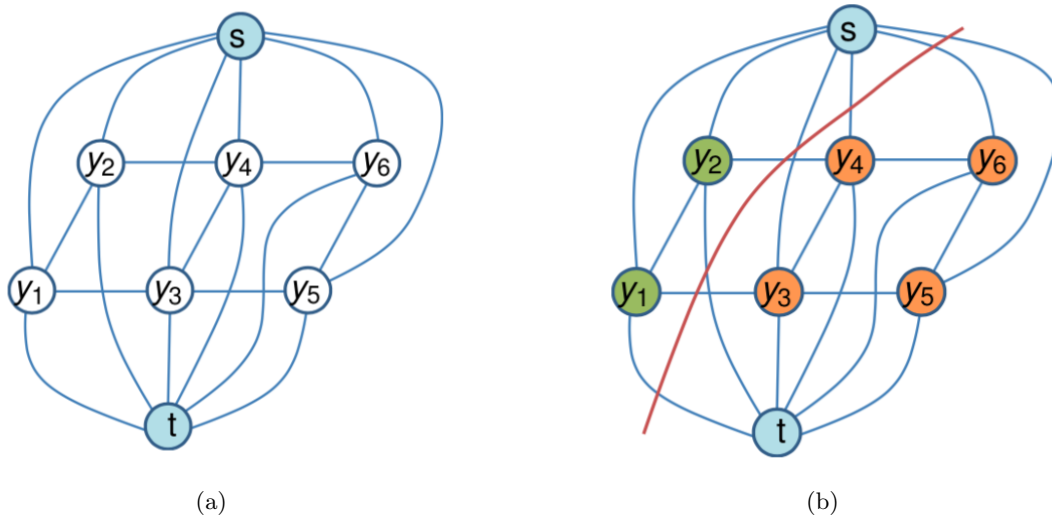


Figure 6: (a) A graph (b) A graph-cut

In the graph, the top node is called source and the bottom node is called terminal. Each node represents variables  $y_d$ .

Scoring functions as arrays can be represented as below.

$$[f_1(y_1 = 1) \quad f_1(y_1 = 2)]$$

Let's express local scoring function arrays as below.

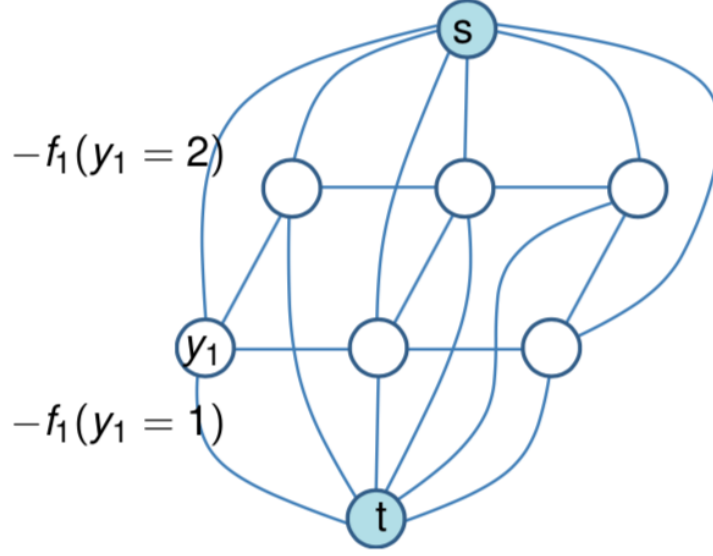


Figure 7: A graph example

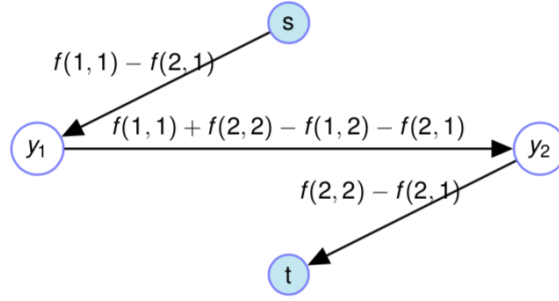


Figure 8: A graph example

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{bmatrix} f_{12}(1,1) & f_{12}(1,2) \\ f_{12}(2,1) & f_{12}(2,2) \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} f_{12}(1,1) - f_{12}(1,2) + f_{12}(2,2) & f_{12}(1,1) - f_{12}(1,2) + f_{12}(2,2) \\ f_{12}(1,1) - f_{12}(1,2) + f_{12}(2,2) & f_{12}(1,1) - f_{12}(1,2) + f_{12}(2,2) \end{bmatrix} \\
&+ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ f_{12}(2,1) - f_{12}(1,1) & f_{12}(2,1) - f_{12}(1,1) \end{bmatrix} \\
&+ \begin{bmatrix} f_{12}(2,1) - f_{12}(2,2) & 0 \\ f_{12}(2,1) - f_{12}(2,2) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
&+ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & f_{12}(1,2) + f_{12}(2,1) - f_{12}(1,1) - f_{12}(2,2) \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Requirements for optimality:

$$f_{12}(1,1) + f_{12}(2,2) - f_{12}(1,2) - f_{12}(2,1) \geq 0$$

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