

Local Max-Entropy and Free Energy Principles Solved by Belief Propagation



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Belief Propagation (BP) is an old algorithm with many applications [Gallager 64, Pearl 82]
(low-density decoding, bayesian inference, AI, stereovision, condensed matter simulation ...)

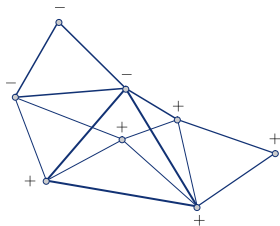
[Yedidia 05]
Generalized Belief Propagation (GBP) works with **hypergraphs** (i.e. coverings) instead of graphs

This talk is not about GBP, [Kikuchi 51, Morita 57, Yedidia 05]
It is about the **geometric and statistical problems** solved by GBP stationary states

GBP can be viewed a **soft constraint satisfaction solver** trying to reach consistent local probability distributions under energy conservation constraints.

Continuous-time diffusion equations generalise GBP with improved stability [P 20, 21]

Example: Spin Glasses



K random graph on a set of vertices $\Omega = \{1, \dots, N\}$

$(x_i) \in \{\pm 1\}^N$ random **microstate** of the system

$(w_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{K_1}$ random **couplings** on the edges of K

$(b_i) \in \mathbb{R}^N$ random **magnetic fields** (or $b_i = B$)

Hamiltonian = Total Energy

$$H(x) = \sum_{ij \in K_1} w_{ij} x_i x_j + \sum_{i \in K_0} b_i x_i$$

Gibbs state = Graphical Model

$$p(x) = \frac{e^{-\beta H(x)}}{\sum_x e^{-\beta H(x)}}$$

In thermodynamics, it is common to work with the following functionals:

- $S(\mathcal{U})$ *Boltzmann entropy* : defined as log-number of microstates having energy \mathcal{U}
- $\mathcal{F}(\beta, \mathcal{U})$ *variational free energy* : defined by $\mathcal{U} - \frac{1}{\beta} S(\mathcal{U})$
- $F(\beta)$ *free energy* : defined as $\min_{\mathcal{U}} \mathcal{F}(\beta, \mathcal{U})$, or from the partition function by $-\frac{1}{\beta} \ln Z(\beta)$

The *Legendre transform* relates these functionals, defining an *energy-temperature relationship* $\mathcal{U}(\beta)$

Thermodynamic equilibrium with *different constraints*: on \mathcal{U} and β respectively

not tractable in practice

Short range interactions \Rightarrow local approximations efficiently computed by GBP

Bethe-Kikuchi approximations

Cluster Variation Method

I. Local statistics : topology and combinatorics

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I.1. Microstates and Total Energy

We consider a free sheaf $E : \mathcal{P}^{op}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ of **microstates**, given by:

$$E_a = \prod_{i \in a} E_i \quad \text{for all } a \subseteq \Omega$$

The restriction maps $\pi^{a \rightarrow b} : E_a \rightarrow E_b$ for every $b \subseteq a$ simply forget the state of atoms outside of b

We will write:

$$x_{a|b} = \pi^{a \rightarrow b}(x_a)$$

A statistical system on E_Ω is classically defined by a **hamiltonian** or energy function $H_\Omega : E_\Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

One can always define a finest covering $K \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ such that H_Ω decomposes as a sum of local interactions:

$$H_\Omega(x_\Omega) = \sum_{a \in K} h_a(x_{\Omega|a})$$

I.2. Observables

Local observables form a cosheaf $\mathbb{R}^E : \mathcal{P}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{Alg}_c$ of commutative algebras

The extension maps $\pi^{a \rightarrow b*} : \mathbb{R}^{E_b} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{E_a}$ for all $b \subseteq a$ can be viewed as inclusions $\mathbb{R}^{E_b} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{E_a}$

Def.

Observable fields on $K \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ form a chain complex $(C_\bullet(K, \mathbb{R}^E), \delta)$ where:

- $C_0 = \bigoplus_a \mathbb{R}^{E_a}$ consists of **potentials** $[h_a : E_a \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid a \in K]$
- $C_1 = \bigoplus_{b \subset a} \mathbb{R}^{E_b}$ consists of **heat fluxes** $[\varphi_{a \rightarrow b} : E_b \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid a, b \in K \text{ and } b \subset a]$

and the **codifferential** $\delta : C_1 \rightarrow C_0$ acts by:

$$\delta \varphi_b(x_b) = \sum_{b \subseteq a} \varphi_{a \rightarrow b}(x_b) - \sum_{c \subseteq b} \varphi_{b \rightarrow c}(x_{b|c})$$

Gauss thm. = Total energy conservation

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Two potentials h and h' are homologous, i.e. $h' = h + \delta \varphi$ if and only if:

$$\sum_{a \in K} h_a(x_{\Omega|a}) = \sum_{a \in K} h'_a(x_{\Omega|a})$$

I.3. Densities and Beliefs

Local densities define a functor $\mathbb{R}^{E*} : \mathcal{P}(\Omega)^{op} \rightarrow \mathbf{Vect}$ of vector spaces

The pushforwards $\pi_*^{a \rightarrow b} : \mathbb{R}^{E_a*} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{E_b*}$ for all $b \subseteq a$ denote partial integration on fibers $\{x_a|_b = x_b\}$

Def. (Prop.)

Density fields on $K \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ form a cochain complex $(C_\bullet(K, \mathbb{R}^{E*}), d)$ where the differential $d : C_0^* \rightarrow C_1^*$ acts by:

$$dp_{a \rightarrow b}(x_b) = p_b(x_b) - \sum_{x_a|_b = x_b} p_a(x_a)$$

A density field $p \in C_0^*$ is said **consistent** if $dp = 0$

Def.

Beliefs lie in the convex subspace $\Delta_0 \subseteq C_0^*$ of **positive** local probability measures

Consistent beliefs lie in the convex polytope $\Gamma_0 \subseteq \Delta_0$ intersecting $\text{Ker}(d)$

Consistent beliefs $p \in \Gamma_0$ act as **local substitutes** for global probabilities $p_\Omega \in \text{Prob}(E_\Omega)$
(although positivity of the linear extension $p_\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^{E_\Omega*}$ is generally not guaranteed)

I.4. Local Gibbs Correspondence

GBP tries to solve 2 different kinds of constraints **simultaneously**:

- **Energy conservation** on $h \in C_0$: potentials lie in $[h] = h + \delta C_1$ during evolution
- **Marginal consistency** on $p \in \Delta_0$: beliefs lie in $\Gamma_0 \subseteq \text{Ker}(d)$ at equilibrium

A local correspondence $C_0 \rightarrow \Delta_0$ is therefore essential to the dynamic of GBP:

$$C_0 \xrightarrow[\text{linear}]{\zeta} C_0 \xrightarrow[\text{softmin}]{\rho^\beta} \Delta_0$$

Def.

The **Gibbs correspondence** for $\beta > 0$ is written $p = \rho^\beta(H)$ with $H = \zeta h$ as:

$$p_a(x_a) = \frac{1}{Z_a^\beta} e^{-\beta H_a(x_a)} \quad \text{with} \quad H_a(x_a) = \sum_{b \subseteq a} h_b(x_{a|b})$$

- $\zeta : C_0 \rightarrow C_0$ is the **zeta transform**, combinatorial automorphism of C_0
- $\rho^\beta : C_0 \rightarrow \Delta_0$ is a **softmin** yielding local Gibbs states at inverse temperature $\beta = \frac{1}{T}$

I.5. Möbius inversion and Bethe numbers

Thm. (Möbius inversion)

(Dirichlet, Rota 64, P 20)

The **Möbius transform** $\mu : C_0 \rightarrow C_0$ inverting ζ acts by Dirichlet convolution as:

$$\mu(H)_a(x_a) = \sum_{b \subseteq a} \mu_{a \rightarrow b} \cdot H_b(x_{a|b}) = h_a(x_a)$$

Coefficients $\mu_{a \rightarrow b} \in \mathbb{Z}$ can be recursively computed by N sparse matrix products, denoting by N the maximal degree of C_\bullet (= maximal length of a strict chain in K)

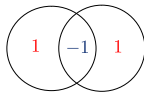
The **reciprocal pair** (ζ, μ) can moreover be extended to **full automorphisms** $C_\bullet \rightarrow C_\bullet$.

Def. (Prop.)

Bethe-Kikuchi numbers $(c_a)_{a \in K}$ are defined by the following equivalent formulas:

$$(i) \quad \forall b \in K \quad \sum_{a \supseteq b} c_a = 1$$

$$(ii) \quad \forall b \in K \quad c_b = \sum_{a \supseteq b} \mu_{a \rightarrow b}$$



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II.2 Regionwise Information Functionals

Def.

For all $a \subseteq \Omega$ and $\beta > 0$ consider the following functionals:

- **Shannon entropy** given by:

$$S_a : \text{Prob}(E_a) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$S_a(p_a) = - \sum_{E_a} p_a \ln(p_a)$$

- **Variational free energy** given by:

$$\mathcal{F}_a^\beta : \text{Prob}(E_a) \times \mathbb{R}^{E_a} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_a^\beta(p_a, H_a) = \mathbb{E}_{p_a}[H_a] - \frac{1}{\beta} S_a(p_a)$$

- **Free energy** given by:

$$F_a^\beta : \mathbb{R}^{E_a} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$F_a^\beta(H_a) = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln \sum_{E_a} e^{-H_a}$$

$$(i) \quad F_a^\beta(H_a) = \min \mathcal{F}_a^\beta(-, H_a) \text{ for all } H_a \in \mathbb{R}^{E_a}$$

Then: (ii) the differential $F_{a*}^\beta : H_a \mapsto \rho_a^\beta(H_a)$ of F_a^β coincides with the Gibbs state map

(iii) $\rho_a^\beta(H_a)$ maximises S_a under the constraint $\mathbb{E}_{p_a}[H_a] = \mathcal{U}_a$ for some $\mathcal{U}_a \in \mathbb{R}$

II.1 Faithful Diffusions

We consider **continuous-time diffusion equations** in C_0 defined by a flux functional $\Phi : C_0 \rightarrow C_1$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \delta\Phi(v) \quad \text{with} \quad v|_{t=0} = h$$

Energy conservation $v \in [h] = h + \delta C_1$ is therefore naturally enforced by any discrete integrator.
 (GBP equivalent but with $\Delta t = 1$!)

homology class

Def.

Given $\beta > 0$, we call **consistent manifold** the subspace $\text{Fix}^\beta \subseteq C_0$ defined by ;

$$\text{Fix}^\beta = \{v \in C_0 \mid p = \rho^\beta(\zeta v) \in \Gamma_0\}$$

Given a flux functional $\Phi : C_0 \rightarrow C_1$, we say that:

- Φ is **consistent** if $\Phi|_{\text{Fix}^\beta} = 0$
- Φ is **faithful** if $\delta\Phi(v) = 0 \Rightarrow v \in \text{Fix}^\beta$ and Φ is consistent.

Consistent diffusions are stationary for $v \in [h] \cap \text{Fix}^\beta$

Faithful diffusions are stationary **only** for $v \in [h] \cap \text{Fix}^\beta$

II.3 Variational Free Energy Principle

Problem 1.

Chose an inverse temperature $\beta > 0$ and local energies $H = \zeta h \in C_0$

Find $p \in \Gamma_0$ critical for the **Bethe-Kikuchi variational free energy** $\check{\mathcal{F}} : \Delta_0 \times C_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$:

$$\check{\mathcal{F}}(p, H) = \sum_{a \in K} c_a \mathcal{F}_a(p_a, H_a)$$

Thm 1.

[Yedidia 05, P 19]

Let $\beta > 0$ and $H = \zeta h \in C_0$

Solutions of problem 1 are given by $p = \rho^\beta(\zeta v)$ for all $v \in C_0$ such that:

$$v \in [h] \cap \text{Fix}^\beta$$

II.4 Max-Entropy Principle

Problem 2.

Chose a mean energy $\mathcal{U} \in \mathbb{R}$ and local energies $H = \zeta h \in C_0$

Find $p \in \Gamma_0$ constrained to $\langle p, h \rangle = \mathcal{U}$ for the **Bethe-Kikuchi entropy** $\check{S} : \Delta_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$:

$$\check{S}(p) = \sum_{a \in K} c_a S_a(p_a)$$

Where $\langle p, h \rangle = \sum_{a \in K} \mathbb{E}_{p_a}[h_a] = \sum_{a \in K} c_a \mathbb{E}_{p_a}[H_a] = \mathcal{U}$

\Leftarrow Bethe mean energy is exact
by $\sum_a h_a = \sum_a c_a H_a$ and
linearity of expectations

Thm 2.

Let $\mathcal{U} \in \mathbb{R}$ and $H = \zeta h \in C_0$

Solutions of problem 2 are given by $p = \rho^1(\zeta \bar{v})$ for all $\bar{v} \in C_0$ such that:

$$\exists \beta > 0 \quad \bar{v} \in [\beta h] \cap \text{Fix}^1$$

N.B. Letting $v = \beta \bar{v}$ one then recovers $v \in [h] \cap \text{Fix}^\beta$

II.5 Free Energy Principle

Problem 3.

Chose an inverse temperature $\beta > 0$ and local energies $H = \zeta h \in C_0$

Find $V = \zeta v \in C_0$ constrained to $v \in [h]$ critical for the **Bethe-Kikuchi free energy** $\tilde{F} : C_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$:

$$\tilde{F}(V) = \sum_{a \in K} c_a F_a(V_a)$$

Let us call **weakly consistent manifold** $\text{Fix}_+^\beta = \{v + \epsilon \mid v \in \text{Fix}^\beta, \epsilon \in \text{Ker}(c\zeta)\}$

(retracts linearly on Fix^β , coincides with Fix^β when $c_a \neq 0$ for all $a \in K$)

Thm 3.

Let $\beta > 0$ and $H = \zeta h \in C_0$

Solutions of problem 1 are given by $V = \zeta v$ for all $v \in C_0$ such that:

$$v \in [h] \cap \text{Fix}_+^\beta$$

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III.1 Energy-Temperature Relationship(s)

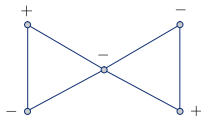
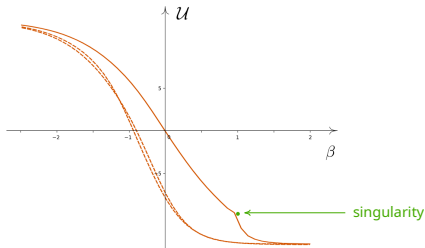
Problems 1, 2 and 3 all imply finding some $v \in [h] \cap \text{Fix}^\beta$ (i.e. conservative and consistent), however with different constraints:

- Free energy principles (1,3) with **temperature** constraints on $\beta = \frac{1}{T}$
- The max-entropy principle (2) with **mean energy** constraints on $\mathcal{U} = \langle p, h \rangle$

Therefore solutions of (2) might not coincide with solutions of (1) and (3).

There may exist **multiple stationary energies** fore **one given temperature constraint**, and reciprocally.

Energy-Temperature Diagrams:



K graph with two loops

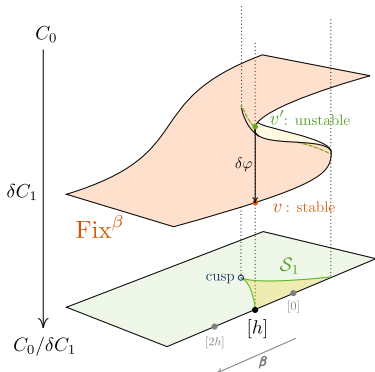
$$E_i = \{\pm\}$$

$$E_{ij} = \{\pm\}^2$$

III.2 Singularities on cyclic graphs

Singularities of the projection $\Pi : C_0 \rightarrow C_0/\delta C_1$ restricted to Fix^β are ranked by dimension

$$\mathcal{S}_k = \{v \in \text{Fix}^\beta \mid \text{Ker}(\Pi_*) \cap \delta C_1 \text{ of dimension } k\}$$



This makes $\text{Fix}^\beta = \sqcup_{k \geq 0} \mathcal{S}_k$ a **stratified space**

On simple graphs with 2+ loops one can parameterise the singular surface \mathcal{S}_1

(smooth in C_0)

Linearised diffusion does not restrict to an isomorphism of δC_1 on singularities

Continuous-time diffusion improves over GBP by yielding **smooth trajectories**, even nearby singularities

III.3 GBP and Bethe Diffusions

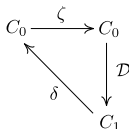
Let us define the **conditional free energy functional** $F_{a \rightarrow b} : \mathbb{R}^{E_a} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{E_b}$ by:

$$F_{a \rightarrow b}[V_a | x_b] = -\ln \sum_{x_a | b = x_b} e^{-V_a(x_a)} \quad \Rightarrow F_{a \rightarrow b}[V_b | x_b] = V_b(x_b)$$

And the **free energy gradient** $\mathcal{D} : C_0 \rightarrow C_1$ by:

$$\mathcal{D}(V)_{a \rightarrow b}(x_b) = V_b(x_b) - F_{a \rightarrow b}[V_a | x_b] = F_{a \rightarrow b}[V_b - V_a | x_b]$$

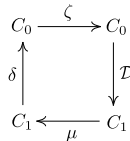
We may then define the diffusion fluxes $\Phi_{\text{GBP}} = -\delta \mathcal{D} \zeta$ and $\Phi_{\text{Bethe}} = -\delta \mu \mathcal{D} \zeta$:



$$\frac{dV_b}{dt} = \sum_{a \not\subseteq b} \sum_{c \subseteq b} F_{a \rightarrow c}(V_a - V_c)$$

Thm
(P 20)

FAITHFUL



$$\frac{dV_b}{dt} = \sum_{a \not\subseteq b} c_a F_{a \rightarrow a \cap b}(V_a - V_{a \cap b})$$

LOCALLY FAITHFUL

Thank you!

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