

# Machine Learning II Exercise 2

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## 1 Bayesian Networks

### E1

The path  $(X_1, X_4, X_2, X_6, X_7, X_5)$  is not blocked: In nodes  $X_4$  and  $X_7$  the edges of the path meet head-to-head, but both nodes are in the set of observed variables  $C$ . In the remaining intermediate nodes  $X_2$  and  $X_6$ , the edges meet tail-to-tail and head-to-tail, respectively. But neither of the nodes is in  $C$ .

### E2

If  $C_1 := \{x_2, x_3\}$  are given, both paths from  $x_1$  to  $x_4$  are blocked: In the intermediate nodes  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  of the paths  $(x_1, x_2, x_4)$  and  $(x_1, x_3, x_4)$ , the edges meet head-to-tail and both nodes are in  $C_1$ . So  $x_1 \perp x_4 | (x_2, x_3)$ .

If  $C_2 := \{x_1, x_4\}$  are given, the path  $(x_2, x_4, x_3)$  is not blocked, because in the only intermediate node  $x_4$ , the edges meet head-to-head, but  $x_4 \in C_2$ . So  $x_2 \perp x_3 | (x_1, x_4)$  does not hold.

### E3

Let  $C_2 = \{x_1, x_4\}$  be given. Then both paths from  $x_2$  to  $x_3$ , e.g.  $(x_2, x_1, x_3)$  and  $(x_2, x_4, x_3)$ , are blocked: In both intermediate nodes  $x_1$  and  $x_4$  the edges meet tail-to-tail, and both nodes are in  $C_2$ . So  $C_1$ . So  $x_1 \perp x_4 | (x_2, x_3)$ .

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## 2 Hidden Markov Models

### E4

The given Bayesian network represent the following factorization of the combined probability:

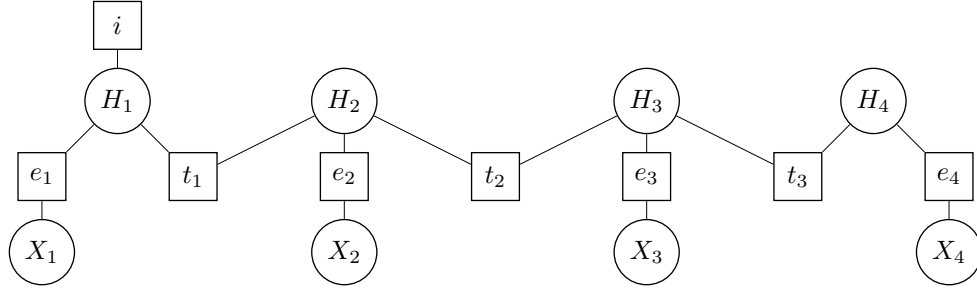


Figure 1: The factor graph corresponding to the hidden markov model

$$P(H_1, H_2, H_3, H_4, X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) = \\ P(H_1)P(X_1|H_1)P(H_2|H_1)P(X_2|H_2)P(H_3|H_2)P(X_3|H_3)P(H_4|H_3)P(X_4|H_4)$$

So using the factors  $i(H_1) := P(H_1)$ ,  $e_i(X_i, H_i) := P(X_i|H_i)$  and  $t_i(H_{i+1}, H_i) := P(H_{i+1}|H_i)$ , the network can be transformed into the factor graph shown in figure 1.

The sum-product algorithm can be applied, because the graph is singly connected: Between each pair of nodes, there is exactly one path.

## E5

The marginal distributions  $P(X_i)$  can be computed using the sum-product algorithm. The variable node  $P(X_1)$  is arbitrarily chosen as root. In the resulting tree, the factor node  $i$  and variable nodes  $X_2, X_3, X_4$  are leaves. Starting from these leaves, messages are iteratively passed along the tree, until the root is reached:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_{i \rightarrow H_1}(H_1) &= i(H_1) \\
\mu_{X_2 \rightarrow e_2}(X_2) &= 1 \\
\mu_{e_2 \rightarrow H_2}(H_2) &= \sum_{X_2} e_2(X_2, H_2) \\
\mu_{X_3 \rightarrow e_3}(X_3) &= 1 \\
\mu_{e_3 \rightarrow H_3}(H_3) &= \sum_{X_3} e_3(X_3, H_3) \\
\mu_{X_4 \rightarrow e_4}(X_4) &= 1 \\
\mu_{e_4 \rightarrow H_4}(X_4) &= \sum_{X_4} e_4(X_4, H_4) \\
\mu_{H_4 \rightarrow t_3}(H_4) &= \mu_{e_4 \rightarrow H_4}(X_4) \\
\mu_{t_3 \rightarrow H_3}(H_3) &= \sum_{H_4} t_3(H_4, H_3) \mu_{H_4 \rightarrow t_3}(H_4) \\
\mu_{H_3 \rightarrow t_2}(H_3) &= \mu_{e_3 \rightarrow H_3}(H_3) \mu_{t_3 \rightarrow H_3}(H_3) \\
\mu_{t_2 \rightarrow H_2}(H_2) &= \sum_{H_3} t_2(H_3, H_2) \mu_{H_3 \rightarrow t_2}(H_3) \\
\mu_{H_2 \rightarrow t_1}(H_2) &= \mu_{e_2 \rightarrow H_2}(H_2) \mu_{t_2 \rightarrow H_2}(H_2) \\
\mu_{t_1 \rightarrow H_1}(H_1) &= \sum_{H_2} t_1(H_2, H_1) \mu_{H_2 \rightarrow t_1}(H_2) \\
\mu_{H_1 \rightarrow e_1}(H_1) &= i(H_1) \mu_{t_1 \rightarrow H_1}(H_1) \\
\mu_{e_1 \rightarrow X_1}(X_1) &= \sum_{H_1} e_1(X_1, H_1) \mu_{H_1 \rightarrow e_1}(H_1)
\end{aligned}$$

The remaining messages can now be calculated by iteratively traversing the tree from the root to the leaves:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_{X_1 \rightarrow e_1}(X_1) &= 1 \\
\mu_{e_1 \rightarrow H_1}(H_1) &= \sum_{X_1} e_1(X_1, H_1) \\
\mu_{H_1 \rightarrow i}(H_1) &= \mu_{e_1 \rightarrow H_1}(H_1) \mu_{t_1 \rightarrow H_1}(H_1) \\
\mu_{H_1 \rightarrow t_1}(H_1) &= \mu_{i \rightarrow H_1}(H_1) \mu_{e_1 \rightarrow H_1}(H_1) \\
\mu_{t_1 \rightarrow H_2}(H_2) &= \sum_{H_1} t_1(H_2, H_1) \mu_{H_1 \rightarrow t_1}(H_1) \\
\mu_{H_2 \rightarrow e_2}(H_2) &= \mu_{t_1 \rightarrow H_2}(H_2) \mu_{t_2 \rightarrow H_2}(H_2) \\
\mu_{e_2 \rightarrow X_2}(X_2) &= \sum_{H_2} e_2(X_2, H_2) \mu_{H_2 \rightarrow e_2}(H_2) \\
\mu_{H_2 \rightarrow t_2}(H_2) &= \mu_{t_1 \rightarrow H_2}(H_2) \mu_{e_2 \rightarrow H_2}(H_2) \\
\mu_{t_2 \rightarrow H_3}(H_3) &= \sum_{H_2} t_2(H_3, H_2) \mu_{H_2 \rightarrow t_2}(H_2) \\
\mu_{H_3 \rightarrow e_3}(H_3) &= \mu_{t_2 \rightarrow H_3}(H_3) \mu_{t_3 \rightarrow H_3}(H_3) \\
\mu_{e_3 \rightarrow X_3}(X_3) &= \sum_{H_3} e_3(X_3, H_3) \mu_{H_3 \rightarrow e_3}(H_3) \\
\mu_{H_3 \rightarrow t_3}(H_3) &= \mu_{t_2 \rightarrow H_3}(H_3) \mu_{e_3 \rightarrow H_3}(H_3) \\
\mu_{t_3 \rightarrow H_4}(H_4) &= \sum_{H_3} t_3(H_4, H_3) \mu_{H_3 \rightarrow t_3}(H_3) \\
\mu_{H_4 \rightarrow e_4}(H_4) &= \mu_{t_3 \rightarrow H_4}(H_4) \\
\mu_{e_4 \rightarrow X_4}(X_4) &= \sum_{H_4} e_4(X_4, H_4) \mu_{H_4 \rightarrow e_4}(H_4)
\end{aligned}$$

Now one message has passed in each direction across each link, and only values available at the respective step were used for the computation. The marginals can now be evaluated as  $P(X_i) = \mu_{e_i \rightarrow X_i}(X_i)$ . As the initial condition and the transition probabilities are symmetric with respect to values of the state variables, and due to the symmetric emission probabilities it can be easily seen that the marginal distributions evaluate to  $P(X_i = T) = P(X_i = F) = 0.5$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

## E6

If some variables are observed, the sum-product algorithm can be adapted to compute conditional probabilities: When summing over an observed variable  $V = v$ , only the term including the observed value is considered, all others are ignored. Then computing the marginals yields the conditional probabilities up to a normalization factor. So starting from the leaves  $i, X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4$  the messages are updated to reflect the observed variables. Not that in this case this equals the forward algorithm for hidden markov models.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_{H_1 \rightarrow t_1}(H_1|S) &= \mu_{i \rightarrow H_1}(H_1|S)\mu_{e_1 \rightarrow H_1}(H_1|S) \\
&= P(H_1)P(X_1 = T|H_1) \\
&= \begin{cases} 4.0 \cdot 10^{-1} & \text{if } H_1 = T \\ 1.0 \cdot 10^{-1} & \text{if } H_1 = F \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_{H_2 \rightarrow t_2}(H_2|S) &= \mu_{e_2 \rightarrow H_2}(H_2|S) \sum_{H_1} t_1(H_2, H_1) \mu_{H_1 \rightarrow t_1}(H_1|S) \\
&= P(X_2 = F|H_2) \sum_{H_1} P(H_2|H_1) \mu_{H_1 \rightarrow t_1}(H_1|S) \\
&= \begin{cases} 0.2 \cdot (0.7 \cdot 4.0 \cdot 10^{-1} + 0.3 \cdot 1.0 \cdot 10^{-1}) = 6.2 \cdot 10^{-2} & \text{if } H_2 = T \\ 0.8 \cdot (0.3 \cdot 4.0 \cdot 10^{-1} + 0.7 \cdot 1.0 \cdot 10^{-1}) = 1.52 \cdot 10^{-1} & \text{if } H_2 = F \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_{H_3 \rightarrow t_3}(H_3|S) &= \mu_{e_3 \rightarrow H_3}(H_3|S) \sum_{H_2} t_2(H_3, H_2) \mu_{H_2 \rightarrow t_2}(H_2|S) \\
&= P(X_3 = F|H_3) \sum_{H_2} P(H_3|H_2) \mu_{H_2 \rightarrow t_2}(H_2|S) \\
&= \begin{cases} 0.2 \cdot (0.7 \cdot 6.2 \cdot 10^{-2} + 0.3 \cdot 1.52 \cdot 10^{-1}) = 1.78 \cdot 10^{-2} & \text{if } H_3 = T \\ 0.8 \cdot (0.3 \cdot 6.2 \cdot 10^{-2} + 0.7 \cdot 1.52 \cdot 10^{-1}) = 1.0 \cdot 10^{-1} & \text{if } H_3 = F \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Now the unnormalized probabilities for  $H_4$  can be computed by multiplying the neighbouring factors:

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{p}(H_4|S) &= \mu_{e_4 \rightarrow H_4}(H_4|S) \sum_{H_3} t_3(H_4, H_3) \mu_{H_3 \rightarrow t_3}(H_3|S) \\
&= P(X_4 = T|H_4) \sum_{H_3} P(H_4|H_3) \mu_{H_3 \rightarrow t_3}(H_3|S) \\
&= \begin{cases} 0.8 \cdot (0.7 \cdot 1.78 \cdot 10^{-2} + 0.3 \cdot 1.0 \cdot 10^{-1}) = 6.03 \cdot 10^{-2} & \text{if } H_4 = T \\ 0.2 \cdot (0.3 \cdot 1.78 \cdot 10^{-2} + 0.7 \cdot 1.0 \cdot 10^{-1}) = 7.8 \cdot 10^{-3} & \text{if } H_4 = F \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Normalizing then gives  $P(H_4 = T|S) \approx 0.885$  and  $P(H_4 = F|S) \approx 0.115$ .

## E7

The probability distribution of  $P(H_1|S)$  can be calculated analogue to the previous exercise:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_{H_4 \rightarrow t_3}(H_4|S) &= \mu_{e_4 \rightarrow H_4}(X_4|S) \\
&= P(X_4 = T, H_4) \\
&= \begin{cases} 8.0 \cdot 10^{-1} & \text{if } H_4 = T \\ 2.0 \cdot 10^{-1} & \text{if } H_4 = F \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_{H_3 \rightarrow t_2}(H_3|S) &= \mu_{e_3 \rightarrow H_3}(H_3|S)\mu_{t_3 \rightarrow H_3}(H_3|S) \\
&= P(X_3 = F, H_3) \sum_{H_4} P(H_4|H_3)\mu_{H_4 \rightarrow t_3}(H_4|S) \\
&= \begin{cases} 0.2 \cdot (0.7 \cdot 8.0 \cdot 10^{-1} + 0.3 \cdot 2.0 \cdot 10^{-1}) = 1.24 \cdot 10^{-1} & \text{if } H_3 = T \\ 0.8 \cdot (0.3 \cdot 8.0 \cdot 10^{-1} + 0.7 \cdot 2.0 \cdot 10^{-1}) = 3.04 \cdot 10^{-1} & \text{if } H_3 = F \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_{H_2 \rightarrow t_1}(H_2|S) &= \mu_{e_2 \rightarrow H_2}(H_2|S)\mu_{t_2 \rightarrow H_2}(H_2|S) \\
&= P(X_2 = F, H_2) \sum_{H_3} P(H_3|H_2)\mu_{H_3 \rightarrow t_2}(H_3|S) \\
&= \begin{cases} 0.2 \cdot (0.7 \cdot 1.24 \cdot 10^{-1} + 0.3 \cdot 3.04 \cdot 10^{-1}) = 3.56 \cdot 10^{-2} & \text{if } H_2 = T \\ 0.8 \cdot (0.3 \cdot 1.24 \cdot 10^{-1} + 0.7 \cdot 3.04 \cdot 10^{-1}) = 2.0 \cdot 10^{-1} & \text{if } H_2 = F \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Now the unnormalized probabilities for  $H_1$  can be computed by multiplying the neighbouring factors:

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{p}(H_1|S) &= \mu_{i \rightarrow H_1}(H_1|S)\mu_{e_1 \rightarrow H_1}(H_1|S) \sum_{H_2} t_1(H_2, H_1)\mu_{H_2 \rightarrow t_1}(H_2|S) \\
&= P(H_1)P(X_1 = T|H_1) \sum_{H_2} P(H_2|H_1)\mu_{H_2 \rightarrow t_1}(H_2|S) \\
&= \begin{cases} 0.5 \cdot 0.8 \cdot (0.7 \cdot 3.56 \cdot 10^{-2} + 0.3 \cdot 2.0 \cdot 10^{-1}) = 3.4 \cdot 10^{-2} & \text{if } H_1 = T \\ 0.5 \cdot 0.2 \cdot (0.3 \cdot 3.56 \cdot 10^{-2} + 0.7 \cdot 2.0 \cdot 10^{-1}) = 1.51 \cdot 10^{-2} & \text{if } H_1 = F \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Normalizing then gives  $P(H_1 = T|S) \approx 0.692$  and  $P(H_1 = F|S) \approx 0.308$ .

## E8

The most likely values of  $H_1$  and  $H_4$  can be directly determined from the conditional distributions calculated in the previous exercises. The intermediate results obtained can be used, to calculate the unnormalized probabilities of  $H_2$  and  $H_3$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{p}(H_2|S) &= \mu_{t_1 \rightarrow H_2}(H_2|S)\mu_{e_2 \rightarrow H_2}(H_2|S)\mu_{t_2 \rightarrow H_2}(H_2|S) \\
&= P(X_2 = F|H_2) \left[ \sum_{H_1} P(H_2|H_1)\mu_{H_1 \rightarrow t_1}(H_1) \right] \left[ \sum_{H_3} P(H_3|H_2)\mu_{H_3 \rightarrow t_2}(H_3) \right] \\
\Rightarrow \tilde{p}(H_2 = T|S) &= 0.2 \cdot (0.7 \cdot 4.0 \cdot 10^{-1} + 0.3 \cdot 1.0 \cdot 10^{-1})(0.7 \cdot 1.24 \cdot 10^{-1} + 0.3 \cdot 3.04 \cdot 10^{-1}) \\
&= 1.10 \cdot 10^{-2} \\
\Rightarrow \tilde{p}(H_2 = F|S) &= 0.8 \cdot (0.3 \cdot 4.0 \cdot 10^{-1} + 0.7 \cdot 1.0 \cdot 10^{-1})(0.3 \cdot 1.24 \cdot 10^{-1} + 0.7 \cdot 3.04 \cdot 10^{-1}) \\
&= 3.8 \cdot 10^{-2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{p}(H_3|S) &= \mu_{t_2 \rightarrow H_3}(H_3|S) \mu_{e_3 \rightarrow H_3}(H_3|S) \mu_{t_3 \rightarrow H_3}(H_3|S) \\
&= P(X_3 = F|H_3) \left[ \sum_{H_2} P(H_3|H_2) \mu_{H_2 \rightarrow t_2}(H_2) \right] \left[ \sum_{H_4} P(H_4|H_3) \mu_{H_4 \rightarrow t_3}(H_4) \right] \\
\Rightarrow \tilde{p}(H_3 = T|S) &= 0.2 \cdot (0.7 \cdot 6.2 \cdot 10^{-2} + 0.3 \cdot 1.52 \cdot 10^{-1}) (0.7 \cdot 8.0 \cdot 10^{-1} + 0.3 \cdot 2.0 \cdot 10^{-1}) \\
&= 1.10 \cdot 10^{-2} \\
\Rightarrow \tilde{p}(H_3 = F|S) &= 0.8 \cdot (0.3 \cdot 6.2 \cdot 10^{-2} + 0.7 \cdot 1.52 \cdot 10^{-1}) (0.3 \cdot 8.0 \cdot 10^{-1} + 0.7 \cdot 2.0 \cdot 10^{-1}) \\
&= 3.8 \cdot 10^{-2}
\end{aligned}$$

So the most probable sequence of the hidden variables is  $(H_1 = T, H_2 = F, H_3 = F, H_4 = T)$ .

## E9

Since the first three elements of the observed sequence  $S'$  match that of the sequence regarded in the previous exercises  $S$ , many of the intermediate results can be reused. It is

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{p}(X_4|S') &= \mu_{e_4 \rightarrow X_4} \\
&= \sum_{H_4} P(X_4|H_4) \mu_{H_4 \rightarrow e_4}(H_4|S') \\
&= \sum_{H_4} P(X_4|H_4) \mu_{t_3 \rightarrow H_4}(H_4|S') \\
&= \sum_{H_4} P(X_4|H_4) \sum_{H_3} P(H_4|H_3) \mu_{H_3 \rightarrow t_3}(H_3|S') \\
\Rightarrow \tilde{p}(X_4 = T|S') &= 0.8 \cdot 0.7 \cdot 1.78 \cdot 10^{-2} + 0.8 \cdot 0.3 \cdot 1.0 \cdot 10^{-1} + 0.2 \cdot 0.3 \cdot 1.78 \cdot 10^{-2} + 0.2 \cdot 0.8 \cdot 1.0 \cdot 10^{-1} \\
&= 4.90 \cdot 10^{-2} \\
\Rightarrow \tilde{p}(X_4 = F|S') &= 0.2 \cdot 0.7 \cdot 1.78 \cdot 10^{-2} + 0.2 \cdot 0.3 \cdot 1.0 \cdot 10^{-1} + 0.8 \cdot 0.3 \cdot 1.78 \cdot 10^{-2} + 0.8 \cdot 0.8 \cdot 1.0 \cdot 10^{-1} \\
&= 6.88 \cdot 10^{-2}
\end{aligned}$$

Normalizing then gives  $P(X_4 = T|S') \approx 0.416$  and  $P(X_4 = F|S') \approx 0.584$ .

## E10

The independence of variables can be obtained by applying d-Independence on the original Bayesian network:

If no variable is observed, e.g.  $C_1 = \emptyset$ , then  $X_1$  and  $X_4$  are not independent: In the Bayesian network, the path  $(X_1, H_1, H_2, H_3, H_4, X_4)$  is not blocked, because in all intermediate nodes  $H_i$  the edges meet tail-to-tail or head-to-tail, but none of them is in  $C_1$ .

If  $C_2 = H_3$  is observed, the same path is blocked: The edges meet head-to-tail in  $H_3$ , and  $H_3 \in C_2$ . So in this case,  $X_1$  and  $X_4$  are independent.