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informatics

These notes are intended to give a summary of relevant concepts from the lectures which are helpful to complete the tutorial sheet. It is not intended to cover the lectures thoroughly. Learning this content is not a replacement for working through the lecture material and the tutorial sheet.

Factor representation — Define factors ϕ_i that do not necessarily correspond to probability distributions, this requires the use of a normalising constant $Z = \sum_{x,y,z} \phi_A(x,z)\phi_B(y,z)$.

$$x \perp \!\!\!\perp y \mid z \Leftrightarrow p(x, y, z) = a(x, z)b(y, z) \tag{1}$$

$$p(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{Z}\phi_A(x, z)\phi_B(y, z)$$
(2)

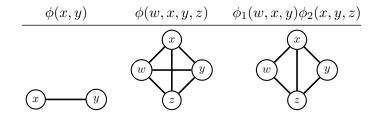
Gibbs distribution — A class of pdfs/pmfs that factorise into factors of sets of variables.

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_c \phi_c(\mathcal{X}_c) \qquad \mathcal{X}_c \subseteq \{x_1, \dots, x_d\}$$
(3)

Energy based model — A model where energy functions are used in place of factors, this is useful as we can work with sums of energies which are in log-space.

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left[-\sum_c E_c(\mathcal{X}_c)\right] \qquad E_c(\mathcal{X}_c) = -\log\left(\phi_c(\mathcal{X}_c)\right) \tag{4}$$

Undirected graphical model — All variables x_i are associated with one node, each set of variables \mathcal{X}_c for a factor ϕ_c are maximally connected with edges.



Independence and separation in undirected graphical models — Conditioning on a set of variables Z removes the nodes corresponding to those variables from the graph. Two sets of variables X and Y are independent given Z if, after removing the Z-nodes, there is no path between any variable $x \in X$ and $y \in Y$.

Local Markov property — For any node x in an undirected graphical model, if we condition on it's neighbours ne(x), it will be separated from all other nodes $X \setminus (x \cup ne(x))$.

$$x \perp X \setminus (x \cup \operatorname{ne}(x)) \mid \operatorname{ne}(x) \quad \forall x \in X \tag{5}$$

Pairwise Markov property — Any non-neighbouring nodes x_i and x_j in an undirected graphical model are separated if we condition on all other nodes in the graph $X \setminus (x_i, x_j)$.

$$x_i \perp \!\!\!\perp x_j \mid X \setminus (x_i, x_j) \quad \forall x_i, x_j \in X \quad \mathbf{s.t.} \ x_i \notin ne(x_j) \tag{6}$$