



Probabilistic Graphical Models & Probabilistic AI

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Lecture 5: Undirected GMs

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Reading: See course homepage



Logistics

- **No class 2/11**
- HW2 deadline pushed to **2/11 11:59pm**
- **Quiz in-class on 2/13**
 - Quiz format: 3 HW problems, 2 new problems



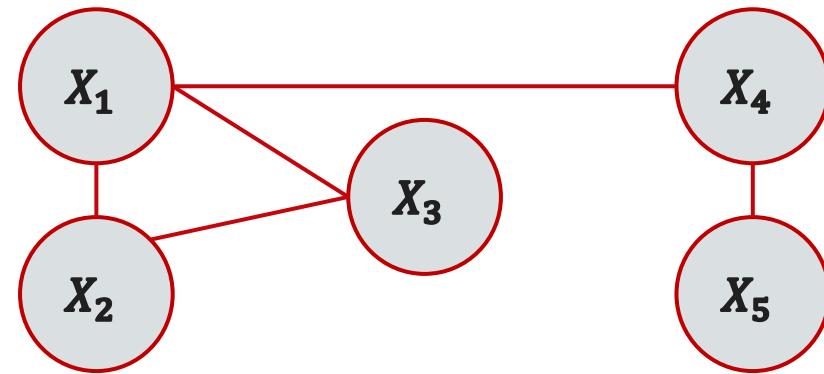
Today

- Undirected Graphical Models
 - Markov Random Fields
 - Restricted Boltzmann Machines
 - Conditional Random Fields



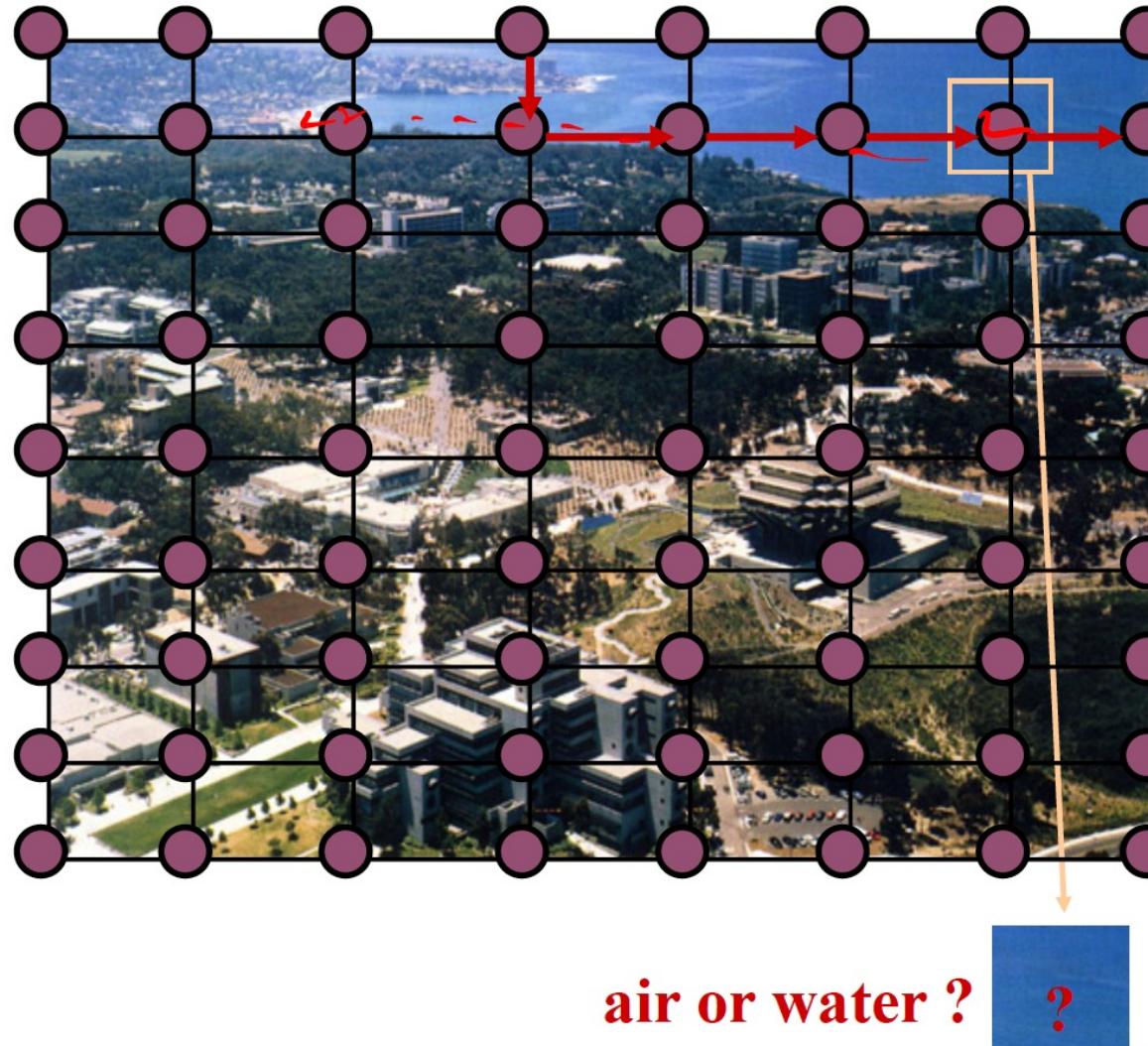
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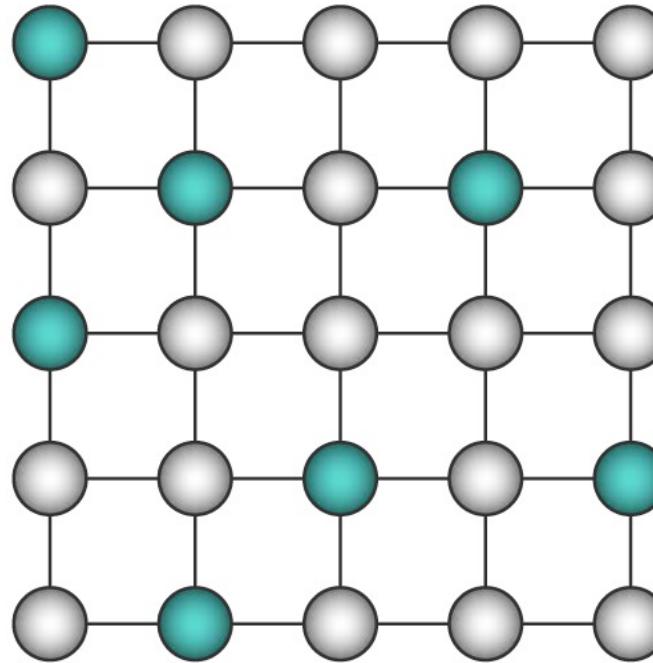


- Pairwise relationships
- No explicit way to generate samples
- Contingency constraints on node configurations

Example: Lattice



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- Naturally arises in image processing, lattice physics, etc
- The states of adjacent / nearby nodes are coupled due to pattern continuity, electro-magnetic force, etc.



Representing Undirected Graphical Models

- An ***undirected graphical model*** represents a distribution $P(X)$ defined by an undirected graph H and a set of positive ***potential functions*** ψ associated with the cliques of H such that:

$$P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_c \psi_c(X_c) \quad \text{"Gibbs distribution"}$$

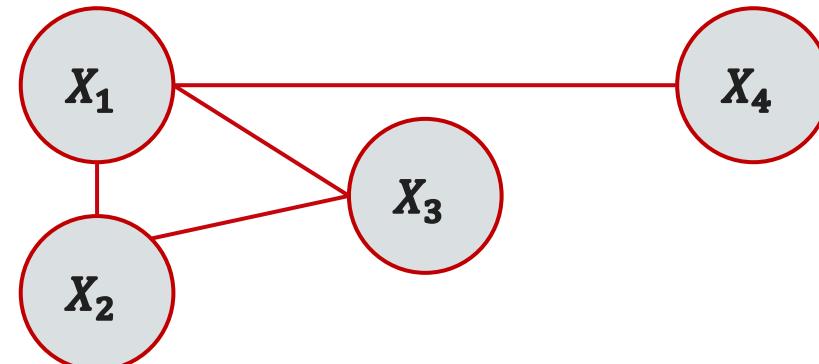
- where Z represents the **partition function**: $Z = \sum_X \prod_c \psi_c(X_c)$
- The potential function can be understood as a "score" of the joint configuration

Are $\psi_c(X_c)$ probability densities?

Is $P(X)$ a proper probability density?

What is a clique?

- For $G = \{V, E\}$, a clique (complete subgraph) is a subgraph $G' = \{V' \subseteq V, E' \subseteq E\}$ such that nodes in V' are **fully connected**.
- A **maximal** clique is a clique such that any superset $V'' \supset V$ is not a clique.

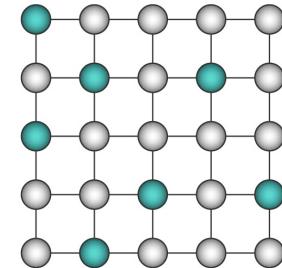


Maximal clique: $\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$

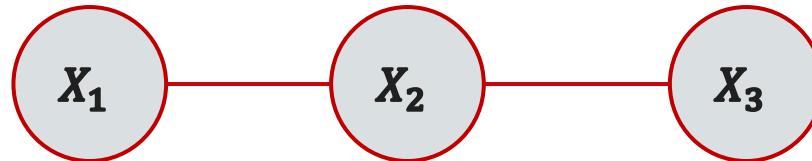
Sub-cliques: $\{X_1, X_2\}, \{X_2, X_3\}, \{X_1, X_3\}, \{X_1, X_4\}, \{X_1\}, \{X_2\}, \{X_3\}, \{X_4\}$

Example Lattice: Ising Model from Physics

- Used to describe ferromagnetism
- Each node i has a spin variable $X_i \in \{-1, +1\}$
- Let potential function for an edge (i, j) be $\psi_{ij}(X_i, X_j) = \exp(J_{ij}X_iX_j)$ (neighboring states share spins with some strength)
- $P(X) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_c \psi_c(X_c) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\{\sum_{i,j} \psi_{ij}(X_i, X_j)\}$

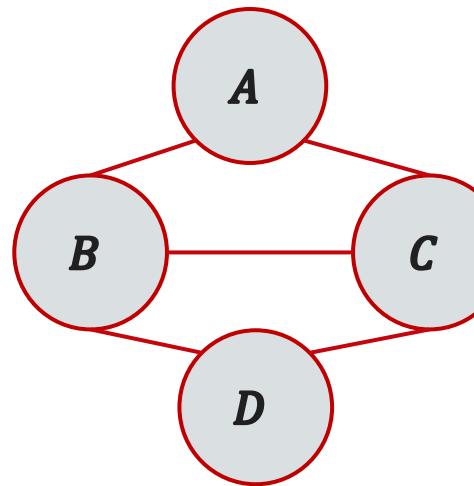


Interpretation of Clique Potentials

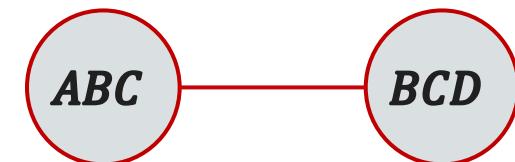
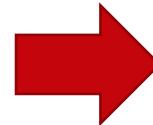


- This model implies $X_1 \perp X_3 | X_2$, so joint must factorize as:
$$P(X_1, X_2, X_3) = P(X_2)P(X_1|X_2)P(X_3|X_2)$$
- We could write as $P(X_1, X_2)P(X_3 | X_2)$ or $P(X_2, X_3)P(X_1 | X_2)$, but:
 - Cannot have all potentials be **marginals**
 - Cannot have all potential be **conditionals**
- Clique potentials can be thought of as general “compatibility” of their variables, but not as probability distributions.

Example UGM: Maximal Cliques



What if this were a directed GM?

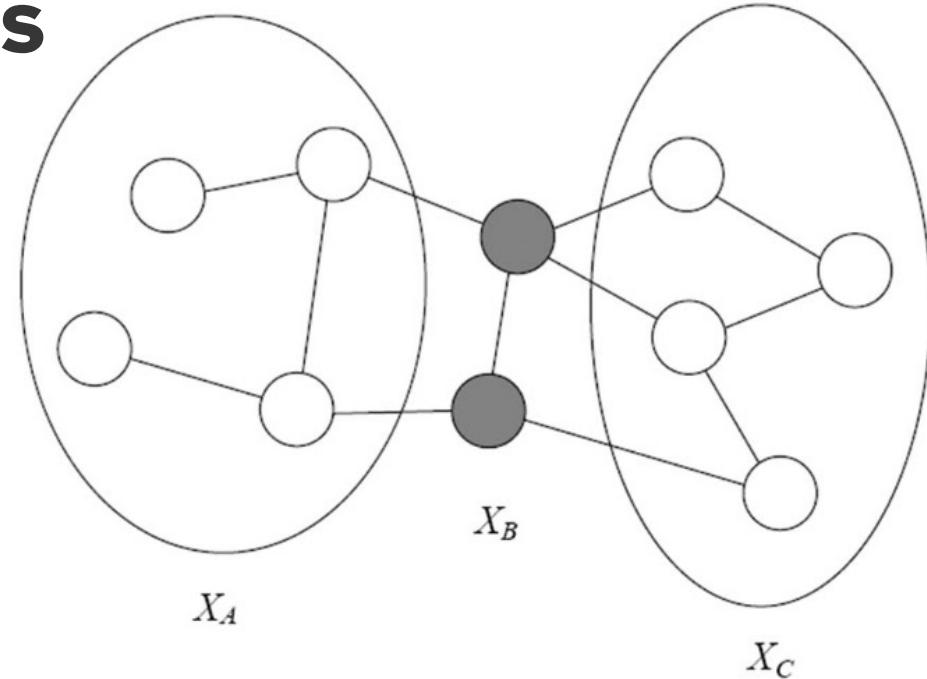


$$P(A, B, C, D) = \frac{1}{Z} \psi_{ABC}(A, B, C) \psi_{BCD}(B, C, D)$$

$$Z = \sum_{ABCD} \psi_{ABC}(A, B, C) \psi_{BCD}(B, C, D)$$

Global Markov Independencies

- Let H be an undirected graph:



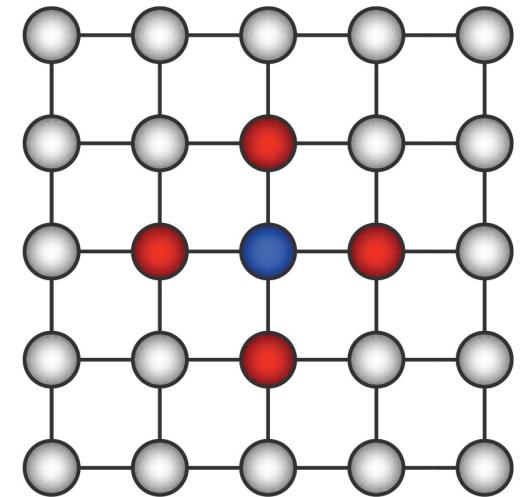
- B separates A and C if every path from a node in A to a node in C passes through a node in B : $\text{sep}_H(A; C \mid B)$
- A probability distribution satisfies the **global Markov property** if for any disjoint A, B, C such that B separates A and C , A is independent of C given B : $I(H) = \{A \perp C \mid B : \text{sep}_H(A; C \mid B)\}$

Local Markov Independencies

- For each node X_i there is a unique Markov blanket of X_i , denoted MB_{X_i} , which is the set of neighbors of X_i in the graph.

- The ***local Markov independencies*** in H are:

$$I_l(H) = \{X_i \perp V - \{X_i\} - MB_{X_i} \mid MB_{X_i}: \forall i\}$$



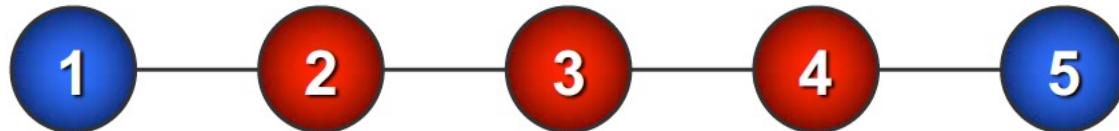
- In other words, X_i is independent of the rest of the nodes in the graph given its immediate neighbors.

Pairwise Markov Dependencies

- The pairwise Markov independencies associated with H are:

$$I_P(H) = \{X \perp Y \mid V \setminus \{X, Y\}: \{X, Y\} \notin E\}$$

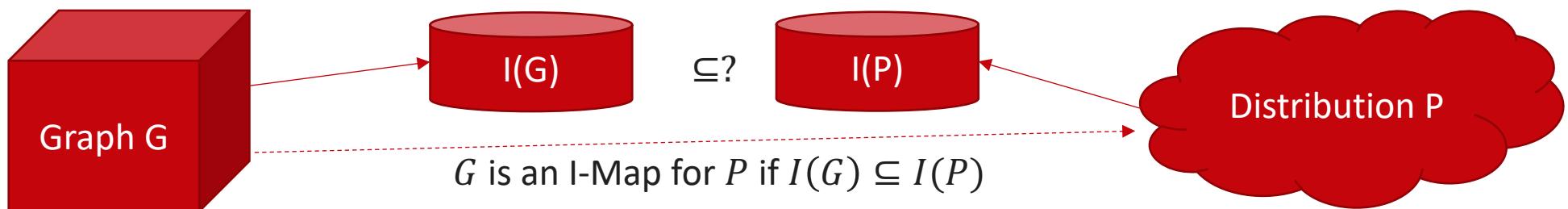
e.g.



$$X_1 \perp X_5 \mid \{X_2, X_3, X_4\}$$

Recall: I-Maps

- Independence set: Let P be a distribution over X . We define $I(P)$ to be the set of independences ($X \perp Y \mid Z$) that hold in P .
- I-Map: Let G be any graph object with an associated independence set $I(G)$. We say that G is an **I-map** for an independence set I if $I(G) \subseteq I$.
- I-Map of Distribution: We say G is an I-map for P if G is an I-map for $I(P)$, when we use $I(G)$ as the associated independence set.

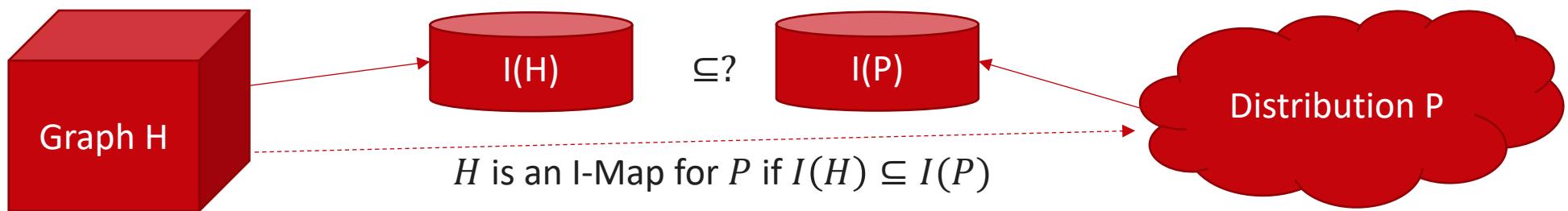


I-Maps of UG

- An UG H is an I-Map for a distribution P if $I(H) \subseteq I(P)$
- P is a **Gibbs Distribution** over H if it can be represented as:

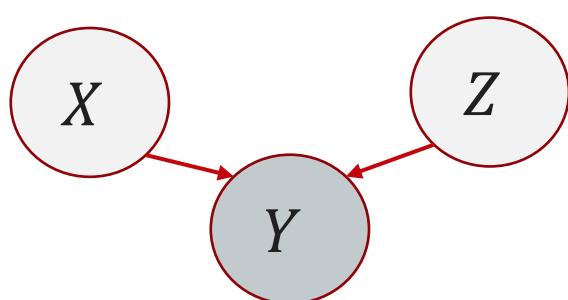
$$P(X) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{c \in C} \psi_c(X_c)$$

- Theorem (soundness): If P is a Gibbs Distribution over H , then H is an I-Map of P .

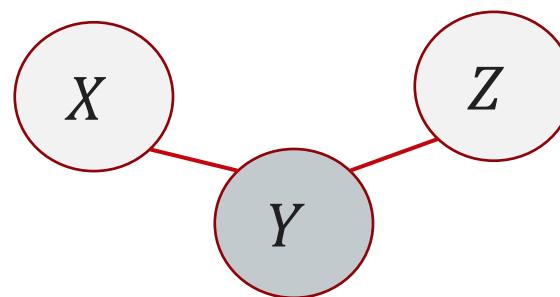


Perfect Maps

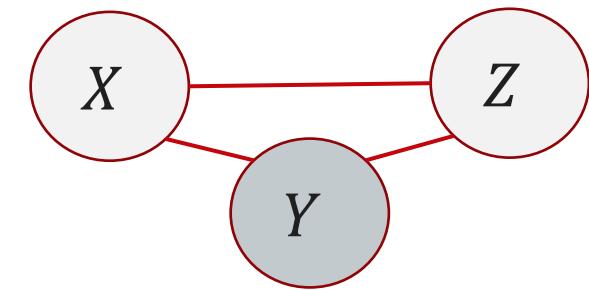
- An UG H is a ***perfect map*** for P if for any X, Y, Z , we have that
$$\text{sep}_H(X; Z | Y) \Leftrightarrow X \perp Z | Y$$
- Not every distribution has a perfect map as an UG.
 - Example: V-structure



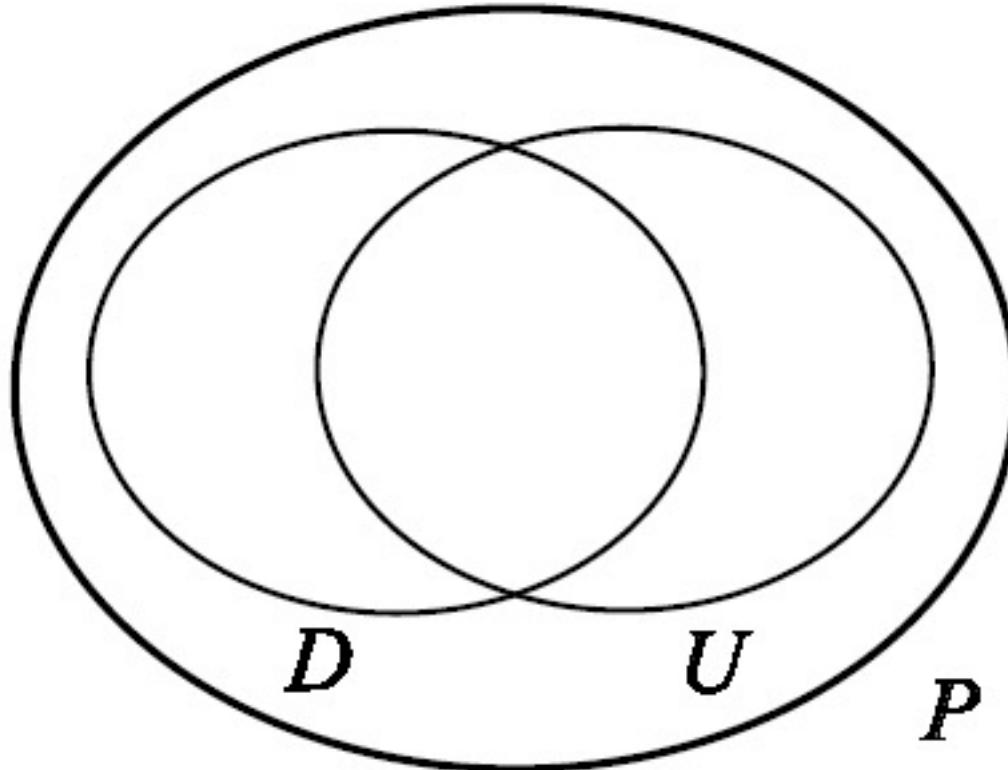
$$\begin{aligned} X \perp Z \\ \neg X \perp Z | Y \end{aligned}$$



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GMs and UGMs rep. overlapping sets of dists





Exponential Families

- Constraining clique potentials to be positive could be inconvenient (e.g., the interactions between a pair of atoms can be either attractive or repulsive).
- We can represent a clique potential ψ in an **unconstrained** form using a real-valued “energy” function φ and have:

$$\psi_c(X_c) = \exp(-\phi_c(X_c))$$

- This gives the joint a nice additive structure:

$$P(X) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left\{ - \sum_{c \in C} \phi_c(X_c) \right\} = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \{-H(X)\}$$

“Energy”

In physics, this is called the **Boltzmann distribution**.

In statistics, this is called a **log-linear model**.



Aside: MAP Inference = Free Energy Minimization

$$P_{Boltzmann}(X) = \operatorname{argmin}_H F(P(X; H)) = \operatorname{argmin}_H E[H(X)] - TS(P(X))$$

Distribution
observed in nature

Free energy

Expected energy

Entropy at
temp T

$$Q^*(\theta) = \operatorname{argmin}_Q F(Q) = \operatorname{argmin}_Q E_{Q(\theta)}[-\log P(X | \theta)] - TS(Q) - E_{Q(\theta)}[\log P(\theta)]$$

Negative log likelihood Entropy = Uncertainty - LogPrior

Will make more sense after we study variational inference

Questions?

