## BP equations

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At fixed f, v, a

$$\mu_{fv}^l(a) \propto \sum_{\text{Conf}_{(v,f)}(a)} \prod_{v' \in \mathcal{M}(f) \setminus \{v\}} \mu_{v'f}^l(c_{v'}) \tag{1}$$

The set  $Conf_{(v,f)}(a)$ , is given by

$$\left\{\mathbf{c}_{v'}: \sum_{v'\in M(f)\setminus v} h_{fv'}c_{v'} + h_{fv}a = 0\right\} = \left\{\mathbf{c}_{v'}: \sum_{v'\in M(f)\setminus v} h_{fv'}c_{v'} = -h_{fv}a\right\}$$

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$$(4)$$

where the summation is intended on GF(q).

Defining the weights  $w_{v'} := \frac{h_{fv'}}{h_{fv}} = h_{fv'} \cdot \operatorname{inv}(h_{fv})$  (where '·' indicates multiplication on  $\operatorname{GF}(q)$ ), and functions  $g_{v'}(c_{v'}) := \mu_{v'f}(c_{v'})$  for a convolution, we get

$$\mu_{fv}^{l}(a) \propto \sum_{\mathbf{c}_{v'}: \sum_{v' \in M(f) \setminus v} w_{v'} c_{v'} = a} \prod_{v' \in \mathcal{M}(f) \setminus \{v\}} g_{v'}(c_{v'})$$
 (5)

To get rid of the weights, define  $\tilde{c}_{v'} := w_{v'}c_{v'}$  and  $\tilde{g}_{v'}(\tilde{c}_{v'}) := g_{v'}(\tilde{c}_{v'} \cdot \text{inv}(w_{v'}))$ , where  $\text{inv}(w_{v'})$  is the inverse of  $w_{v'}$  in GF(q). The equation becomes

$$\mu_{fv}^{l}(a) \propto \sum_{\left\{\tilde{\mathbf{c}}_{v'}: \sum_{v' \in \mathcal{M}(f) \setminus v} \tilde{c}_{v'} = a\right\}} \prod_{v' \in \mathcal{M}(f) \setminus \{v\}} \tilde{g}_{v'}(\tilde{c}_{v'}) \tag{6}$$

which is a convolution in a more familiar form.

Using the property (I hope this holds!) that  $\operatorname{inv}(x \cdot \operatorname{inv}(y)) = y \cdot \operatorname{inv}(x)$ , one can further re-write

$$\tilde{g}_{v'}(\tilde{c}_{v'}) = g_{v'}(\tilde{c}_{v'} \cdot \text{inv}(w_{v'})) \tag{7}$$

$$= g_{v'} (\tilde{c}_{v'} \cdot \operatorname{inv}(h_{fv'} \cdot \operatorname{inv}(h_{fv}))$$
(8)

$$= g_{v'}(\tilde{c}_{v'} \cdot h_{fv} \cdot \operatorname{inv}(h_{fv'})) \tag{9}$$

$$= \mu_{v'f}^l (\tilde{c}_{v'} \cdot h_{fv} \cdot \text{inv}(h_{fv'})) \tag{10}$$

Finally

$$\mu_{fv}^{l}(a) \propto \sum_{\substack{\tilde{\mathbf{c}}_{v'}: \sum\limits_{v' \in \mathcal{M}(f) \setminus v} \tilde{\mathbf{c}}_{v'} = a}} \prod_{v' \in \mathcal{M}(f) \setminus \{v\}} \mu_{v'f}^{l} (\tilde{\mathbf{c}}_{v'} \cdot h_{fv} \cdot \operatorname{inv}(h_{fv'}))$$
(11)

Messages from variable to factor are simpler

$$\mu_{vf}^{l+1}(a) \propto \mu_v^1(a) \prod_{f' \in \mathcal{N}(v) \setminus \{f\}} \mu_{f'v}^l(a)$$

$$\tag{12}$$

On a fixed point, beliefs are given by

$$\mathbf{g}_v^{l+1}(a) \propto \mu_v^1(a) \prod_{f \in \mathcal{N}(v)} \mu_{fv}^l(a) \tag{13}$$

## MS

Define

$$\nu_{vf}^l(a) := \frac{1}{\beta} \log \mu_{vf}^l(a) \tag{14}$$

Now (1) becomes

$$\mu_{fv}^l(a) \propto \sum_{\operatorname{Conf}_{(v,f)}(a)} \prod_{v' \in \mathcal{M}(f) \setminus \{v\}} e^{\beta \nu_{v'f}^l(c_{v'})}$$
(15)

$$= \sum_{\operatorname{Conf}_{(v,f)}(a)} \exp \left( \beta \sum_{v' \in \mathcal{M}(f) \setminus \{v\}} \nu_{v'f}^{l}(c_{v'}) \right)$$
 (16)

$$= \max_{\operatorname{Conf}_{(v,f)}(a)} \exp \left( \beta \sum_{v' \in \mathcal{M}(f) \setminus \{v\}} \nu_{v'f}^{l}(c_{v'}) \right)$$
 (17)

$$= \exp\left(\beta \max_{\operatorname{Conf}_{(v,f)}(a)} \sum_{v' \in \mathcal{M}(f) \setminus \{v\}} \nu_{v'f}^{l}(c_{v'})\right)$$
(18)

Substitute back (14)

$$\nu_{fv}^{l}(a) = \frac{1}{\beta} \log \exp \left( \beta \max_{\operatorname{Conf}_{(v,f)}(a)} \sum_{v' \in \mathcal{M}(f) \setminus \{v\}} \nu_{v'f}^{l}(c_{v'}) \right) + \operatorname{const}$$
 (19)

$$= \max_{\operatorname{Conf}_{(v,f)}(a)} \sum_{v' \in \mathcal{M}(f) \setminus \{v\}} \nu_{v'f}^{l}(c_{v'}) + \operatorname{const}$$
(20)

solve using max-sum convolution.

Messages from variable to factor

$$\nu_{vf}^{l+1}(a) = \frac{1}{\beta} \log \mu_v^1(a) + \sum_{f' \in \mathcal{N}(v) \setminus \{f\}} \nu_{f'v}^l(a) + \text{const}$$
 (21)

since  $\mu_v^1(a) = \exp[-\beta L d_H(y_v, a)],$ 

$$\nu_{vf}^{l+1}(a) = -Ld_H(y_v, a) + \sum_{f' \in \mathcal{N}(v) \setminus \{f\}} \nu_{f'v}^l(a) + \text{const}$$
 (22)

Beliefs

$$\nu_{vf}^{l+1}(a) = -Ld_H(y_v, a) + \sum_{f' \in \mathcal{N}(v)} \nu_{f'v}^l(a) + \text{const}$$
 (23)