

# Advanced Machine Learning Summer 2019

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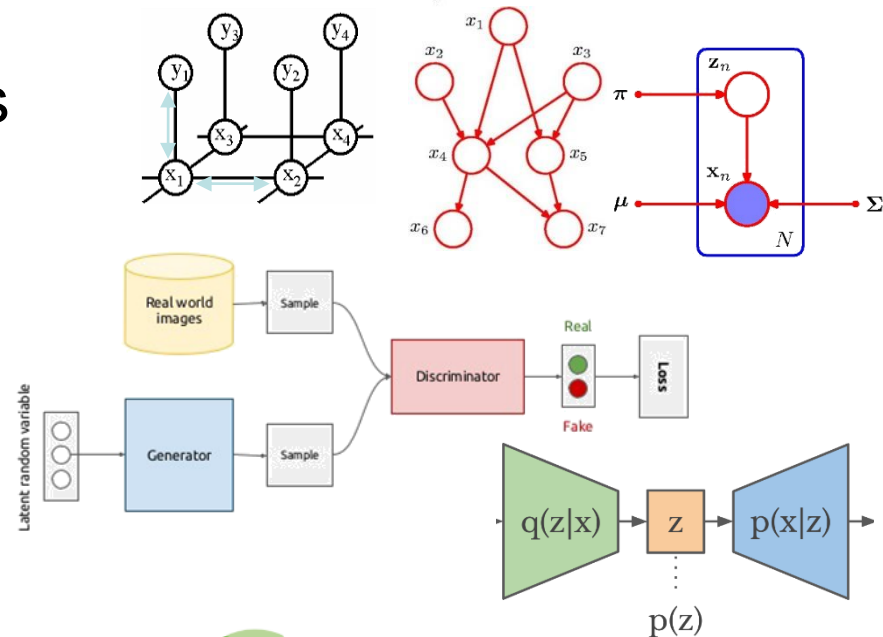
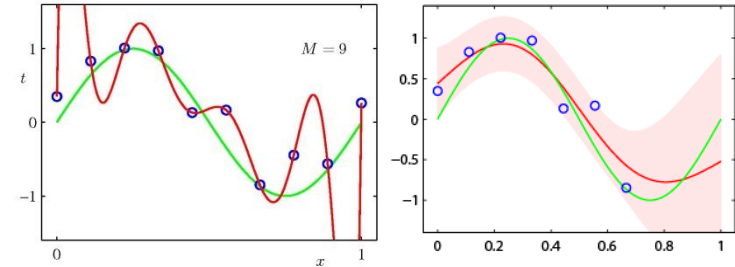


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# Course Outline

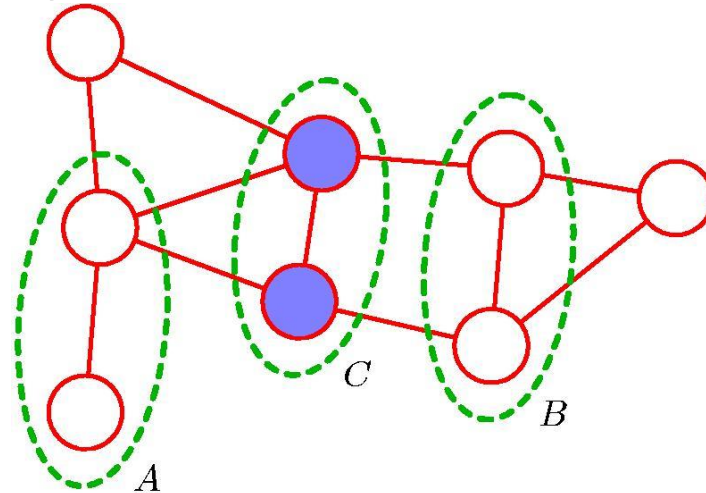
- Regression Techniques
  - Linear Regression
  - Regularization (Ridge, Lasso)
  - Kernels (Kernel Ridge Regression)
- Deep Reinforcement Learning
- Probabilistic Graphical Models
  - Bayesian Networks
  - Markov Random Fields
  - **Inference** (exact & approximate)
- Deep Generative Models
  - Generative Adversarial Networks
  - Variational Autoencoders

$$f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

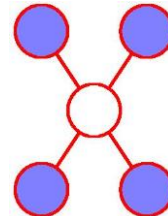


# Recap: Undirected Graphical Models

- Undirected graphical models (“Markov Random Fields”)
  - Given by undirected graph



- Conditional independence for undirected graphs
  - If every path from any node in set  $A$  to set  $B$  passes through at least one node in set  $C$ , then  $A \perp\!\!\!\perp B | C$ .
  - Simple Markov blanket:



# Recap: Factorization in MRFs

- Joint distribution

- Written as product of **potential functions** over **maximal cliques** in the graph:

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_C \psi_C(\mathbf{x}_C)$$

- The normalization constant  $Z$  is called the **partition function**.

$$Z = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \prod_C \psi_C(\mathbf{x}_C)$$

- Remarks

- BNs are automatically normalized. But for MRFs, we have to explicitly perform the normalization.
- Presence of normalization constant is major limitation!
  - Evaluation of  $Z$  involves summing over  $\mathcal{O}(K^M)$  terms for  $M$  nodes!

# Recap: Factorization in MRFs

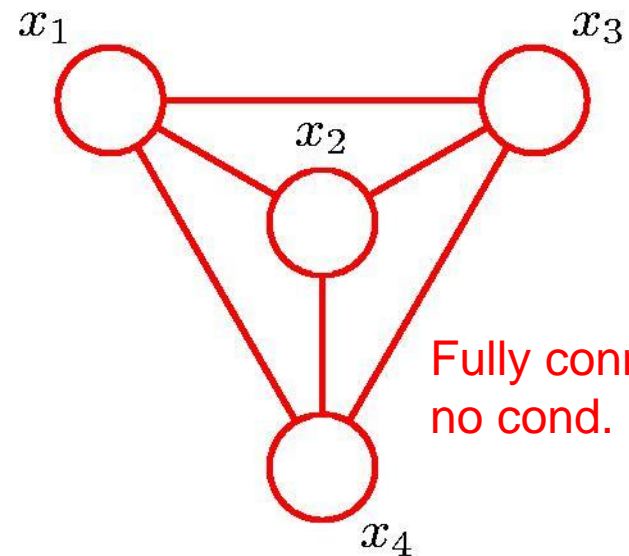
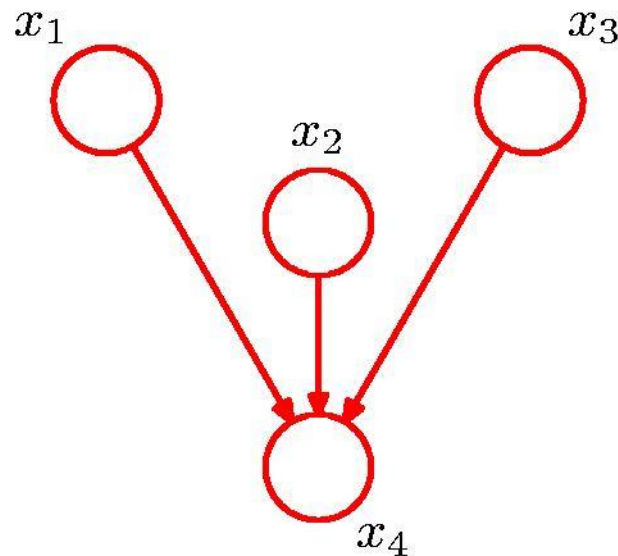
- Role of the potential functions
  - General interpretation
    - No restriction to potential functions that have a specific probabilistic interpretation as marginals or conditional distributions.
  - Convenient to express them as exponential functions (“**Boltzmann distribution**”)

$$\psi_C(\mathbf{x}_C) = \exp\{-E(\mathbf{x}_C)\}$$

- with an **energy function**  $E$ .
- Why is this convenient?
  - Joint distribution is the product of potentials  $\Rightarrow$  sum of energies.
  - We can take the log and simply work with the sums...

# Recap: Converting Directed to Undirected Graphs

- Problematic case: multiple parents



Fully connected,  
no cond. indep.!

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = p(x_1)p(x_2)p(x_3)\underbrace{p(x_4|x_1, x_2, x_3)}$$

Need a clique of  $x_1, \dots, x_4$  to represent this factor!

– Need to introduce additional links (“**marry the parents**”).

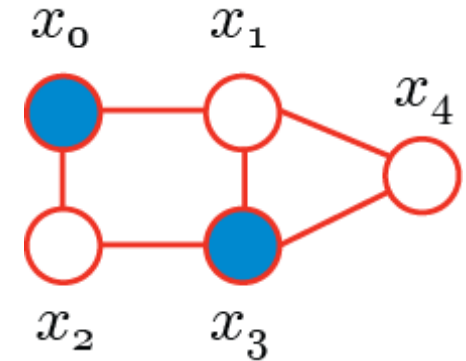
⇒ This process is called **moralization**. It results in the **moral graph**.

# Recap: Conversion Algorithm

- General procedure to convert directed  $\rightarrow$  undirected
  1. Add undirected links to **marry the parents** of each node.
  2. **Drop the arrows** on the original links  $\Rightarrow$  .
  3. **Find maximal cliques** for each node and initialize all clique potentials to 1.
  4. Take each conditional distribution factor of the original directed graph and multiply it into one clique potential.
- Restriction
  - Conditional independence properties are often lost!
  - Moralization results in additional connections and larger cliques.

# Computing Marginals

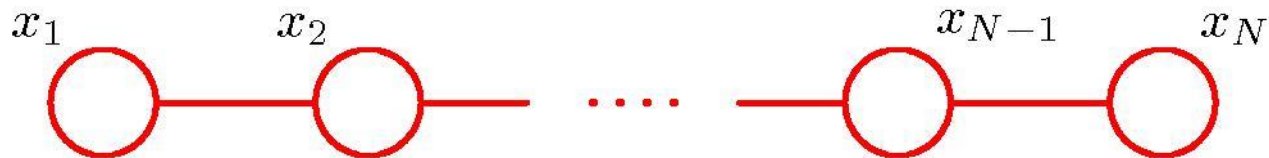
- How do we apply graphical models?
  - Given some observed variables, we want to **compute distributions of the unobserved variables**.
  - In particular, we want to **compute marginal distributions**, for example  $p(x_4)$ .
- How can we compute marginals?
  - Classical technique: **sum-product algorithm** by Judea Pearl.
  - In the context of (loopy) undirected models, this is also called (loopy) **belief propagation** [Weiss, 1997].
  - Basic idea: **message-passing**.





# Inference on a Chain

- Chain graph



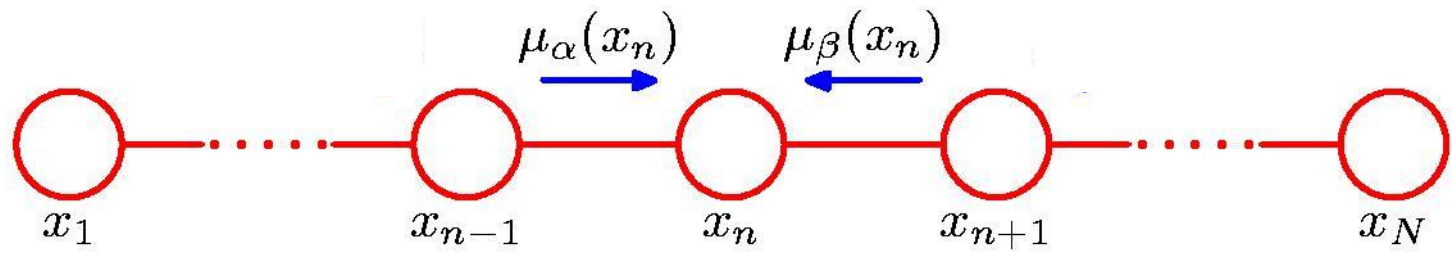
- Joint probability

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{Z} \psi_{1,2}(x_1, x_2) \psi_{2,3}(x_2, x_3) \cdots \psi_{N-1,N}(x_{N-1}, x_N)$$

- Marginalization

$$p(x_n) = \sum_{x_1} \cdots \sum_{x_{n-1}} \sum_{x_{n+1}} \cdots \sum_{x_N} p(\mathbf{x})$$

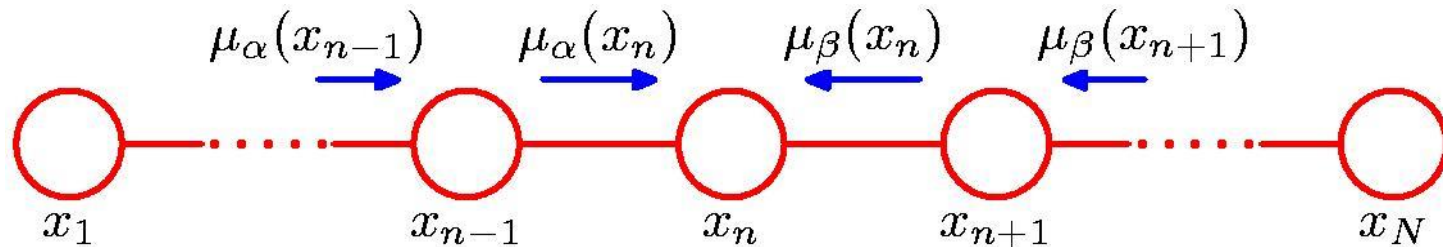
# Inference on a Chain



- Idea: Split the computation into two parts (“messages”).

$$p(x_n) = \frac{1}{Z} \underbrace{\left[ \sum_{x_{n-1}} \psi_{n-1,n}(x_{n-1}, x_n) \cdots \left[ \sum_{x_1} \psi_{1,2}(x_1, x_2) \right] \cdots \right]}_{\mu_\alpha(x_n)} \underbrace{\left[ \sum_{x_{n+1}} \psi_{n,n+1}(x_n, x_{n+1}) \cdots \left[ \sum_{x_N} \psi_{N-1,N}(x_{N-1}, x_N) \right] \cdots \right]}_{\mu_\beta(x_n)}$$

# Inference on a Chain



– We can define the messages recursively...

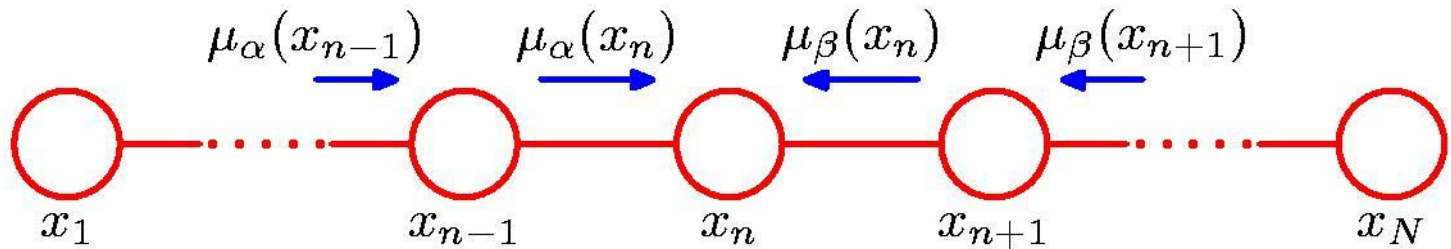
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# Inference on a Chain



– Until we reach the leaf nodes...

$$\mu_\alpha(x_2) = \sum_{x_1} \psi_{1,2}(x_1, x_2) \quad \mu_\beta(x_{N-1}) = \sum_{x_N} \psi_{N-1,N}(x_{N-1}, x_N)$$

– Interpretation

- We **pass messages** from the two ends towards the query node  $x_n$ .

– We still need the normalization constant  $Z$ .

- This can be easily obtained from the marginals:

$$Z = \sum_{x_n} \mu_\alpha(x_n) \mu_\beta(x_n)$$

# Summary: Inference on a Chain

- To compute local marginals:
  - Compute and store all forward messages  $\mu_\alpha(x_n)$ .
  - Compute and store all backward messages  $\mu_\beta(x_n)$ .
  - Compute  $Z$  at any node  $x_m$ .
  - Compute

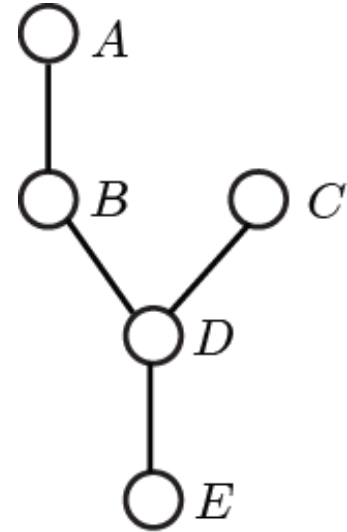
$$p(x_n) = \frac{1}{Z} \mu_\alpha(x_n) \mu_\beta(x_n)$$

for all variables required.

- Inference through message passing
  - We have thus seen a first **message passing** algorithm.
  - How can we generalize this?

# Inference on Trees

- Let's next assume a **tree graph**.
  - Example:



- We are given the following joint distribution:

$$p(A, B, C, D, E) = \frac{1}{Z} f_1(A, B) \cdot f_2(B, D) \cdot f_3(C, D) \cdot f_4(D, E)$$

- Assume we want to know the **marginal**  $p(E)$ ...

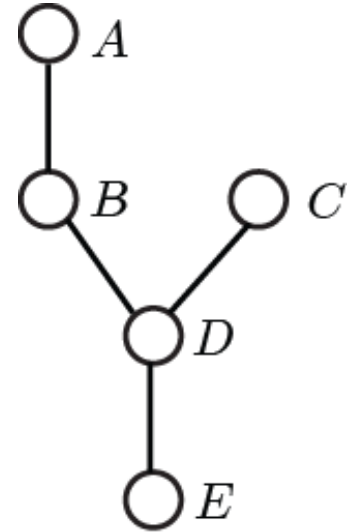
# Inference on Trees

- Strategy

- Marginalize out all other variables by summing over them.

- Then rearrange terms:

$$\begin{aligned} p(E) &= \sum_A \sum_B \sum_C \sum_D p(A, B, C, D, E) \\ &= \sum_A \sum_B \sum_C \sum_D \frac{1}{Z} f_1(A, B) \cdot f_2(B, D) \cdot f_3(C, D) \cdot f_4(D, E) \\ &= \frac{1}{Z} \left( \sum_D f_4(D, E) \cdot \left( \sum_C f_3(C, D) \right) \cdot \left( \sum_B f_2(B, D) \cdot \left( \sum_A f_1(A, B) \right) \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$



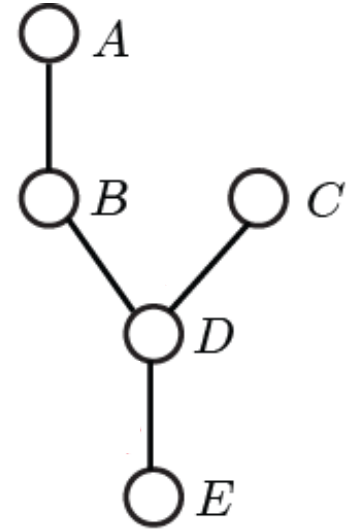
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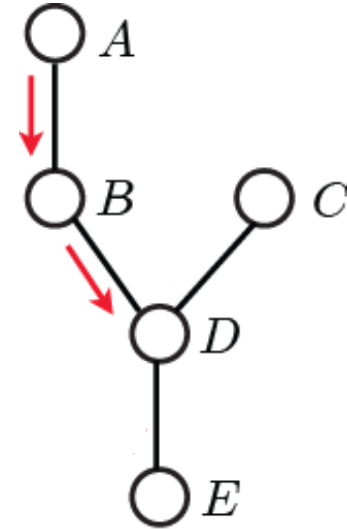
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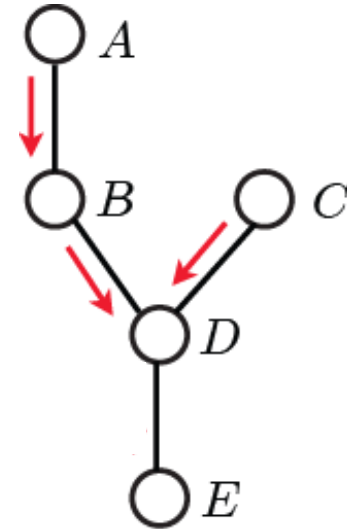
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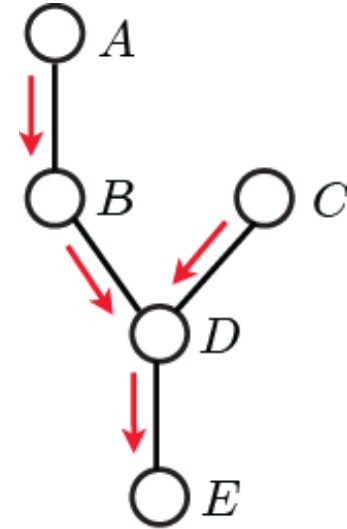
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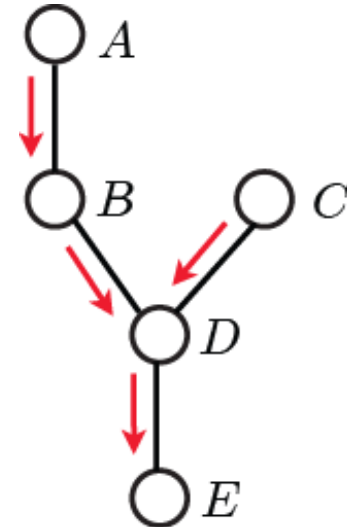


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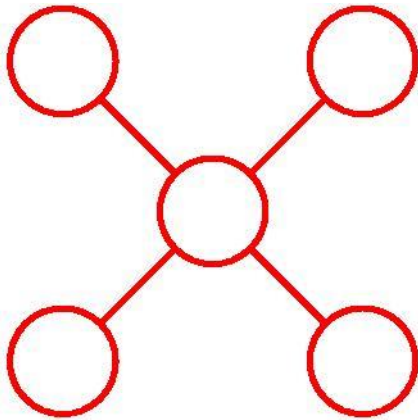
# Summary: Message Passing on Trees

- **General procedure** for all tree graphs.
  - Root the tree at the variable that we want to compute the marginal of.
  - Start computing messages at the leaves.
  - Compute the messages for all nodes for which all incoming messages have already been computed.
  - Repeat until we reach the root.
- If we want to compute the marginals for all possible nodes (roots), we can reuse some of the messages.
  - Computational expense linear in the number of nodes.
- We already motivated message passing for inference.
  - How can we formalize this into a general algorithm?

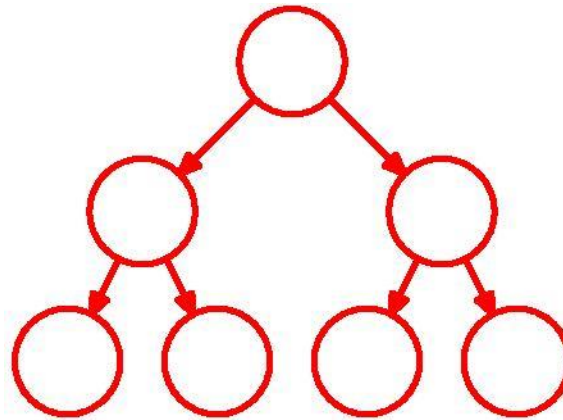


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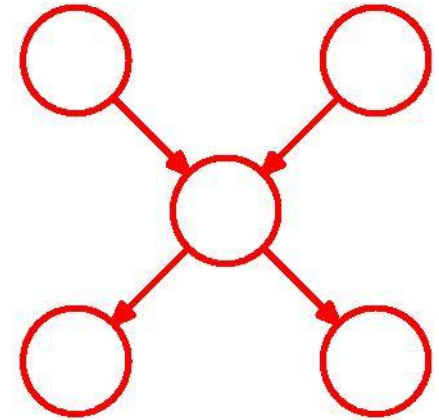
Undirected  
Tree



Directed Tree



Polytree



- Message passing algorithm motivated for trees.
  - Now: generalize this to directed polytrees.
  - We do this by introducing a common representation  
⇒ **Factor graphs**

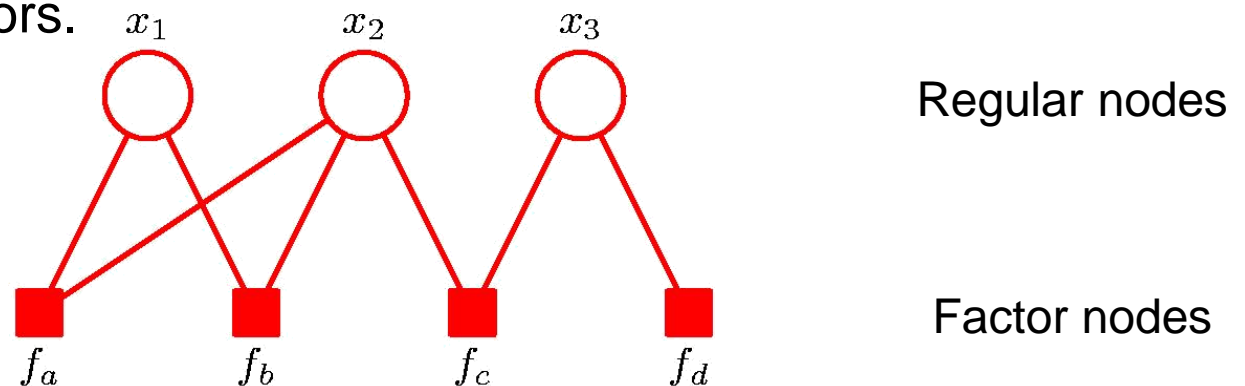
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# Factor Graphs

- Motivation

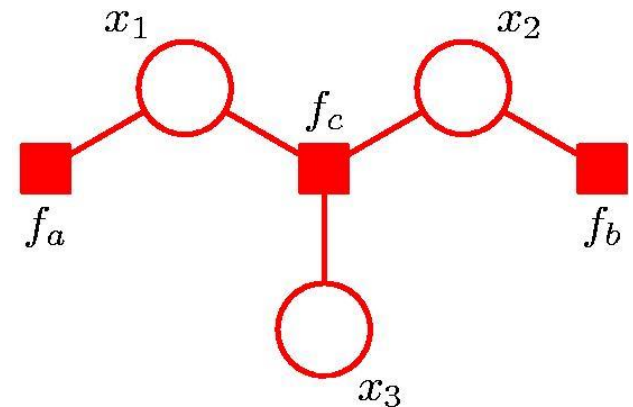
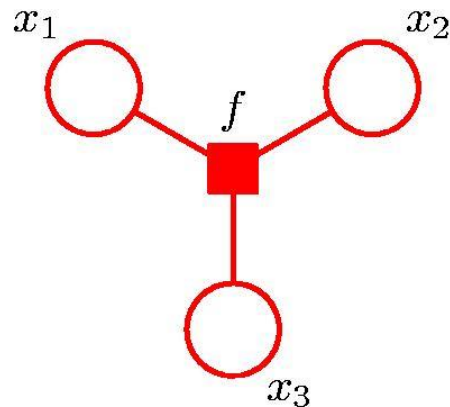
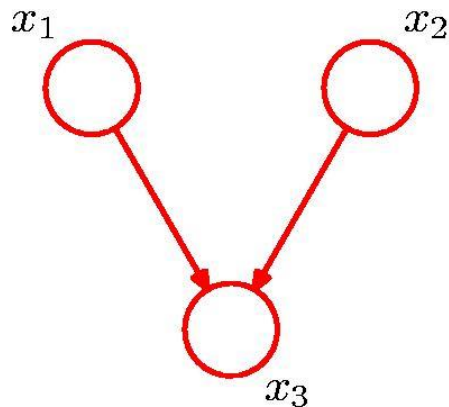
- Joint probabilities on both directed and undirected graphs can be expressed as a product of **factors over subsets of variables**.
- **Factor graphs** make this decomposition explicit by introducing separate nodes for the factors.



- Joint probability

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{1}{Z} f_a(x_1, x_2) f_b(x_1, x_2) f_c(x_2, x_3) f_d(x_3) \\ &= \frac{1}{Z} \prod_s f_s(\mathbf{x}_s) \end{aligned}$$

# Factor Graphs from Directed Graphs



$$p(\mathbf{x}) = p(x_1)p(x_2) \\ p(x_3|x_1, x_2)$$

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \\ p(x_1)p(x_2)p(x_3|x_1, x_2)$$

$$f_a(x_1) = p(x_1) \\ f_b(x_2) = p(x_2)$$

$$f_c(x_1, x_2, x_3) = p(x_3|x_1, x_2)$$

- Conversion procedure

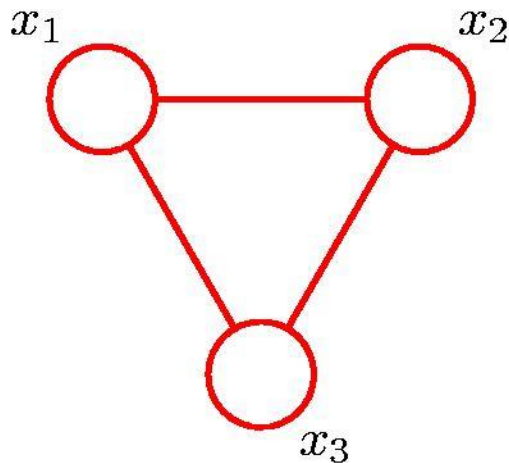
1. Take variable nodes from directed graph.
2. Create factor nodes corresponding to conditional distributions.
3. Add the appropriate links.

⇒ Different factor graphs possible for same directed graph.

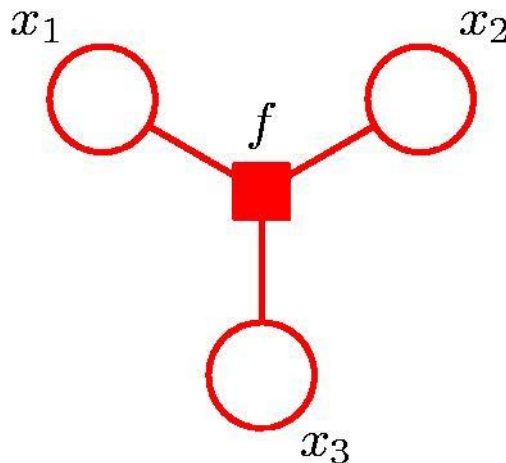


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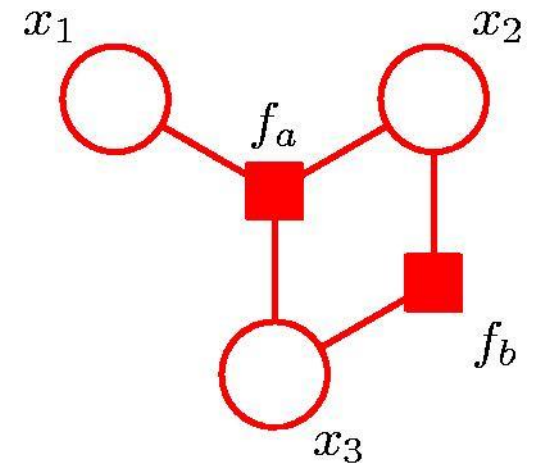
- Some factor graphs for the same undirected graph:



$$\psi(x_1, x_2, x_3)$$



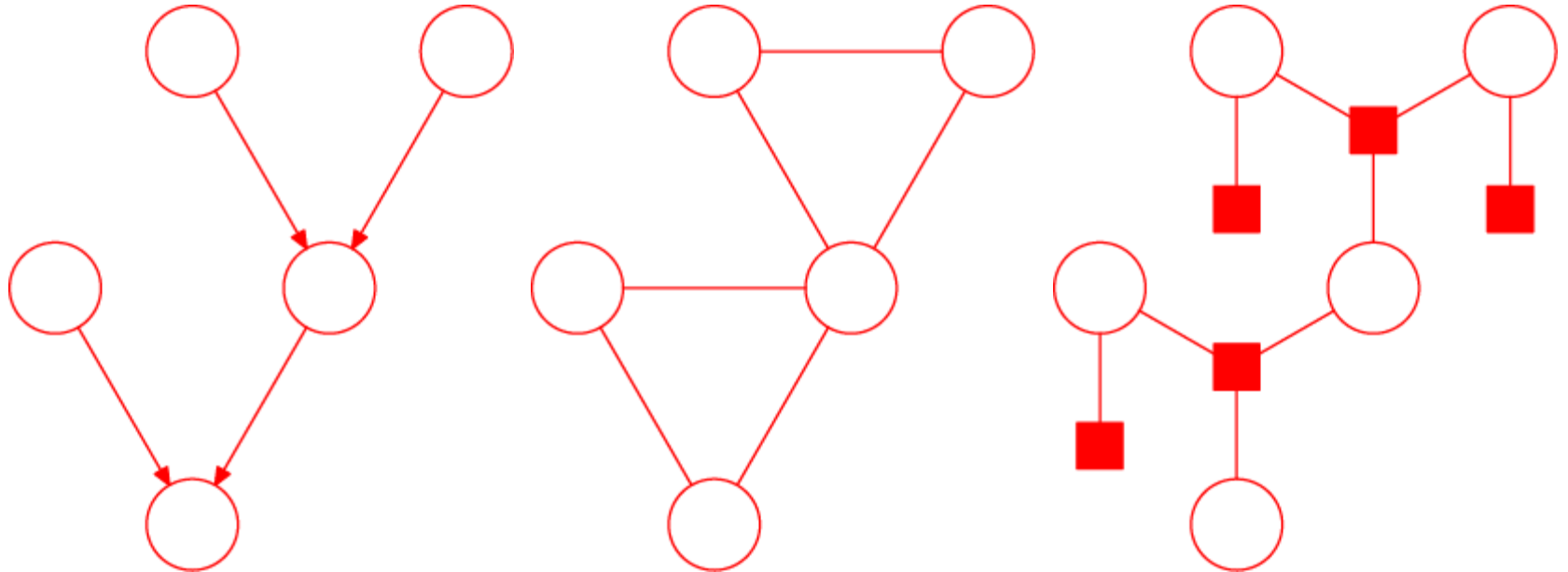
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$$\begin{aligned} f_a(x_1, x_2, x_3) f_b(x_2, x_3) \\ = \psi(x_1, x_2, x_3) \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The factor graph keeps the factors explicit and can thus convey more detailed information about the underlying factorization!

# Factor Graphs – Why Are They Needed?



- Converting a directed or undirected tree to factor graph
  - The result will again be a tree.
- Converting a directed polytree
  - Conversion to undirected tree creates loops due to moralization!
  - Conversion to a factor graph again results in a tree.

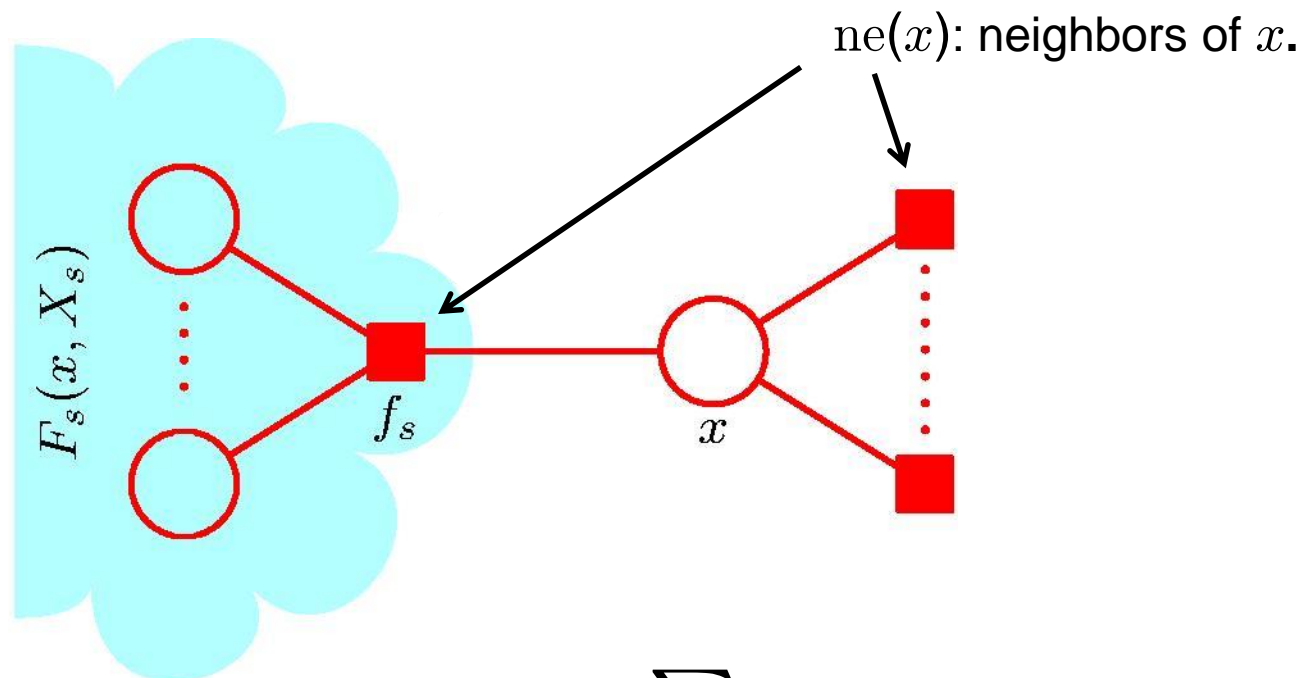
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# Sum-Product Algorithm

- Objectives
  - Efficient, **exact inference** algorithm for finding marginals.
  - In situations where several marginals are required, allow computations to be **shared efficiently**.
- General form of message-passing idea
  - Applicable to tree-structured factor graphs.
  - ⇒ Original graph can be undirected tree or directed tree/polytree.
- Key idea: Distributive Law
$$ab + ac = a(b + c)$$
  - ⇒ Exchange summations and products exploiting the tree structure of the factor graph.
  - Let's assume first that **all nodes are hidden** (no observations).

# Sum-Product Algorithm



- Goal:

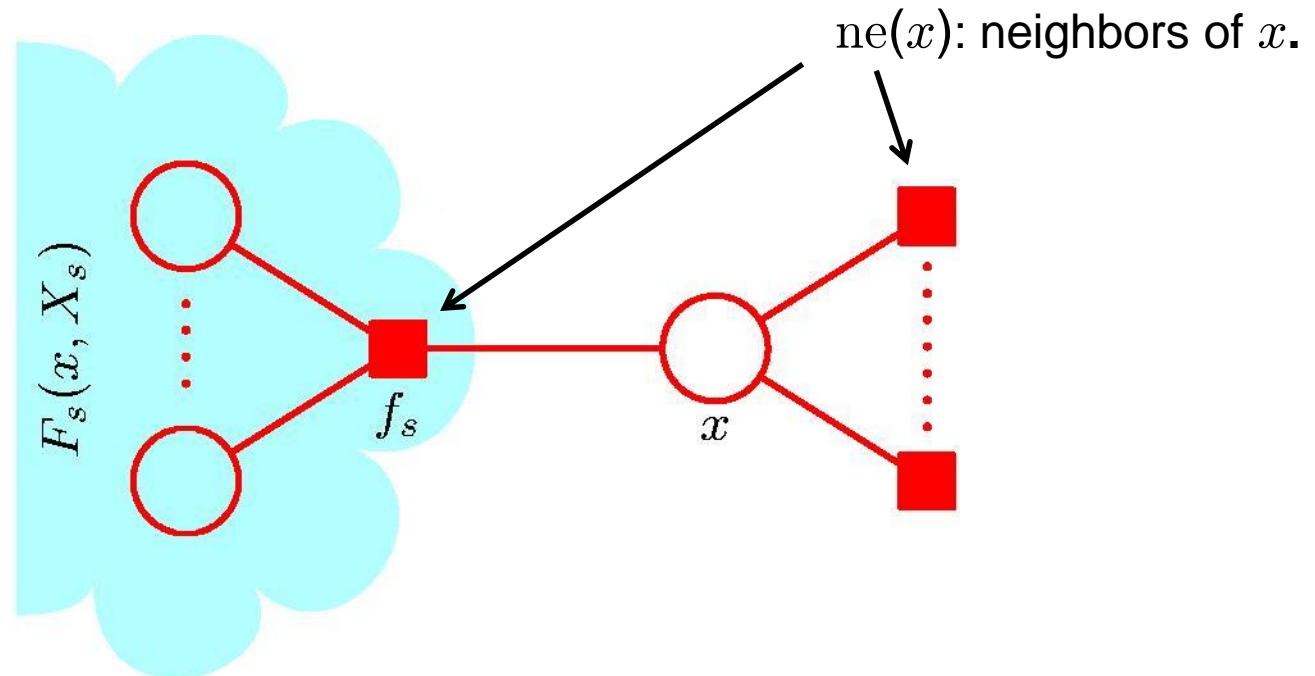
- Compute marginal for  $x$ :

$$p(x) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \setminus x} p(\mathbf{x})$$

- Tree structure of graph allows us to partition the joint distrib. into groups associated with each neighboring factor node:

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{s \in ne(x)} F_s(x, X_s)$$

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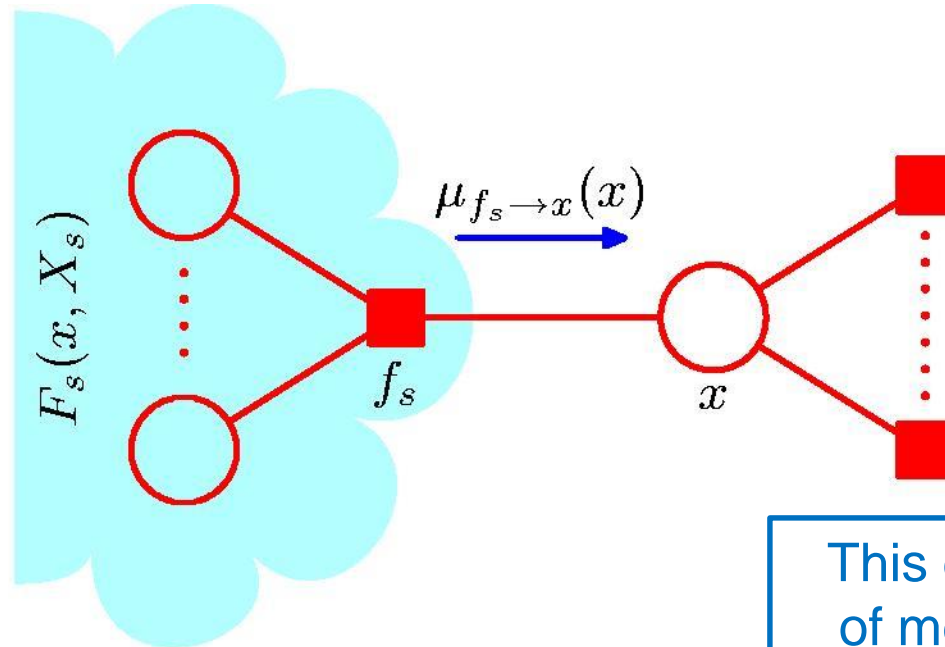
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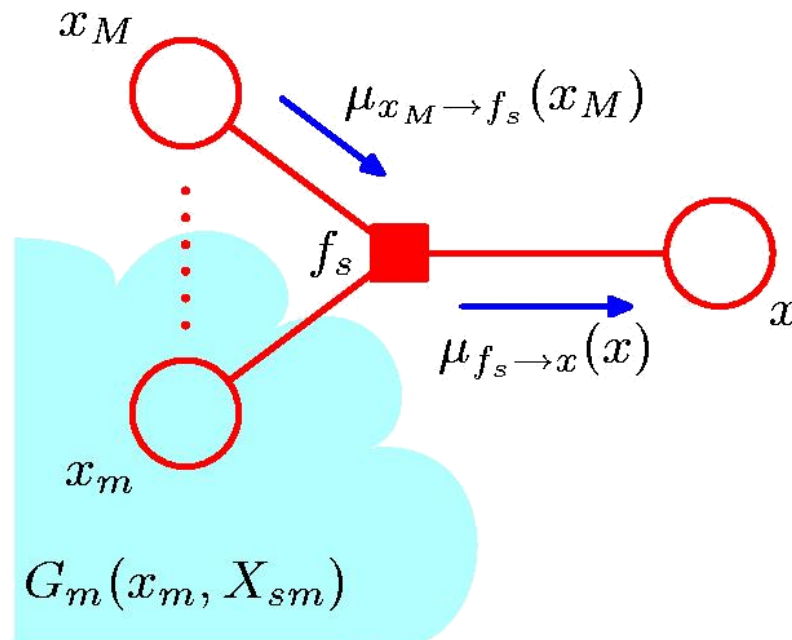
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This defines a first type of message  $\mu_{f_s \rightarrow x}(x)$

$$\mu_{f_s \rightarrow x}(x) \equiv \sum_{X_s} F_s(x, X_s)$$

# Sum-Product Algorithm



First message type:

$$\mu_{f_s \rightarrow x}(x) \equiv \sum_{X_s} F_s(x, X_s)$$

- Evaluating the messages:

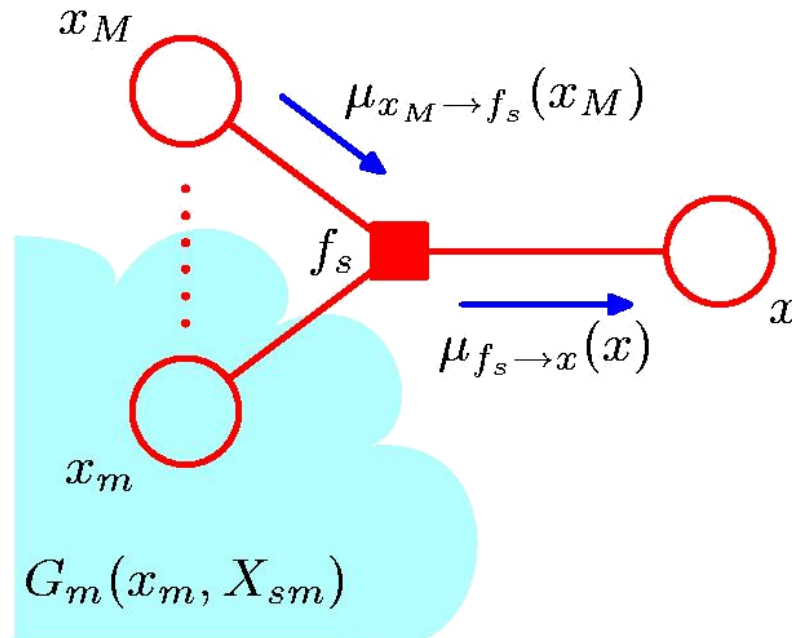
- Each factor  $F_s(x, X_s)$  is again described by a factor (sub-)graph.

⇒ Can itself be factorized:

$$F_s(x, X_s) = f_s(x, x_1, \dots, x_M) G_1(x_1, X_{s1}) \dots G_M(x_M, X_{sM})$$



# Sum-Product Algorithm



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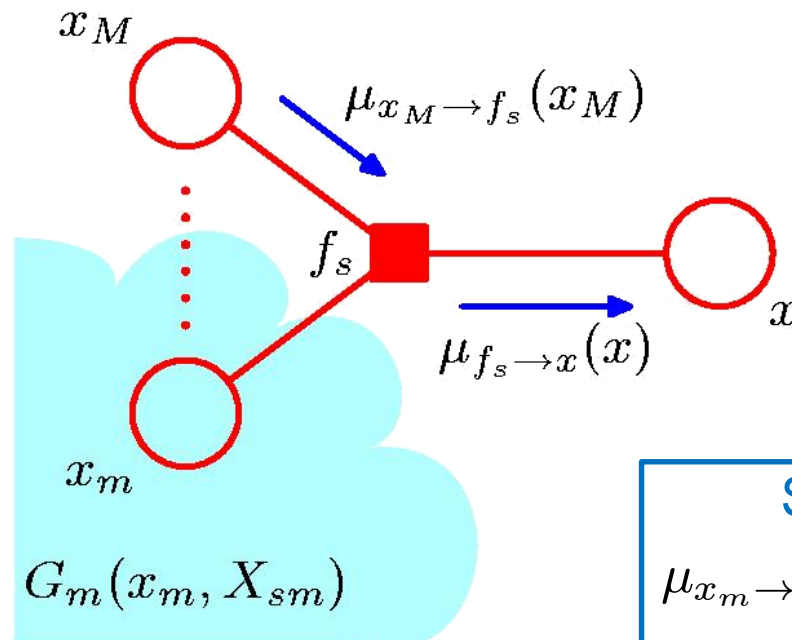
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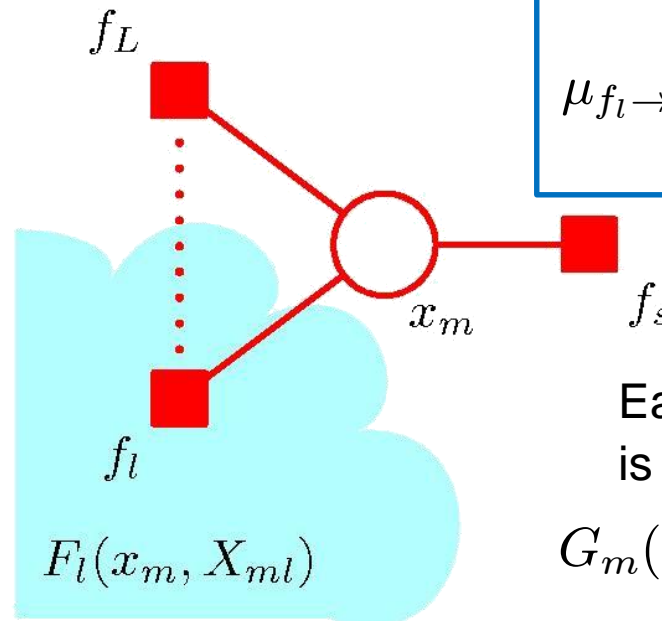
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Recursive definition:

$$\mu_{f_l \rightarrow x_m}(x_m) \equiv \sum_{X_{sm}} F_l(x_m, X_{sm})$$

Each term  $G_m(x_m, X_{sm})$  is again given by a product

$$G_m(x_m, X_{sm}) = \prod_{l \in \text{ne}(x_m) \setminus f_s} F_l(x_m, X_{ml})$$

- Recursive message evaluation:

- Exchanging sum and product, we again get

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{x_m \rightarrow f_s}(x_m) &\equiv \sum_{X_{sm}} G_m(x_m, X_{sm}) = \sum_{X_{sm}} \prod_{l \in \text{ne}(x_m) \setminus f_s} F_l(x_m, X_{ml}) \\ &= \prod_{l \in \text{ne}(x_m) \setminus f_s} \mu_{f_l \rightarrow x_m}(x_m) \end{aligned}$$

# Sum-Product Algorithm – Summary

- Two kinds of messages
  - Message from factor node to variable nodes:
    - **Sum** of factor contributions

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{f_s \rightarrow x}(x) &\equiv \sum_{X_s} F_s(x, X_s) \\ &= \sum_{X_s} f_s(\mathbf{x}_s) \prod_{m \in \text{ne}(f_s) \setminus x} \mu_{x_m \rightarrow f_s}(x_m)\end{aligned}$$

- Message from variable node to factor node:
  - **Product** of incoming messages

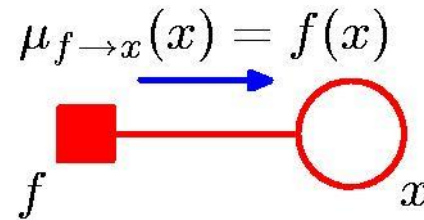
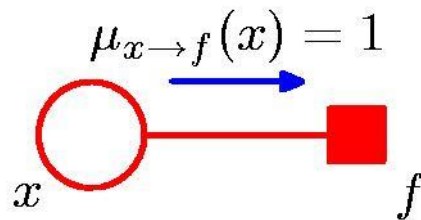
$$\mu_{x_m \rightarrow f_s}(x_m) \equiv \prod_{l \in \text{ne}(x_m) \setminus f_s} \mu_{f_l \rightarrow x_m}(x_m)$$

⇒ Simple propagation scheme.

# Sum-Product Algorithm

- Initialization

- Start the recursion by sending out messages from the leaf nodes



- Propagation procedure

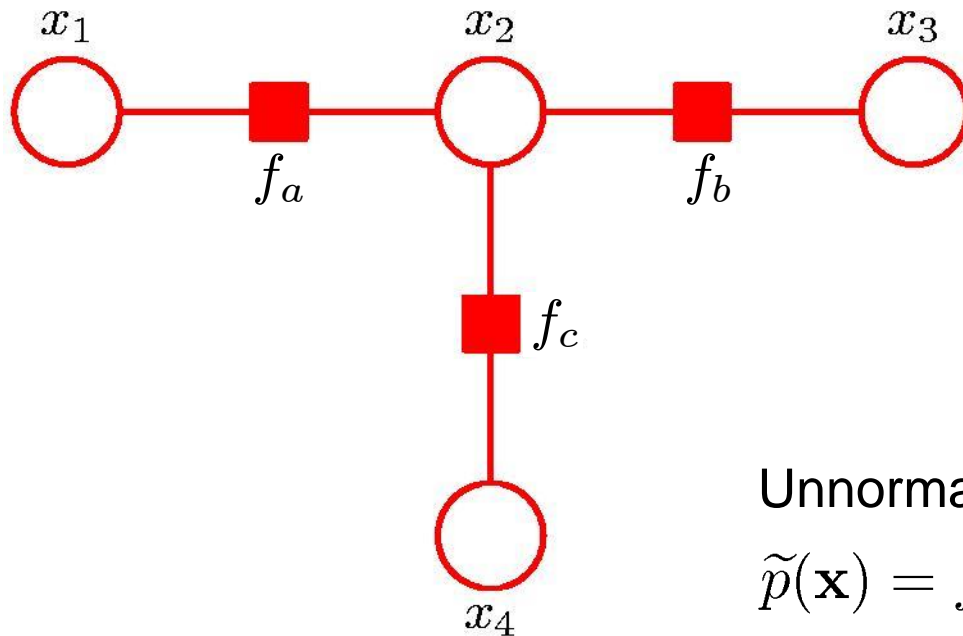
- A node can send out a message once it has received incoming messages from all other neighboring nodes.
- Once a variable node has received all messages from its neighboring factor nodes, we can compute its marginal by multiplying all messages and renormalizing:

$$p(x) \propto \prod_{s \in \text{ne}(x)} \mu_{f_s \rightarrow x}(x)$$

# Sum-Product Algorithm – Summary

- To compute local marginals:
  - Pick an arbitrary node as root.
  - Compute and propagate messages from the leaf nodes to the root, storing received messages at every node.
  - Compute and propagate messages from the root to the leaf nodes, storing received messages at every node.
  - Compute the product of received messages at each node for which the marginal is required, and normalize if necessary.
- Computational effort
  - Total number of messages =  $2 \cdot$  number of links in the graph.
  - Maximal parallel runtime =  $2 \cdot$  tree height.

# Sum-Product: Example



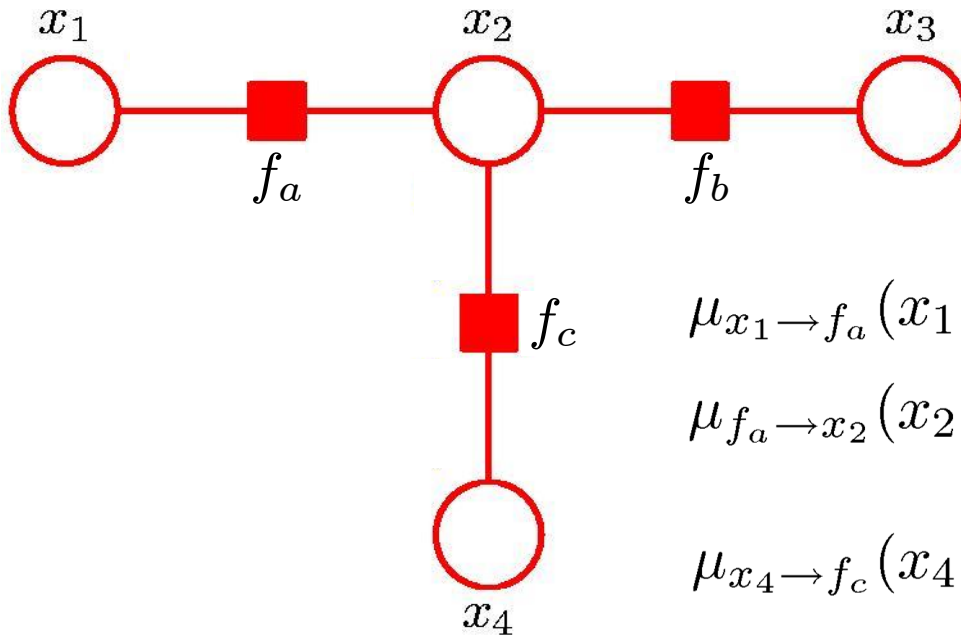
Picking  $x_3$  as root...  
 $\Rightarrow x_1$  and  $x_4$  are leaves.

Unnormalized joint distribution:

$$\tilde{p}(\mathbf{x}) = f_a(x_1, x_2) f_b(x_2, x_3) f_c(x_2, x_4)$$

- We want to compute the values of all marginals...

# Sum-Product: Example



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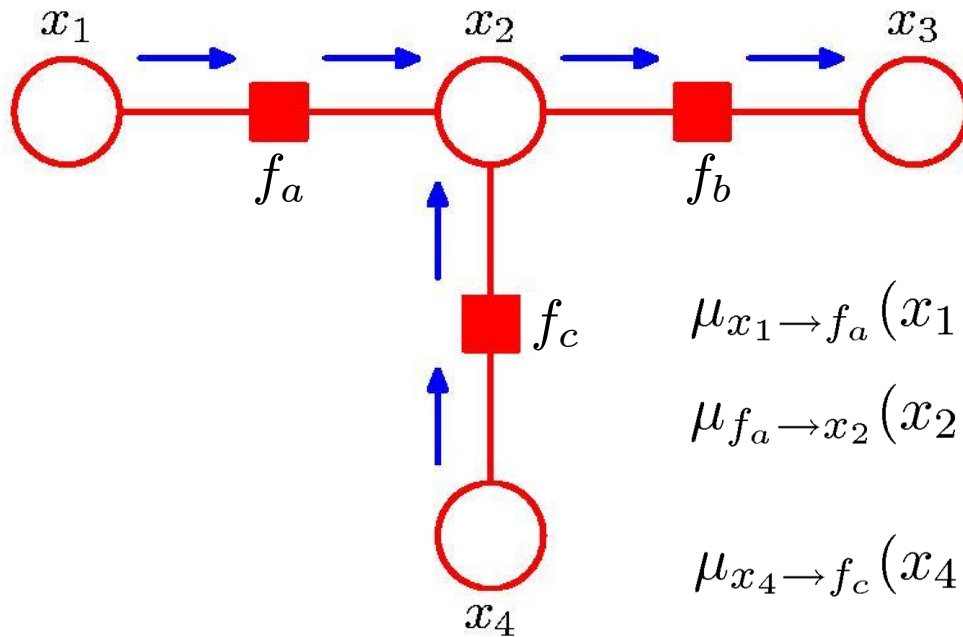
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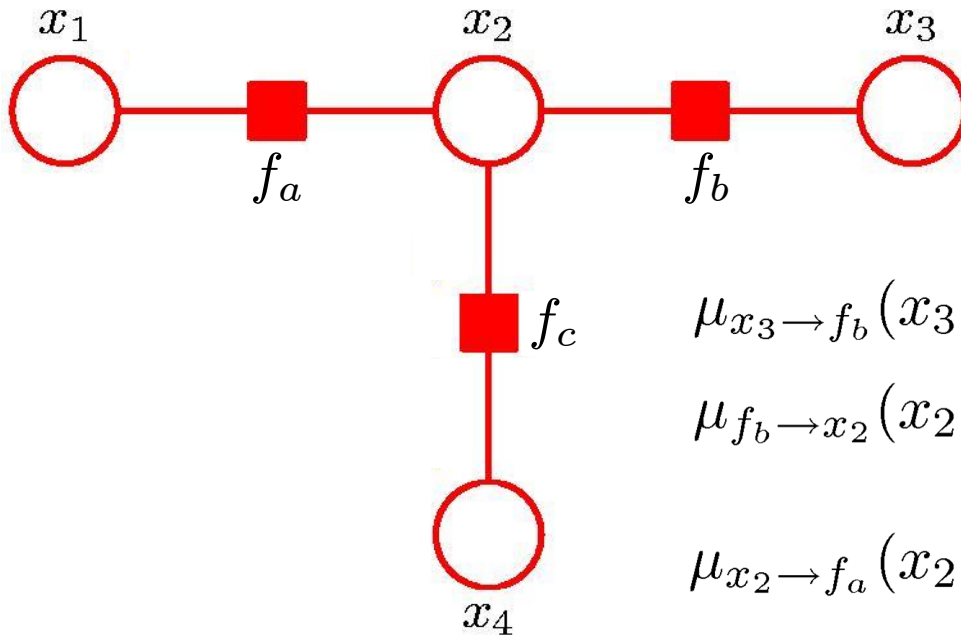
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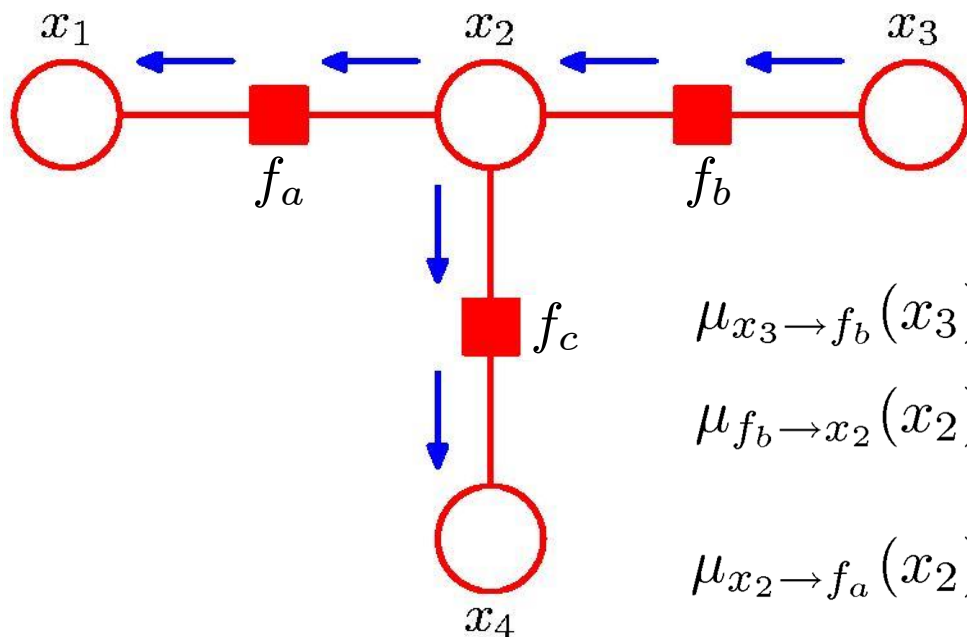
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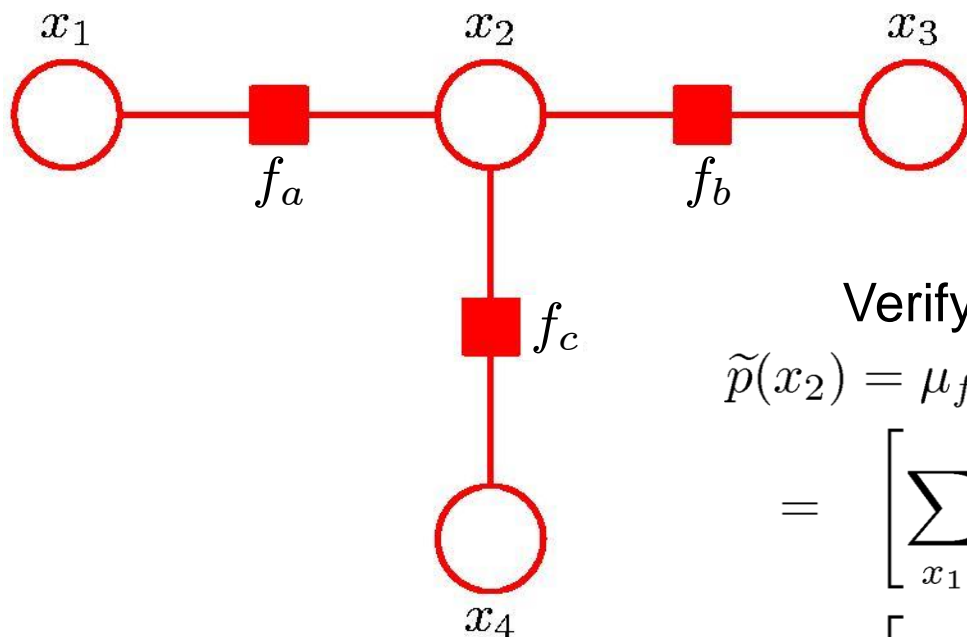
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Verify that marginal is correct:

$$\tilde{p}(x_2) = \mu_{f_a \rightarrow x_2}(x_2) \mu_{f_b \rightarrow x_2}(x_2) \mu_{f_c \rightarrow x_2}(x_2)$$

$$= \left[ \sum_{x_1} f_a(x_1, x_2) \right] \left[ \sum_{x_3} f_b(x_2, x_3) \right]$$

$$\left[ \sum_{x_4} f_c(x_2, x_4) \right]$$

$$= \sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_3} \sum_{x_4} f_a(x_1, x_2) f_b(x_2, x_3) f_c(x_2, x_4)$$

$$= \sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_3} \sum_{x_4} \tilde{p}(\mathbf{x})$$

# Sum-Product Algorithm – Extensions

- Dealing with observed nodes

- Until now we had assumed that all nodes were hidden...
- Observed nodes can easily be incorporated:
  - Partition  $\mathbf{x}$  into hidden variables  $\mathbf{h}$  and observed variables  $\mathbf{v} = \hat{\mathbf{v}}$ .
  - Simply multiply the joint distribution  $p(\mathbf{x})$  by

$$\prod_i I(v_i, \hat{v}_i) \quad \text{where} \quad I(v_i, \hat{v}_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } v_i = \hat{v}_i \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

⇒ Any summation over variables in  $\mathbf{v}$  collapses into a single term.

- Further generalizations

- So far, assumption that we are dealing with discrete variables.
- But the sum-product algorithm can also be generalized to simple continuous variable distributions, e.g. linear-Gaussian variables.

# Topics of This Lecture

- Factor graphs
  - Construction
  - Properties
- Sum-Product Algorithm for computing marginals
  - Key ideas
  - Derivation
  - Example
- **Max-Sum Algorithm for finding most probable value**
  - Key ideas
  - Derivation
  - Example
- Algorithms for loopy graphs
  - Junction Tree algorithm
  - Loopy Belief Propagation

# Max-Sum Algorithm

- Objective: an efficient algorithm for finding
  - Value  $\mathbf{x}^{\max}$  that maximises  $p(\mathbf{x})$ ;
  - Value of  $p(\mathbf{x}^{\max})$ .

⇒ Application of dynamic programming in graphical models.
- In general, maximum marginals  $\neq$  joint maximum.
  - Example:

	$x = 0$	$x = 1$
$y = 0$	0.3	0.4
$y = 1$	0.3	0.0

$$\arg \max_x p(x, y) = 1$$

$$\arg \max_x p(x) = 0$$

# Max-Sum Algorithm – Key Ideas

- Key idea 1: Distributive Law (again)

$$\max(ab, ac) = a \max(b, c)$$

$$\max(a + b, a + c) = a + \max(b, c)$$

⇒ Exchange products/summations and max operations exploiting the tree structure of the factor graph.

- Key idea 2: Max-Product → Max-Sum

– We are interested in the maximum value of the joint distribution

$$p(\mathbf{x}^{\max}) = \max_{\mathbf{x}} p(\mathbf{x})$$

⇒ Maximize the product  $p(\mathbf{x})$ .

– For numerical reasons, use the logarithm.

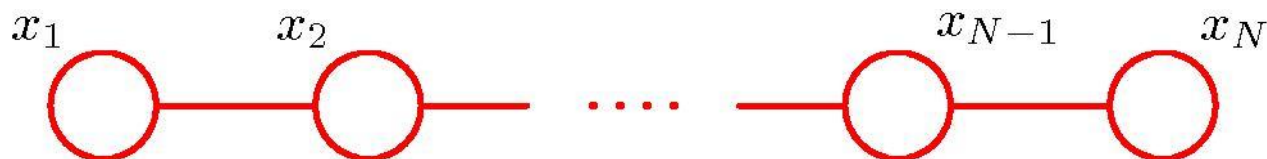
$$\ln \left( \max_{\mathbf{x}} p(\mathbf{x}) \right) = \max_{\mathbf{x}} \ln p(\mathbf{x}).$$

⇒ Maximize the sum (of log-probabilities).



# Max-Sum Algorithm

- Maximizing over a chain (max-product)



- Exchange max and product operators

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}^{\max}) &= \max_{\mathbf{x}} p(\mathbf{x}) = \max_{x_1} \dots \max_{x_M} p(\mathbf{x}) \\ &= \frac{1}{Z} \max_{x_1} \dots \max_{x_N} [\psi_{1,2}(x_1, x_2) \dots \psi_{N-1,N}(x_{N-1}, x_N)] \\ &= \frac{1}{Z} \max_{x_1} \left[ \max_{x_2} \left[ \psi_{1,2}(x_1, x_2) \left[ \dots \max_{x_N} \psi_{N-1,N}(x_{N-1}, x_N) \right] \dots \right] \right] \end{aligned}$$

- Generalizes to tree-structured factor graph

$$\max_{\mathbf{x}} p(\mathbf{x}) = \max_{x_n} \prod_{f_s \in \text{ne}(x_n)} \max_{X_s} f_s(x_n, X_s)$$

# Max-Sum Algorithm

- Initialization (leaf nodes)

$$\mu_{x \rightarrow f}(x) = 0 \qquad \mu_{f \rightarrow x}(x) = \ln f(x)$$

- Recursion

- Messages

$$\mu_{f \rightarrow x}(x) = \max_{x_1, \dots, x_M} \left[ \ln f(x, x_1, \dots, x_M) + \sum_{m \in \text{ne}(f_s) \setminus x} \mu_{x_m \rightarrow f}(x_m) \right]$$

$$\mu_{x \rightarrow f}(x) = \sum_{l \in \text{ne}(x) \setminus f} \mu_{f_l \rightarrow x}(x)$$

- For each node, keep a record of which values of the variables gave rise to the maximum state:

$$\phi(x) = \arg \max_{x_1, \dots, x_M} \left[ \ln f(x, x_1, \dots, x_M) + \sum_{m \in \text{ne}(f_s) \setminus x} \mu_{x_m \rightarrow f}(x_m) \right]$$

# Max-Sum Algorithm

- Termination (root node)
  - Score of maximal configuration

$$p^{\max} = \max_x \left[ \sum_{s \in \text{ne}(x)} \mu_{f_s \rightarrow x}(x) \right]$$

- Value of root node variable giving rise to that maximum

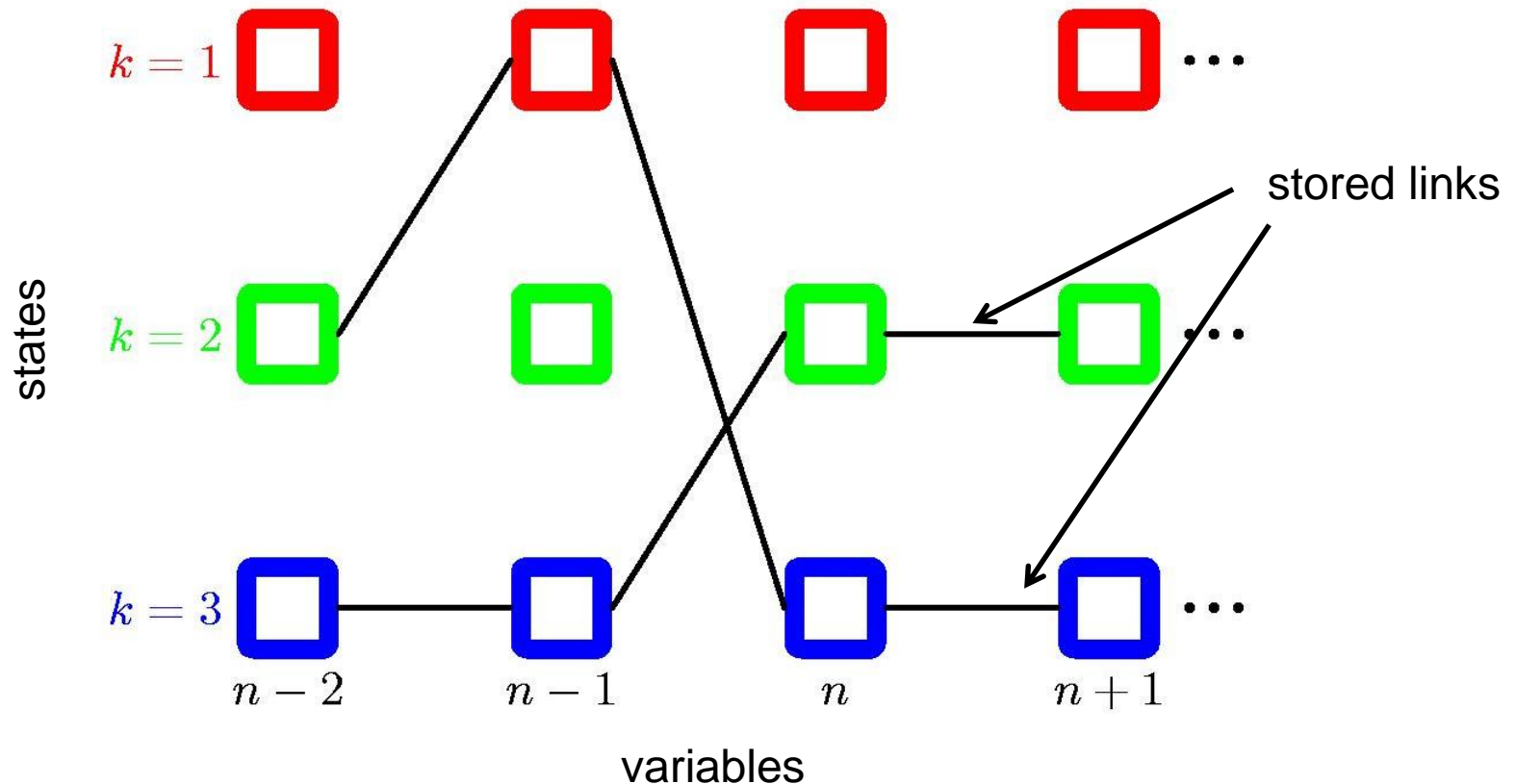
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- Back-track to get the remaining variable values

$$x_{n-1}^{\max} = \phi(x_n^{\max})$$

# Visualization of the Back-Tracking Procedure

- Example: Markov chain



⇒ Same idea as in Viterbi algorithm for HMMs...

# References and Further Reading

- A thorough introduction to Graphical Models in general and Bayesian Networks in particular can be found in Chapter 8 of Bishop's book.

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