

Group Theoretic Bayesian Networks

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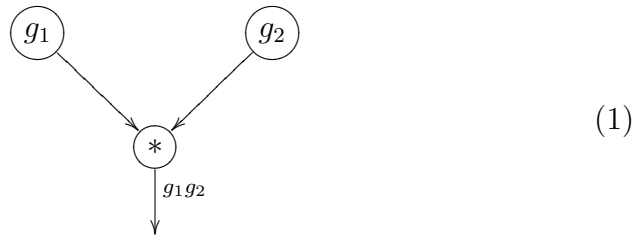
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“Quantum Bayesian Networks” (www.qbnets.wordpress.com)

Suppose \mathcal{G} is a group. Let $\delta(a, b)$ equal 1 if $a = b$ and zero otherwise.

Group multiplication: For any $g, g_1, g_2 \in \mathcal{G}$, let $P(g|g_1, g_2) = \delta(g, g_1 g_2)$ be the transition matrix for the node with an asterisk surrounded by a circle:

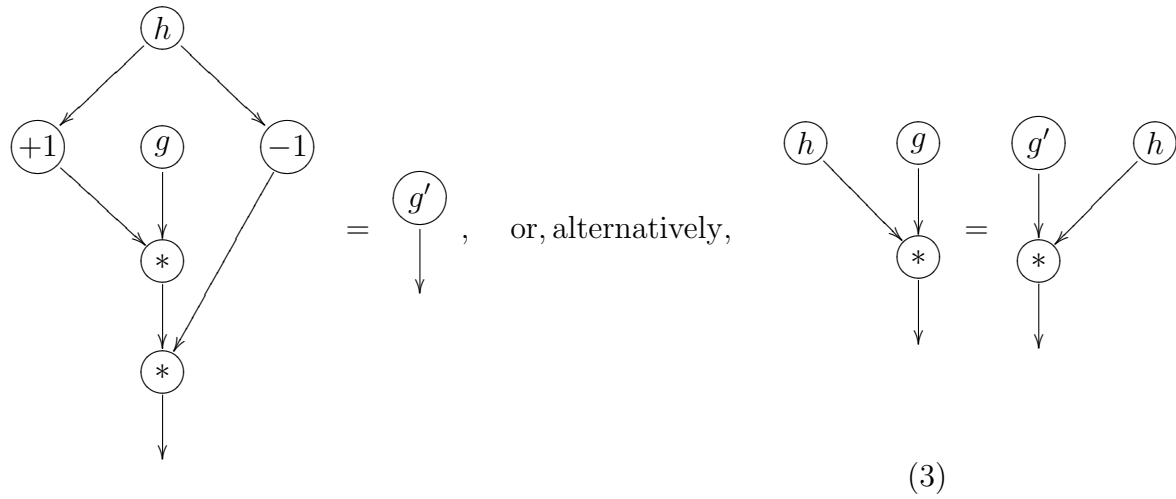


Group n'th power: Suppose n is any integer, possibly zero or negative. For $g', g \in \mathcal{G}$, let $P(g'|g) = \delta(g', g^n)$ be the transition matrix for the node with n surrounded by a circle:

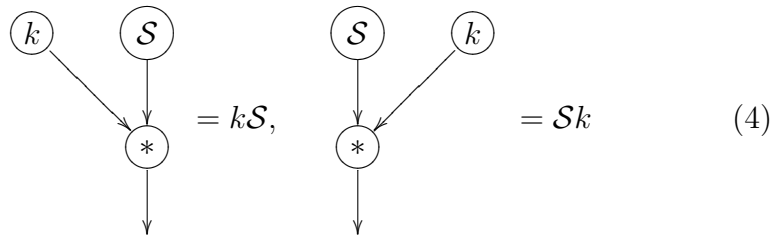


When $n = -1$, this node returns g^{-1} , the inverse of g , and when $n = 0$, it returns $g^0 = e$, the identity element of the group.

Conjugate elements: $g, g' \in \mathcal{G}$ are said to be a conjugate pair of elements of \mathcal{G} if there exists $h \in \mathcal{G}$ such that

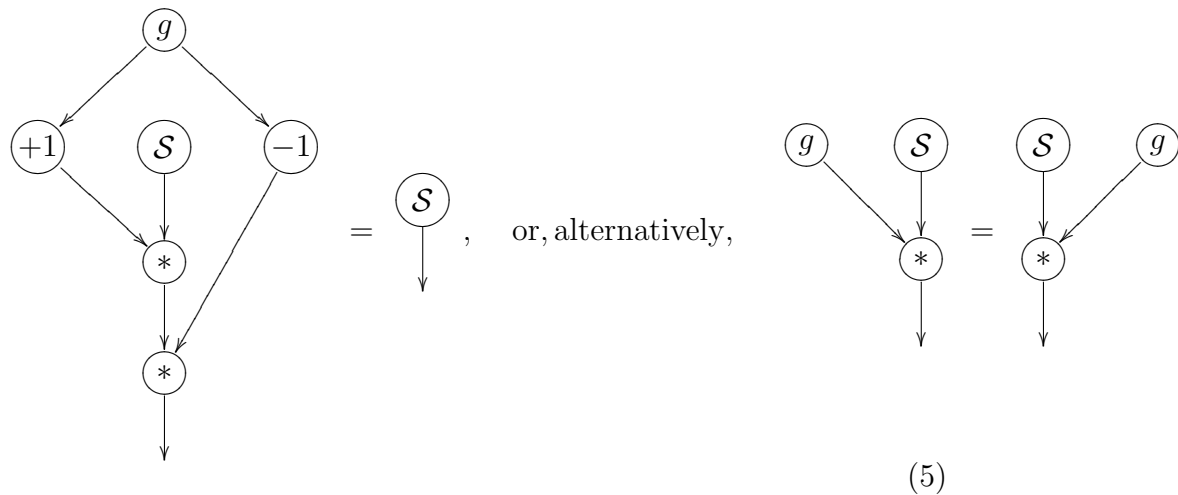


Right and Left cosets: Suppose \mathcal{S} is a subgroup of \mathcal{G} . For any $k \in \mathcal{G}$, define

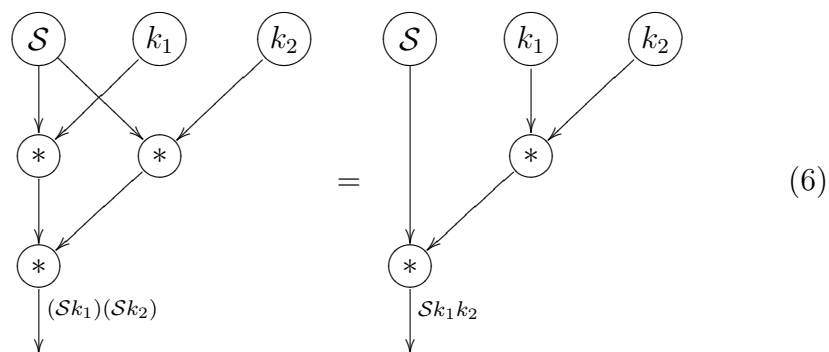


Invariant or Normal subgroup: \mathcal{S} is an invariant or normal subgroup of

\mathcal{G} , if it is a subgroup of \mathcal{G} such that, for all $g \in \mathcal{G}$,



Coset multiplication: Suppose \mathcal{S} is an invariant subgroup of \mathcal{G} . For any $k_1, k_2 \in \mathcal{G}$,



One defines $\frac{\mathcal{G}}{\mathcal{S}} = \{\mathcal{S}k : k \in \mathcal{G}\}$. Then $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{S} \times \frac{\mathcal{G}}{\mathcal{S}}$.