
(a)

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) Note: all functions of one binary variable will be represented as a vector of length 2 of the form $(f_i(0), f_i(1))$.

Initially, we know

$$F_{1 \rightarrow 1} = (\epsilon, 1 - \epsilon)$$

$$F_{2 \rightarrow 2} = (1 - \epsilon, \epsilon)$$

$$F_{3 \rightarrow 3} = (1 - \epsilon, \epsilon)$$

Next step:

$$V_{2 \rightarrow 4} = F_{2 \rightarrow 2} = (1 - \epsilon, \epsilon)$$

$$V_{3 \rightarrow 5} = F_{3 \rightarrow 3} = (1 - \epsilon, \epsilon)$$

Next step:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{5 \rightarrow 1}(x_1) &= \sum_{x_3} f_5(x_1, x_3) V_{3 \rightarrow 5}(x_3) \\ &= f_5(x_1, x_1) V_{3 \rightarrow 5}(x_1) \\ &= V_{3 \rightarrow 5}(x_1) \end{aligned}$$

where we used the fact that f_5 equals 1 if $x_3 = x_1$ and vanishes otherwise.

In terms of the vector notation we have

$$F_{5 \rightarrow 1} = (1 - \epsilon, \epsilon).$$

This says that the message that comes out from the factor node f_5 is the same as what goes in. The same is true for f_4 .

Hence also

$$F_{4 \rightarrow 1} = (1 - \epsilon, \epsilon).$$

Next step:

$$V_{1 \rightarrow 4} = F_{5 \rightarrow 1} F_{1 \rightarrow 1} = (1 - \epsilon, \epsilon)(\epsilon, 1 - \epsilon) = (\epsilon(1 - \epsilon), \epsilon(1 - \epsilon))$$

$$V_{1 \rightarrow 5} = F_{4 \rightarrow 1} F_{1 \rightarrow 1} = (\epsilon(1 - \epsilon), \epsilon(1 - \epsilon))$$

where we used the fact that in the vector notation when we multiply two functions we multiply component-wise the corresponding vectors.

Next step, proceeding similarly:

$$F_{4 \rightarrow 2} = (\epsilon(1 - \epsilon), \epsilon(1 - \epsilon))$$

$$F_{5 \rightarrow 3} = (\epsilon(1 - \epsilon), \epsilon(1 - \epsilon)).$$

To compute the “marginals” (in quotation since they are marginals up to a multiplicative constant) we multiply the messages into the corresponding variable node.

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{\sim x_1} f &= (\epsilon(1-\epsilon)^2, \epsilon^2(1-\epsilon)) \\ \sum_{\sim x_2} f &= (\epsilon(1-\epsilon)^2, \epsilon^2(1-\epsilon)) \\ \sum_{\sim x_3} f &= (\epsilon(1-\epsilon)^2, \epsilon^2(1-\epsilon))\end{aligned}$$

(c) Since $\epsilon < 0.5$, $\epsilon(1-\epsilon)^2 > \epsilon^2(1-\epsilon)$ and $\hat{x}_1 = \hat{x}_2 = \hat{x}_3 = 0$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}(f_1(0), f_1(1)) &= (1-\epsilon, \epsilon) \\ (f_2(0), f_2(1)) &= (\epsilon, 1-\epsilon) \\ (f_3(0), f_3(1)) &= (1-\epsilon, \epsilon)\end{aligned}$$