

Lecture 10: February 18, 2015  
cs 573: Probabilistic Reasoning  
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# Review

- Assignment #3 due Monday Feb 25
- Exam 1: Monday, March 2
  - Material covered: up to and including Feb 25
  - Closed book, closed notes
  - Will discuss more in Feb 23 class
- Last lecture:
  - Sum-Product Variable Elimination Algorithm
    - Applies to arbitrary directed and undirected graphs
  - Induced graph  $\Rightarrow$  Cluster graphs and clique trees
- Today's objective
  - Clique-tree construction
  - Inference on clique trees

# Inference using Clique Trees

- Variable elimination algorithm provides distribution of one variable at a time. We can re-run multiple times to get distribution of all variables but much of the computation would be repeated.
- Working with *clique trees* will allow us to get distribution of all variables efficiently
- Topics:
  - How to convert original Bayesian/Markov networks to clique trees?
  - Inference algorithms for clique trees
  - Generalization to cluster (clique) graphs

# Cluster Graph and Clique Tree

- *Cluster Graph*
  - Graph over a set of factors  $\Phi$ ,  $X$  is set of nodes
  - A *node* in this graph is a “cluster” (subset of) variables, say  $C_i$
  - **Family preserving**: Each factor  $\phi$  must be associated with some cluster, say  $C_i$ , called  $\alpha(\phi)$ .  $\text{scope}[\phi] \subseteq C_i$
  - Each *edge* between two nodes, say  $C_i$  and  $C_j$ , is associated with a set of nodes, called a *sepset*,  $S_{i,j}$ ,  $S_{i,j} \subseteq C_i \cap C_j$ .
- *Clique Tree* (also called a *junction tree*): cluster graph that is a tree with **Running Intersection Property**
  - Let  $T$  be a cluster tree over set of factors  $\Phi$
  - Let  $V_T$  be vertices of  $T$  and let  $\varepsilon_T$  be the edges
  - If  $X$  is in  $C_i$  and also in  $C_j$  then  $X$  is also in every cluster in the path between  $C_i$  and  $C_j$ .
  - Implies  $S_{i,j} = C_i \cap C_j$ .

# Constructing a Clique Tree

- How to convert a BN/MN into a clique tree?
- Basic technique is to convert graphs to chordal graphs that are I-maps of original graphs
- Two methods to do this:
  - Use the *induced* graph generated by VE algorithm
  - If graph is not MN, convert to MN, triangulate to make a chordal graph and then infer a clique tree
- The tree is designed to maintain the original joint distribution
  - How to assign potentials to the nodes and factors in the generated tree?

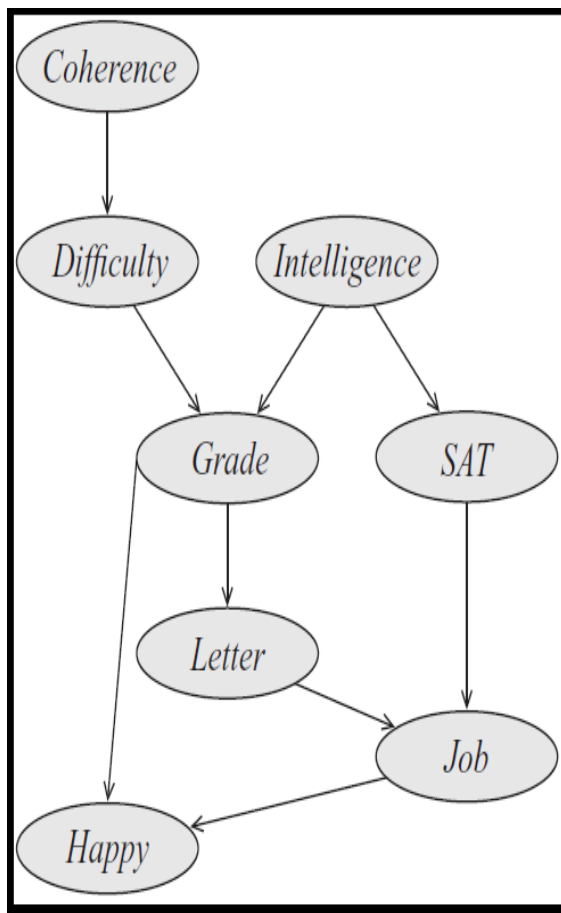
## Clique Tree from VE Induced Graph

- Induced graph:
  - Let  $I_{\Phi, <}$  be the induced graph,  $<$  is the elimination ordering
  - Two variables are connected in  $I_{\Phi, <}$  if they both appear in a common factor.
- Each factor in  $I_{\Phi, <}$ , say  $\psi_i$ , corresponds to a cluster of variables, say  $C_i$ .
- Each such cluster becomes a node in the cluster graph
- Undirected edge between two clusters  $C_i$  and  $C_j$  if a message ( $\tau_i$ ) is passed between them (directly) to construct  $\psi_j$ .
- Can be shown easily that the resulting graph is a tree
  - Each message ( $\tau_i$ ) is used only once
- Can be shown that the resulting tree satisfies the running intersection property; hence it is a clique (junction) tree

## Theorems Associated with VE Clique Trees

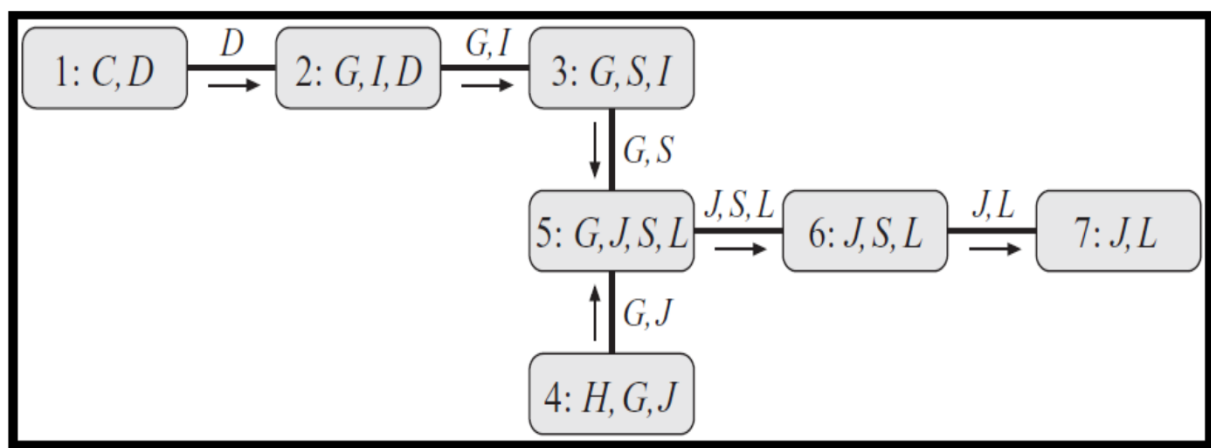
- Note: material distributed across chapters 4, 9, 10 (10.1, 10.4)
- Thm 9.6 shows that the induced graph generated by VE is necessarily chordal
- Thm 4.12 shows that a chordal graph can be always represented as a clique tree (and maintains the joint distribution)
- Thm 10.1: Tree generated by VE satisfies the running intersection property
- Thm 10.2: Tree satisfies the running intersection property *if and only if*  $S_{i,j}$  separates variables on “ $C_i$  side” of the tree from the “ $C_j$  side”.
- Eliminate cliques that are a subset of another clique (i.e. maintain only the maximal cliques); running intersection property maintained.
- Examples: Figures 9.11, 10.1, 10.9

# Cluster Graph from VE Steps (Fig 10.1)



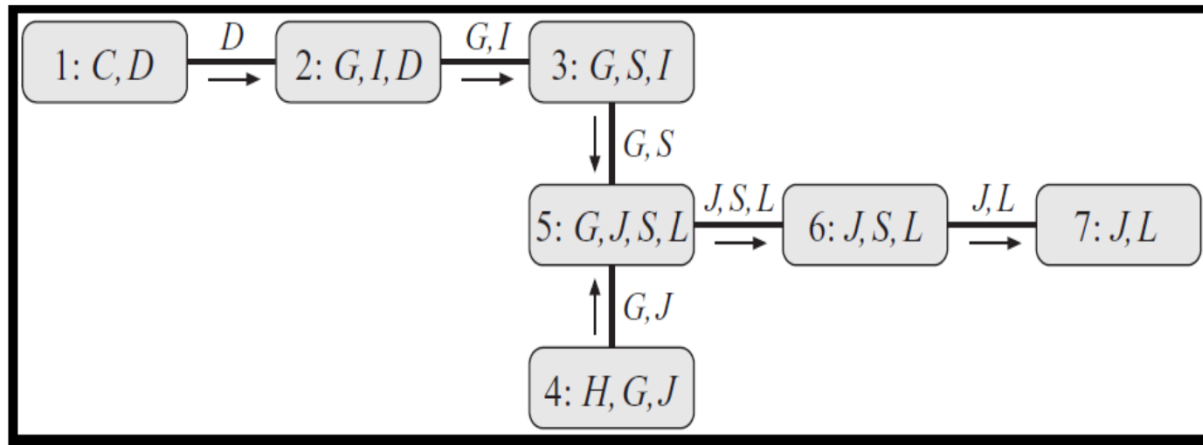
Step	Variable eliminated	Factors used	Variables involved	New factor
1	$C$	$\phi_C(C), \phi_D(D, C)$	$C, D$	$\tau_1(D)$
2	$D$	$\phi_G(G, I, D), \tau_1(D)$	$G, I, D$	$\tau_2(G, I)$
3	$I$	$\phi_I(I), \phi_S(S, I), \tau_2(G, I)$	$G, S, I$	$\tau_3(G, S)$
4	$H$	$\phi_H(H, G, J)$	$H, G, J$	$\tau_4(G, J)$
5	$G$	$\tau_4(G, J), \tau_3(G, S), \phi_L(L, G)$	$G, J, L, S$	$\tau_5(J, L, S)$
6	$S$	$\tau_5(J, L, S), \phi_J(J, L, S)$	$J, L, S$	$\tau_6(J, L)$
7	$L$	$\tau_6(J, L)$	$J, L$	$\tau_7(J)$

**Table 9.1** A run of variable elimination for the query  $P(J)$

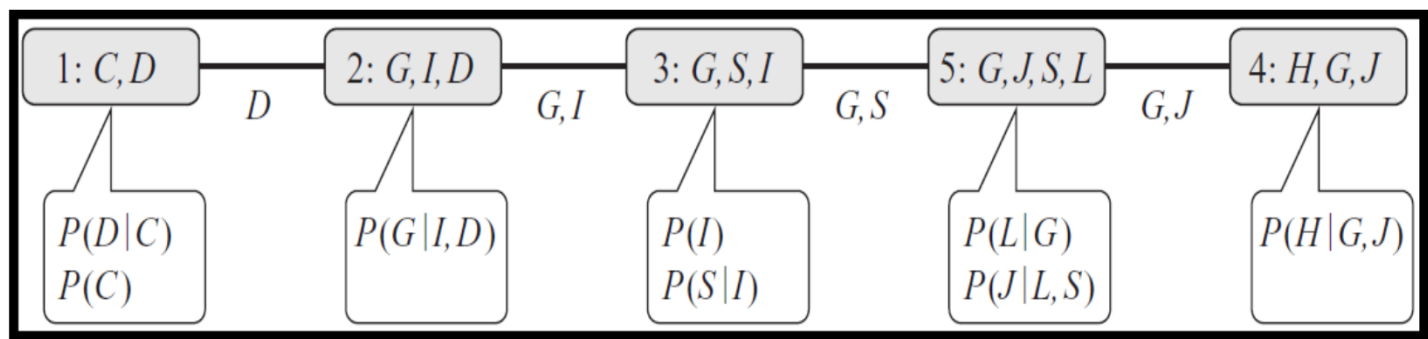




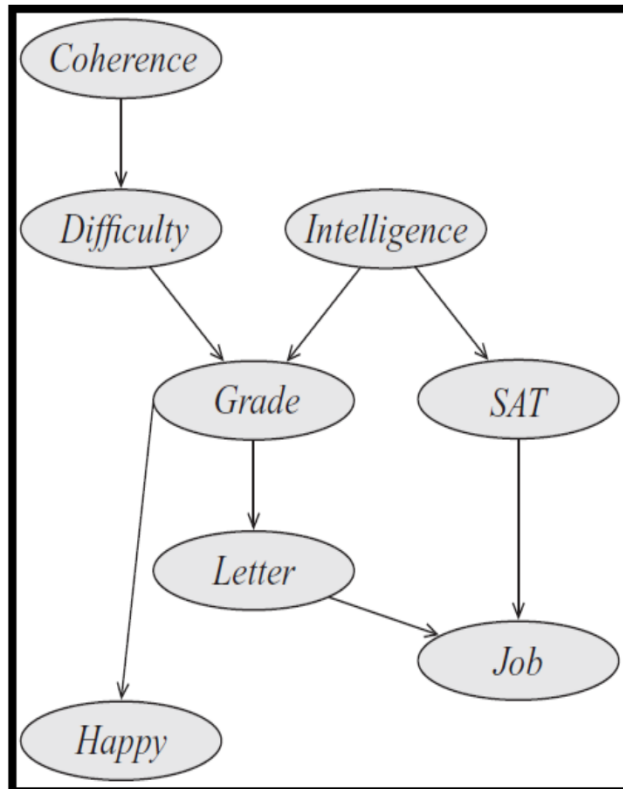
# Simplify the Cluster Tree



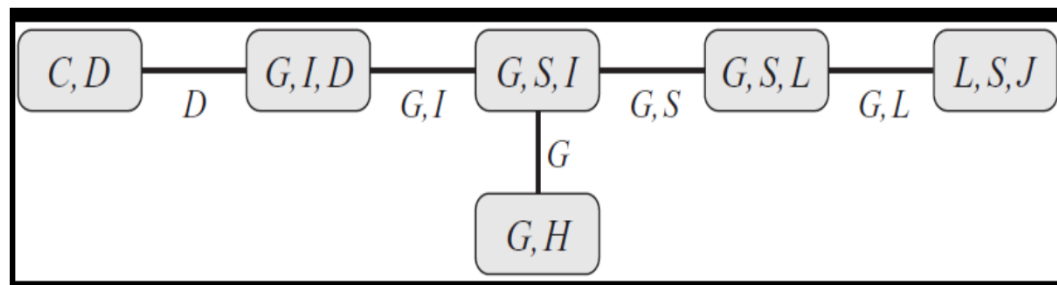
Eliminate cliques that are not maximal  
(results in a chain for this example)



## Another Example (Different Graph): Fig 10.9



Steps of VE not provided; suggest students practice on their own



Not a chain this time

## Potentials in a Clique Tree

- What potentials to associate with each clique?
- Any factor that is a function of some or all variables in a clique node can be associated with this node
- Note: multiple choices for assignment of the factors to cliques may exist, *e.g.*  $P(I)$  could be in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> cliques; either choice works (but one factor may be used in one clique only).
- Assign *initial potentials* to cliques by multiplying all the initial factors assigned to each clique.
- It should be clear that multiplication of all clique potentials yields the original distribution (same factor product)

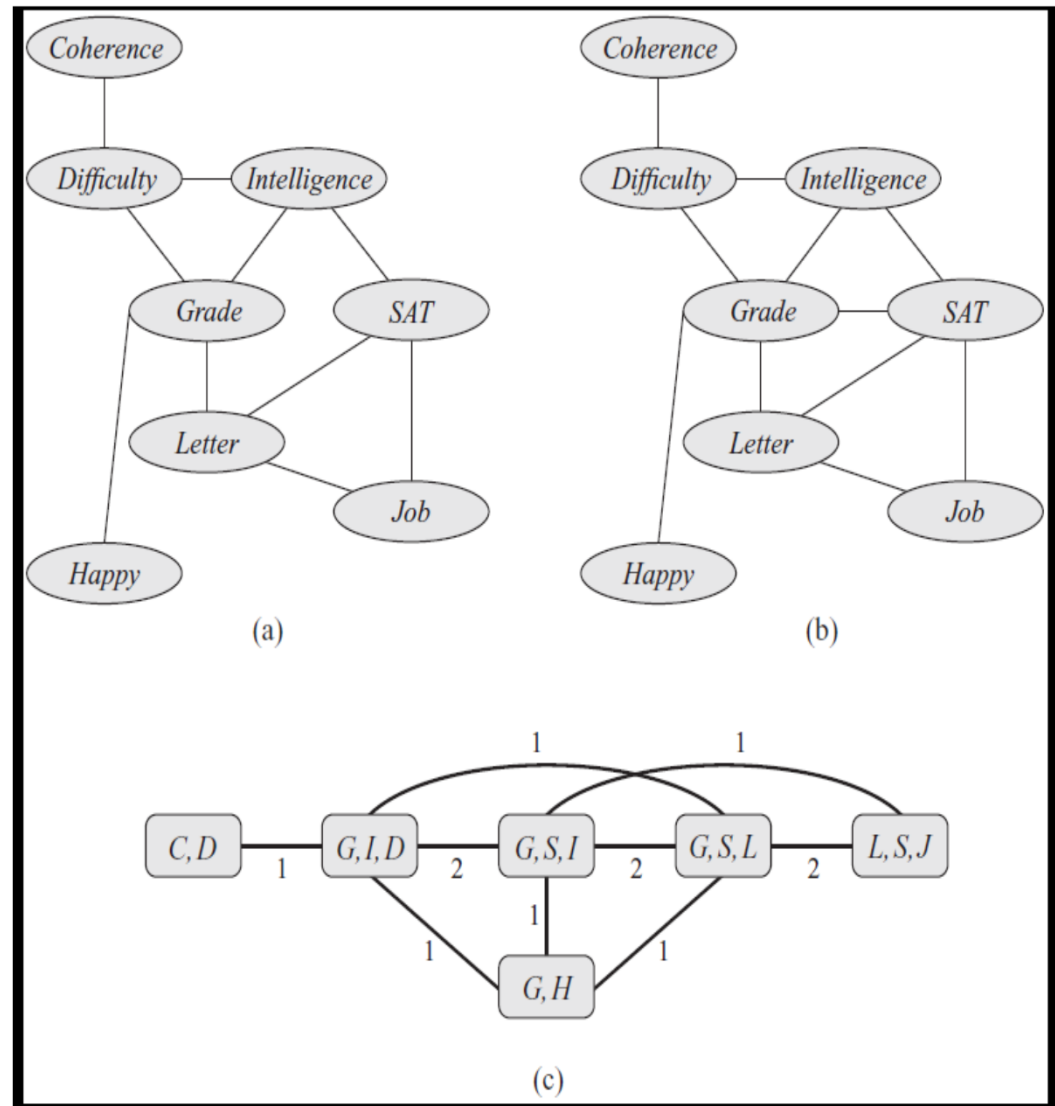
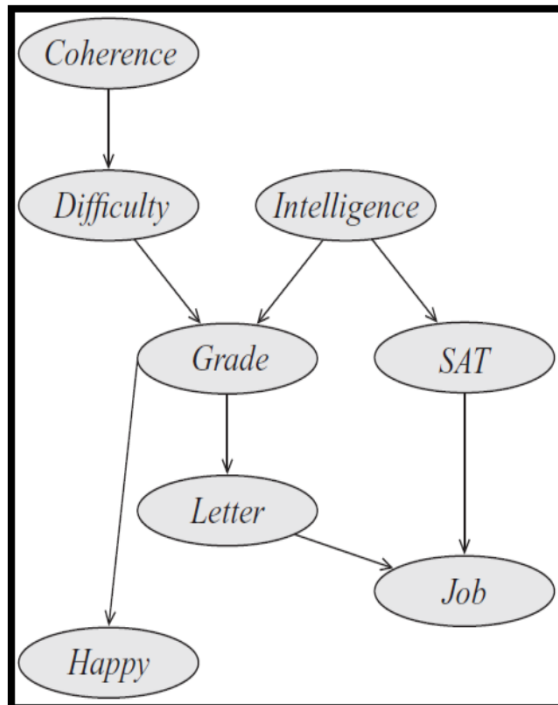
## BN/MN to Cliques

- If original graph was a directed graph, moralize it and convert to an undirected graph
- Triangulate the graph, *i.e.* make it chordal
  - Finding minimal triangulation (such that the size of the largest clique is the smallest possible) is NP-hard.
  - May use same heuristics as for VE ordering
- Find maximal cliques in the graph
  - NP-hard in general, but not for a triangulated graph
    - Maximum number of cliques is linear, not exponential in number of nodes
  - Start with any clique, add nodes until a max is achieved
  - Find node with maximum cardinality; collect corresponding cliques; repeat for remaining nodes

## Cliques to Clique Trees

- Make each maximal clique, create a node in a cluster graph
- Connect edges between nodes having common variables
  - May not result in a tree.
  - Assign weights to edges proportional to the number of shared variables
- Construct a maximal spanning tree (tree spans all nodes and sum of weights of its edges is maximal)
  - Yields the desired clique tree (with running intersect property)
    - Proof is not given in the book (Exercise 10.17).
  - Method used in HUGIN and various commercial packages

# Example



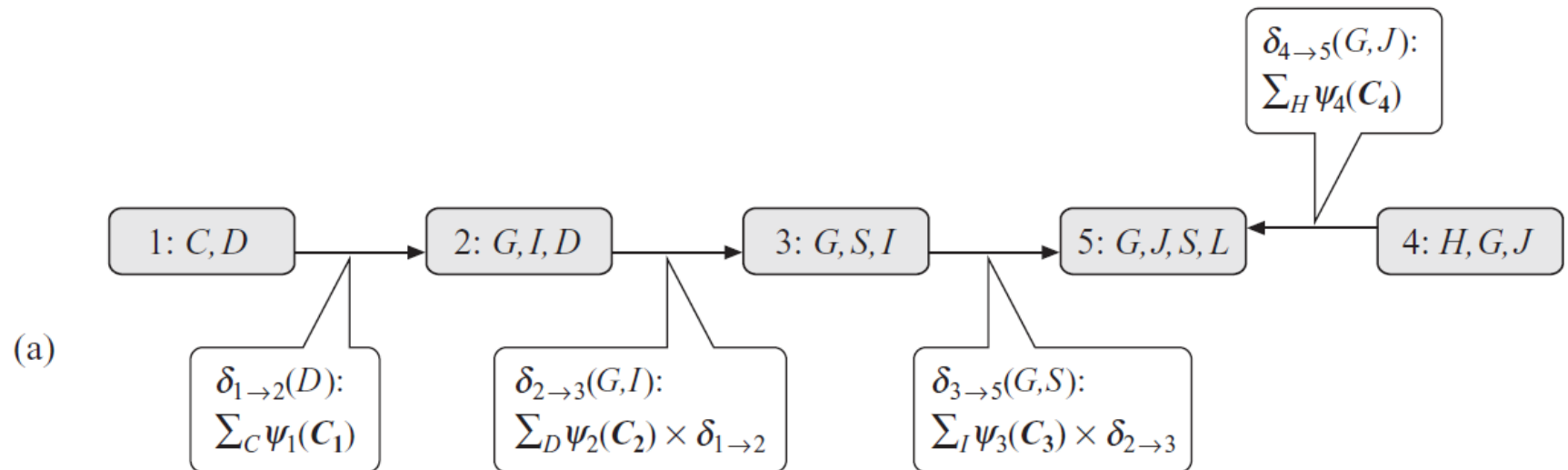
# Variable Elimination in a Clique Tree

- Task: Compute  $P(J)$ 
    - Choose a clique containing  $J$  as the root of the tree; all choices will give the same result.
    - Choose  $C_5$  as an example
1. **In  $C_1$ :** We eliminate  $C$  by performing  $\sum_C \psi_1(C, D)$ . The resulting factor has scope  $D$ . We send it as a message  $\delta_{1 \rightarrow 2}(D)$  to  $C_2$ .
  2. **In  $C_2$ :** We define  $\beta_2(G, I, D) = \delta_{1 \rightarrow 2}(D) \cdot \psi_2(G, I, D)$ . We then eliminate  $D$  to get a factor over  $G, I$ . The resulting factor is  $\delta_{2 \rightarrow 3}(G, I)$ , which is sent to  $C_3$ .
  3. **In  $C_3$ :** We define  $\beta_3(G, S, I) = \delta_{2 \rightarrow 3}(G, I) \cdot \psi_3(G, S, I)$  and eliminate  $I$  to get a factor over  $G, S$ , which is  $\delta_{3 \rightarrow 5}(G, S)$ .
  4. **In  $C_4$ :** We eliminate  $H$  by performing  $\sum_H \psi_4(H, G, J)$  and send out the resulting factor as  $\delta_{4 \rightarrow 5}(G, J)$  to  $C_5$ .
  5. **In  $C_5$ :** We define  $\beta_5(G, J, S, L) = \delta_{3 \rightarrow 5}(G, S) \cdot \delta_{4 \rightarrow 5}(G, J) \cdot \psi_5(G, J, S, L)$ .

Sum out  $G, L, S$  to get  $P(J)$

Fig. 10.3 (a)

- $C_5$  selected as root; goal is to compute  $P(G)$





## Different Root Clique

- Choose  $C_4$  as root (figure (b) has  $C_3$  as root)
  1. **In  $C_1$ :** The computation and message are unchanged.
  2. **In  $C_2$ :** The computation and message are unchanged.
  3. **In  $C_3$ :** The computation and message are unchanged.
  4. **In  $C_5$ :** We define  $\beta_5(G, J, S, L) = \delta_{3 \rightarrow 5}(G, S) \cdot \psi_5(G, J, S, L)$  and eliminate  $S$  and  $L$ . We send out the resulting factor as  $\delta_{5 \rightarrow 4}(G, J)$  to  $C_4$ .
  5. **In  $C_4$ :** We define  $\beta_4(H, G, J) = \delta_{5 \rightarrow 4}(G, J) \cdot \psi_4(H, G, J)$ .

Sum out  $H, G$  to get  $P(J)$

# Clique Tree Message Passing (Upward Pass)

- Let  $T$  be a clique tree, with cliques  $C_1, C_2 \dots C_k$
- Set of factors  $\Phi$ , each  $\phi \in \Phi$  is assigned to some clique, say  $\alpha(\phi)$
- Initial potential of  $C_j$  is given by  $\psi_j(C_j) = \prod_{\alpha(\phi)=j} \phi$
- Note product of  $\phi$  factors  $\Rightarrow \psi$  factors
- Let  $C_r$  be the root of the clique tree
- $Nb_i$  are *indices* of neighbors of  $C_i$
- $p_r(i)$  the upstream neighbor of  $i$
- Each  $C_i$  sends a message to  $C_{p_r(i)}$
- Message from  $C_i$  to  $C_j$  is given by

$$\delta_{i \rightarrow j} = \sum_{C_i - S_{i,j}} \psi_i \cdot \prod_{k \in (Nb_i - \{j\})} \delta_{k \rightarrow i}.$$

- Factor at root is denoted by  $\beta_r(C_r)$  then  $\beta_r(C_r) = \sum_{\mathcal{X} - C_r} \tilde{P}_{\Phi}(\mathcal{X}).$

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**Algorithm 10.1 Upward pass of variable elimination in clique tree**


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**Procedure** CTree-SP-Upward (  
 $\Phi$ , // Set of factors  
 $\mathcal{T}$ , // Clique tree over  $\Phi$   
 $\alpha$ , // Initial assignment of factors to cliques  
 $C_r$  // Some selected root clique  
 )  
 1   Initialize-Cliques  
 2   **while**  $C_r$  is not ready  
 3     Let  $C_i$  be a ready clique  
 4      $\delta_{i \rightarrow p_r(i)}(S_{i, p_r(i)}) \leftarrow \text{SP-Message}(i, p_r(i))$   
 5      $\beta_r \leftarrow \psi_r \cdot \prod_{k \in \text{Nb}_{C_r}} \delta_{k \rightarrow r}$   
 6     **return**  $\beta_r$

**Procedure** Initialize-Cliques (  
 )  
 1   **for** each clique  $C_i$   
 2      $\psi_i(C_i) \leftarrow \prod_{\phi_j : \alpha(\phi_j)=i} \phi_j$   
 3

**Procedure** SP-Message (  
 $i$ , // sending clique  
 $j$  // receiving clique  
 )  
 1    $\psi(C_i) \leftarrow \psi_i \cdot \prod_{k \in (\text{Nb}_i - \{j\})} \delta_{k \rightarrow i}$   
 2    $\tau(S_{i,j}) \leftarrow \sum_{C_i - S_{i,j}} \psi(C_i)$   
 3   **return**  $\tau(S_{i,j})$

## Correctness

- Shown that the algorithm computes the desired expressions
- Proposition 10.2
  - Assume that  $X$  is eliminated when a message is sent from  $C_i$  to  $C_j$ , then  $X$  does not appear anywhere in the tree on the  $C_j$  side of  $(i-j)$
  - Follows directly from the running intersection property
- Theorem 10.3:

Notation:  $\mathcal{F}_{\prec(i \rightarrow j)}$  Set of factors on the  $C_i$  side of the edge;  
 $\mathcal{V}_{\prec(i_k \rightarrow i)}$  Set of variables on the  $C_i$  side of the edge but not in  $S_{ij}$

*Let  $\delta_{i \rightarrow j}$  be a message from  $C_i$  to  $C_j$ . Then:*

$$\delta_{i \rightarrow j}(S_{i,j}) = \sum_{\mathcal{V}_{\prec(i \rightarrow j)}} \prod_{\phi \in \mathcal{F}_{\prec(i \rightarrow j)}} \phi.$$

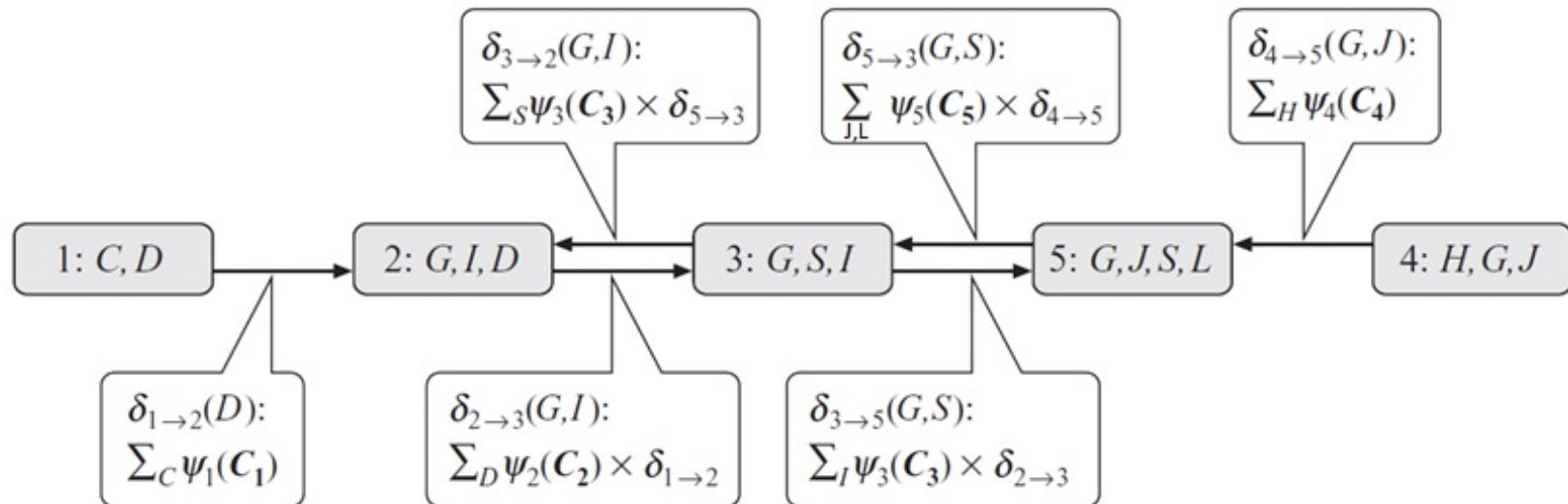
- Corollary 10.1 gives:  $\beta_r(C_r) = \sum_{\mathcal{X} \sim C_r} \tilde{P}_{\Phi}(\mathcal{X}).$

# Clique Tree Calibration

- Compute probability of every non-evidence variable
- Run once for each clique, making it the root, cost is  $K \times c$  ( $K$  is number of cliques,  $c$  is cost of one upward pass)
- Example of Fig 10.2, consider roots to be  $C_5$ ,  $C_4$ , and  $C_3$ 
  - Messages from  $C_1$  to  $C_2$  and  $C_2$  to  $C_3$  are same in all three cases but no message is sent from  $C_4$  to  $C_5$  when  $C_4$  is the root (message goes from  $C_5$  to  $C_4$ )
  - In general, there may be many common computations, we do not need to repeat them.
- In general, message sent from  $C_i$  to  $C_j$  does not depend on the root (but some messages may not be sent depending on the root).
  - Two messages associated with each edge so we only need to compute  $2(c-1)$  messages at most,  $c$  is the number of cliques.
- Fig 10.5 shows some examples of both upward and downward pass messages

Fig 10.5 (b)

Showing some steps of upward and downward messages



## Message Passing

- *Ready* Clique: clique is ready to transmit a message
- $C_i$  is *ready* to transmit to neighbor  $C_j$  when  $C_i$  has messages from all its neighbors except  $C_j$ .
  - Can then compute  $\delta_{i \rightarrow j}(S_{i,j})$  by multiplying its *initial* potential with all incoming messages and eliminating the variables not in  $S_{i,j}$ .
- Scheduling can be systematic: an upward and then a downward pass or be *asynchronous* with each clique sending a message whenever it is ready. Complexity is the same in either case.
- Compute  $\beta_i$  by multiplying incoming messages with initial potential; would be same as computation in upward pass with root at  $C_i$ .
- Corollary 10.2: Applying algorithm 10.2 yields

$$\beta_i(C_i) = \sum_{\mathcal{X}-C_i} \tilde{P}_{\Phi}(\mathcal{X}).$$

# Clique Tree Calibration Algorithm (10.2)

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**Algorithm 10.2 Calibration using sum-product message passing in a clique tree**

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**Procedure** CTree-SP-Calibrate (  
     $\Phi$ ,    // Set of factors  
     $\mathcal{T}$     // Clique tree over  $\Phi$   
)

1    Initialize-Cliques  
2    **while** exist  $i, j$  such that  $i$  is ready to transmit to  $j$   
3       $\delta_{i \rightarrow j}(\mathbf{S}_{i,j}) \leftarrow \text{SP-Message}(i, j)$   
4    **for** each clique  $i$   
5       $\beta_i \leftarrow \psi_i \cdot \prod_{k \in \text{Nb}_i} \delta_{k \rightarrow i}$   
6    **return**  $\{\beta_i\}$

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# Calibration: Definitions

- **Calibrated pair** of adjacent cliques

*Two adjacent cliques  $C_i$  and  $C_j$  are said to be calibrated if*

$$\sum_{C_i - S_{i,j}} \beta_i(C_i) = \sum_{C_j - S_{i,j}} \beta_j(C_j).$$

- **Tree is calibrated** if all adjacent pairs of cliques are calibrated.
  - $\beta_i(C_i)$  is called the *clique belief*
- *Sepset belief* is given by:

$$\mu_{i,j}(S_{i,j}) = \sum_{C_i - S_{i,j}} \beta_i(C_i) = \sum_{C_j - S_{i,j}} \beta_j(C_j).$$

# Next Class

- Read sections 10.3, 11.3.1 to 11.3.5