# 10707 Deep Learning

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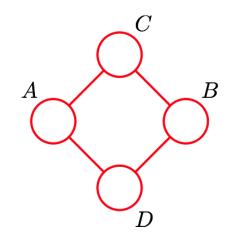
**Graphical Models** 

## **Graphical Models**

- Probabilistic graphical models provide a powerful framework for representing dependency structure between random variables.
- Graphical models offer several useful properties:
  - They provide a simple way to visualize the structure of a probabilistic model and can be used to motivate new models.
  - They provide various insights into the properties of the model, including conditional independence.
  - Complex computations (e.g. inference and learning in sophisticated models) can be expressed in terms of graphical manipulations.

## **Undirected Graphical Models**

Directed graphs are useful for expressing causal relationships between random variables, whereas undirected graphs are useful for expressing soft constraints between random variables



• The joint distribution defined by the graph is given by the product of non-negative potential functions over the maximal cliques (connected subset of nodes).

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \prod_{C} \phi_C(x_C)$$
  $\mathcal{Z} = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \prod_{C} \phi_C(x_C)$ 

where the normalizing constant  $\mathcal{Z}$  is called a partition function.

• For example, the joint distribution factorizes:

$$p(A, B, C, D) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}}\phi(A, C)\phi(C, B)\phi(B, D)\phi(A, D)$$

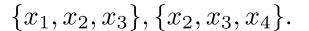
Let us look at the definition of cliques.

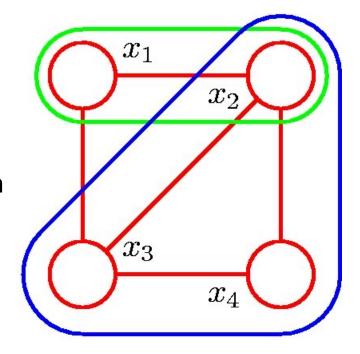
## Cliques

- The subsets that are used to define the potential functions are represented by maximal cliques in the undirected graph.
- Clique: a subset of nodes such that there exists a link between all pairs of nodes in a subset.
- Maximal Clique: a clique such that it is not possible to include any other nodes in the set without it ceasing to be a clique.
- This graph has 5 cliques:

$$\{x_1, x_2\}, \{x_2, x_3\}, \{x_3, x_4\}, \{x_4, x_2\}, \{x_1, x_3\}.$$

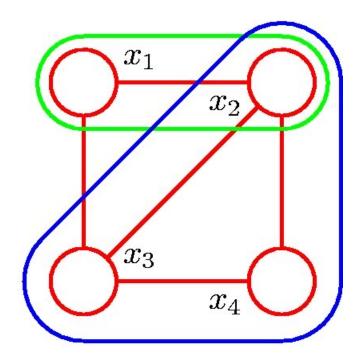




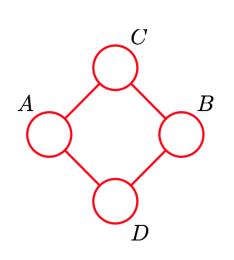


## Using Cliques to Represent Subsets

- If the potential functions only involve two nodes, an undirected graph has a nice representation.
- If the potential functions involve more than two nodes, using a different factor graph representation is much more useful.
- For now, let us consider only potential functions that are defined over two nodes.



## Markov Random Fields (MRFs)



$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \prod_{C} \phi_C(x_C)$$

- Each potential function is a mapping from the joint configurations of random variables in a clique to non-negative real numbers.
- The choice of potential functions is not restricted to having specific probabilistic interpretations.

Potential functions are often represented as exponentials:

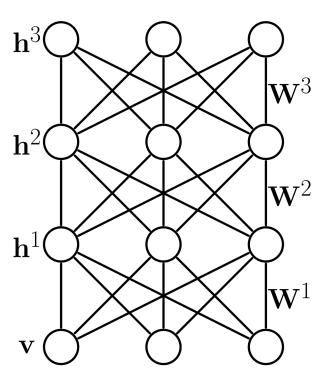
$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \prod_{C} \phi_C(x_C) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \exp(-\sum_{C} E(x_c)) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \exp(-E(\mathbf{x}))$$

where E(x) is called an energy function.

Boltzmann distribution

#### MRFs with Hidden Variables

For many interesting real-world problems, we need to introduce hidden or latent variables.



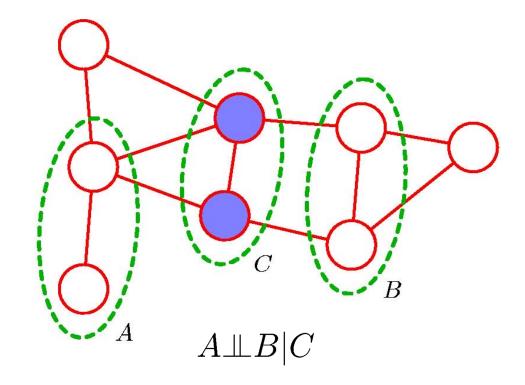
 Our random variables will contain both visible and hidden variables x=(v,h).

$$p(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp(-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}))$$

- In general, computing both partition function and summation over hidden variables will be intractable, except for special cases.
- Parameter learning becomes a very challenging task.

## Conditional Independence

Conditional Independence is easier compared to directed models:



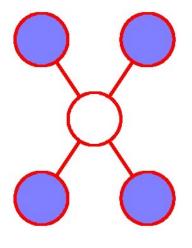
- Observation blocks a node.
- Two sets of nodes are conditionally independent if the observations block all paths between them.

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#### Markov Blanket

• The Markov blanket of a node is simply all of the directly connected nodes.

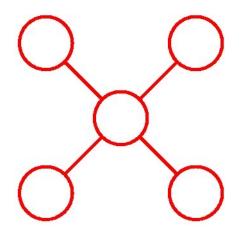
#### Markov Blanket



- This is simpler than in directed models, since there is no explaining away.
- The conditional distribution of  $x_i$  conditioned on all the variables in the graph is dependent only on the variables in the Markov blanket.

# Conditional Independence and Factorization

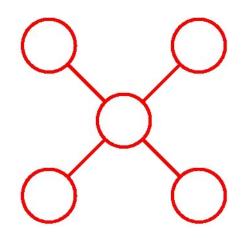
- Consider two sets of distributions:
  - The set of distributions consistent with the conditional independence relationships defined by the undirected graph.
  - The set of distributions consistent with the factorization defined by potential functions on maximal cliques of the graph.
- The Hammersley-Clifford theorem states that these two sets of distributions are the same.



$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \prod_{C} \phi_C(x_C)$$

## Interpreting Potentials

 In contrast to directed graphs, the potential functions do not have a specific probabilistic interpretation.



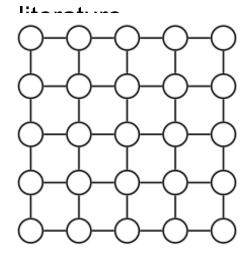
$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \prod_{C} \phi_C(x_C) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \exp(-\sum_{C} E(x_c))$$

• This gives us greater flexibility in choosing the potential functions.

- We can view the potential function as expressing which configuration of the local variables are preferred to others.
- Global configurations with relatively high probabilities are those that find a good balance in satisfying the (possibly conflicting) influences of the clique potentials.
- So far we did not specify the nature of random variables, discrete or continuous.

#### Discrete MRFs

- MRFs with all discrete variables are widely used in many applications.
- MRFs with binary variables are sometimes called Ising models in statistical mechanics, and Boltzmann machines in machine learning



• Denoting the binary valued variable at node j by  $x_j \in \{0,1\}$ , the Ising model for the joint probabilities is given by:

$$P_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\theta)} \exp\left(\sum_{ij\in E} x_i x_j \theta_{ij} + \sum_{i\in V} x_i \theta_i\right)$$

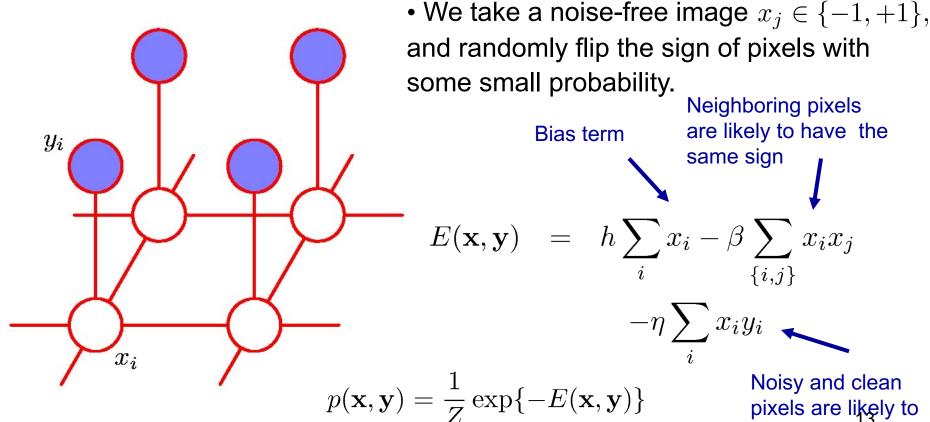
The conditional distribution is given by logistic:

$$P_{\theta}(x_i = 1 | \mathbf{x}_{-i}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\theta_i - \sum_{ij \in E} x_j \theta_{ij})},$$
 where  $\mathbf{x}_{-i}$  denotes all nodes except for i.

Hence the parameter  $\theta_{ij}$  measures the dependence of  $x_i$  on  $x_j$ , conditional on the other nodes.

## Example: Image Denoising

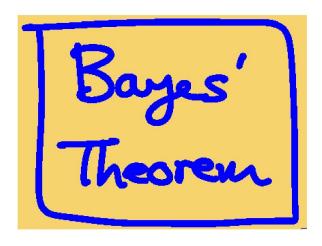
- Let us look at the example of noise removal from a binary image.
- Let the observed noisy image be described by an array of binary pixel values:  $y_i \in \{-1, +1\}$ , i=1,...,D.

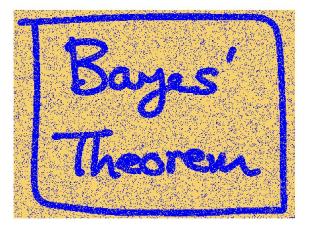


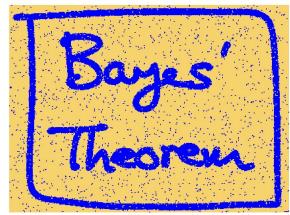
have the same sign

#### **Iterated Conditional Modes**

- Iterated conditional modes: coordinate-wise gradient descent.
- Visit the unobserved nodes sequentially and set each x to whichever of its two values has the lowest energy.
  - This only requires us to look at the Markov blanket, i.e. the connected nodes.
  - Markov blanket of a node is simply all of the directly connected nodes.







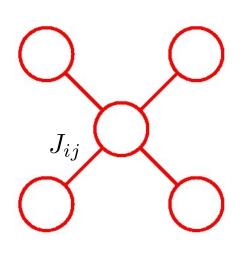
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#### Gaussian MRFs

• We assume that the observations have a multivariate Gaussian distribution with mean  $\mu$  and covariance matrix § .

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right\}$$

• Since the Gaussian distribution represents at most second-order relationships, it automatically encodes a pairwise MRF. We rewrite:



$$P(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T J \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{x}),$$

where

$$J = \Sigma^{-1}, \quad \mu = J^{-1}\mathbf{g}.$$

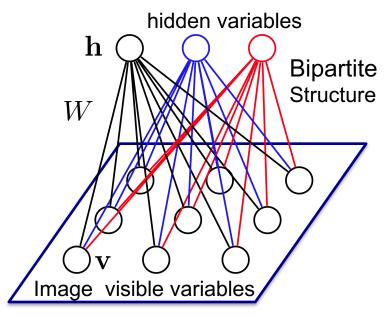
• The positive definite matrix J is known as the information matrix and is sparse with respect to the given graph:  $\mathbf{x}^T J \mathbf{x} = \sum_i J_{ii} x_i^2 + 2 \sum_j J_{ij} x_i x_j$ ,

if 
$$(i,j) \neq E$$
, then  $J_{ij} = 0$ .

• The information matrix is sparse, but the covariance matrix is not splarse.

#### Restricted Boltzmann Machines

- For many real-world problems, we need to introduce hidden variables.
- Our random variables will contain visible and hidden variables x=(v,h).



Stochastic binary visible variables  $\mathbf{v} \in \{0, 1\}^D$  are connected to stochastic binary hidden variables  $\mathbf{h} \in \{0, 1\}^F$ .

The energy of the joint configuration:

$$\begin{split} E(\mathbf{v},\mathbf{h};\theta) &= -\sum_{ij} W_{ij} v_i h_j - \sum_i b_i v_i - \sum_j a_j h_j \\ \theta &= \{W,a,b\} \text{ model parameters.} \end{split}$$

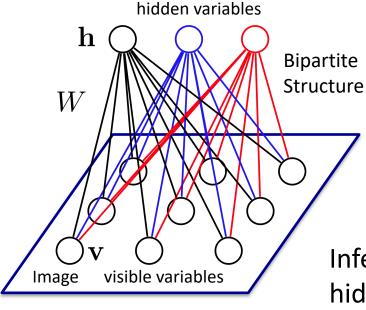
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Probability of the joint configuration is given by the Boltzmann distribution:

$$P_{\theta}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\theta)} \exp\left(-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}; \theta)\right) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\theta)}}_{ij} \prod_{ij} e^{W_{ij}v_ih_j} \prod_{i} e^{b_iv_i} \prod_{j} e^{a_jh_j}$$

$$\mathcal{Z}(\theta) = \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp\left(-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}; \theta)\right) \qquad \text{partition function} \qquad \text{potential functions}$$

#### Restricted Boltzmann Machines



Restricted: No interaction between hidden variables



Inferring the distribution over the hidden variables is easy:

$$P(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v}) = \prod_{j} P(h_j|\mathbf{v}) \quad P(h_j = 1|\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\sum_{i} W_{ij} v_i - a_j)}$$

Similarly:

Factorizes: Easy to compute

$$P(\mathbf{v}|\mathbf{h}) = \prod_{i} P(v_i|\mathbf{h}) \quad P(v_i = 1|\mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\sum_{j} W_{ij} h_j - b_i)}$$

Markov random fields, Boltzmann machines, log-linear models.

#### Restricted Boltzmann Machines

Observed Data
Subset of 25,000 characters



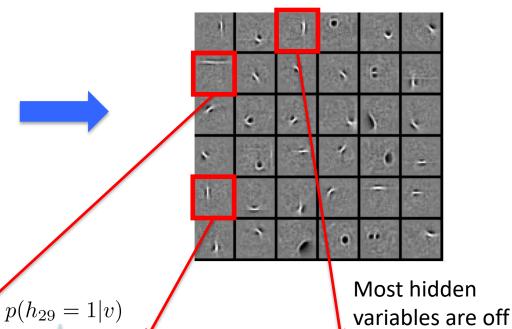
New Image:

$$\Box = \sigma \bigg(0.99 \times \boxed{\phantom{0}}$$

 $p(h_7 = 1|v)$ 

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)}$$

Learned W: "edges"
Subset of 1000 features



+ 0.97  $\times$  + 0.82  $\times$ 

Logistic Function: Suitable for modeling binary images

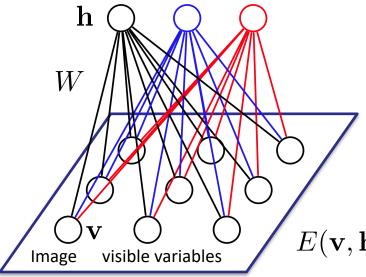
Represent:



 $P(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v}) = [0, 0, 0.82, 0, 0, 0.99, 0, 0 \dots]$ 

### Gaussian-Bernoulli RBMs

#### Gaussian-Bernoulli RBM:



$$P_{\theta}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\theta)} \exp(-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}; \theta))$$

Define energy functions for various data modalities:

$$E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}; \theta) = \sum_{i} \frac{(v_i - b_i)^2}{2\sigma_i^2} - \sum_{ij} W_{ij} h_j \frac{v_i}{\sigma_i} - \sum_{j} a_j h_j$$

$$P(v_i = x | \mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_i} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - b_i - \sigma_i \sum_j W_{ij} h_j)^2}{2\sigma_i^2}\right) \quad \text{Gaussian}$$

$$P(h_j = 1|\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\sum_i W_{ij} \frac{v_i}{\sigma_i} - a_j)}$$

Bernoulli

#### Gaussian-Bernoulli RBMs

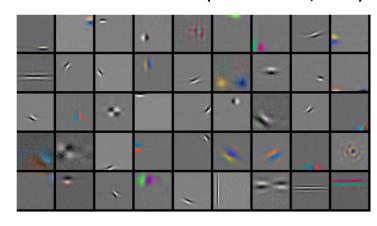
Images: Gaussian-Bernoulli RBM

4 million unlabelled images





Learned features (out of 10,000)



Text: Multinomial-Bernoulli RBM





Reuters dataset:

newswire stories

804,414 unlabeled

Bag-of-Words



russian moscow soviet

clinton house president bill congress

computer system product software develop

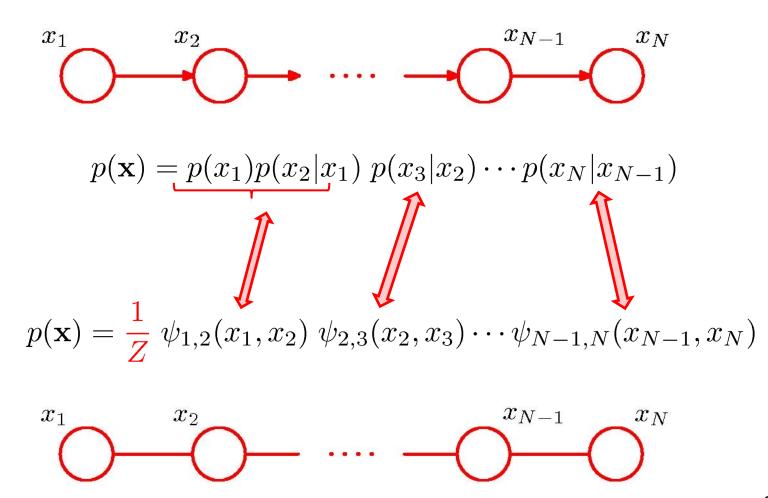
Learned features: "topics"

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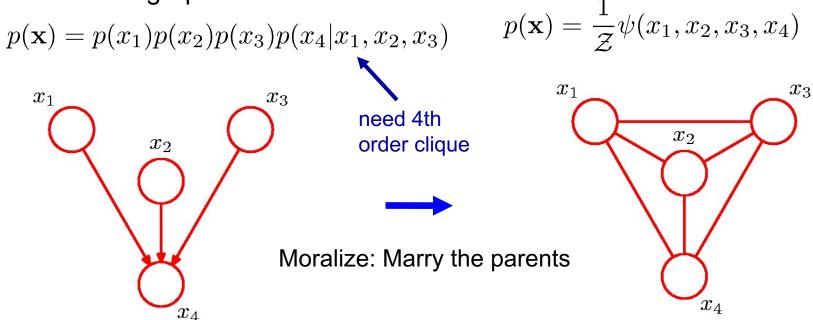
## Relation to Directed Graphs

Let us try to convert directed graph into an undirected graph:



### Directed vs. Undirected

• Directed Graphs can be more precise about independencies than undirected graphs.

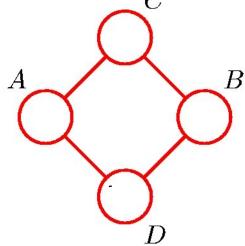


- All the parents of  $x_4$  can interact to determine the distribution over  $x_4$ .
- The directed graph represents independencies that the undirected graph cannot model.
- To represent the high-order interaction in the directed graph, the undirected graph needs a fourth-order clique.
- This fully connected graph exhibits no conditional independence properties

## Undirected vs. Directed

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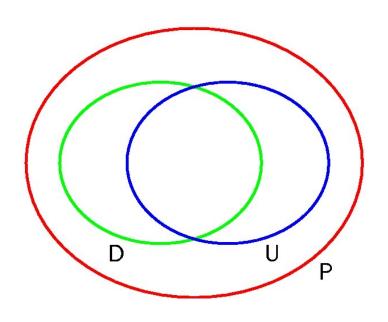
• There is no directed graph over four variables that represents the same set of conditional independence properties.



$$A \not\perp \!\!\!\perp B \mid \emptyset$$
 
$$A \perp \!\!\!\perp B \mid C \cup D$$
 
$$C \perp \!\!\!\perp D \mid A \cup B$$

#### Directed vs. Undirected

• If every conditional independence property of the distribution is reflected in the graph and vice versa, then the graph is a perfect map for that distribution.



- Venn diagram:
  - The set of all distributions P over a given set of random variables.
  - The set of distributions D that can be represented as a perfect map using directed graph.
  - The set of distributions U that can be represented as a perfect map using undirected graph.
- We can extend the framework to graphs that include both directed and undirected graphs.