# Learning Graph-Structured Sum-Product Networks for Probabilistic Semantic Maps

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#### Motivation (Robotics) Mobile Robots in Indoor Spaces



#### Motivation (Robotics) Semantic Maps



## Motivation (Robotics) Semantic Mapping



#### Motivation (Robotics) Problelm:

Learn general spatial relations between things in the world

Estimate semantic attributes in specific environment?



- Model semantic map as a whole
- This is Structured Prediction (SP)

### Motivation (Machine Learning) Probabilistic Graphical Models

Pros:

- Probabilistic
- Generative
- Interpretable

Cons:

• Intractable exact inference

Examples:

Bayesian Network, Markov Random Field, Chain Graph [Pronobis&Jensfelt ICRA'12]

## Motivation (Machine Learning) Recent Deep Structured Prediction Approaches

- End-to-end
- Remarkable results for visual data



Figure from [Shelhamer et. al. PAMI'16]

[Schwing & Urtasun, ICML'15, Belanger & McCallum, ICML'16, Shelhamer et. al. PAMI'16]

## Motivation (Machine Learning) Recent Deep Structured Prediction Approaches

- But...
  - Strict constraints on variable interactions
  - Fixed number of variables
  - Static global structure
  - Often not probabilistic



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# Sum-Product Networks

- Viewed in 2 ways:
  - Deep architecture
  - Graphical model
- Structure semantics:
  - Hierarchical mixture of parts



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# Sum-Product Networks



[Poon & Domingos, UAI'11, Friesen & Domingos, ICML'16]

# Sum-Product Networks

- Learn conditional or joint distributions
- **Tractable** partition function, exact inference



[Poon & Domingos, UAI'11, Friesen & Domingos, ICML'16]

#### Proposed Method Graph-Structured Sum-Product Networks

- Template-based approach
- Defined as a set of template SPN models
- Template models represent **general**, higher-order relations between latent variables

YX

• Applied to form a single distribution for a **specific** structured problem for inference

#### Learning General Knowledge Graph-Structured Sum-Product Networks GraphSPN



#### Instantiation for Specific Problem Graph-Structured Sum-Product Networks







#### Experiments GraphSPN for Semantic Mapping







# Experiments Dataset

- 99 semantic maps of 11 floors in 3 buildings in different cities
- Cross-validation:
  - Trained on graphs from 2 buildings
  - Tested on graphs from remaining building



## Experiment 1 Infer Latent Semantics based on Noisy Evidence



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#### Experiment 1 Results: Inference Behavior



#### Similar results even **without local evidence** for some places

#### Experiment 1 Results: Increasing Noise



#### Experiment 2 Novelty Detection

See paper for more details



# Conclusions

- Introduced GraphSPNs
  - Leverages Sum-Product Networks

General approach to model arbitrary dynamic graphs Complex, noisy variable dependencies

Inference based on instantiaion of template models

Applied GraphSPNs to model semantic maps

#### Ongoing Work Unified Model for Spatial Knowledge



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