

week 11 day 2

Graphical models: algebra  
Algebraic & Geometric Methods in Statistics

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# Agenda

- 1 Code for generating the minors and the statements from a graph (directed or undirected)
- 2 Binomials? Markov bases? **Connection**
- 3 Computing the MLE of an example graph  $\mapsto$  homework 5



Figure 3.2.3: Directed graphs representing (a)  $X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_3 \mid X_2$  and (b)  $X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_2$ .

Figure 1: Source: Oberwolfach lectures

- Here is an incredible online resource: Maathuis, Drton, Lauritzen & Wainwright's [Handbook of graphical models](#)

# Part One

Code for generating the minors and the statements from a graph (directed or undirected)

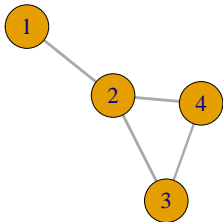
## Global & Pairwise Markov property - algebra

$$C_{pairs} = \{1 \perp\!\!\!\perp 3 | (2, 4), 1 \perp\!\!\!\perp 4 | (2, 3)\}.$$

$$C_{global} = C_{pairs} \cup \{1 \perp\!\!\!\perp (3, 4) | 2\}.$$

### Question (example)

How many polynomials generate the corresponding CI ideal?



$$\bullet M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} p_{0000} & p_{0001} & p_{0010} & p_{0011} \\ p_{1000} & p_{1001} & p_{1010} & p_{1011} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bullet M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} p_{0100} & p_{0101} & p_{0110} & p_{0111} \\ p_{1100} & p_{1101} & p_{1110} & p_{1111} \end{bmatrix}$$

- The conditional independence ideal for each statement is generated by two minors of  $M_1$  and two minors of  $M_2$
- The conditional independence ideal for each statement is generated by **all**  $2 \times 2$  minors  $M_1$  and of  $M_2$

## Code for generating the polynomials (minors)

```
R1 = QQ[p_(0,0,0,0)..p_(1,1,1,1)]
M1 = matrix{{p_(0,0,0,0),p_(0,0,0,1),p_(0,0,1,0),p_(0,0,1,1)},
            {p_(1,0,0,0),p_(1,0,0,1),p_(1,0,1,0),p_(1,0,1,1)}}
M2 = matrix{{p_(0,1,0,0),p_(0,1,0,1),p_(0,1,1,0),p_(0,1,1,1)},
            {p_(1,1,0,0),p_(1,1,0,1),p_(1,1,1,0),p_(1,1,1,1)}}

--pairwise Markov property
IP = ideal(det(M1_{0,2}),det(M1_{1,3}),det(M2_{0,2}),
          det(M2_{1,3}),det(M1_{0,1}),det(M1_{2,3}),det(M2_{0,1}),det(M2_{2,3}))
--global Markov property
IG = minors(2,M1) + minors(2,M2)
```

### Task

Run this code. What is the output? Compare to next page.

- *Reminder:* Look at slides 10 and 11 of **lecture 4** – M2 code for computing ideals (minors) of given CI statements.
- We can compute the ideal  $I_G$  of a graphical model as follows:

```
i97 : loadPackage "GraphicalModels"
o97 = GraphicalModels
i99 : G = graph({{1,2},{2,3},{3,4},{2,4}})
o99 = Graph{1 => {2}
           2 => {1, 3, 4}
           3 => {2, 4}
           4 => {2, 3}
i100 : pairMarkov G
o100 = {{{1}, {4}, {2, 3}}, {{1}, {3}, {4, 2}}}
i101 : globalMarkov G
o101 = {{{1}, {3, 4}, {2}}}
-- This method displays only non-redundant statements.
```

## ... package shortcuts!!

```
i103 : R=markovRing(2,2,2,2);
i104 : conditionalIndependenceIdeal (R, pairMarkov(G)) / print;

- p      p      + p      p
  1,1,1,2 2,1,1,1  1,1,1,1 2,1,1,2
- p      p      + p      p
  1,1,2,2 2,1,2,1  1,1,2,1 2,1,2,2
- p      p      + p      p
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```

## Part Two

Binomials? Markov bases? **Connection**



# The model of independence is a graphical model

**Example 1.2.6** (Independence). Let  $\Gamma = [1][2]$ . Then the hierarchical model consists of all positive probability matrices  $(p_{i_1 i_2})$

$$p_{i_1 i_2} = \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} \theta_{i_1}^{(1)} \theta_{i_2}^{(2)}$$

where  $\theta^{(j)} \in (0, \infty)^{r_j}$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ . That is, the model consists of all positive rank one matrices. It is the positive part of the model of independence  $\mathcal{M}_{X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y}$ , or in algebraic geometric language, the positive part of the Segre variety.  $\square$

Figure 2: Oberwolfach Lectures

**Example 3.1.10.** Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4$  be binary random variables, and consider the conditional independence model

$$\mathcal{C} = \{1 \perp\!\!\!\perp 3 \mid \{2, 4\}, 2 \perp\!\!\!\perp 4 \mid \{1, 3\}\}.$$

These are the conditional independence statements that hold for the **graphical model** associated to the four cycle graph with edges  $\{12, 23, 34, 14\}$ ; see Section 3.2. The conditional independence ideal is generated by eight quadratic binomials:

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\mathcal{C}} &= I_{1 \perp\!\!\!\perp 3 \mid \{2, 4\}} + I_{2 \perp\!\!\!\perp 4 \mid \{1, 3\}} \\ &= \langle p_{1111}p_{2121} - p_{1121}p_{2111}, p_{1112}p_{2122} - p_{1122}p_{2112}, \\ &\quad p_{1211}p_{2221} - p_{1221}p_{2211}, p_{1212}p_{2222} - p_{1222}p_{2212}, \\ &\quad p_{1111}p_{1212} - p_{1112}p_{1211}, p_{1121}p_{1222} - p_{1122}p_{1221}, \\ &\quad p_{2111}p_{2212} - p_{2112}p_{2211}, p_{2121}p_{2222} - p_{2122}p_{2221} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The ideal  $I_{\mathcal{C}}$  is radical and has nine minimal primes. One of these is a toric ideal  $I_{\Gamma}$ , namely the vanishing ideal of the hierarchical (and graphical) model associated to the simplicial complex  $\Gamma = [12][23][34][14]$ . The other eight components are linear ideals whose varieties all lie on the boundary of the probability simplex. In particular, all the irreducible components of the variety  $V(I_{\mathcal{C}})$  are unirational.  $\square$

# Hierarchical log-linear models

## Definition [Simplicial complex]

**Definition 9.3.1.** For a set  $S$ , let  $2^S$  denote its power set, that is, the set of all of its subsets. A *simplicial complex* with ground set  $S$  is a set  $\Gamma \subseteq 2^S$  such that if  $F \in \Gamma$  and  $F' \subseteq F$ , then  $F' \in \Gamma$ . The elements of  $\Gamma$  are called the *faces* of  $\Gamma$  and the inclusion maximal faces are the *facets* of  $\Gamma$ .

- We will use the bracket notation from the theory of hierarchical log-linear models
- $\Gamma = [12][13][23]$  is the bracket notation for the simplicial complex  $\Gamma = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}\}$ . The geometric realization of  $\Gamma$  is the boundary of a triangle.
- *Hierarchical models are log-linear models*, so they can be described as  $\mathcal{M}_A$  for a suitable matrix  $A$  associated to the simplicial complex  $\Gamma$ .  
*Notation...*

**Example 9.3.3** (Independence). Let  $\Gamma = [1][2]$ . Then the hierarchical model consists of all positive probability matrices  $(p_{i_1 i_2})$ ,

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where  $\theta^{(j)} \in (0, \infty)^{r_j}$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ . That is, the model consists of all positive rank one matrices. It is the positive part of the model of independence  $\mathcal{M}_{X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y}$ , or, in algebraic geometric language, the positive part of the Segre variety. The normalizing constant is

$$Z(\theta) = \sum_{i_1=1}^{r_1} \sum_{i_2=1}^{r_2} \theta_{i_1} \theta_{i_2}.$$

In this case, the normalizing constant factorizes as

$$Z(\theta) = \left( \sum_{i_1=1}^{r_1} \theta_{i_1} \right) \left( \sum_{i_2=1}^{r_2} \theta_{i_2} \right).$$

Complete factorization of the normalizing constant as in this example is a rare phenomenon.

### Example 9.3.4 [no-3-factor interaction]

$$\Gamma = [12][13][23].$$

The hierarchical model  $\mathcal{M}_\Gamma$  consists of all  $r_1 \times r_2 \times r_3$  tables  $(p_{i_1 i_2 i_3})$  with:

$$p_{i_1 i_2 i_3} = \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} \theta_{i_1 i_2}^{(12)} \theta_{i_1 i_3}^{(13)} \theta_{i_2 i_3}^{(23)},$$

for some positive real tables  $\theta^{(12)} \in (0, \infty)^{r_1 \times r_2}$ ,  $\theta^{(13)} \in (0, \infty)^{r_1 \times r_3}$ , and  $\theta^{(23)} \in (0, \infty)^{r_2 \times r_3}$ .

- In the case of binary random variables, its implicit representation is given by the equation:

$$p_{111}p_{122}p_{212}p_{221} = p_{112}p_{121}p_{211}p_{222}.$$

The log-linear model consists of all positive probability distributions that satisfy this quartic equation.

Example - by hand.

# Where are the “A” matrices??

**Example 9.3.8** (Sufficient statistics of hierarchical models). Returning to our examples above, for  $\Gamma = [1][2]$  corresponding to the model of independence, the minimal sufficient statistics are the row and column sums of  $u \in \mathbb{N}^{r_1 \times r_2}$ . That is,

$$A_{[1][2]}u = (u|_1, u|_2).$$

- The recipe is the same as it was for other models on contingency tables! Columns are joint probabilities and rows are parameters:

**Example 9.3.9** (Marginals of a 4-way table). Let  $\Gamma = [12][14][23]$  and  $r_1=r_2=r_3=r_4=2$ . Then  $A_\Gamma$  is the matrix

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccc}
 1111 & 1112 & 1121 & 1122 & 1211 & 1212 & 1221 & 1222 & 2111 & 2112 & 2121 & 2122 & 2211 & 2212 & 2221 & 2222
 \end{array} \\
 \begin{array}{l}
 11.. \\
 12.. \\
 21.. \\
 22.. \\
 1..1 \\
 1..2 \\
 2..1 \\
 2..2
 \end{array}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1
 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

These matrices are **huge**.

How are we ever going to compute anything, like a Markov basis for exact testing?!??

Citing Dobra 2003:

The statistical theory on graphical models (Madigan and York 1995; Whittaker 1990; Lauritzen 1996) shows that the conditional dependencies induced by a set of fixed marginals among the variables cross-classified in a table of counts can be visualized by means of an independence graph. In particular, a lot of attention has been given to **decomposable** graphs (Lauritzen 1996):

- a special class of graphs that can be '*broken*' into components such that
  - ① every *component* is associated with *exactly one fixed marginal*, and
  - ② *no information is lost* in the decomposition process, that is, no marginal is 'split' between two components.

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- $[12][23][345]$  = decomposable
- $[12][13][23]$  = not reducible.
- $\Gamma = [12][13][23][345]$  is reducible but not decomposable, with decomposition  $([12][13][23], \{3\}, [345])$ .
- Any complex with only *two* facets is decomposable.

## Markov bases of decomposable models

- If  $\Gamma$  is decomposable, then the Markov bases can be computed using a divide-and-conquer algorithm (via the decomposition).
  - The upshot is that they are all *quadratic* - degree = 2 !
  - See Corollary 9.3.18, Example 9.3.19., but notation :( :(

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- Good/bad news:
  - What do you think about the quartic from Example 9.3.4:  
 $\Gamma = [12][13][23]$  has the following implicit description:  
 $p_{111}p_{122}p_{212}p_{221} = p_{112}p_{121}p_{211}p_{222}.$

Why is this degree  $> 2$ ? ... Is this model decomposable?

## Question to ponder.

Why is  $[12][23][13]$  not a cycle?

How are complexes and graphs related?

## Part Three - most likely in week 12!

Computing the MLE of an example graph  $\mapsto$  homework 5

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