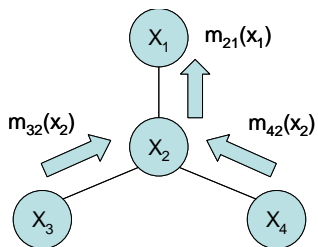
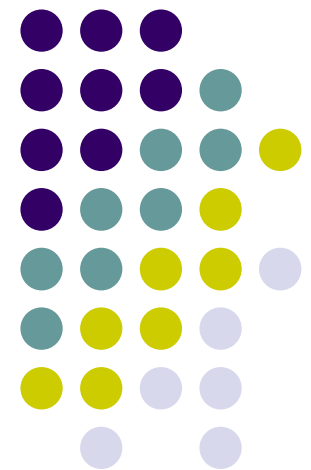




# Probabilistic Graphical Models

## The Belief Propagation (Sum-Product) Algorithm



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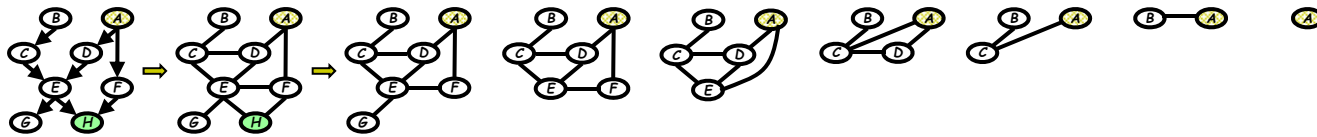
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# Pros and Cons of Procedure **Elimination**



- Algebraic elimination  $\equiv$  graphical elimination

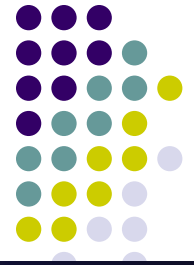


# Complexity

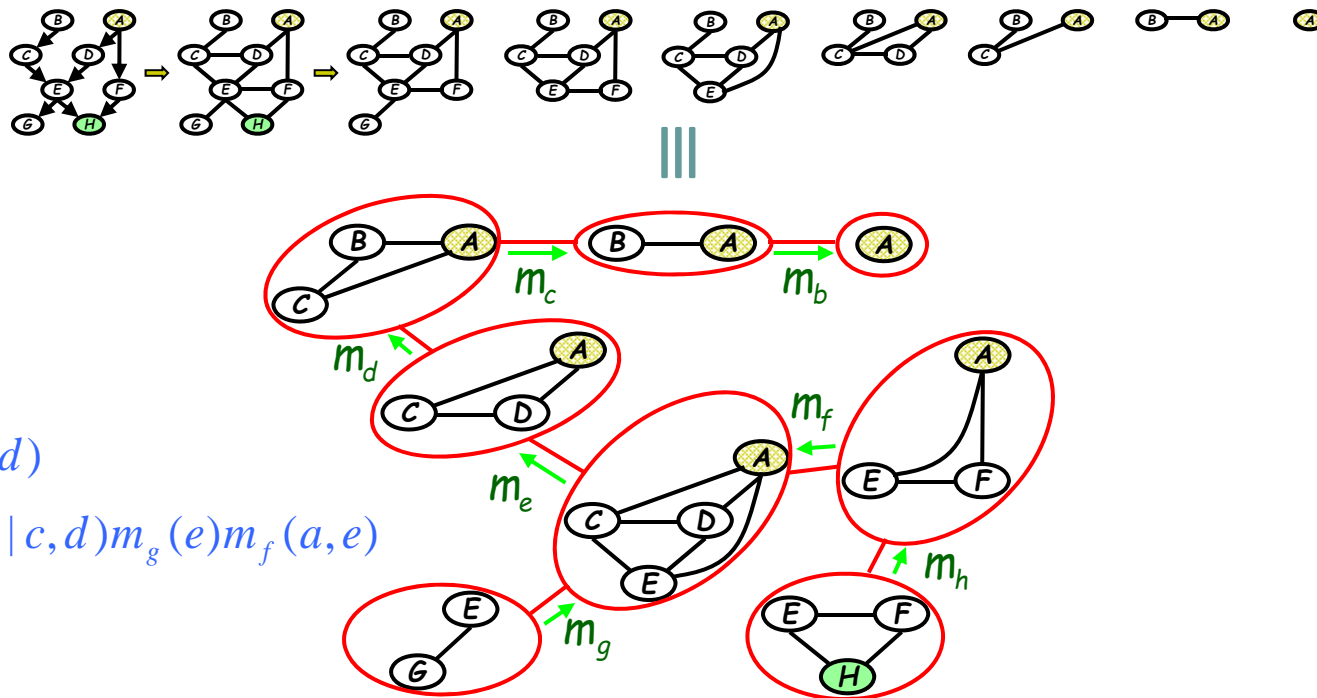


- The overall complexity is determined by the number of the largest elimination clique
  - What is the largest elimination clique? – a pure graph theoretic question
  - **Tree-width**  $k$ : one less than the smallest achievable value of the cardinality of the largest elimination clique, ranging over all possible elimination ordering
  - “good” elimination orderings lead to **small cliques** and hence reduce complexity (what will happen if we eliminate "e" first in the above graph?)
  - Find the best elimination ordering of a graph --- NP-hard
  - Inference is NP-hard
  - But there often exist "obvious" optimal or near-opt elimination ordering

# From Elimination to Message Passing



- Our algorithm so far answers only one query (e.g., on one node), do we need to do a complete elimination for every such query?
- Elimination  $\equiv$  message passing on a **clique tree**



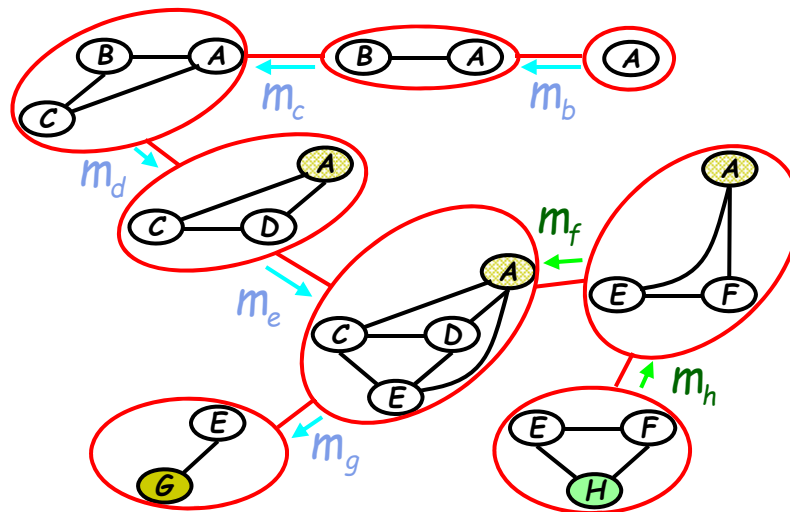
$$m_e(a, c, d) = \sum_e p(e | c, d) m_g(e) m_f(a, e)$$

- Messages can be reused

# From Elimination to Message Passing

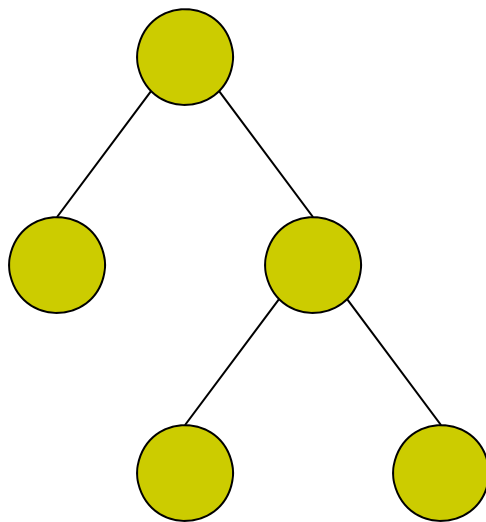


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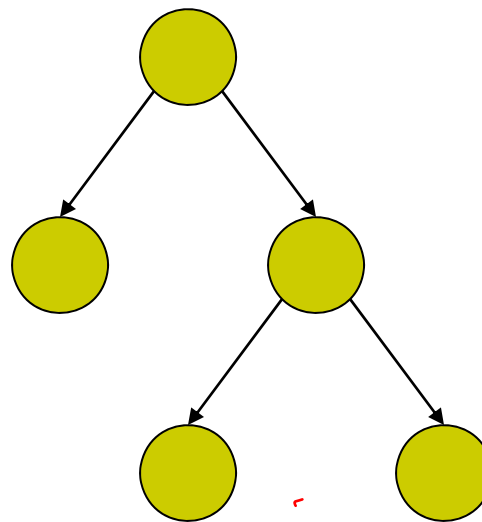


- Messages  $m_f$  and  $m_h$  are reused, others need to be recomputed

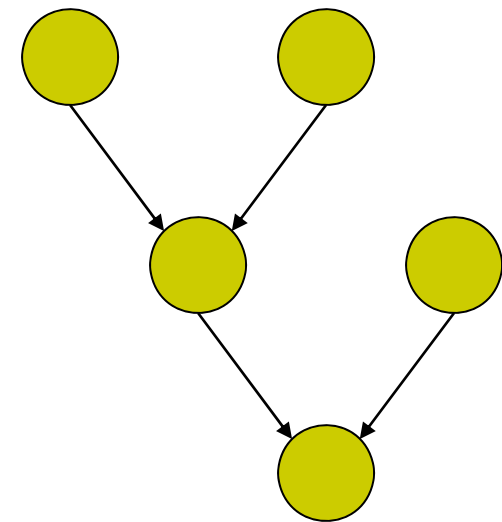
# Tree GMs



**Undirected tree:** a unique path between any pair of nodes



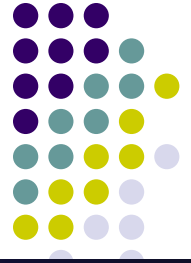
**Directed tree:** all nodes except the root have exactly one parent



**Poly tree:** can have multiple parents

We will come back to this later

# Equivalence of directed and undirected trees



- Any undirected tree can be converted to a directed tree by choosing a root node and directing all edges away from it
- A directed tree and the corresponding undirected tree make the same conditional independence assertions
- Parameterizations are essentially the same.

- Undirected tree: 
$$p(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \left( \prod_{i \in V} \psi(x_i) \prod_{(i,j) \in E} \psi(x_i, x_j) \right)$$

- Directed tree: 
$$p(x) = p(x_r) \prod_{(i,j) \in E} p(x_j | x_i)$$

- Equivalence: 
$$\psi(x_r) = p(x_r); \quad \psi(x_i, x_j) = p(x_j | x_i);$$
$$Z = 1, \quad \psi(x_i) = 1$$

- Evidence:?

# From elimination to message passing

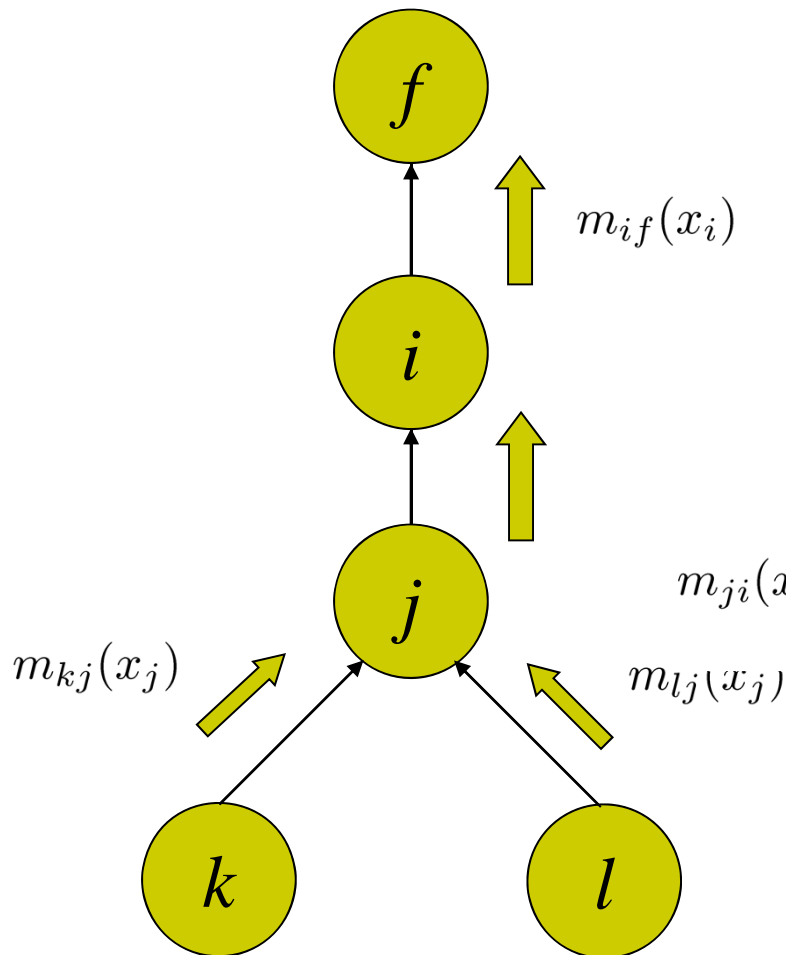


- Recall **ELIMINATION** algorithm:
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  - Place the resultant factor back on the list





# Elimination on a tree



Let  $m_{ji}(x_i)$  denote the factor resulting from eliminating variables from below up to  $i$ , which is a function of  $x_i$ :

$$m_{ji}(x_i) = \sum_{x_j} \left( \psi(x_j) \psi(x_i, x_j) \prod_{k \in N(j) \setminus i} m_{kj}(x_j) \right)$$

This is reminiscent of a **message** sent from  $j$  to  $i$ .

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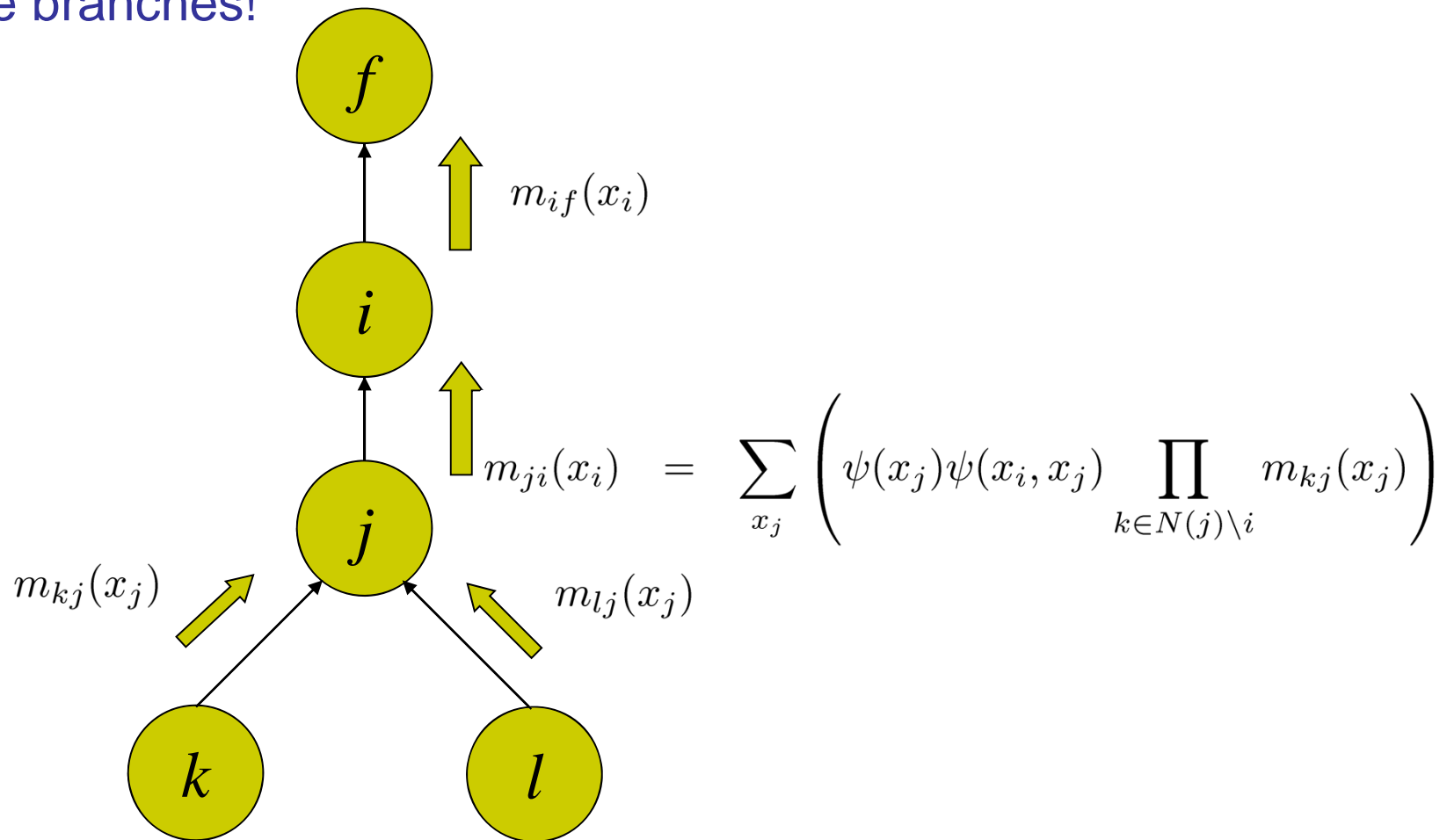
$$p(x_f) \propto \psi(x_f) \prod_{e \in N(f)} m_{ef}(x_f)$$

$m_{ij}(x_i)$  represents a "belief" of  $x_i$  from  $x_j$ !



# Message passing on a tree

- Elimination on trees is equivalent to message passing along tree branches!



$$= \sum_{x_j} \left( \psi(x_j) \psi(x_i, x_j) \prod_{k \in N(j) \setminus i} m_{kj}(x_j) \right)$$

# From elimination to message passing

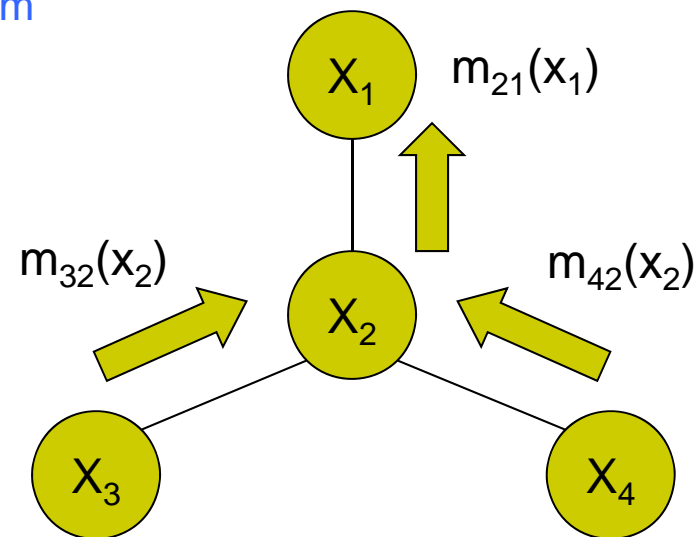


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    - Place the resultant factor back on the list
  - For a **TREE** graph:
    - Choose query node  $f$  as the root of the tree
    - View tree as a directed tree with edges pointing towards leaves from  $f$
    - Elimination ordering based on depth-first traversal
    - Elimination of each node can be considered as **message-passing (or Belief Propagation)** directly along tree branches, rather than on some transformed graphs
- thus, we can use the tree itself as a data-structure to do general inference!!



# The message passing protocol:

- A node can send a message to its neighbors when (and only when) it has received messages from all its **other** neighbors.
- Computing node marginals:
  - Naïve approach: consider each node as the root and execute the message passing algorithm

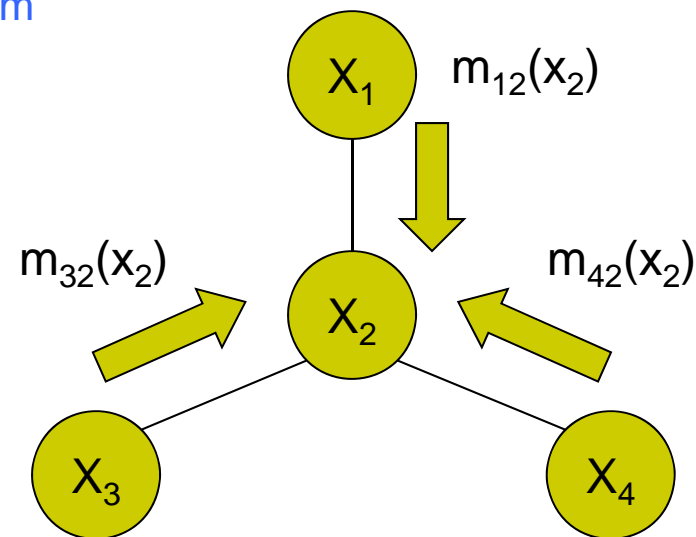


**Computing  $P(X_1)$**



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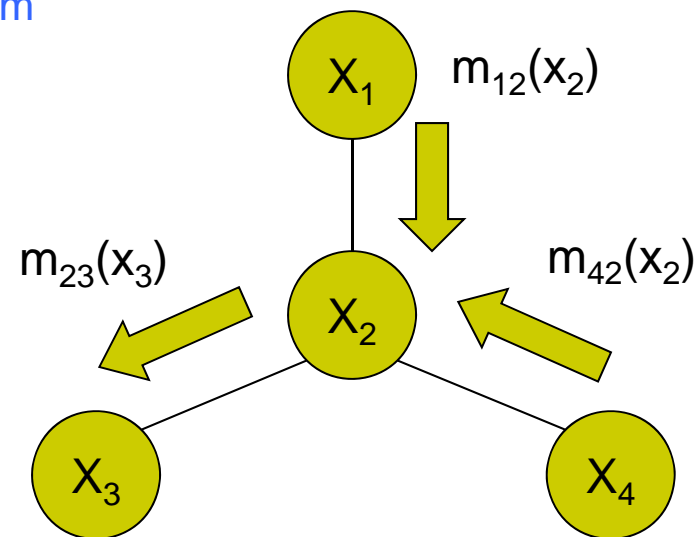


**Computing  $P(X_2)$**



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**Computing  $P(X_3)$**



# Computing node marginals

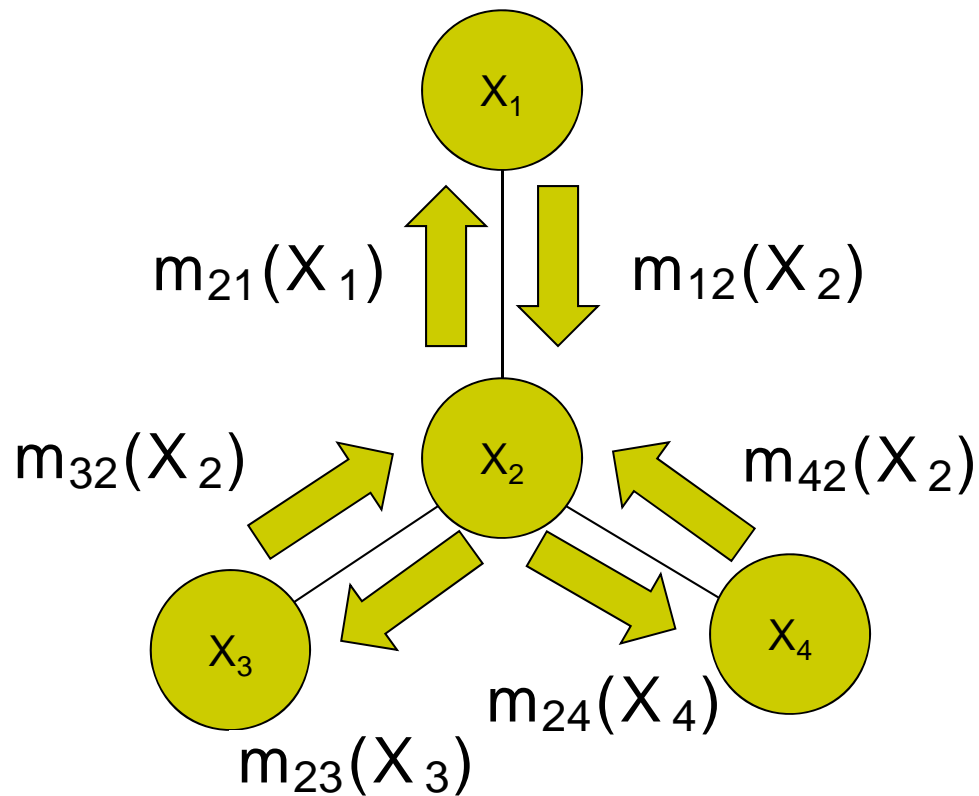
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- Naïve approach:
  - Complexity:  $NC$ 
    - $N$  is the number of nodes
    - $C$  is the complexity of a complete message passing
  
- Alternative dynamic programming approach
  - 2-Pass algorithm (next slide →)
  - Complexity:  $2C!$



# The message passing protocol:

- A two-pass algorithm:





# Belief Propagation (SP-algorithm): Sequential implementation



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SUM-PRODUCT( $\mathcal{T}, E$ )
  EVIDENCE( $E$ )
   $f = \text{CHOOSEROOT}(\mathcal{V})$ 
  for  $e \in \mathcal{N}(f)$ 
    COLLECT( $f, e$ )
  for  $e \in \mathcal{N}(f)$ 
    DISTRIBUTE( $f, e$ )
  for  $i \in \mathcal{V}$ 
    COMPUTEMARGINAL( $i$ )
  
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EVIDENCE( $E$ )
  for  $i \in E$ 
     $\psi^E(x_i) = \psi(x_i)\delta(x_i, \bar{x}_i)$ 
  for  $i \notin E$ 
     $\psi^E(x_i) = \psi(x_i)$ 
  
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COLLECT( $i, j$ )
  for  $k \in \mathcal{N}(j) \setminus i$ 
    COLLECT( $j, k$ )
  SENDMESSAGE( $j, i$ )
  
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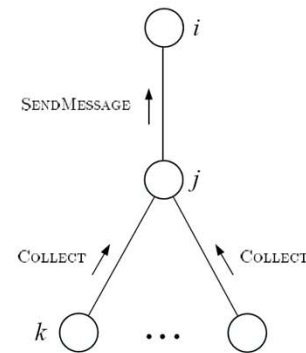
DISTRIBUTE( $i, j$ )
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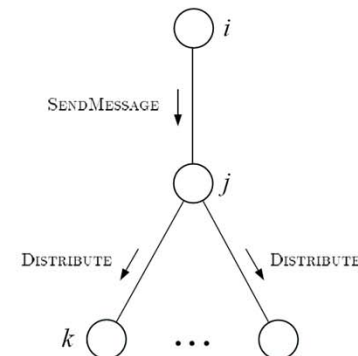
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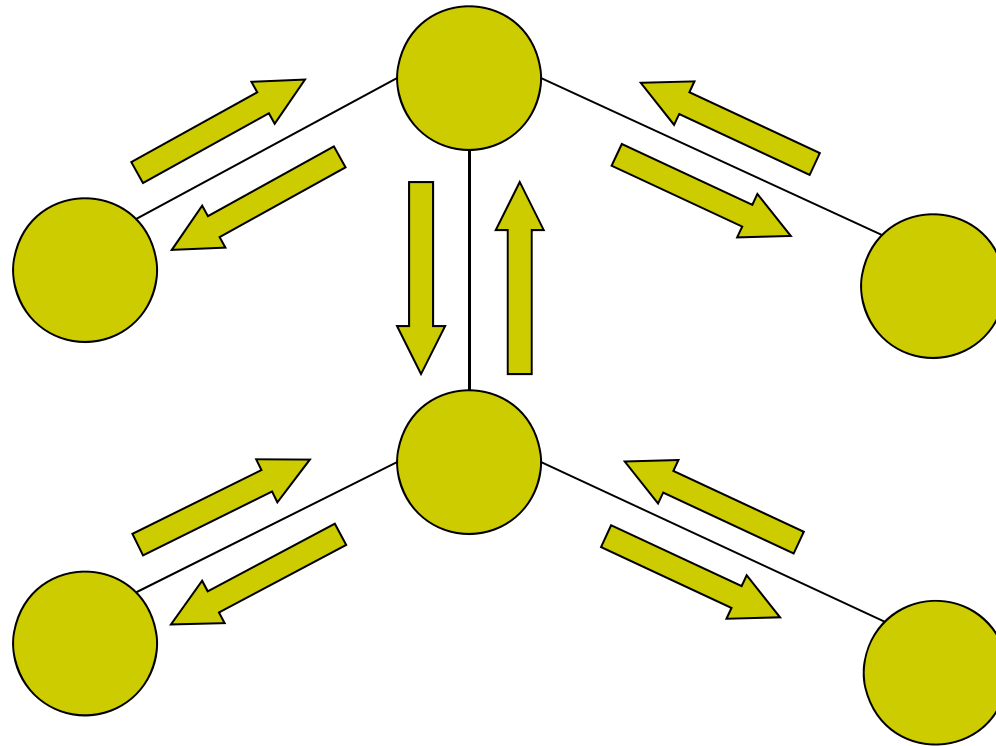
COMPUTEMARGINAL( $i$ )
 $p(x_i) \propto \psi^E(x_i) \prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} m_{ji}(x_i)$ 
  
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# Belief Propagation (SP-algorithm): Parallel synchronous implementation



- For a node of degree  $d$ , whenever messages have arrived on any subset of  $d-1$  node, compute the message for the remaining edge and send!
  - A pair of messages have been computed for each edge, one for each direction
  - All incoming messages are eventually computed for each node

# Correctness of BP on tree



- Collollary: the synchronous implementation is "non-blocking"
- Thm: The Message Passage Guarantees obtaining all marginals in the tree

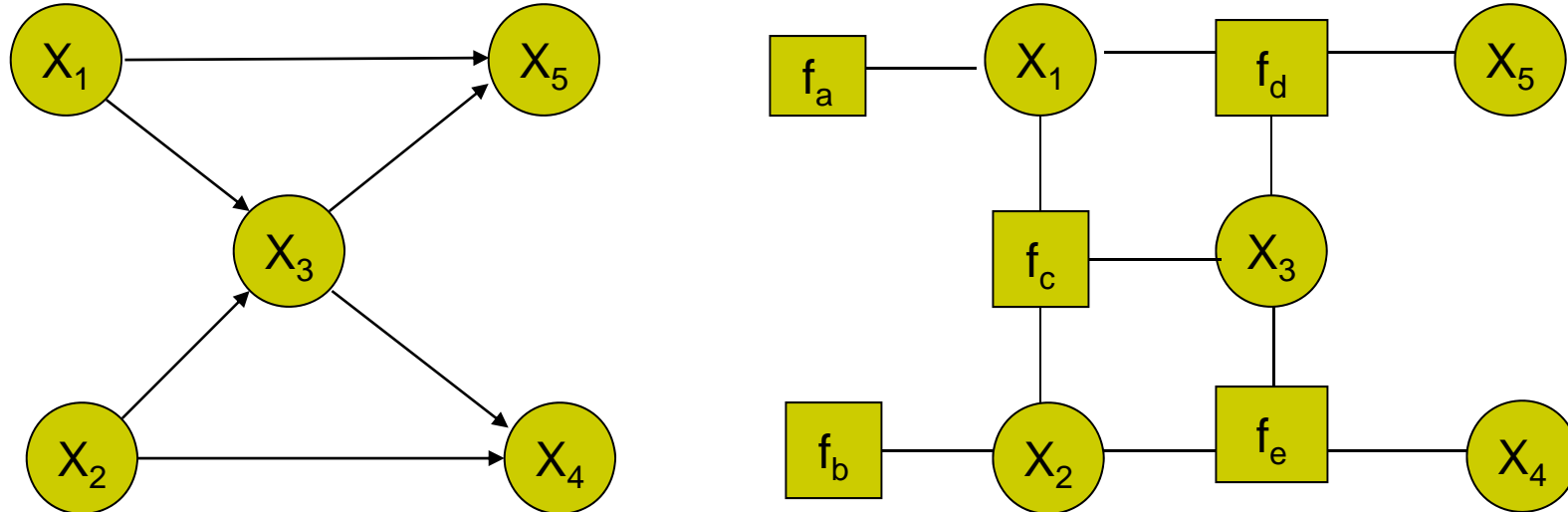
$$m_{ji}(x_i) = \sum_{x_j} \left( \psi(x_j) \psi(x_i, x_j) \prod_{k \in N(j) \setminus i} m_{kj}(x_j) \right)$$

- What about non-tree?



# Another view of SP: Factor Graph

- Example 1

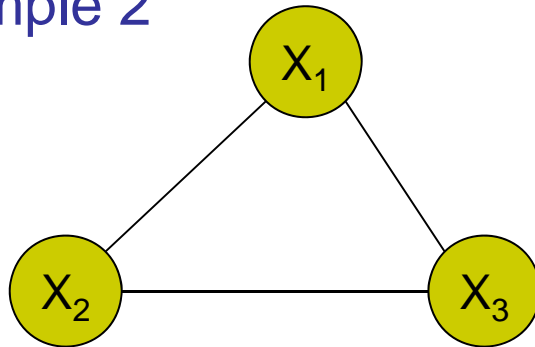


$$\begin{array}{ccccc} P(X_1) & P(X_2) & P(X_3|X_1, X_2) & P(X_5|X_1, X_3) & P(X_4|X_2, X_3) \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ f_a(X_1) & f_b(X_2) & f_c(X_3, X_1, X_2) & f_d(X_5, X_1, X_3) & f_e(X_4, X_2, X_3) \end{array}$$

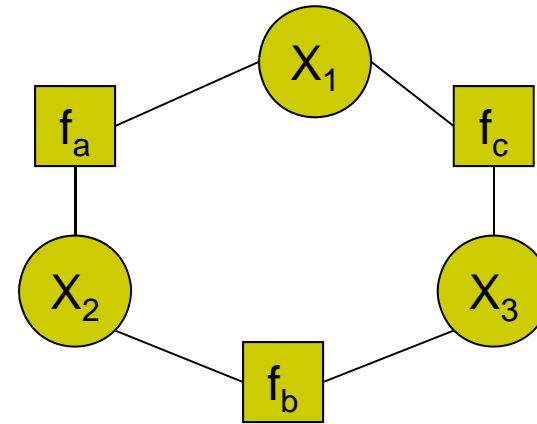


# Factor Graphs

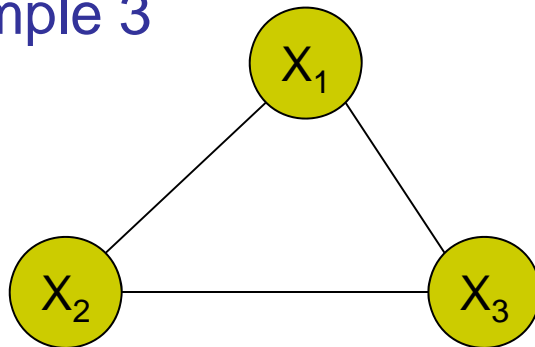
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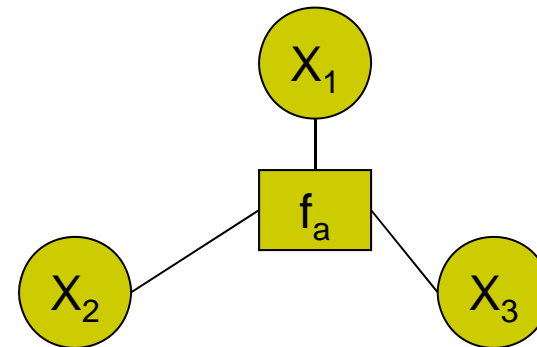
$$\psi(x_1, x_2, x_3) = f_a(x_1, x_2) f_b(x_2, x_3) f_c(x_3, x_1)$$



- Example 3



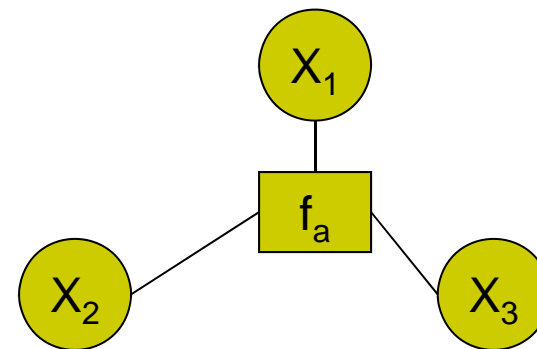
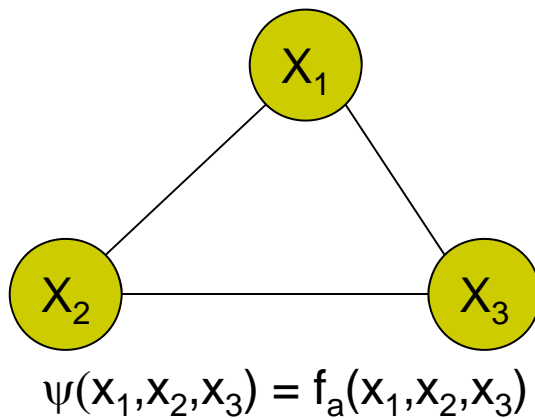
$$\psi(x_1, x_2, x_3) = f_a(x_1, x_2, x_3)$$





# Factor Tree

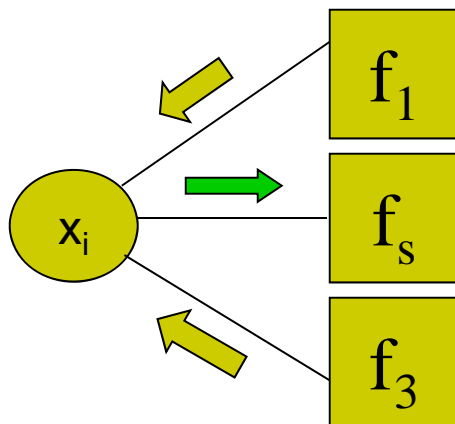
- A Factor graph is a **Factor Tree** if the undirected graph obtained by ignoring the distinction between variable nodes and factor nodes is an undirected tree



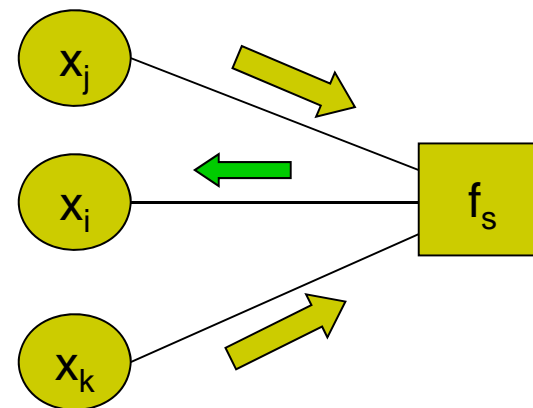
# Message Passing on a Factor Tree



- Two kinds of messages
  1.  $\nu$ : from variables to factors
  2.  $\mu$ : from factors to variables



$$\nu_{is}(x_i) = \prod_{t \in \mathcal{N}(i) \setminus s} \mu_{ti}(x_i)$$

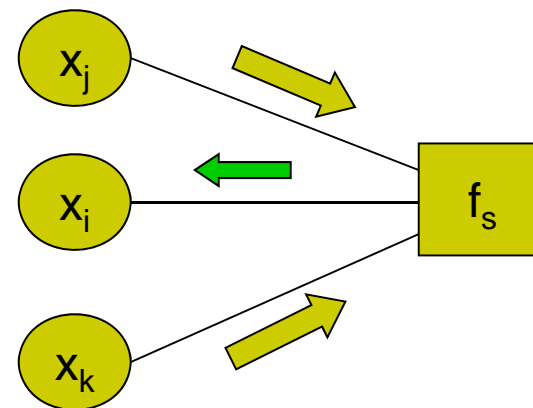
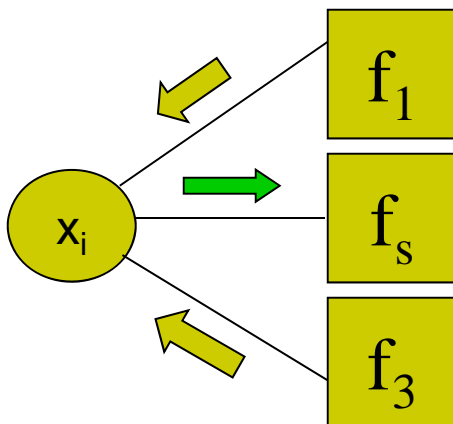


$$\mu_{si}(x_i) = \sum_{x_{\mathcal{N}(s) \setminus i}} \left( f_s(x_{\mathcal{N}(s)}) \prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}(s) \setminus i} \nu_{js}(x_j) \right)$$

# Message Passing on a Factor Tree, con'd



- Message passing protocol:
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- Marginal probability of nodes:

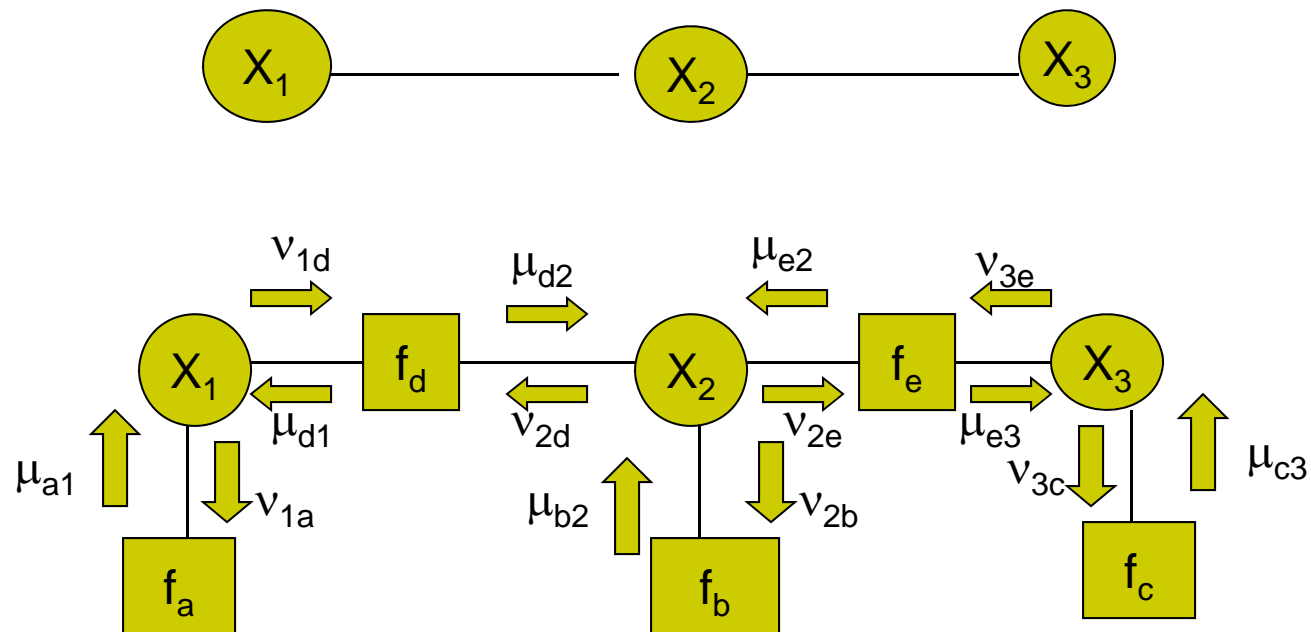


$$\begin{aligned} P(x_i) &\propto \prod_{s \in N(i)} \mu_{si}(x_i) \\ &\propto v_{is}(x_i) \mu_{si}(x_i) \end{aligned}$$





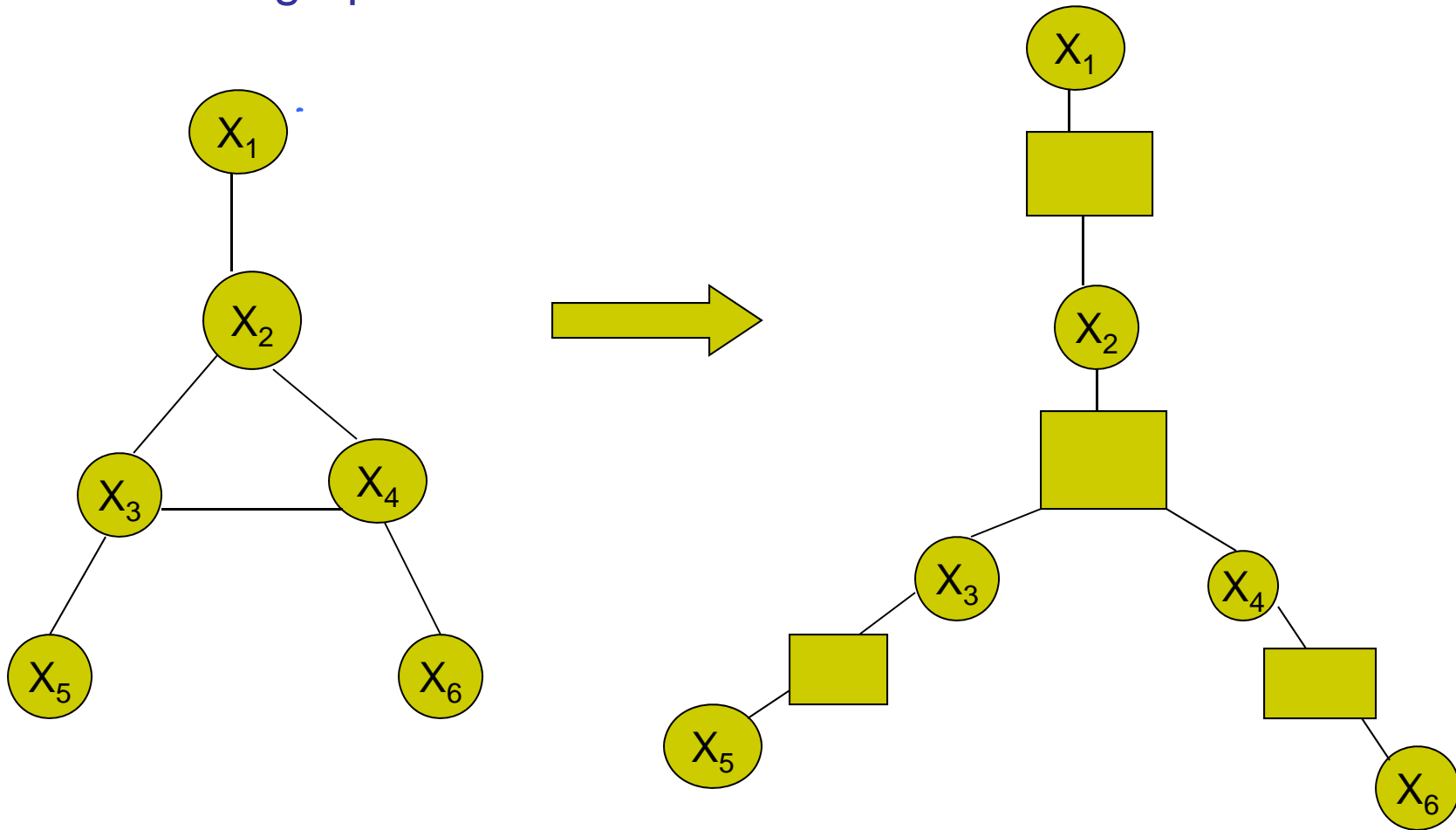
# BP on a Factor Tree



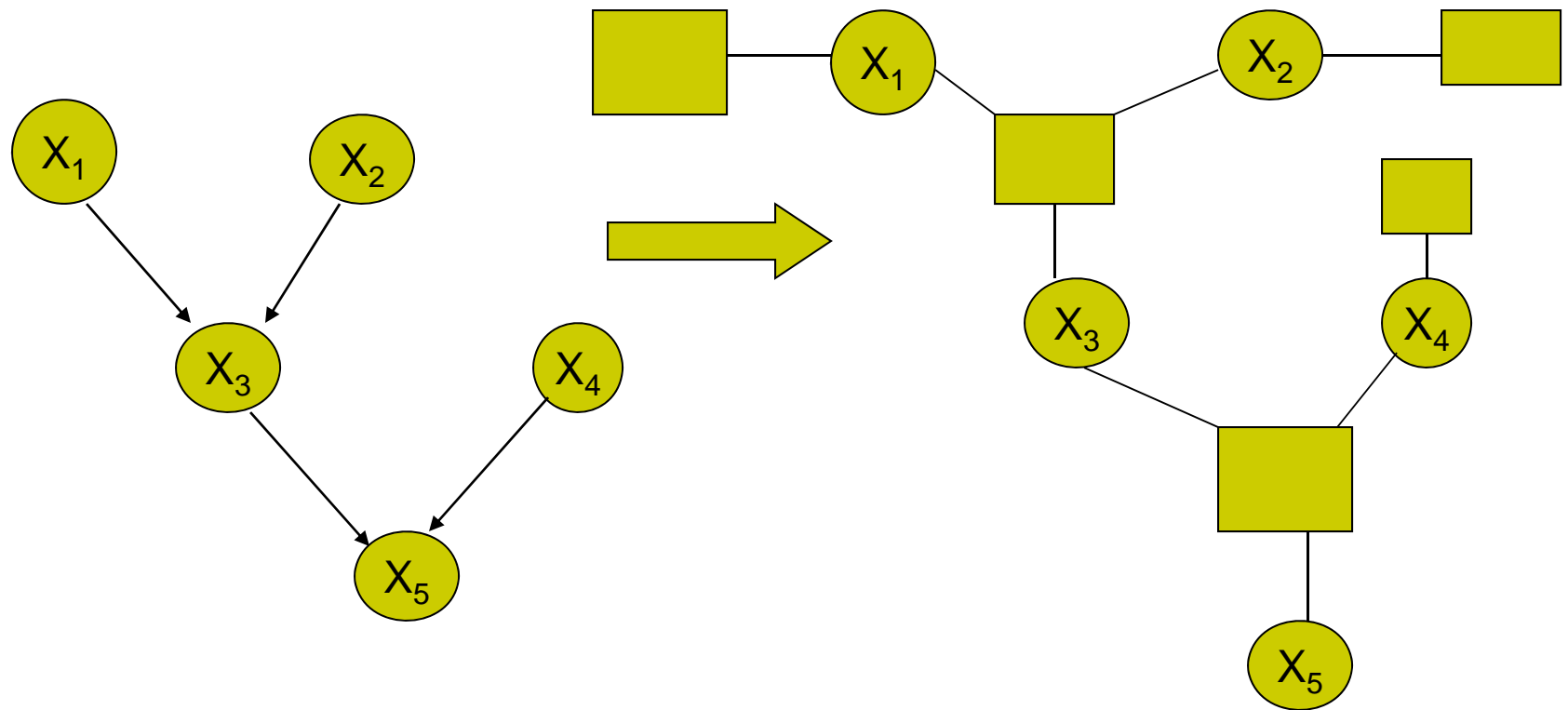


# Why factor graph?

- Tree-like graphs to Factor trees

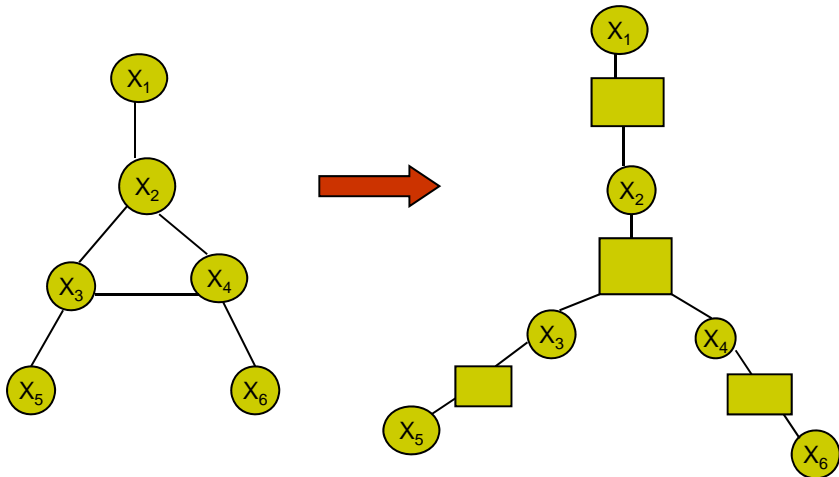


# Poly-trees to Factor trees

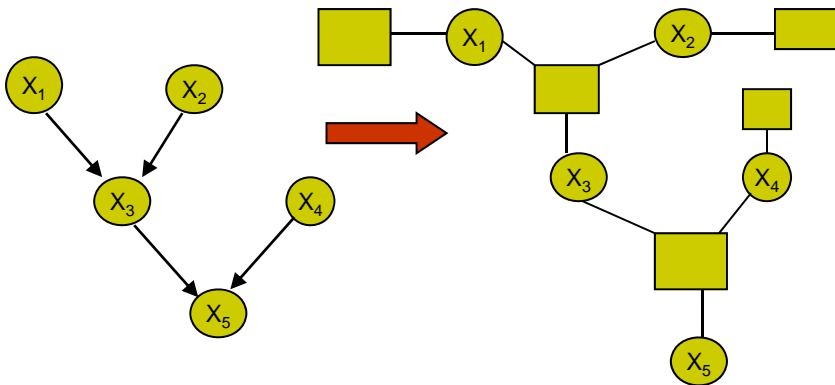




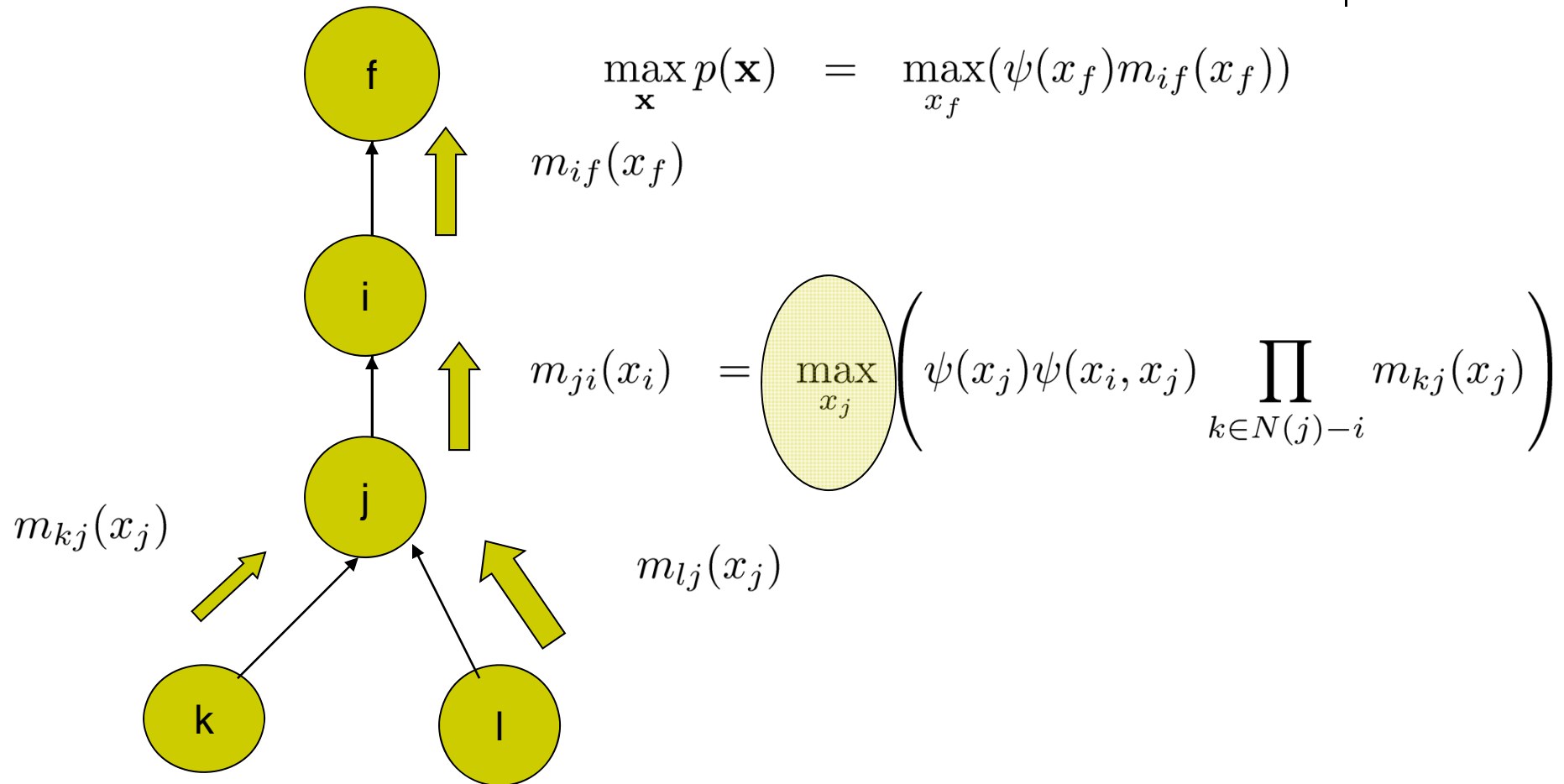
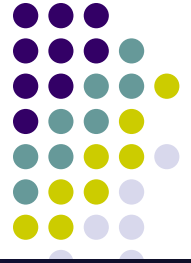
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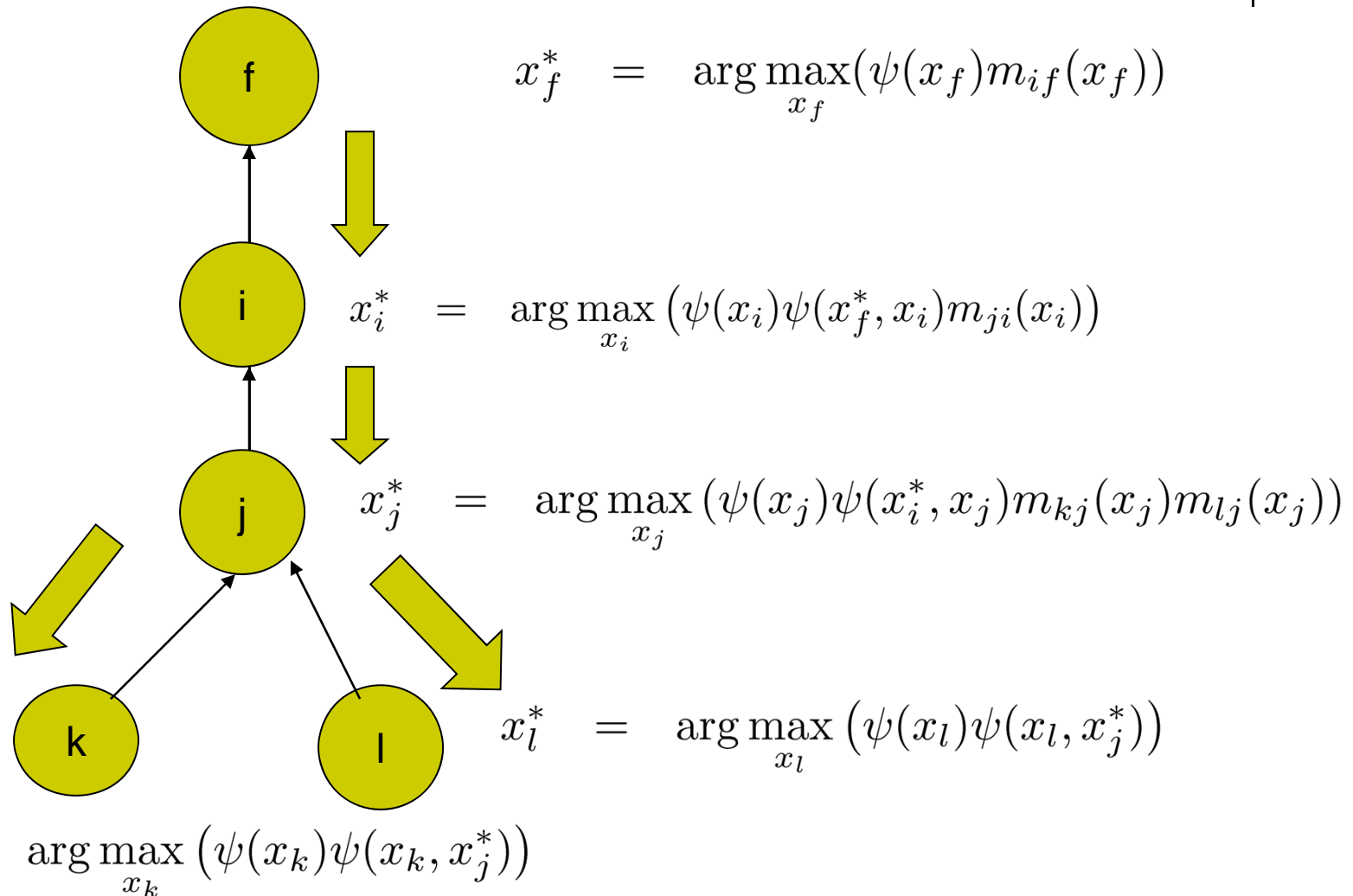
- Because FG turns tree-like graphs to factor trees,
- and trees are a data-structure that guarantees correctness of BP !



# Max-product algorithm: computing MAP probabilities



# Max-product algorithm: computing MAP configurations using a final bookkeeping backward pass



# Summary

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- Sum-Product algorithm computes singleton marginal probabilities on:
  - Trees
  - Tree-like graphs
  - Poly-trees
- *Maximum a posteriori* configurations can be computed by replacing sum with **max** in the sum-product algorithm
  - Extra bookkeeping required



# Inference on general GM

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- Now, what if the GM is not a tree-like graph?
- Can we still directly run message-passing protocol along its edges?
- For non-trees, we do not have the guarantee that message-passing will be consistent!
- Then what?
  - Construct a graph data-structure from  $P$  that has a tree structure, and run message-passing on it!

→ Junction tree algorithm



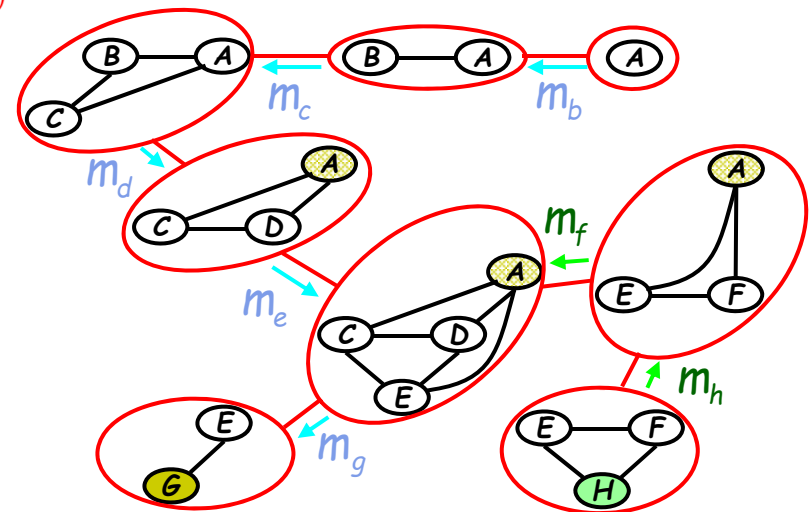


# Elimination Clique

- Recall that Induced dependency during marginalization is captured in elimination cliques
  - Summation  $\leftrightarrow$  elimination
  - Intermediate term  $\leftrightarrow$  elimination clique

$$\begin{aligned}
 & P(a)P(b)P(c|b)P(d|a)P(e|c, d)P(f|a)P(g|e)P(h|e, f) \\
 \Rightarrow & P(a)P(b)P(c|b)P(d|a)P(e|c, d)P(f|a)P(g|e)\phi_h(e, f) \\
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 \Rightarrow & P(a)P(b)P(c|b)P(d|a)\phi_e(a, c, d) \\
 \Rightarrow & P(a)P(b)P(c|b)\phi_d(a, c) \\
 \Rightarrow & P(a)P(b)\phi_c(a, b) \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

- Can this lead to an generic inference algorithm?





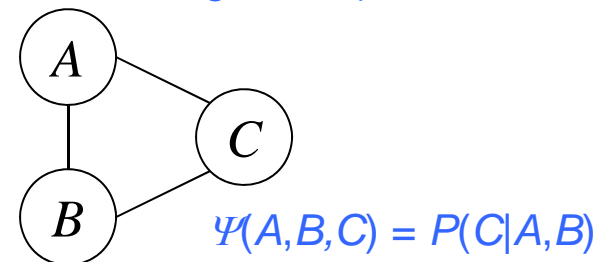
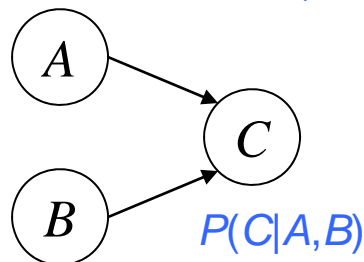
# Moral Graph

- Note that for both directed GMs and undirected GMs, the joint probability is in a product form:

$$\text{BN: } P(\mathbf{X}) = \prod_{i=1:d} P(X_i | \mathbf{X}_{\pi_i})$$

$$\text{MRF: } P(\mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{c \in C} \psi_c(\mathbf{X}_c)$$

- So let's convert local conditional probabilities into potentials; then the second expression will be generic, but how does this operation affect the directed graph?
  - We can think of a conditional probability, e.g.,  $P(C|A,B)$  as a function of the three variables  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  (we get a real number of each configuration):

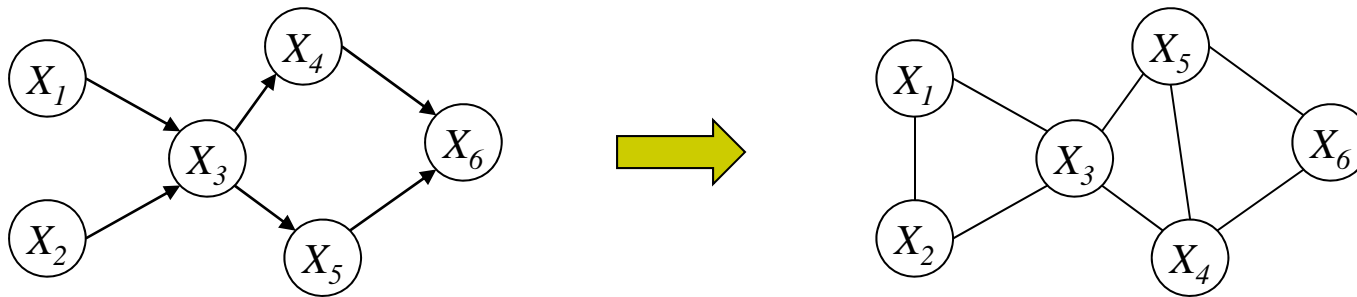


- Problem: But a node and its parent are not generally in the same clique in a BN
- Solution: Marry the parents to obtain the "moral graph"



# Moral Graph (cont.)

- Define the potential on a clique as the product over all conditional probabilities contained **within** the clique
- Now the product of potentials gives the right answer:



$$\begin{aligned} &P(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6) \\ &= P(X_1)P(X_2)P(X_3 | X_1, X_2)P(X_4 | X_3)P(X_5 | X_3)P(X_6 | X_4, X_5) \\ &= \psi(X_1, X_2, X_3)\psi(X_3, X_4, X_5)\psi(X_4, X_5, X_6) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\psi(X_1, X_2, X_3) = P(X_1)P(X_2)P(X_3 | X_1, X_2)$$

$$\psi(X_3, X_4, X_5) = P(X_4 | X_3)P(X_5 | X_3)$$

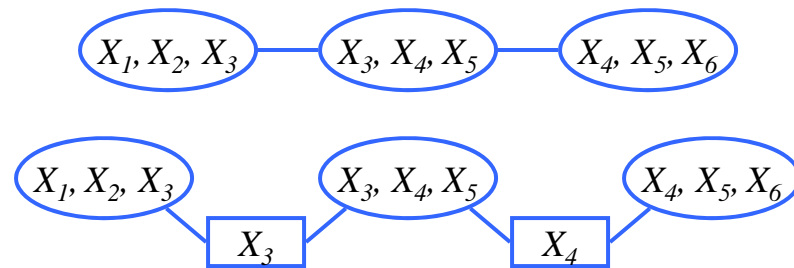
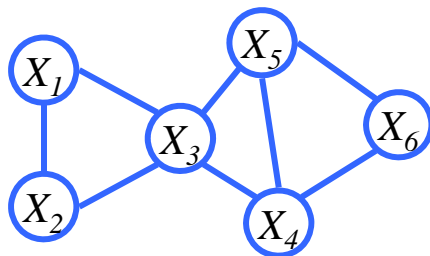
$$\psi(X_4, X_5, X_6) = P(X_6 | X_4, X_5)$$

Note that here the interpretation of potential is ambivalent: it can be either *marginals* or *conditionals*

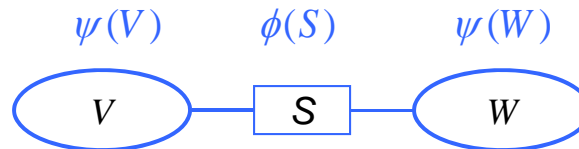


# Clique trees

- A clique tree is an (undirected) tree of cliques



- Consider cases in which two neighboring cliques  $V$  and  $W$  have an overlap  $S$  (e.g.,  $(X_1, X_2, X_3)$  overlaps with  $(X_3, X_4, X_5)$ ),

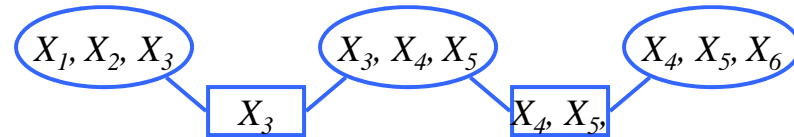
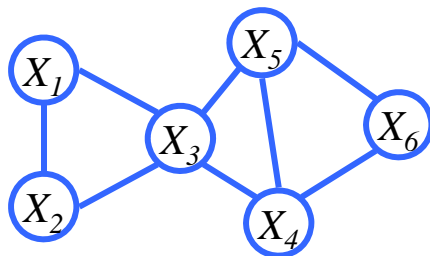


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$$\begin{aligned}
 & P(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6) \\
 &= P(X_1)P(X_2)P(X_3 | X_1, X_2)P(X_4 | X_3)P(X_5 | X_3)P(X_6 | X_4, X_5) \\
 &= P(X_1, X_2, X_3) \frac{P(X_3, X_4, X_5)}{P(X_3)} \frac{P(X_4, X_5, X_6)}{P(X_4, X_5)} \\
 &= \psi(X_1, X_2, X_3) \frac{\psi(X_3, X_4, X_5)}{\phi(X_3)} \frac{\psi(X_4, X_5, X_6)}{\phi(X_4, X_5)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now each potential is isomorphic to the *cluster marginal* of the attendant set of variables

- Generally:

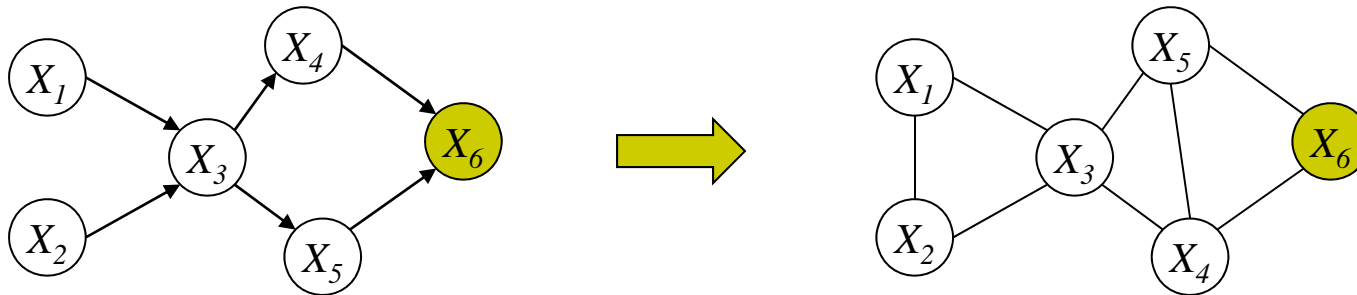
$$P(\mathbf{X}) = \frac{\prod_c \psi_c(\mathbf{X}_c)}{\prod_s \phi_s(\mathbf{X}_s)}$$



# Why this is useful?

- Propagation of probabilities

- Now suppose that some evidence has been "absorbed" (i.e., certain values of some nodes have been observed). How do we propagate this effect to the rest of the graph?



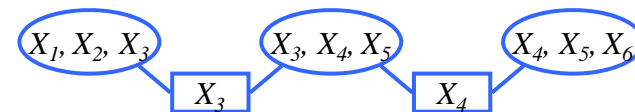
- What do we mean by propagate?

Can we adjust all the potentials  $\{\psi\}$ ,  $\{\phi\}$  so that they still represent the correct cluster marginals (or unnormalized equivalents) of their respective attendant variables?

- Utility?  $P(X_1 | X_6 = x_6) = \sum_{X_2, X_3} \psi(X_1, X_2, X_3)$

$$P(X_3 | X_6 = x_6) = \phi(X_3)$$

$$P(x_6) = \sum_{X_4, X_5} \psi(X_4, X_5, x_6)$$



Local operations!



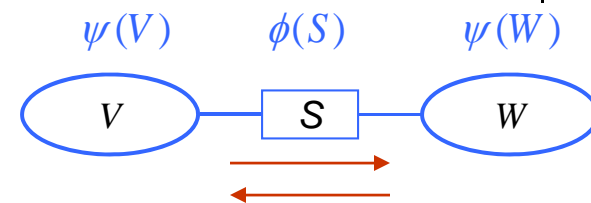
# Local Consistency

- We have two ways of obtaining  $p(S)$

$$P(S) = \sum_{V \setminus S} \psi(V)$$

$$P(S) = \sum_{W \setminus S} \psi(W)$$

and they must be the same



- The following update-rule ensures this:

- Forward update:  $\phi_S^* = \sum_{V \setminus S} \psi_V^*$      $\psi_W^* = \frac{\phi_S^*}{\phi_S} \psi_W$

- Backward update:  $\phi_S^{**} = \sum_{W \setminus S} \psi_W^*$      $\psi_V^{**} = \frac{\phi_S^{**}}{\phi_S^*} \psi_V^*$

- Two important identities can be proven

$$\sum_{V \setminus S} \psi_V^{**} = \sum_{W \setminus S} \psi_W^* = \phi_S^{**}$$

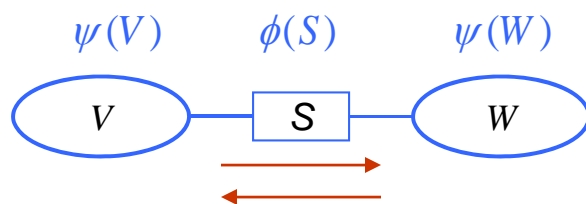
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$$\frac{\psi_V^* \psi_W^*}{\phi_S^*} = \frac{\psi_V^{**} \psi_W^{**}}{\phi_S^{**}} = \frac{\psi_V \psi_W}{\phi_S}$$

Invariant Joint



# Message Passing Algorithm



$$\phi_S^* = \sum_{V \setminus S} \psi_v^* \quad \psi_w^* = \frac{\phi_S^*}{\phi_S} \psi_w$$
$$\phi_S^{**} = \sum_{W \setminus S} \psi_w^* \quad \psi_v^{**} = \frac{\phi_S^{**}}{\phi_S^*} \psi_v^*$$

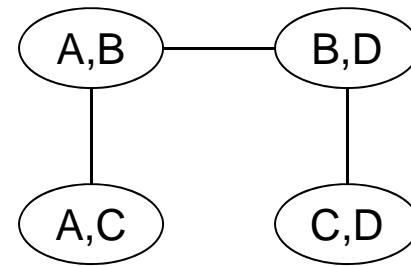
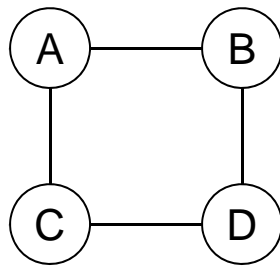
- This simple local message-passing algorithm on a clique tree defines the general probability propagation algorithm for directed graphs!
  - Many interesting algorithms are special cases:
    - Forward-backward algorithm for hidden Markov models,
    - Kalman filter updates
    - Peeling algorithms for probabilistic trees
  - The algorithm seems reasonable. Is it correct?





# A problem

- Consider the following graph and a corresponding clique tree

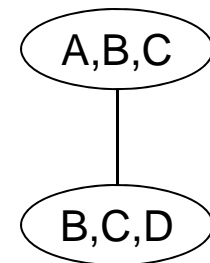
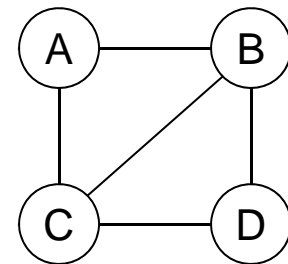
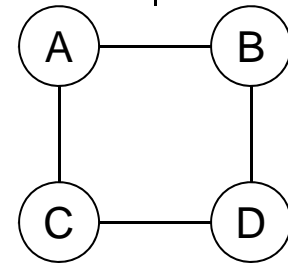


- Note that C appears in two non-neighboring cliques
- Question:* with the previous message passage, can we ensure that the probability associated with C in these two (non-neighboring) cliques consistent?
- Answer: No. It is not true that in general local consistency implies global consistency
- What else do we need to get such a guarantee?

# Triangulation



- A triangulated graph is one in which *no cycles* with four or more nodes exist in which there is no *chord*
- We triangulate a graph by adding chords:
- Now we no longer have our global inconsistency problem.
  - A clique tree for a triangulated graph has the *running intersection property*: If a node appears in two cliques, it appears everywhere on the path between the cliques
  - Thus local consistency implies global consistency



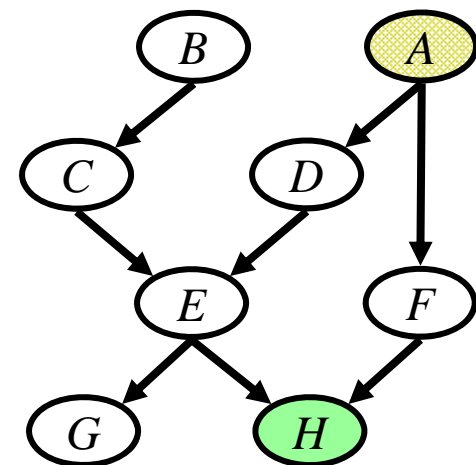
# Junction trees



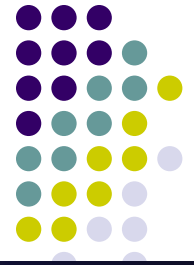
- A clique tree for a triangulated graph is referred to as a *junction tree*
- In junction trees, local consistency implies global consistency. Thus the local message-passing algorithms is (provably) correct
- It is also possible to show that *only* triangulated graphs have the property that their clique trees are junction trees. Thus if we want local algorithms, we *must* triangulate
- Are we now all set?

- How to triangulate?
- The complexity of building a JT depends on how we triangulate!!
- Consider this network:

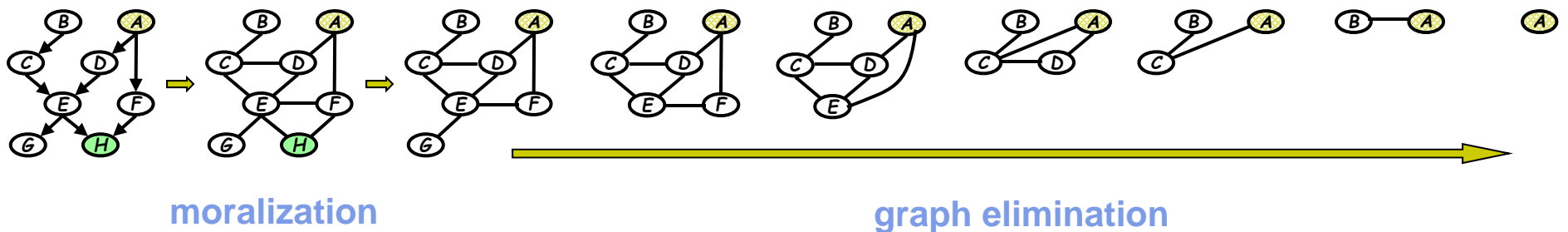
it turns out that we will need to pay an  $O(2^4)$  or  $O(2^6)$  cost depending on how we triangulate!



# How to triangulate

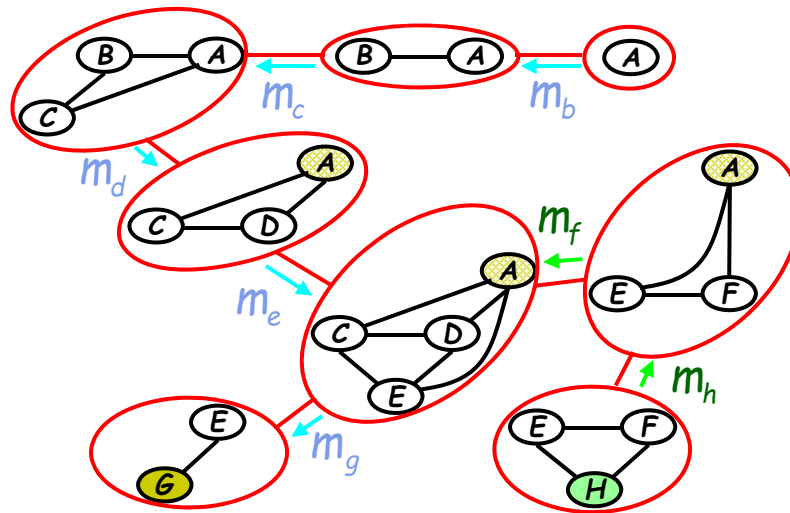


- A graph elimination algorithm



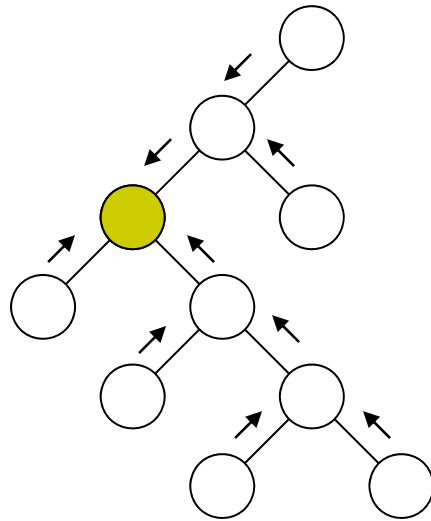
- Intermediate terms correspond to the **cliques** resulted from elimination
  - “good” elimination orderings lead to **small cliques** and hence reduce complexity (what will happen if we eliminate "e" first in the above graph?)
  - finding the optimum ordering is NP-hard, but for many graph optimum or near-optimum can often be heuristically found

# A junction tree

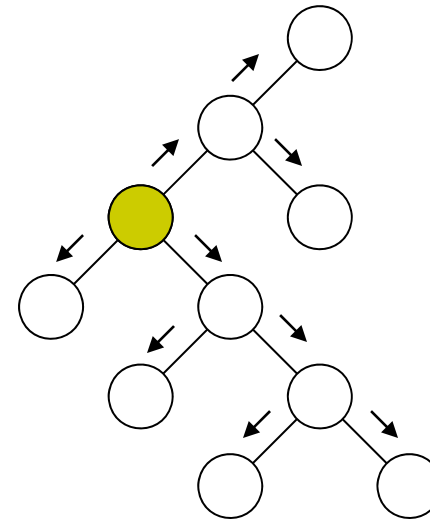




# Message-passing algorithms



collect



distribute

- Message update

- The Hugin update
- The Shafer-Shenoy update

$$\phi_S^* = \sum_{V \setminus S} \psi_V \quad \psi_W^* = \frac{\phi_S^*}{\phi_S} \psi_W$$

$$m_{i \rightarrow j}(S_{ij}) = \sum_{C_i \setminus S_{ij}} \psi_{C_i} \prod_{k \neq j} m_{k \rightarrow i}(S_{ki})$$

# A Sketch of the Junction Tree Algorithm



- The algorithm

1. Moralize the graph (trivial)
2. Triangulate the graph (good heuristic exist, but actually NP hard)
3. Build a clique tree (e.g., using a maximum spanning tree algorithm)
4. Propagation of probabilities --- a local message-passing protocol

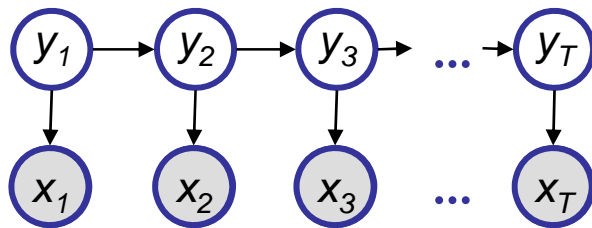
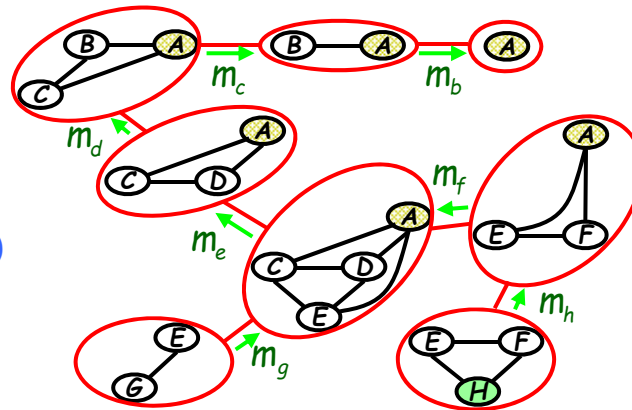
- Results in marginal probabilities of all cliques --- solves all queries in a single run
- A **generic** exact inference algorithm for any GM
- **Complexity**: exponential in the size of the maximal clique --- a good elimination order often leads to small maximal clique, and hence a good (i.e., thin) JT



# Recall the Elimination and Message Passing Algorithm

- Elimination  $\equiv$  message passing on a **clique tree**

$$m_e(a, c, d) = \sum_e p(e | c, d) m_g(e) m_f(a, e)$$



$$P(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_k \alpha_T^k$$

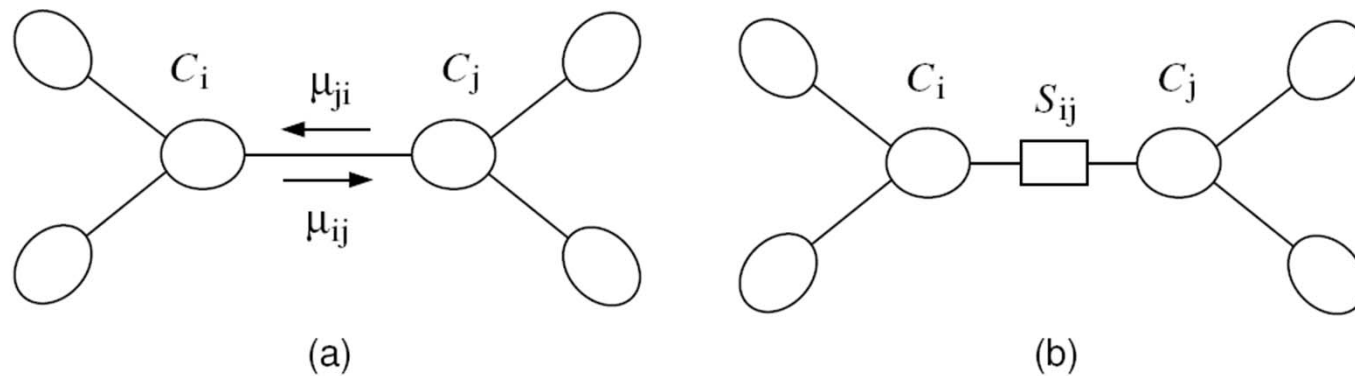
$$\alpha_t^k = p(x_t | y_t^k = 1) \sum_i \alpha_{t-1}^i a_{i,k}$$





# Shafer Shenoy for HMMs

- Recap: Shafer-Shenoy algorithm



- Message from clique  $i$  to clique  $j$  :

$$\mu_{i \rightarrow j} = \sum_{C_i \setminus S_{ij}} \psi_{C_i} \prod_{k \neq j} \mu_{k \rightarrow i}(S_{ki})$$

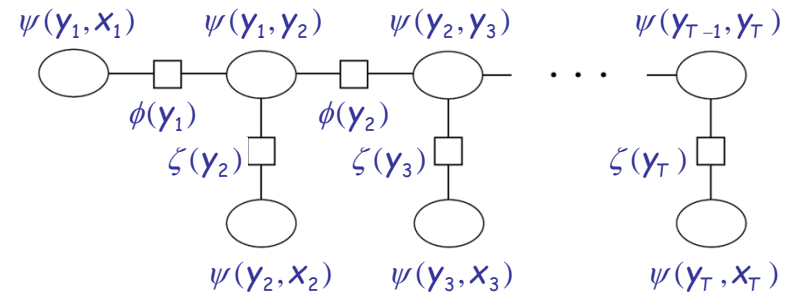
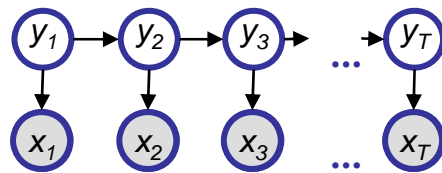
- Clique marginal

$$p(C_i) \propto \psi_{C_i} \prod_k \mu_{k \rightarrow i}(S_{ki})$$

# Message Passing for HMMs (cont.)



- A junction tree for the HMM



- Rightward pass

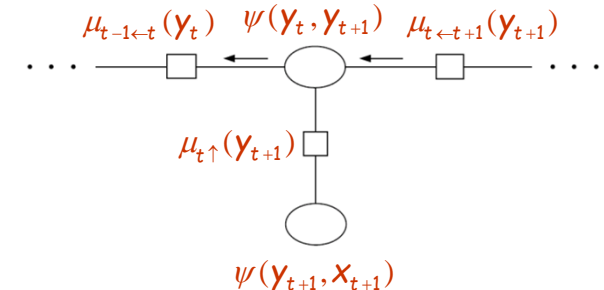
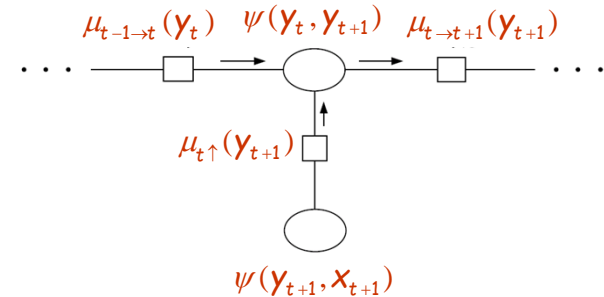
$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{t \rightarrow t+1}(y_{t+1}) &= \sum_{y_t} \psi(y_t, y_{t+1}) \mu_{t-1 \rightarrow t}(y_t) \mu_{t \uparrow}(y_{t+1}) \\ &= \sum_{y_t} p(y_{t+1} | y_t) \mu_{t-1 \rightarrow t}(y_t) p(x_{t+1} | y_{t+1}) \\ &= p(x_{t+1} | y_{t+1}) \sum_{y_t} a_{y_t, y_{t+1}} \mu_{t-1 \rightarrow t}(y_t) \end{aligned}$$

- This is exactly the *forward algorithm*!

- Leftward pass ...

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{t-1 \leftarrow t}(y_t) &= \sum_{y_{t+1}} \psi(y_t, y_{t+1}) \mu_{t \leftarrow t+1}(y_{t+1}) \mu_{t \uparrow}(y_{t+1}) \\ &= \sum_{y_{t+1}} p(y_{t+1} | y_t) \mu_{t \leftarrow t+1}(y_{t+1}) p(x_{t+1} | y_{t+1}) \end{aligned}$$

- This is exactly the *backward algorithm*!



# Summary

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- Junction tree data-structure for exact inference on general graphs
- Two methods
  - Shafer-Shenoy
  - Belief-update or Lauritzen-Speigelhalter
- Constructing Junction tree from chordal graphs
  - Maximum spanning tree approach