

# Loop Calculus and Belief Propagation for q-ary Alphabet: Loop Tower

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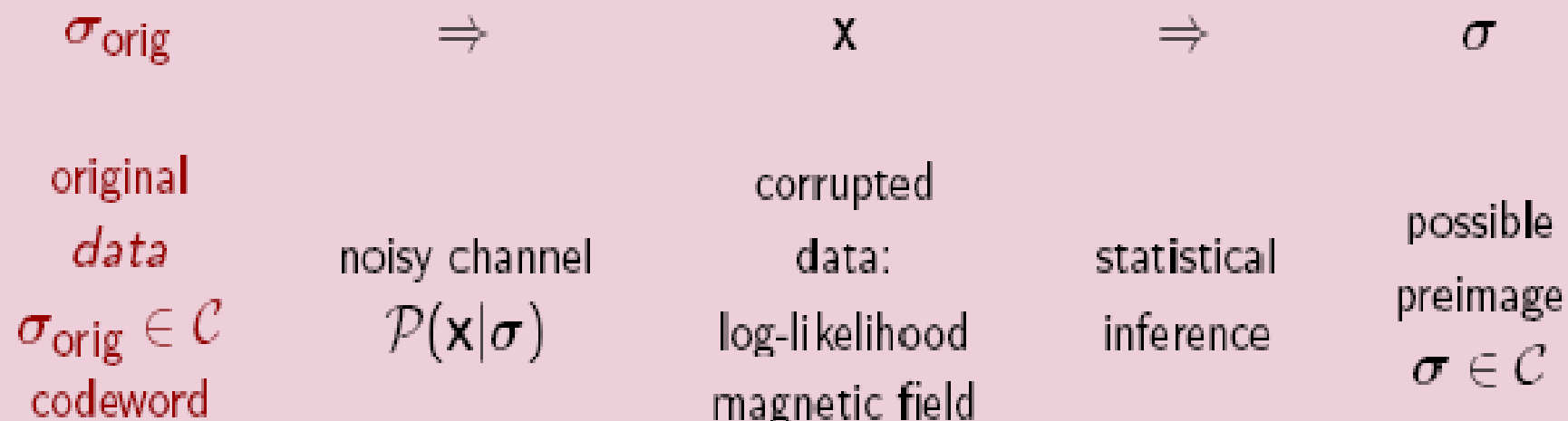
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# Outline

- Forney-style graphical model formulation for statistical inference problem
- Traces and graphical traces
- Gauge-invariant formulation of loop calculus
- Loop towers for  $q$ -ary alphabet
- Relation to the Bethe free energy approach
- Continuous and supersymmetric cases
- Homotopy approach to loop decomposition

# Statistical Inference



$$\sigma = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_N), \quad N \text{ finite}, \quad \sigma_i = \pm 1 \text{ (example)}$$

Maximum Likelihood

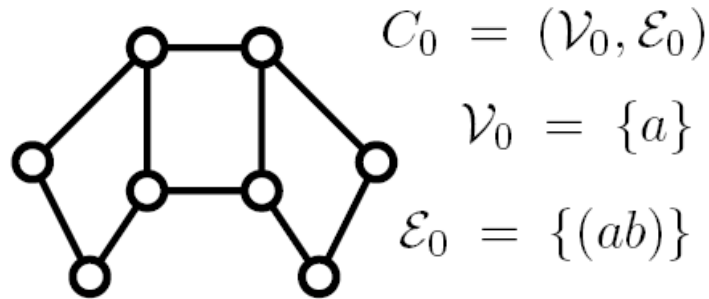
symbol Maximum-a-Posteriori

$$\text{ML} = \arg \max_{\sigma} \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{x}|\sigma)$$

$$\text{MAP}_i = \arg \max_{\sigma_i} \sum_{\sigma \setminus \sigma_i} \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{x}|\sigma)$$

Exhaustive search is generally expensive: complexity  $\sim 2^N$

# Forney-style graphical model formulation



q-ary variables reside on edges

$$\sigma_{ab} = \sigma_{ba} = 0, \dots, (q - 1)$$

Forney '01; Loeliger '01

Probability of a configuration

$$p(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = Z_{C_0}^{-1} \prod_a f_a(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_a), \quad Z_{C_0} = \sum_{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} \prod_a f_a(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_a)$$

Partition function

Marginal probabilities

$$p_a(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_a) \equiv \sum_{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \setminus \boldsymbol{\sigma}_a} p(\boldsymbol{\sigma}), \quad p_{ab}(\sigma_{ab}) \equiv \sum_{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \setminus \sigma_{ab}} p(\boldsymbol{\sigma}), \quad \boldsymbol{\sigma}_a \equiv \{\sigma_{ab} | (ab) \in \mathcal{E}_0\}$$

Reduced variables

can be expressed in terms of the derivatives of the free energy with respect to factor-functions

$$\mathcal{F}_{C_0} = -\ln Z_{C_0}$$

# Loop calculus (binary alphabet)

Belief Propagation (BP) is exact on a tree

## Loop Series:

Chertkov, Chernyak '06

Exact (!!) expression in terms of BP

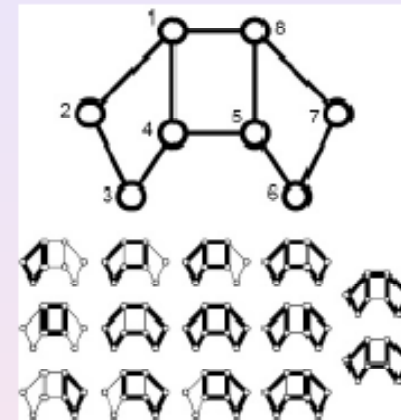
$$Z = \sum_{\sigma} \prod_a f_a(\sigma_a) = Z_0 \left( 1 + \sum_C r(C) \right)$$

$$r(C) = \frac{\prod_{a \in C} \mu_a}{\prod_{(ab) \in C} (1 - m_{ab}^2)} = \prod_{a \in C} \tilde{\mu}_a$$

$C \in$  **Generalized Loops** = Loops without loose ends

$$m_{ab} = \int d\sigma_a b_a^{(bp)}(\sigma_a) \sigma_{ab}$$

$$\mu_a = \int d\sigma_a b_a^{(bp)}(\sigma_a) \prod_{b \in a, C} (\sigma_{ab} - m_{ab})$$



- The **Loop Series** is finite
- All terms in the series are calculated **within BP**
- BP is exact on a tree
- BP is a **Gauge fixing** condition. Other choices of Gauges would lead to different representation.

# Equivalent models: gauge fixing and transformations

## Replace the model with an equivalent more convenient model

### Invariant approach

- (i) Introduce an invariant object that describes partition function  $Z$
- (ii) Different equivalent models correspond to different coordinate choices (gauge fixing)
- (iii) Gauge transformations are changing the basis sets

### Coordinate approach

- (i) Introduce a set of gauge transformations that do not change  $Z$
- (ii) Gauge transformations build new equivalent models

## General strategy (based on linear algebra)

- (i) Replace  $q$ -ary alphabet with a  $q$ -dimensional vector space
- (ii) (letters are basis vectors)
- (ii) Represent  $Z$  by an invariant object **graphical trace**
- (iii) Gauge fixing is a basis set choice
- (iv) Gauge transformations are linear transformation of basis sets

# Gauge invariance: matrix formulation

## Gauge transformations of factor-functions

$$f_a(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_a = (\sigma_{ab}, \dots)) \rightarrow \sum_{\sigma'_{ab}} G_{ab}(\sigma_{ab}, \sigma'_{ab}) f_a(\sigma'_{ab}, \dots),$$

with orthogonality conditions

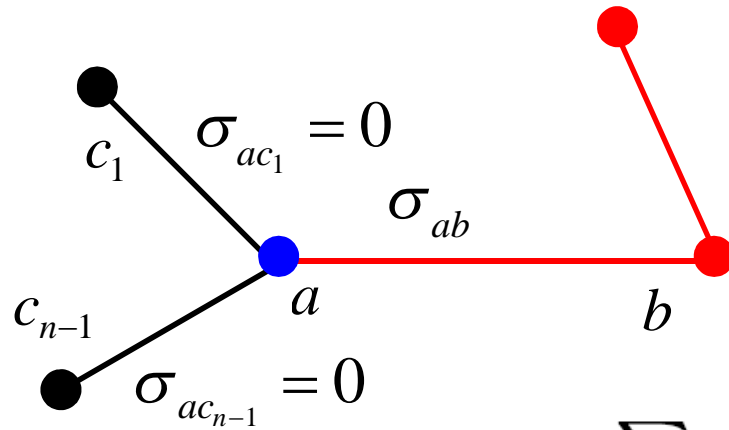
$$\sum_{\sigma_{ab}} G_{ab}(\sigma_{ab}, \sigma') G_{ba}(\sigma_{ab}, \sigma'') = \delta(\sigma', \sigma''),$$

**do not change the partition function**

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{C_0} &= \sum_{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} \prod_a \left( \sum_{\boldsymbol{\sigma}'_a} f_a(\boldsymbol{\sigma}'_a) \prod_{b \in a} G_{ab}(\sigma_{ab}, \sigma'_{ab}) \right) \\ &\equiv \sum_{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} \bar{p}\{\hat{G}|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\} \equiv \text{Tr} \left( \bar{p}\{\hat{G}|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\} \right), \end{aligned}$$



# BP equations: matrix (coordinate) formulation



No-loose-ends condition

$$\sum_{\sigma'_a} f_a(\sigma') G_{ab}^{(bp)}(\sigma_{ab} \neq 0, \sigma'_{ab}) \prod_{\substack{c \neq b \\ c \in a}} G_{ac}^{(bp)}(0, \sigma'_{ac}) = 0,$$

results in BP equations

$$G_{ba}^{(bp)}(0, \sigma'_{ab}) = \rho_a^{-1} \sum_{\sigma'_a \setminus \sigma'_{ab}} f_a(\sigma') \prod_{\substack{c \neq b \\ c \in a}} G_{ac}^{(bp)}(0, \sigma'_{ac}).$$

with

$$\rho_a = \sum_{\sigma'_a} f_a(\sigma') \prod_{c \in a} G_{ac}^{(bp)}(0, \sigma'_{ac}).$$

# BP equations: standard form

A standard form of BP equations

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\exp\left(\eta_{ab}^{(bp)}(\sigma_{ab})\right)}{\sum_{\sigma_{ab}} \exp\left(\eta_{ab}^{(bp)}(\sigma_{ab}) + \eta_{ba}^{(bp)}(\sigma_{ab})\right)} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{\sigma_a \setminus \sigma_{ab}} f_a(\sigma_a) \exp\left(\sum_{b \in a} \eta_{ab}^{(bp)} \sigma_{ab}\right)}{\sum_{\sigma_a} f_a(\sigma_a) \exp\left(\sum_{b \in a} \eta_{ab}^{(bp)}(\sigma_{ab})\right)} \end{aligned}$$

is reproduced using the following representation for the ground state

$$\epsilon_{ab} = G_{ab}(0, \sigma) = \frac{\exp(\eta_{ab}(\sigma))}{\sum_{\sigma} \exp(\eta_{ab}(\sigma) + \eta_{ba}(\sigma))}$$

Side remark: relation to iterative BP

## “Reduced Bethe free energy” (variational approach)

Reduced Bethe free energy  $F_0(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = -\ln(Z_0(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}))$

$$Z_0(\hat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}) \equiv \bar{p}\{G|\mathbf{0}\} = \prod_a \rho_a(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_a), \quad \text{with} \quad \epsilon_{ab}(\sigma_{ab}) \equiv G_{ab}(0, \sigma_{ab})$$
$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{ab} \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{ba} = 1$$

is an attempt to approximate the partition function  $Z$  in terms of the ground-state contribution in a proper gauge

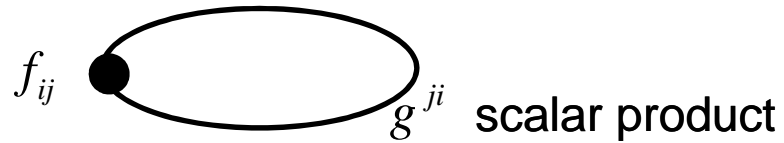
BP equations are recovered by the stationary point conditions  $\frac{\partial F_0(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{ab}} = 0$

Not a standard variational scheme: corrections can be of either sign

**What is the relation of the introduced functional to the Bethe free energy (Yedidia, Freeman, Weiss '01)?**

# Graphical representation of trace and cyclic trace

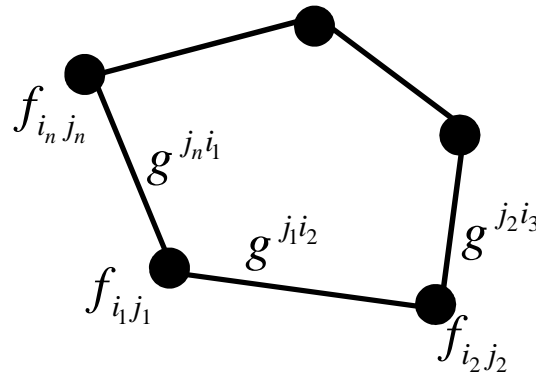
Trace



$$\text{Tr}(f) = \sum f_j^j = \sum f_{ij} g^{ji}$$

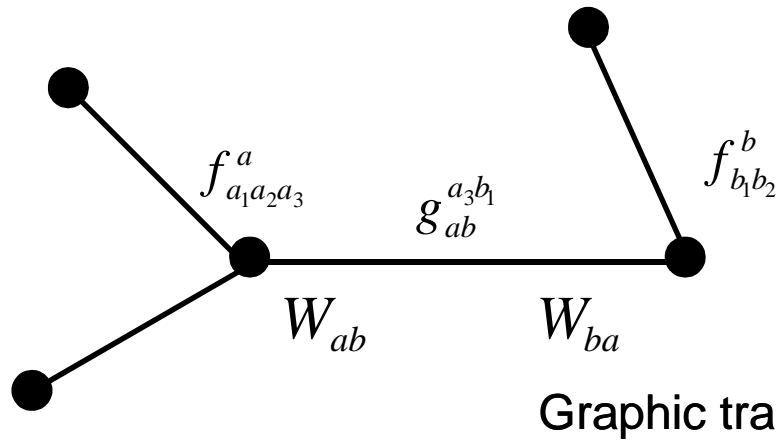
Summation over repeating subscripts/superscripts

Cyclic trace



$$\text{Tr}(f^n) = \sum f_{j_1}^{j_2} f_{j_2}^{j_3} \dots f_{j_n}^{j_1} = \sum f_{i_1 j_1} g^{j_1 i_2} f_{i_2 j_2} g^{j_2 i_3} \dots f_{i_n j_n} g^{j_n i_1}$$

# Graphic trace and partition function



Collection of tensors (poly-vectors)

$$f = \{f^a\}_{a=1, \dots, N} = \{f_{a_1 \dots a_{n_a}}^a\}_{a=1, \dots, N}$$

$$g = \{g_{ab}\}_{a \in b} = \{g_{ab}^{i_a i_b}\}_{a \in b}$$

$$Tr(f) = Tr_g \left( \prod_a f^a \right) = \sum \left( \dots f_{a_1 \dots a_k \dots a_{n_a}}^a \dots f_{b_1 \dots b_j \dots b_{n_b}}^b \dots \right)$$

Scalar products

$$u \cdot w = g_{ab} (u \otimes w)$$

$$u \in W_{ab} \quad w \in W_{ba}$$

Orthogonality condition

$$g_{ab}^{ij} = g_{ab} (e_{ab}^i \otimes e_{ba}^j) = e_{ab}^i \cdot e_{ba}^j = \delta^{ij}$$

Tensors and factor-functions

$$f^a = \sum_{\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_n} f_a(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n) e_{ab_1}^{\sigma_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e_{ab_n}^{\sigma_n}$$

$$Z = Tr(f)$$

# Partition function and graphic trace: gauge invariance

Dual basis set of co-vectors  
(elements of the dual space)

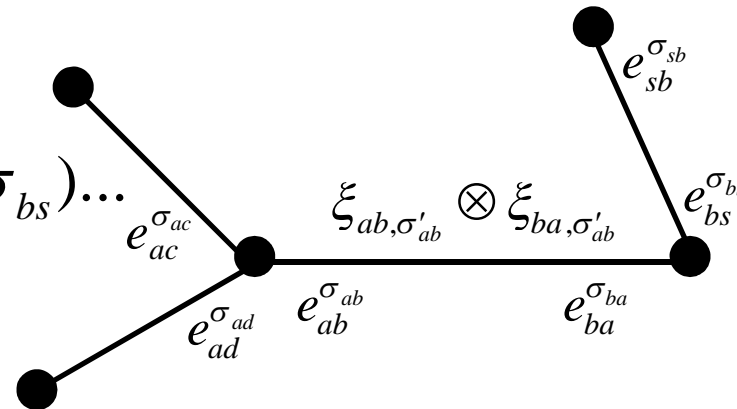
Orthogonality condition (two equivalent forms)

$$\xi_{ab} \in W_{ab}^* \quad \xi_{ab,i}(e_{ab}^j) = \delta_i^j$$

$$\xi_{ab,i} \cdot \xi_{ba,j} = \delta_{ij} \quad g_{ab} = \sum_j \xi_{ab,j} \otimes \xi_{ba,j}$$

Graphic trace: Evaluate scalar products (reside on edges) on tensors (reside vertices)

$$Tr(f) = \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} f_a(\sigma_{ab}, \sigma_{ac}, \sigma_{ad}) f_b(\sigma_{ba}, \sigma_{bs}) \dots$$



**Gauge invariance: graphic trace is an invariant object,  
factor-functions are basis-set dependent**

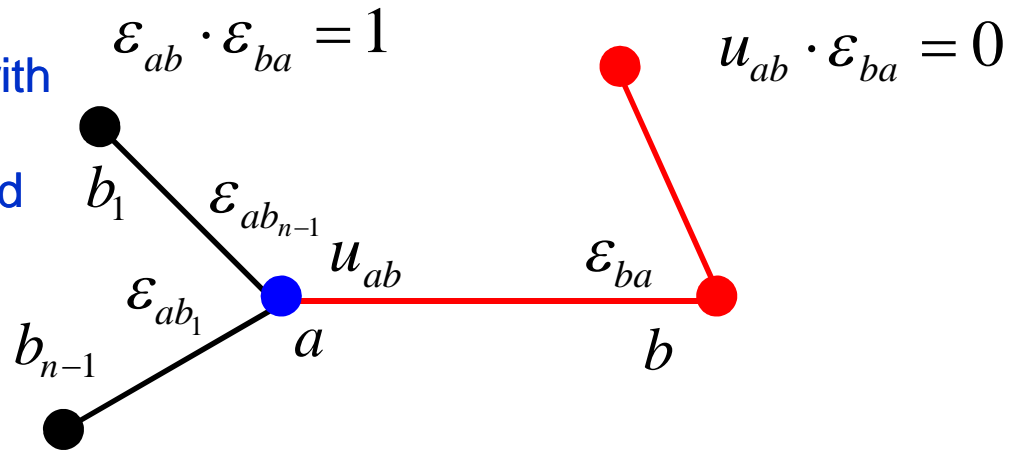
$$f_a(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n) = \xi_{ab_1, \sigma_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \xi_{ab_n, \sigma_n}(f^a)$$

**“Gauge fixing” is a choice of an orthogonal basis set**

# Belief propagation gauge and BP equations

Introduce local ground  $\varepsilon_{ab} \in W_{ab}^*$  and excited (painted) states  $u_{ab} \in W_{ab}^*$

BP gauge: painted structures with loose ends should be forbidden (in particular, no allowed painted structures in a tree case)



$$u_{ab} \otimes \varepsilon_{ab_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \varepsilon_{ab_{n-1}}(f^a) = u_{ab} (\varepsilon_{ab_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \varepsilon_{ab_{n-1}}(f^a)) = 0$$

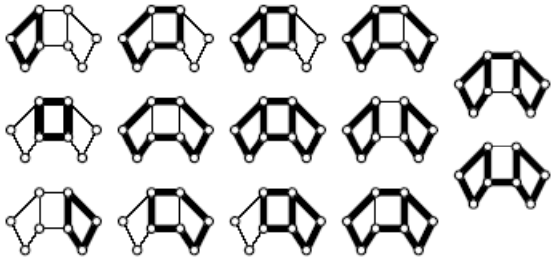
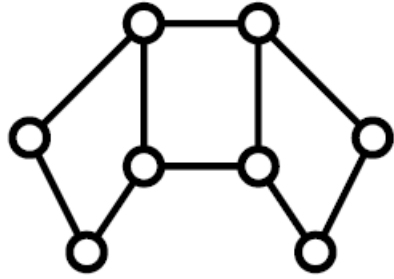
$$\varepsilon_{ab_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \varepsilon_{ab_{n-1}}(f^a) \in W_{ab}$$

or, stated differently, results in BP equations in invariant form:

$$g_{ab}(\varepsilon_{ab_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \varepsilon_{ab_{n-1}}(f^a)) = \rho_{ab} \varepsilon_{ba}$$

$$g_{ab}(\varepsilon_{ab_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \varepsilon_{ab_{n-1}}(f^a)) \in W_{ba}^*$$

# Loop decomposition: binary case



$$Z_{C_0} = Z_{0;C_0} \left( 1 + \sum_{C_1} r(C_1) \right), \quad r(C_1) \equiv Z_{0;C_0}^{-1} \bar{p}(G | \sigma_{C_1}),$$

$$Z_{0;C_0} \equiv \bar{p}(G | \sigma_0), \quad \sigma_0 \equiv \{ \sigma_{ab} = 0 \mid (ab) \in C_0 \},$$

$$\sigma_{C_1} \equiv \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sigma_{ab} = 1 \mid (ab) \in C_1 \\ \sigma_{ab} = 0 \mid (ab) \in C_0 \setminus C_1. \end{array} \right\}.$$

Beliefs (marginal probabilities)

$$b_{ab}^{(bp)}(\sigma_{ab}) = G_{ab}^{(bp)}(0, \sigma_{ab}),$$

$$b_a^{(bp)}(\sigma_a) = \frac{f_a(\sigma_a) \prod_{b \in a} G_{ab}^{(bp)}(0, \sigma_{ab})}{\sum_{\sigma_a} f_a(\sigma_a) \prod_{b \in a} G_{ab}^{(bp)}(0, \sigma_{ab})}.$$

$$r(C_1) = \frac{\prod_{a \in C_1} \mu_a}{\prod_{(ab) \in C_1} (1 - m_{ab}^2)}, \quad m_{ab} \equiv \sum_{\sigma_{ab}} \sigma_{ab} b_{ab}^{(bp)}(\sigma_{ab}),$$

$$\mu_a \equiv \sum_{\sigma_a} \left( \prod_{b \in a, C_1} (\sigma_{ab} - m_{ab}) \right) b_a^{(bp)}(\sigma_a).$$

**A generalized loop visualizes a single-configuration contribution to the partition function in BP gauge**



# Loop towers for q-ary alphabet: first step

A generalized loop defines a vertex model on the corresponding subgraph with (q-1)-ary alphabet (first store above the ground store)

$$Z_{C_0} = Z_{0;C_0} + \sum_{C_1 \in \Omega(C_0)} Z_{C_1}, \quad Z_{C_1} = \sum_{\sigma_{C_1}} \bar{p}(G^{(bp)} | \sigma_{C_1})$$

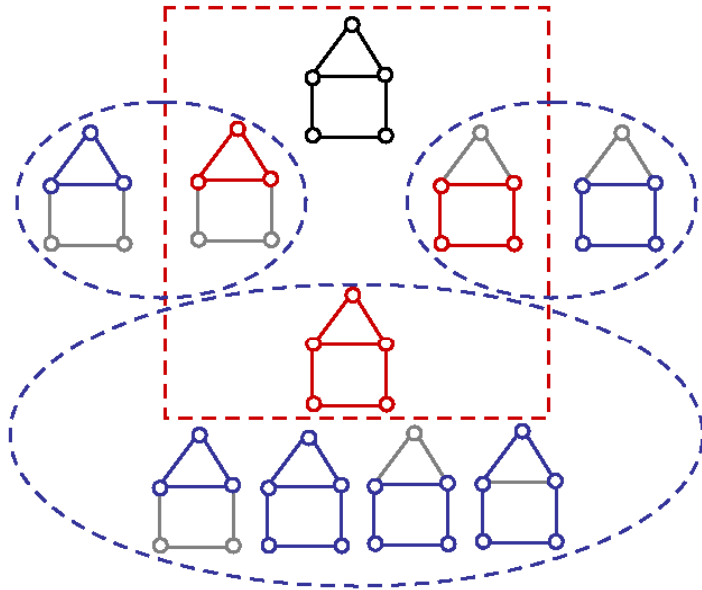
**q>2 (non-binary case): more than one local excited state**

Partition function for the subgraph model

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{C_1} &= \sum_{\sigma_{C_1}} \prod_{a \in C_1} f_{1;a}(\sigma_{a;C_1}), \quad f_{1;a}(\sigma_{a;C_1}) = \\ &= \sum_{\sigma'_a} f_a(\sigma'_a) \prod_{b \in a, C_0} G_{ab;C_0}^{(bp)}(\sigma_{ab}, \sigma'_{ab}) \prod_{b \in a, C_0}^{b \notin C_1} \delta(\sigma_{ab}, 0) \end{aligned}$$

# Loop-tower expansion for q-ary alphabet

$$j = 1, \dots, q - 2 : Z_{C_j} = Z_{0;C_j} + \sum_{C_{j+1} \in \Omega(C_j)} Z_{C_{j+1}}.$$



Loop tower

$$C_0 \supset C_1 \supset \dots \supset C_{q-2}$$

Building the next level (store)

$$Z_{C_j} = \sum_{\sigma_{C_j}} \prod_{a \in C_j} f_{j;a}(\sigma_a; C_j),$$

$$f_{j;a}(\sigma_a; C_j) = \sum_{\sigma'_{a;C_{j-1}}} f_{j-1;a}(\sigma'_{a;C_{j-1}})$$

$$\times \prod_{b \in a, C_{j-1}} G_{ab;C_{j-1}}^{(bp)}(\sigma_{ab}, \sigma'_{ab}) \prod_{b \notin C_j} \delta(\sigma_{ab}, j - 1),$$

# Bethe free energy for q-ary alphabet

BP equations can be obtained as stationary points of the Bethe free energy functional of beliefs

$$\Phi_{Bethe} = \sum_a \sum_{\sigma_a} b_a(\sigma_a) \ln \left( \frac{b_a(\sigma_a)}{f_a(\sigma_a)} \right) - \sum_{(ab)} \sum_{\sigma_{ab}} b_{ab}(\sigma_{ab}) \ln b_{ab}(\sigma_{ab}).$$

with natural constraints

$$0 \leq b_a(\sigma_a), b_{ac}(\sigma_{ac}) \leq 1,$$

$$\sum_{\sigma_a} b_a(\sigma_a) = 1, \quad \sum_{\sigma_{ab}} b_{ab}(\sigma_{ab}) = 1,$$

$$b_{ac}(\sigma_{ac}) = \sum_{\sigma_a \setminus \sigma_{ac}} b_a(\sigma_a), \quad b_{ac}(\sigma_{ca}) = \sum_{\sigma_c \setminus \sigma_{ca}} b_c(\sigma_c).$$

# Bethe effective Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{Bethe} = & \sum_a \sum_{\sigma_a} b_a(\sigma_a) \ln \left( \frac{b_a(\sigma_a)}{f_a(\sigma_a)} \right) - \sum_{(ab)} \sum_{\sigma_{ab}} b_{ab}(\sigma_{ab}) \ln b_{ab}(\sigma_{ab}) \\ & + \sum_{(ab)} \left( \sum_{\sigma_{ab}} \ln(\varepsilon_{ab}(\sigma_{ab})) \left( b_{ab}(\sigma_{ab}) - \sum_{\sigma_a \setminus \sigma_{ab}} b_a(\sigma_a) \right) \right. \\ & \left. + \sum_{\sigma_{ba}} \ln(\varepsilon_{ba}(\sigma_{ba})) \left( b_{ab}(\sigma_{ba}) - \sum_{\sigma_b \setminus \sigma_{ba}} b_b(\sigma_b) \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Values of beliefs

$$b_a^{(*)}(\sigma_a) = (\varrho_a(\varepsilon_a))^{-1} f_a(\sigma_a) \prod_{b \in a} \varepsilon_{ab}(\sigma_{ab})$$

$$b_{ab}^{(*)}(\sigma_{ab}) = \varrho_{ab}^{-1}(\varepsilon_{ab}, \varepsilon_{ba}) \varepsilon_{ab}(\sigma_{ab}) \varepsilon_{ba}(\sigma_{ab}),$$

$$\varrho_a(\varepsilon_a) \equiv \sum_{\sigma_a} f_a(\sigma_a) \prod_{c \in a} \varepsilon_{ac}(\sigma_{ac}),$$

$$\varrho_{ab}(\varepsilon_{ab}, \varepsilon_{ba}) \equiv \sum_{\sigma_{ab}} \varepsilon_{ab}(\sigma_{ab}) \varepsilon_{ba}(\sigma_{ab}),$$

Variation of beliefs



$$\mathcal{F}_B(\hat{\varepsilon}) = - \sum_a \ln \varrho_a(\varepsilon_a) + \sum_{(ab)} \ln (\varrho_{ab}(\varepsilon_{ab}, \varepsilon_{ba}))$$

# Relation to Bethe free energy

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{Bethe} = & \sum_a \sum_{\sigma_a} b_a(\sigma_a) \ln \left( \frac{b_a(\sigma_a)}{f_a(\sigma_a)} \right) - \sum_{(ab)} \sum_{\sigma_{ab}} b_{ab}(\sigma_{ab}) \ln b_{ab}(\sigma_{ab}) \\ & + \sum_{(ab)} \left( \sum_{\sigma_{ab}} \ln(\varepsilon_{ab}(\sigma_{ab})) \left( b_{ab}(\sigma_{ab}) - \sum_{\sigma_a \setminus \sigma_{ab}} b_a(\sigma_a) \right) \right. \\ & \left. + \sum_{\sigma_{ba}} \ln(\varepsilon_{ba}(\sigma_{ba})) \left( b_{ab}(\sigma_{ba}) - \sum_{\sigma_b \setminus \sigma_{ba}} b_b(\sigma_b) \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Variation of the  
ground state

Variation of beliefs

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Gauge fixing

$$\sum_{\sigma_{ab}} \varepsilon_{ab}(\sigma_{ab}) \varepsilon_{ba}(\sigma_{ab}) = 1.$$

$\mathcal{F}_0(\hat{\varepsilon})$  Reduced Bethe free energy

# Summary

- We have extended the loop expansion for general statistical inference problem to the case of general  $q$ -ary alphabet
- In the general case the loop decomposition goes over the loop towers
- We have formulated the statistical inference problem in terms of a graphical trace, which leads to the invariance of the partition function under a set of gauge transformations
- BP equations have been interpreted as a special choice of gauge
- The introduced Bethe effective Lagrangian establishes a connection between the gauge-invariant and Bethe free-energy approaches
- Generalization to the continuous and supersymmetric cases

# Path forward: interplay of topological and geometrical equivalence

Topological structure: the graph

Geometrical structure: factor-functions

Use topologically  
equivalent models

Use geometrically  
equivalent models

e.g. Weitz '06

**Combine**

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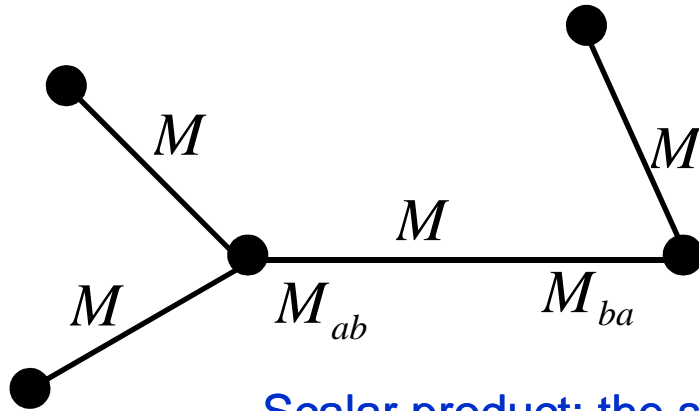
- improving BP
- quantum version
- etc

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## Continuous and supersymmetric case: graphical sigma-models



$$(\psi, \psi') = \int_M d\sigma \psi'(\sigma) \psi(\sigma)$$

$$M_a = \prod_{b \in a} M_{ab}$$

Scalar product: the space of states and its dual are equivalent

$$\hat{\varphi}(\psi) = \int_M d\sigma \varphi(\sigma) \psi(\sigma)$$

No-loose-end requirement

$$\psi_{ba}^{(0)} = \lambda_{ab} \int \prod_{c \in a}^{c \neq b} d\sigma_{ac} f_a(\sigma_a) \prod_{c \in a}^{c \neq b} \psi_{ac}^{(0)}(\sigma_{ac})$$

Continuous version of BP equations

$$\psi_{ba}^{(j-1)} = \lambda_{ab} P_{C,ab} \int \prod_{c \in a}^{c \neq b} d\sigma_{ac} f_a(\sigma_a) \prod_{c \in a}^{c \neq b} \psi_{ac}^{(j-1)}(\sigma_{ac}); \quad P_{C,ab} \psi_{ba}^{(j-1)} = 0$$

# Supersymmetric sigma-models: supermanifolds

$\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded manifolds (supermanifolds)

dimension

$$m = (m_+, m_-)$$

substrate (usual) manifold  $\bar{M} \subset M$

additional Grassman (anticommuting variables)

$$\theta_i \theta_j = -\theta_j \theta_i$$

Functions on a supermanifold

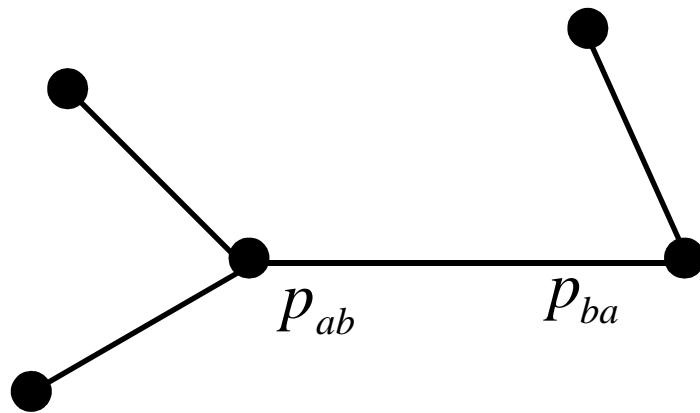
$$\psi(\sigma) = \psi(x, \theta) = \psi^{(0)}(x) + \sum_{i_1} \psi_{i_1}^{(1)}(x) \theta_{i_1} + \sum_{i_1 < i_2} \psi_{i_1 i_2}^{(2)}(x) \theta_{i_1} \theta_{i_2} + \dots$$

Berezin integral (measure in a supermanifold)

$$\int d\theta_i = 0; \quad \int \theta_i d\theta_i = 1; \quad d\theta_i d\theta_j = -d\theta_j d\theta_i; \quad d\theta_i \theta_j = -\theta_j d\theta_i$$

Any function on a supermanifold can be represented  
as a sum of its even and odd components

# Supersymmetric sigma models: graphic supertrace I



Natural assumption: factor-functions are even functions on

$$M_a = \prod_{b \in a} M_{ab}$$

Introduce parities of the beliefs

$$p_{ab} = 0, 1$$

BP equations for parities  $(\psi_{ab}^{(0)}, \psi_{ba}^{(0)}) \neq 0$

Follows from the first two

$$p_{ba} = \sum_{c \in a, c \neq b} p_{ac}; \quad p_{ba} = p_{ab}; \quad \sum_{c \in a} p_{ac} = 0$$

Edge parity is well-defined

$$p \in H_1(X; \mathbb{Z}_2)$$

$2^{B_1}$  elements

$$H_0(X; \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$B_0 = 1$$

(number of connected components)

Euler characteristic

$$B_1 - B_0 = \text{card}(E) - \text{card}(V)$$

## Supersymmetric sigma models: graphic supertrace II

Decompose the vector spaces  $\mathcal{W}_{ab} = \mathcal{W}_{ab}^{(+)} \oplus \mathcal{W}_{ab}^{(-)}$

into reduced vector spaces  $\mathcal{W}_{ab}^{(\alpha_{ab})}$  with  $\alpha_{ab} = (-1)^{p_{ab}}$

Graphic supertrace decomposition (generalizes the supertrace)

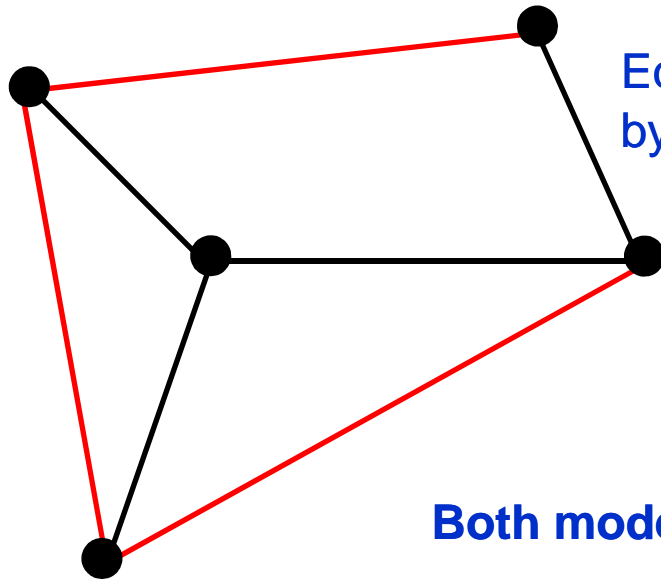
$$Z = \sum_{p \in H_1(X; \mathbb{Z}_2)} Z_p; \quad \text{Tr} \mathcal{F} = \sum_{p \in H_1(X; \mathbb{Z}_2)} \text{Tr} \mathcal{F}_p$$

results in a multi-reference loop expansion

$\mathcal{F}_p$  is the graphic trace (partition function) of a reduced model

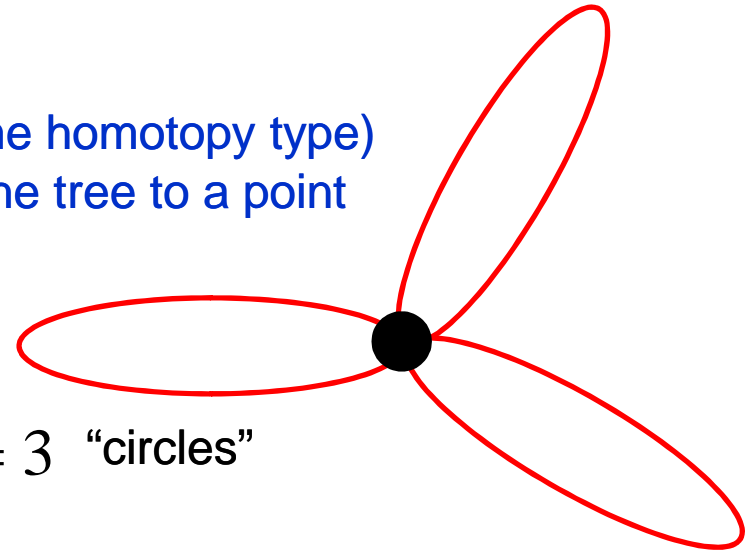
# Homotopy approach to loop decomposition

Graph (arbitrary)



Equivalent (same homotopy type)  
by contracting the tree to a point

Bouquet of circles



$B_1 = 3$  "circles"

**Both models are equivalent**

Loop calculus for the bouquet model (independent loops) constitutes a resummation for the original model (generalized loops)