



Figure 6.1. Junction Tree Example

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6.1 Topics covered

- Junction Tree Algorithm

6.2 Junction Tree Property

A clique tree is said to have the junction tree property if for every pair of cliques c_1 and c_2 , the nodes in c_1 and c_2 appear in **all** cliques and separators on the **unique** path between c_1 and c_2 on the clique tree. This is equivalent to saying for every node i of original graph, the cliques and separators containing i should form a connected sub-tree of clique tree. See Figure 6.1 for an example of a tree that satisfies the junction tree property since the index "2" appears in each of the three connected nodes. Figure 6.2 on the other hand is not a junction tree.

- Clique trees with Junction property are called Junction tree.
- Note every graph has a junction tree.
- Not every graph has a junction tree (i/e/ a clique tree with the junction tree property). For e.g. the graph in Figure 6.3

Lemma 6.1. *Let C be a leaf-clique in clique tree. Let S be the unique separator connected to it. Let R be the union of all cliques that are not C . Then the Junction property implies that $A \cap R = \emptyset$.*

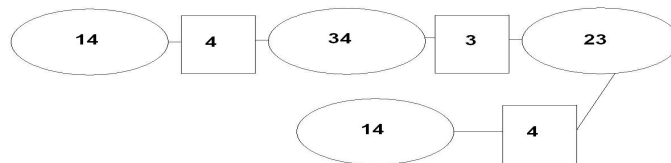


Figure 6.2. Not a Junction Tree

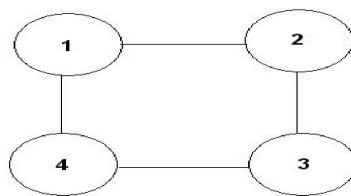


Figure 6.3. No Junction Tree possible for this graph

Proof: Suppose $v \in A \wedge v \in R$.

$\Rightarrow v \in C_{i \setminus s}$ for some $C_i \neq C \wedge v \in C$

$\Rightarrow v \in S$ by Junction Tree property.

\Rightarrow contradiction □

Proof: By Induction:

Initially: True if the Junction Tree for f contains only one clique.

Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose for all f with junction having $\leq n - 1$ cliques we have that, $b_c(x_c) = \sum_{x_{j \setminus c}} \tilde{f}(x) \forall C$. Now consider a Junction Tree with n cliques and let C_1 be a leaf clique and S its (unique) separator. Let $A = C_1 \setminus S \wedge R = \bigcup_{i \neq 1} (C_i \setminus S)$ represent all other cliques. By lemma, $A \wedge R$ are disjoint. Also, the Junction tree parameter is $f(x) = f_{A,S}(x_A, x_S) f_{R,S}(x_R, x_S)$. Assume $m_{s \rightarrow c_1} = \prod_{C_i \neq C_1} m_{C_i \rightarrow s}(x_s)$ is constant for now i.e. for the tree $f_{R,S}$ without C_1 .

Let \tilde{b} be the beliefs when Junction Tree algorithm is run on this tree. Then, by the inductive assumption, $\tilde{b}_{(x_s)} = \sum_{x_R} f_{R,S}(x_R, x_S)$. Let C_2 be some clique in R that is joined to (and hence contains) S . Then $\tilde{b}(x_s) = \sum_{x_{C_2 \setminus S}} \tilde{b}(x_{C_2})$
 $= [\sum_{x_{C_2 \setminus S}} f_{C_2}(x_{C_2}) \prod_{s' \neq s} \tilde{m}_{s' \rightarrow C_2}(x_{s'})] \tilde{m}_{S \rightarrow C_2}(x_S)$
 $= \tilde{m}_{C_2 \rightarrow S}(x_S) \tilde{m}_{S \rightarrow C_2}(x_S)$

Now, $\tilde{m}_{C_2 \rightarrow S}(x_S) = m_{C_2 \rightarrow S}(x_S)$ i.e. the message in bigger i.e. the full Junction Tree and $\tilde{m}_{S \rightarrow C_2}(x_S) = \prod_{i \neq 1, 2} m_{C_i \rightarrow s}(x_S)$

Thus, $\tilde{b}(x_s) = \prod_{i \neq 1} m_{C_i \rightarrow s}(x_S)$

Combining equations 1, 2 and 3, we get:

$$m_{s \rightarrow C_1}(x_s) = \sum_{x_R} f_{R,S}(x_R, x_S).$$

Therefore $b_{C_1}(x_{C_1}) = f_{A,S}(x_A, x_S) \sum_{x_R} f_{R,S}(x_R, x_S)$ i.e. $b_{C_1}(x_{C_1}) = \sum_{x_{v \setminus C_1}} f(x)$ □

Q: Can we always make a Junction Tree? If not, when?

A: No, as can be seen in Figure 6.3.

6.3 Triangulated Graphs

Every cycle in a triangulated graph has a chord. Such graphs are also called chordal graphs.

Theorem 6.2. G has a Junction Tree $\Leftrightarrow G$ is a triangulated graph.

Proof: Using constructive procedure by building junction tree:

a) Choose clique nodes such that each is a maximal clique in original graph. Now, between every pair of cliques C_1 and C_2 there is a potentially empty separator $S = C_1 \wedge C_2$. Let “weight” of this “separator edge” between C_1 and C_2 be $w_{12} = |S| = |C_1 \wedge C_2|$.

b) Run max weight spanning tree algorithm (on clique-tree, with edge weights as above) to obtain a clique tree. This tree is a Junction tree of graph is triangulated. Consider any node k in the original graph with m clique nodes, then the number of separators is given by

$$\sum_{j=1}^{m-1} 1_{X_k \in S_j} \leq [\sum_{i=1}^M 1_{X_k \in C_i}] - 1$$

weight of tree $w(T) = \sum_{k=1}^N (\text{number of separators } k \text{ appears in})$

$$\sum_{k=1}^N (\sum_{j=1}^{m-1} 1_{k \in S_j})$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=1}^N [(\sum_{i=1}^M 1_{k \in C_i}) - 1]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^M (\sum_{k=1}^N 1_{k \in C_i}) - M$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^M |C_i| - M$$

\Leftrightarrow cliques containing node k form a connected subtree in T , for every k

\Leftrightarrow depth of Junction Tree

□