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Max-linear models on graphs

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We consider a new structural equation model, where all random variables can be written as a max-linear function of their parents and independent noise terms. We assume that the dependence structure of the corresponding vector can be modeled by a directed acyclic graph. We show that the multivariate distribution is max-linear and characterize all max-linear models, which are generated by a structural equation model. We investigate the properties of our new model like minimal representations. We also discuss various applications and statistical estimation procedures.

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