ED-BP: Belief Propagation via Edge Deletion

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ED-BP: Idea

loopy BP



Characterizing Belief Propagation



• ED-BP characterization:

$$Pr(X_i = x) = Pr(X_j = x)$$

= $\theta(X_i = x) \theta(X_j = x)/z_{ij}$

• in a tree:

- MAR: BP marginals
- PR: Bethe
- MPE: BP max-marginals

Edge Deletion

exact





Edge *Recovery*

loopy BP



exact





Edge Recovery: Old Idea

loopy BP



[CD06]: target quality: use mutual information



Edge Recovery: New Idea

loopy BP



Challenge UAI-10: encourage convergence, residual recovery



ED-BP: Residual Recovery



- Recover edges based on how close they are to convergence
- ED-BP characterization:

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$$= \theta(X_i) \theta(X_j) / z_{ij}$$

• Ongoing: try residuals as in residual BP

Exact Solvers

- Exact inference in a simplified network: ED-BP can use any black box inference engine
 - currently using vanilla Hugin and Shenoy-Shafer jointree algorithms
 - not currently using Ace, or other advanced inference engines ...

PR Task: 20 Seconds MAR Task: 20 Seconds

Solver	Score
edbr	1.7146
vgogate	2.1620
libDai	2.2775

Solver	Score
edbq	0.2390
libDai2	0.3064
vgogate	0.4409

PR Task: 20 Minutes MAR Task: 20 Minutes

Solver	Score
vgogate	1.2610
edbp	1.3063
libDai	2.0707

Solver	Score
ijgp	0.1722
edbq	0.1742
libDai3	0.2810

PR Task: 1 Hour

MAR Task: 1 Hour

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vgogate	1.2609
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ijgp	0.1703
edbr	0.1753
libDai3	0.2639

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Congratulations Vibhav

Extra Slides

ED-BP: The Solver

- Based on UAI'08 solver, new MPE version
- Numerous improvements
 - pre-processing
 - initial spanning tree
 - internal inference engine for *exact* reasoning
 - edge recovery
 - led to biggest impact in performance

ED-BP: The Solver

- Pre-processing
 - lightweight
 - RSat: infer fixed values from network zero's
- Initial spanning tree
 - random spanning tree
 - max spanning tree (mutual information)
- Black box engine for exact inference
 - jointree algorithms: shenoy-shafer versus hugin
 - in the future: compilation to ACs (Ace)

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