

## Graphical Models

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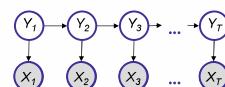
## Applications of Graphical Models

- Computer vision and graphics
- Natural language processing
- Information retrieval
- Robotic control
- Computational biology
- Medical diagnosis
- Finance and economics
- Error-control codes
- Decision making under uncertainty
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## Speech Recognition

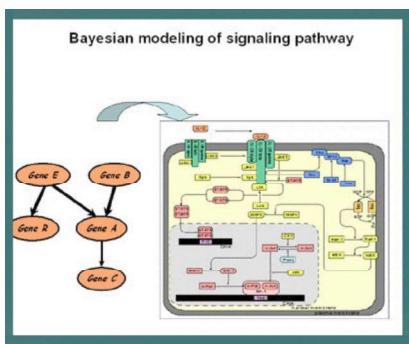


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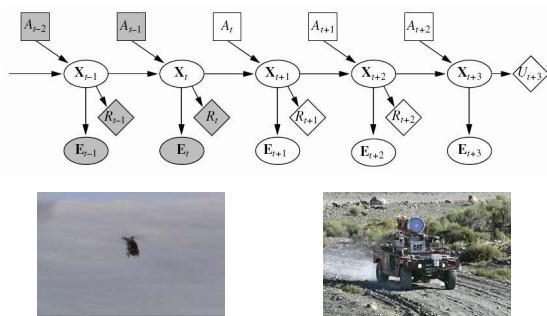
Hidden Markov Model

## Bioinformatics

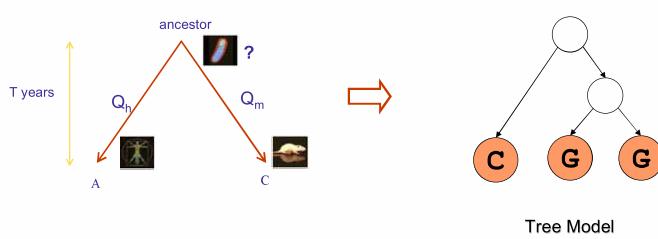


## Reinforcement Learning

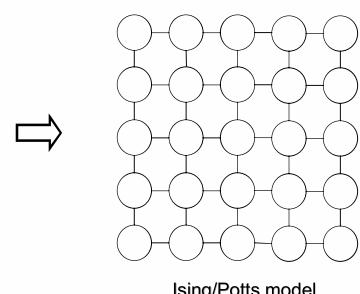
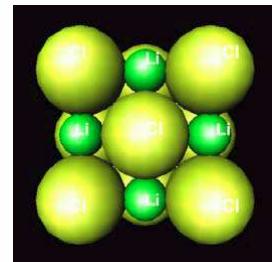
### Partially Observed Markov Decision Processes (POMDP)



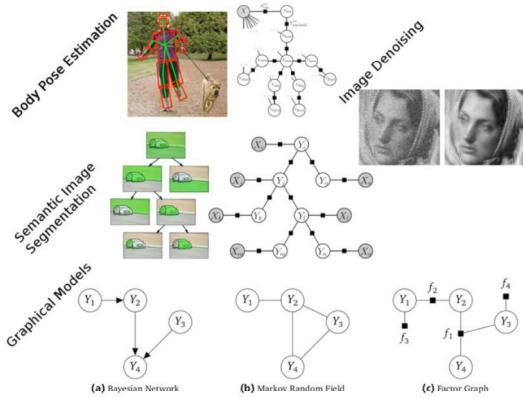
## Evolution



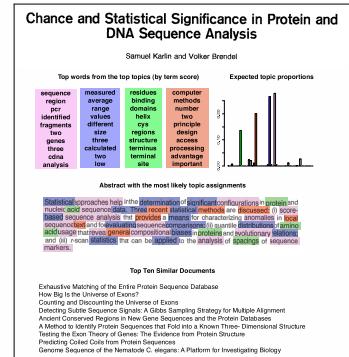
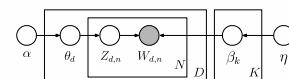
# Solid State Physics



## Computer Vision



# Language Processing



## Topic Models

## Machine Translation

The diagram illustrates the state transition of a sequence-to-sequence model. It consists of two parts, (a) and (b), showing the evolution of hidden states over time.

**(a)** The sequence starts with a hidden state  $q_1$ , which transitions to  $f_1$ . This is followed by a relative position hidden state  $q_{rel}$ , which transitions to  $f_{rel}$ . Finally, an entity hidden state  $q_{ent}$  transitions to  $f_{ent}$ . Ellipses indicate the sequence continues.

**(b)** The sequence starts with a hidden state  $q_1$ , which transitions to multiple output features:  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$ , and  $f_{rel}$ . This is followed by a relative position hidden state  $q_{rel}$ , which transitions to  $f_{rel}$ ,  $f_{ent}$ , and  $f_{ent1}$ . Finally, an entity hidden state  $q_{ent}$  transitions to  $f_{ent}$ ,  $f_{ent1}$ , and  $f_{ent2}$ . Ellipses indicate the sequence continues.

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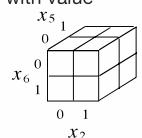
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  - ▶ A marriage of graph and probability theory

## Joint Distributions

- Consider a set of random variables  $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$
- Let  $x_i$  be a realization of random variable  $X_i$ ;  $x_i$  may be real, discrete, vector in vector space; for now assume variables are discrete.
- Probability Mass Function  $p(x_1, \dots, x_n) := P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n)$ .
- Shorthand:  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ ,  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , so that  $p(x) = P(X = x)$ .

## Joint Distributions and Tables

- Graphical Models are an answer to the following key question: how do we represent the joint distribution  $p(x)$ ?
- One way is by using an  $n$ -dimensional table
  - ▶ a separate cell for each setting of variables  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ , with value  $p(x_1, \dots, x_n)$
  - ▶ If each variable takes  $r$  values, we need to store  $r^n$  values : exponential in  $n$
  - ▶ For large values of  $r, n$  ; such a representation is out!



Two classes of graphical models:

- Directed Graphical Models
- Undirected Graphical Models

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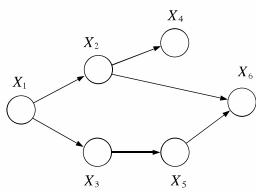
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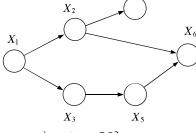
- Directed Graph is a pair  $G = (V, E)$ , where  $V$  is a set of nodes,  $E$  is a set of directed (also called oriented) edges. We will assume  $G$  is acyclic.
- Each node  $i \in V$  is associated with a random variable  $X_i$ .
- Letting  $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , the set of random variables is  $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$ .
- We will use node  $i$  and the associated random variable  $X_i$  interchangeably (though graph nodes and random variables are different formal objects!)

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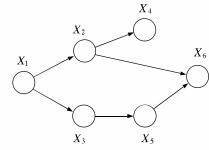
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- Is it a proper distribution?

– Is it non-negative?

– Does it sum to one? (Yes, provided each function  $f_i(x_i, x_{\pi_i})$  sums to one as a function of  $x_i$ .)



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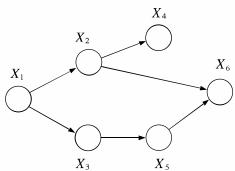
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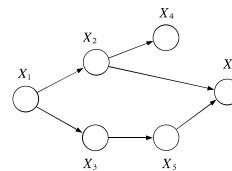
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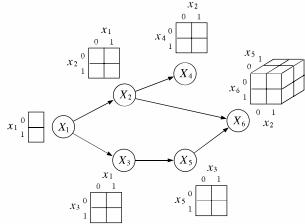
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## Representational Economy



- Suppose each variable takes  $r$  values. Storage cost of a general joint distribution:  $r^n$ .
- Storage cost of directed graphical model: for variable  $i$ ,  $r^{|\pi_i|}$
- Exponential dependence scales only with “fan-in” of each node; typically small e.g. each node could have one parent, while number of nodes  $n$  could be in the millions.

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- Directed graphical model distributions thus can be represented or stored much more cheaply than a general distribution
  - What's the catch?
  - The graphical model distribution satisfy certain **conditional independence** assumptions

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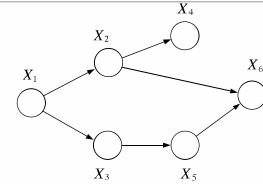
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## Topological Ordering



Topological Ordering I:

for each node  $i \in V$ , the nodes in  $\pi_i$  appear before  $i$  in the ordering.  
e.g.  $I = (1,2,3,4,5,6)$

Let  $\nu_i$  denote set of nodes that appear earlier than  $i$  in the ordering  $I$ , *excluding* parent nodes  $\pi_i$ .  
e.g.  $\nu_5 = \{1, 2, 4\}$ .

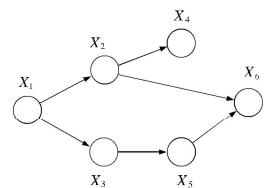
## Conditional Independence Assertions

- Given a graph  $G$ , and a topological ordering  $I$ , we associate to the graph the following set of basic conditional independence statements:

$$\{X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{\nu_i} | X_{\pi_i}\} \quad \text{for } i \in \mathcal{V}.$$

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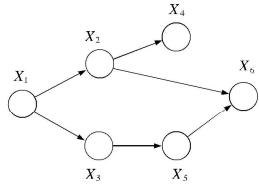
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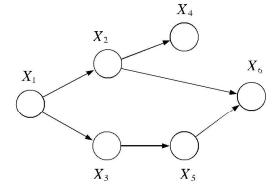


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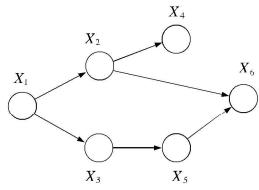
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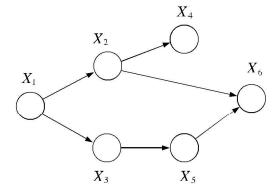
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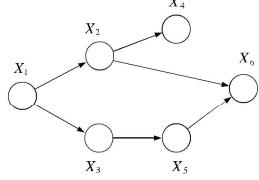
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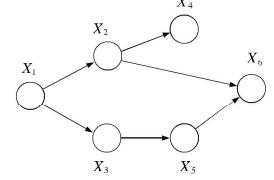
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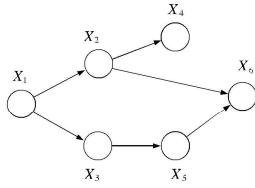
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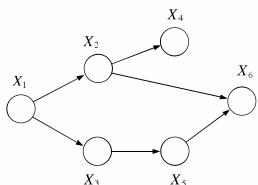
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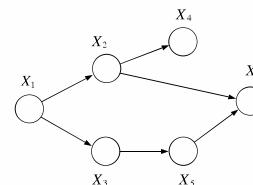


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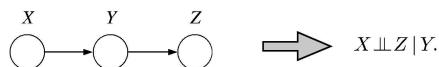
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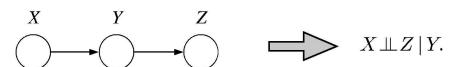
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## Three Canonical Graphs

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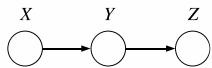


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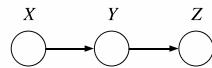
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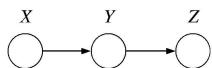
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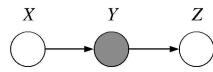


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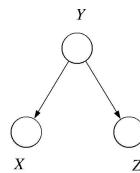
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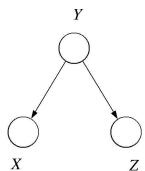


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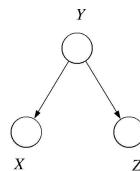
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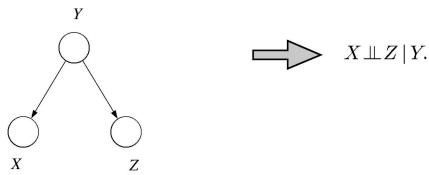
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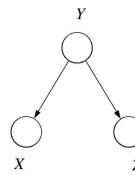
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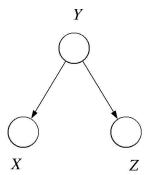
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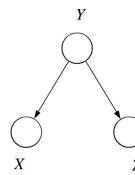
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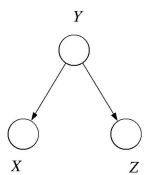
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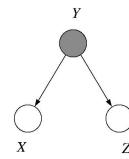


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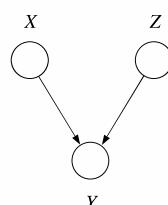
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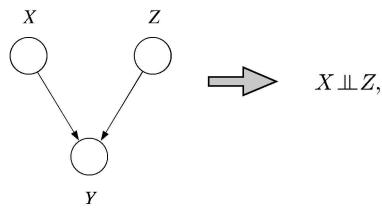


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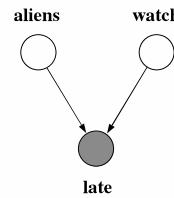
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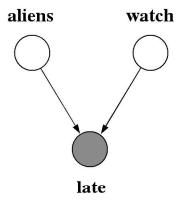


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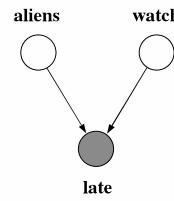
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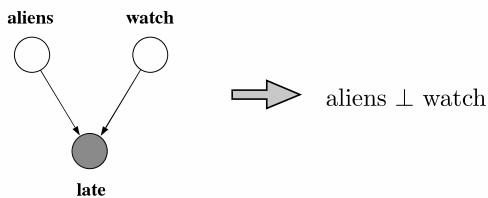
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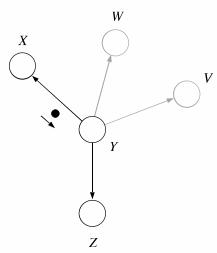
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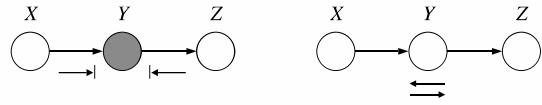
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## d-Separation Algorithm

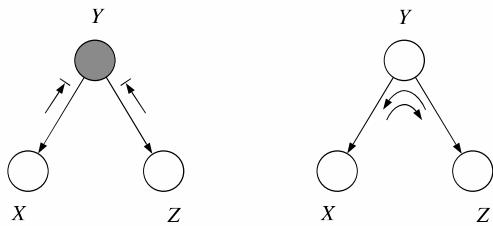


- Is X\_A independent of X\_B given X\_C?
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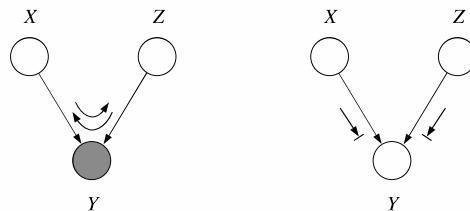
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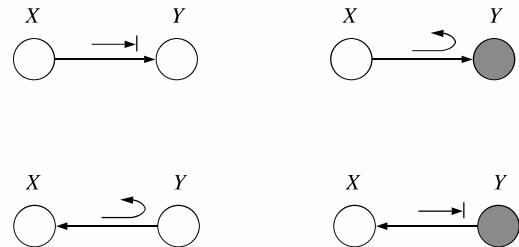
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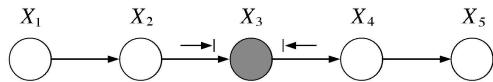
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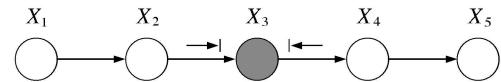


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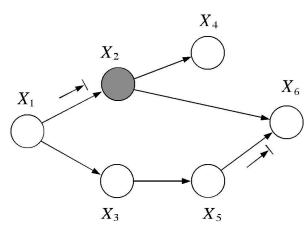
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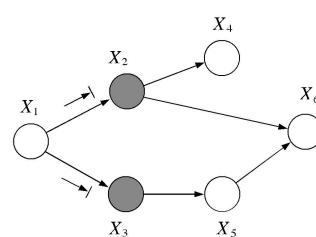
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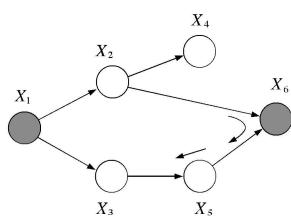
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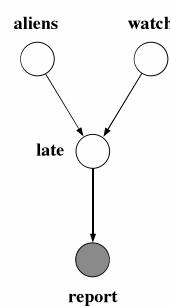
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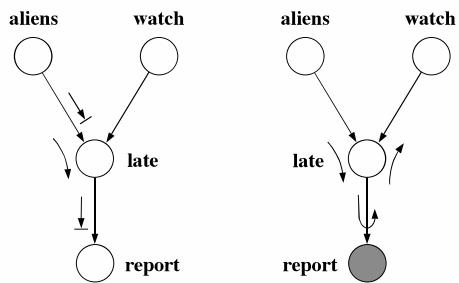


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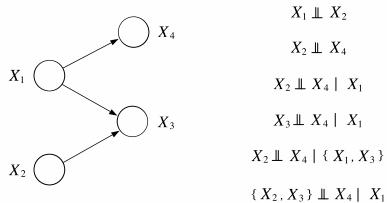
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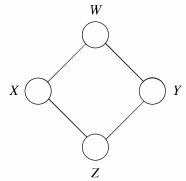
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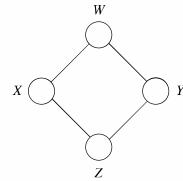
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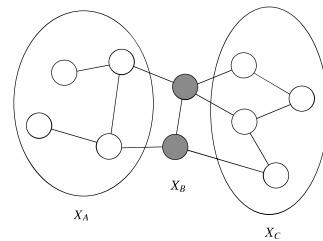


- Undirected Graph is a pair  $G = (V, E)$ , where  $V$  is a set of nodes,  $E$  is a set of undirected edges. We do \*not\* assume  $G$  is acyclic.
- As before, each node  $i \in V$  is associated with a random variable  $X_i$ .
- Letting  $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , the set of random variables is  $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$ .
- We will use node  $i$  and the associated random variable  $X_i$  interchangeably (though graph nodes and random variables are different formal objects!)

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- In the directed graphical model case, we started with a **factorized form** before discussing **conditional independence assumptions** because the former was more natural (conditional probabilities vs “Bayes-Ball” algorithm)
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## Undirected Graphs and Cond. Independences



The set  $X_B$  separates  $X_A$  from  $X_C$  (all paths from  $X_A$  to  $X_C$  pass through  $X_B$ )  
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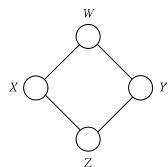
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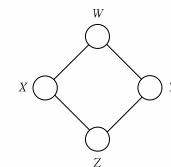
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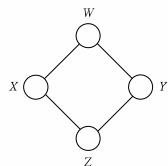
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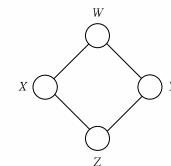
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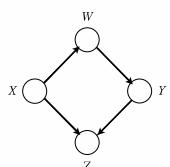
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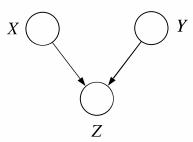
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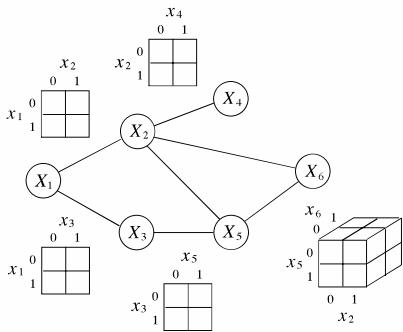
## Undirected Graphical Models: Factorization

- Meaning of “local” for undirected graphs should be “maximal clique”.
- Let  $C$  be indices of a maximal clique in undirected graph  $G$ , let  $\mathcal{C}$  be set of all such maximal cliques  $C$ .
- A “potential function”  $\psi_C(x_C)$  is a function that only depends on values  $x_c$  of maximal clique variables  $X_C$
- Potential functions assumed to be non-negative, real-valued, but otherwise arbitrary

$$p(x) \triangleq \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{C \in \mathcal{C}} \psi_{X_C}(x_C),$$

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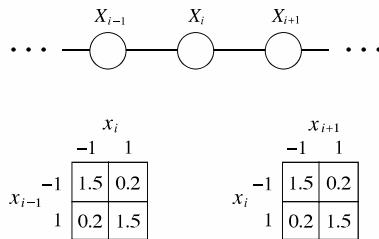
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## Dual Characterization of Undirected Graphical Models

### Characterization I:

Given a graph G, all distributions expressed as product of potential functions over maximal cliques

### Characterization II:

Given a graph G, all distributions that satisfy all conditional independence statements specified by graph separation

**Hammersley Clifford Theorem:** Characterizations are equivalent!

As in the directed case, a profound link between probability theory and graph theory

## Topics in Graphical Models

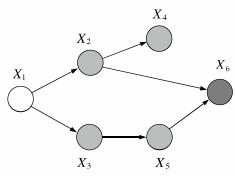
- **Representation**
  - Which joint probability distributions does a graphical model represent?
- **Inference**
  - How to answer questions about the joint probability distribution?
    - Marginal distribution of a node variable
    - Most likely assignment of node variables
- **Learning**
  - How to learn the parameters and structure of a graphical model?

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- Let E and F be disjoint subsets of nodes of a graphical model; with  $X_E$  and  $X_F$  the disjoint subsets of variables corresponding to E, F
- We want to calculate  $P(x_F | x_E)$  for arbitrary subsets E and F
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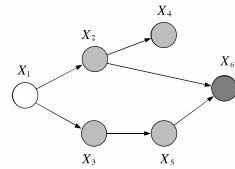
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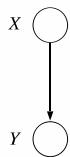
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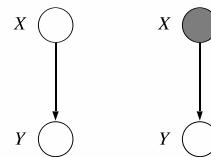
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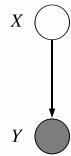
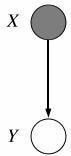
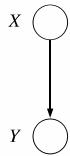


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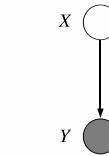
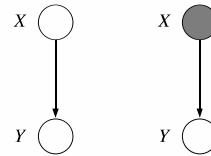
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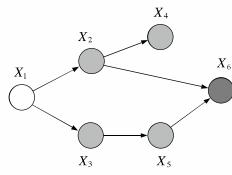


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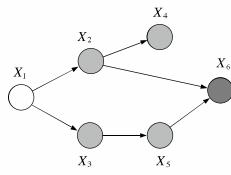
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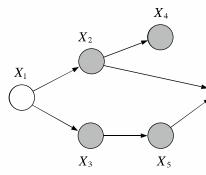
- The summation  $\sum_{x_R}$  expands over many variables, one for each indexed by  $R$ .
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- With  $|R|$  in the hundreds, naive summation is infeasible

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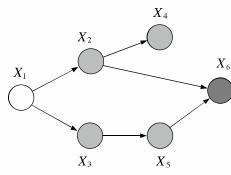
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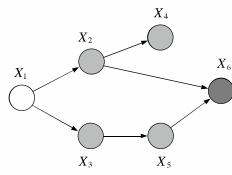
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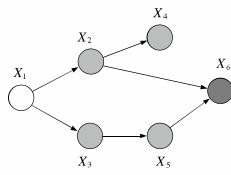
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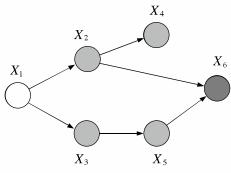
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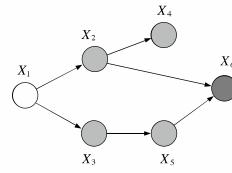
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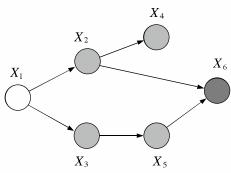
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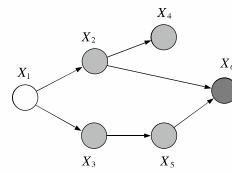
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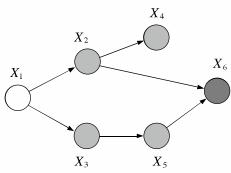
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where we define  $m_5(x_2, x_3) \triangleq \sum_{x_5} p(x_5|x_3)p(\bar{x}_6|x_2, x_5)$ .

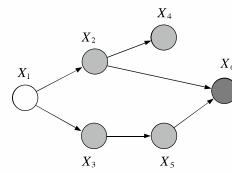
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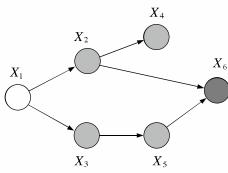
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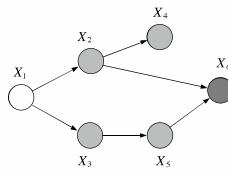
We denote by  $m_i(S_i)$  the expression after computing  $\sum_{x_i}$  with  $S_i$  the index of variables, other than  $i$  that appear in the summand

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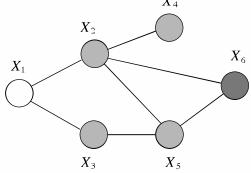


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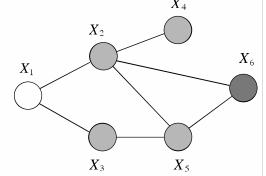
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- Potentials  $\{\psi_C(x_C)\}$  on the cliques  $\{X_1, X_2\}, \{X_1, X_3\}, \{X_2, X_4\}, \{X_3, X_5\}$ , and  $\{X_2, X_5, X_6\}$ .

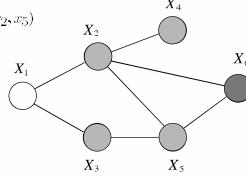
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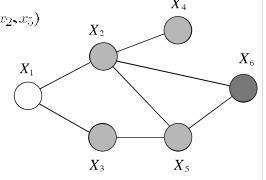
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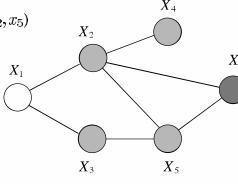
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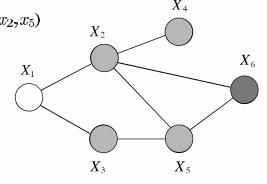
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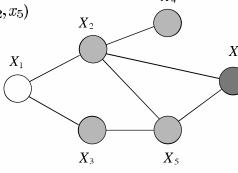
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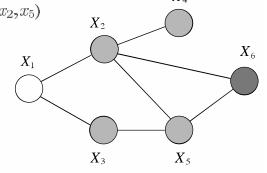


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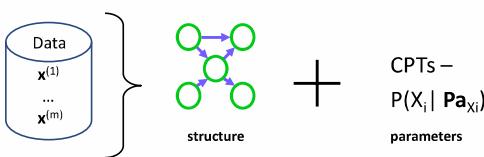
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 \end{aligned}$$

$$p(\bar{x}_6) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{x_1} m_2(x_1),$$

$$p(x_1 | \bar{x}_6) = \frac{m_2(x_1)}{\sum_{x_1} m_2(x_1)}, \quad \text{--- No Z!}$$



## Learning



Given set of  $m$  independent samples (assignments of random variables),

find the best (most likely?) Bayes Net (graph Structure + CPTs)

## Learning the CPTs (given structure)

For each discrete variable  $X_k$   
Compute MLE or MAP estimates for

$$p(x_k | \text{pa}_k)$$

Recall

$$\text{MLE: } P(X_i = x_i | X_j = x_j) = \frac{\text{Count}(X_i = x_i, X_j = x_j)}{\text{Count}(X_j = x_j)}$$

MAP: Add pseudocounts

