

**COMPSCI 276**  
**Homework Assignment 3**  
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**Relevant reading:** Dechter chapter 5, 7.1 and Darwiche chapter 7, 8.1

1. (Extra credit, 5 pts). Read Dechter chapter 5 and provide comments on clarity and typos.
2. (30) Given the directed graph  $G$  in Figure 3 (used also in homework 2),
  - (a) Show the bucket-tree associated with the ordering  $d_1 = F, C, A, G, D, H, E, B$  and display all the messages ( $\pi$ s and  $\lambda$ s) along the tree.
  - (b) Assuming you performed all the computation without any evidence. How can you extract the marginal probability of  $D$ ? Explain.
  - (c) Assuming you observed  $F = 1$  and  $B = 1$ , explain how you would compute (update)  $BEL(D) = P(D|F = 1, B = 1)$ .
  - (d) Give a bound on the time and space complexity for solving this problem using  $O$  notation.
  - (e) Assume you have evidence over  $F$ . Describe how the loop-cutset scheme can find the belief for every variable. What is its time and space complexity?
  - (f) Assume you compute the beliefs using join-tree clustering. What would be the time and space complexity? Explain.
  - (g) Suggest an efficient scheme for solving the network without recording more than unary functions. Discuss your proposals.

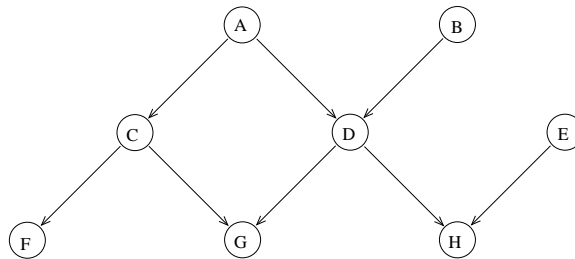


Figure 1: A directed graph

3. (20 pts) (revised question 4.5 in Pearl's book) Consider the network in Figure 2.
  - (a) What is the dual graph of this network

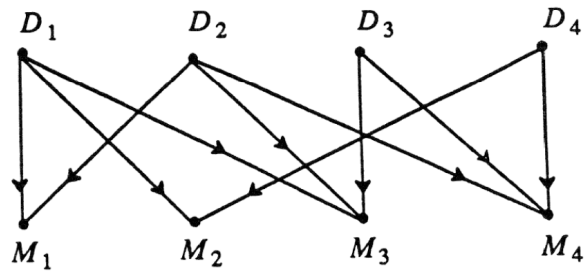


Figure 2: A two layer network

- (b) Find a join-tree representation for the network and show how you would compute  $Bel(D_1 | M_2 = false, M_3 = true, M_4 = false)$  schematically (demonstrating the type of messages that would be passed).
4. (10) (extra credit) Let  $(G, P)$  be a Bayesian network where  $G$  is a directed acyclic graph over variables  $X$  and let  $C \subseteq X$  be a subset of variables that form a loop-cutset. Prove that  $P(C = c)$  can be computed in linear time and space.
5. (10) (extra credit) Which method has better time complexity, the loop-cutset method or join-tree clustering? Prove your claims.
6. (10) Consider the network in Figure 4.
- What will be the complexity of loop-cutset conditioning on the network?
  - How would it compare with BE-bel?
  - How would it compare with join-tree clustering?

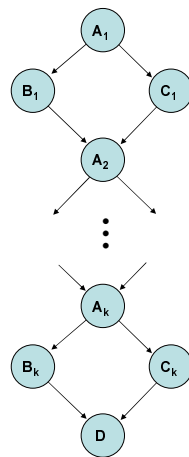


Figure 3: A chain directed graph

7. (35) Consider the Bayes network DAG in Figure 5:
- (5) Generate a bucket-tree for this network.

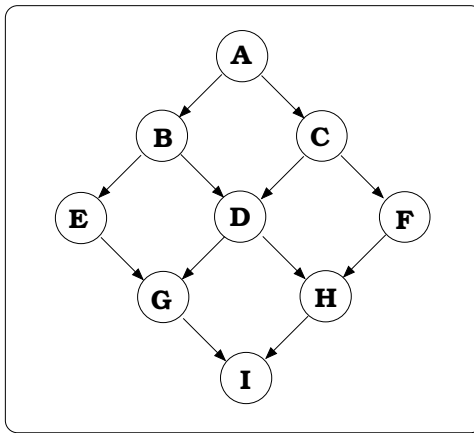


Figure 4: A Bayesian network

- (b) (5) Suppose you want to compute the probability of evidence. What would be the time and space complexity of doing so using Bucket-elimination? a. when the evidence is on variable  $E$ ? b. when the evidence is  $I$ ? c. when you want to compute the belief of  $P(A|I = 0)$ ?
- (c) (5) Assume that you have a Markov network grid when the potentials are pair-wise (same as the above figure but remove the arrows). Answer the above question relative to such a grid markov network.
- (d) (10) Assume you want to solve the problem in Figure 5 using algorithm cycle-cutset conditioning, what is the smallest cycle-cutset you can find (1-cutset) relative to the moral graph? What is the smallest 2-cutset you can find?
- (e) (10) Describe how would 2-cutset conditioning can be applied to this problem. What would be the time and memory of 2-cutset conditioning on this problem?