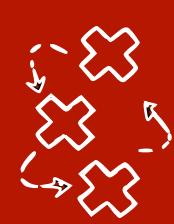


Causal Data Science

Lecture 11.1: Do-calculus and transportability

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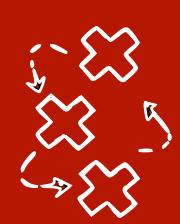
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(they find all possible formulas to compute interventional distributions from observational ones)



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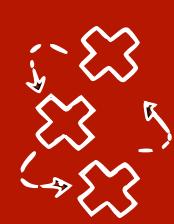
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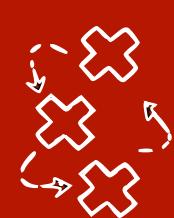
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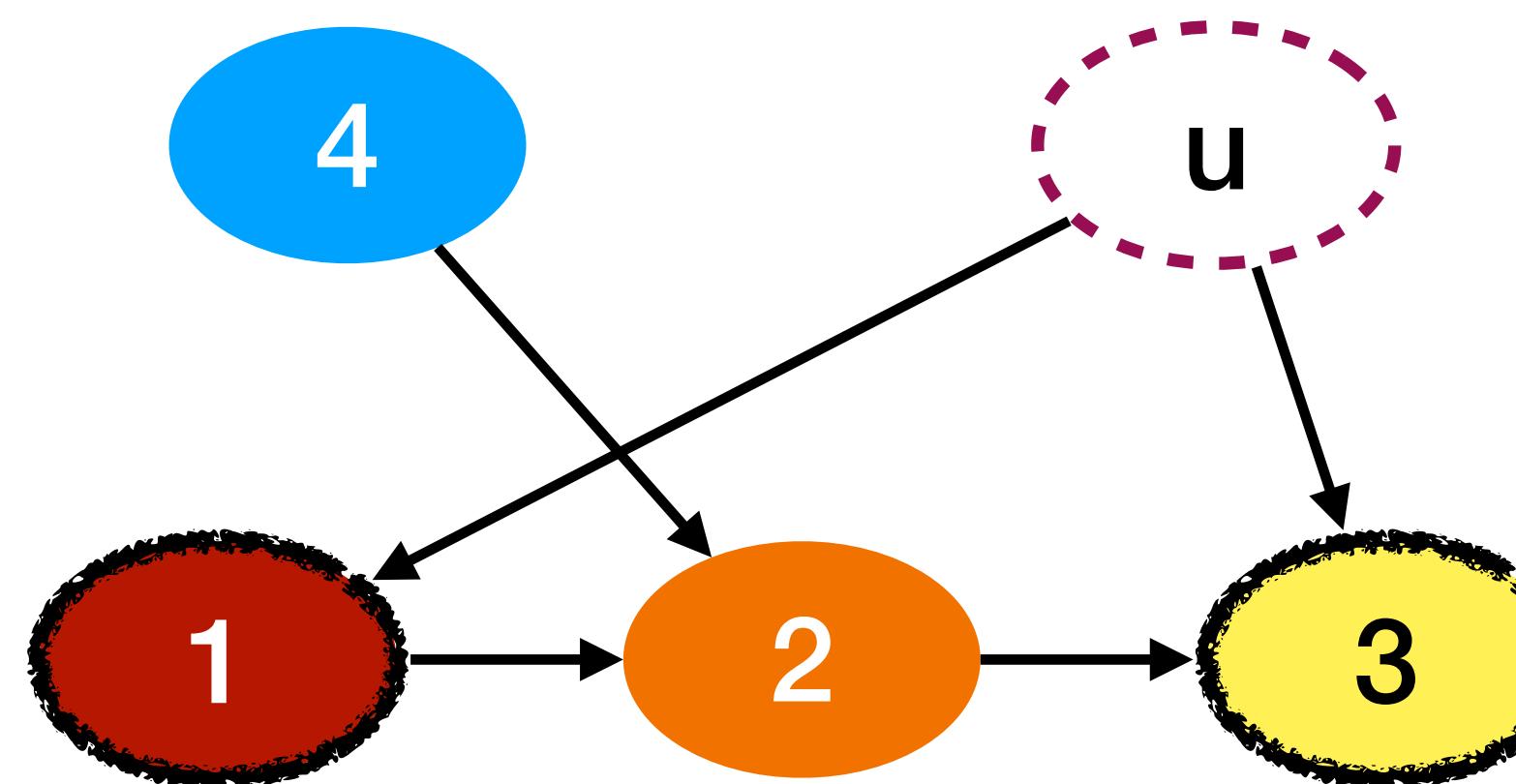
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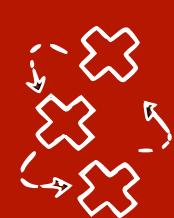
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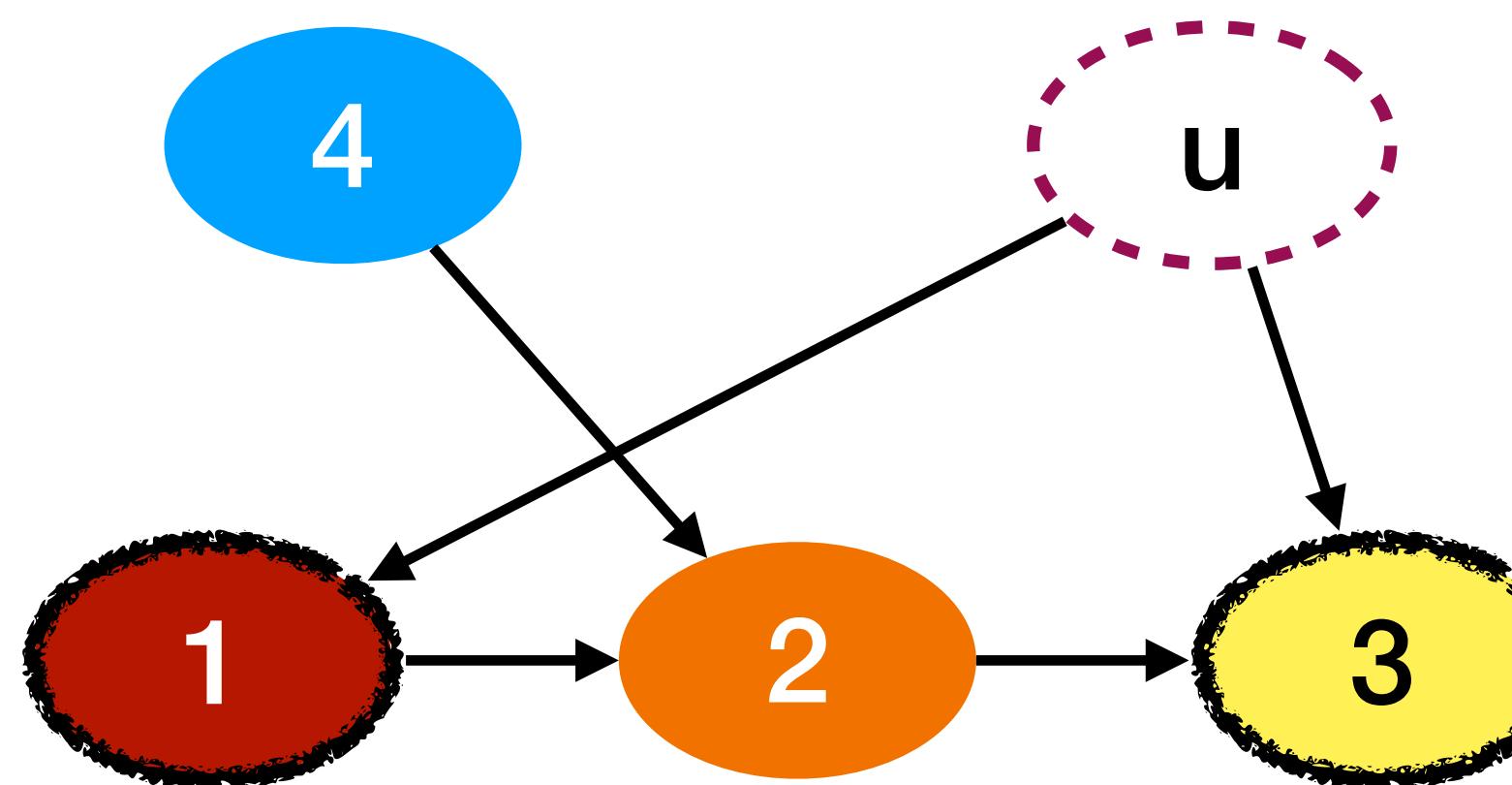
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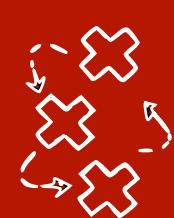
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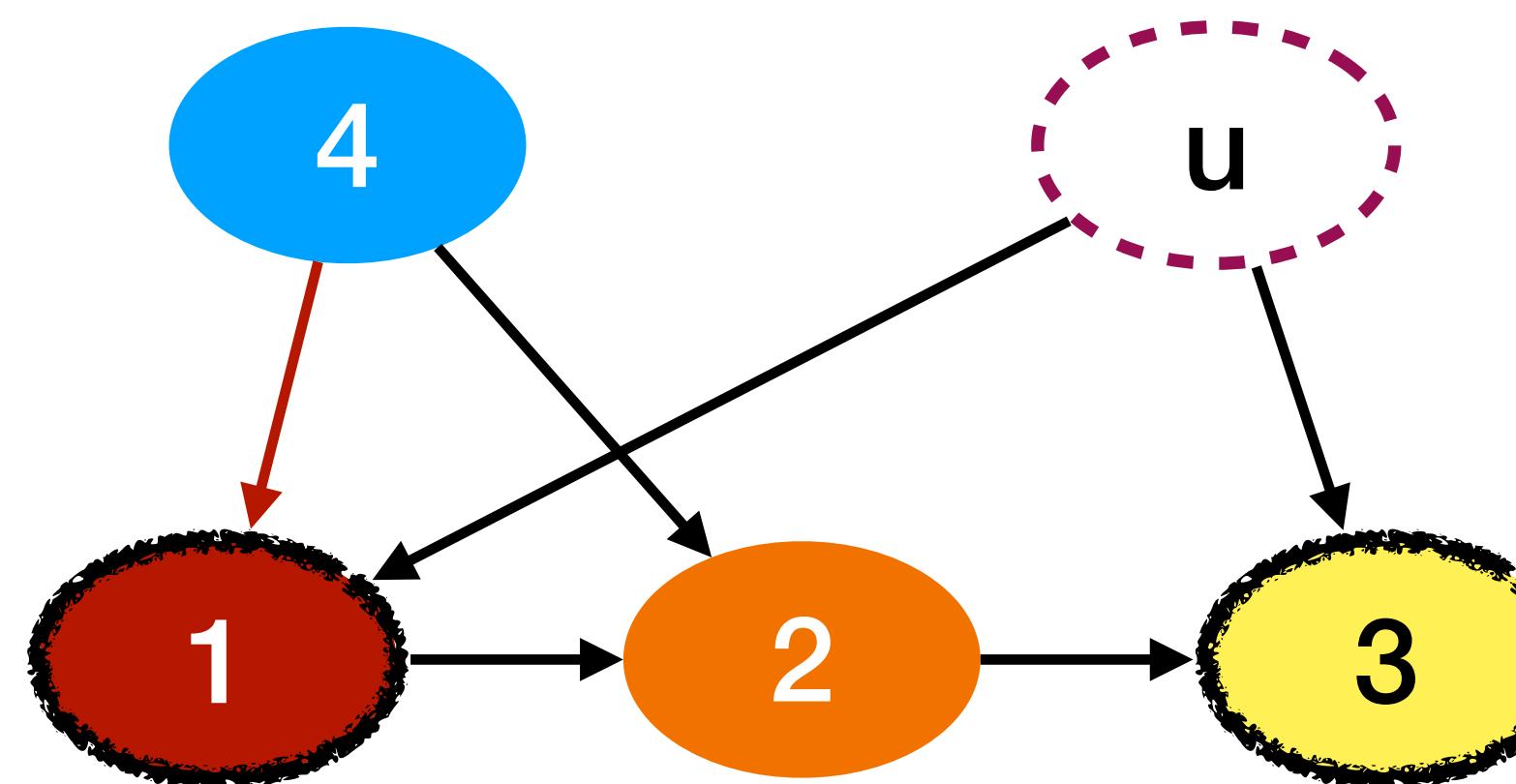
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- \mathbf{M} blocks all directed paths from i to j , **and**
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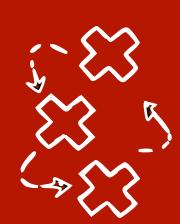
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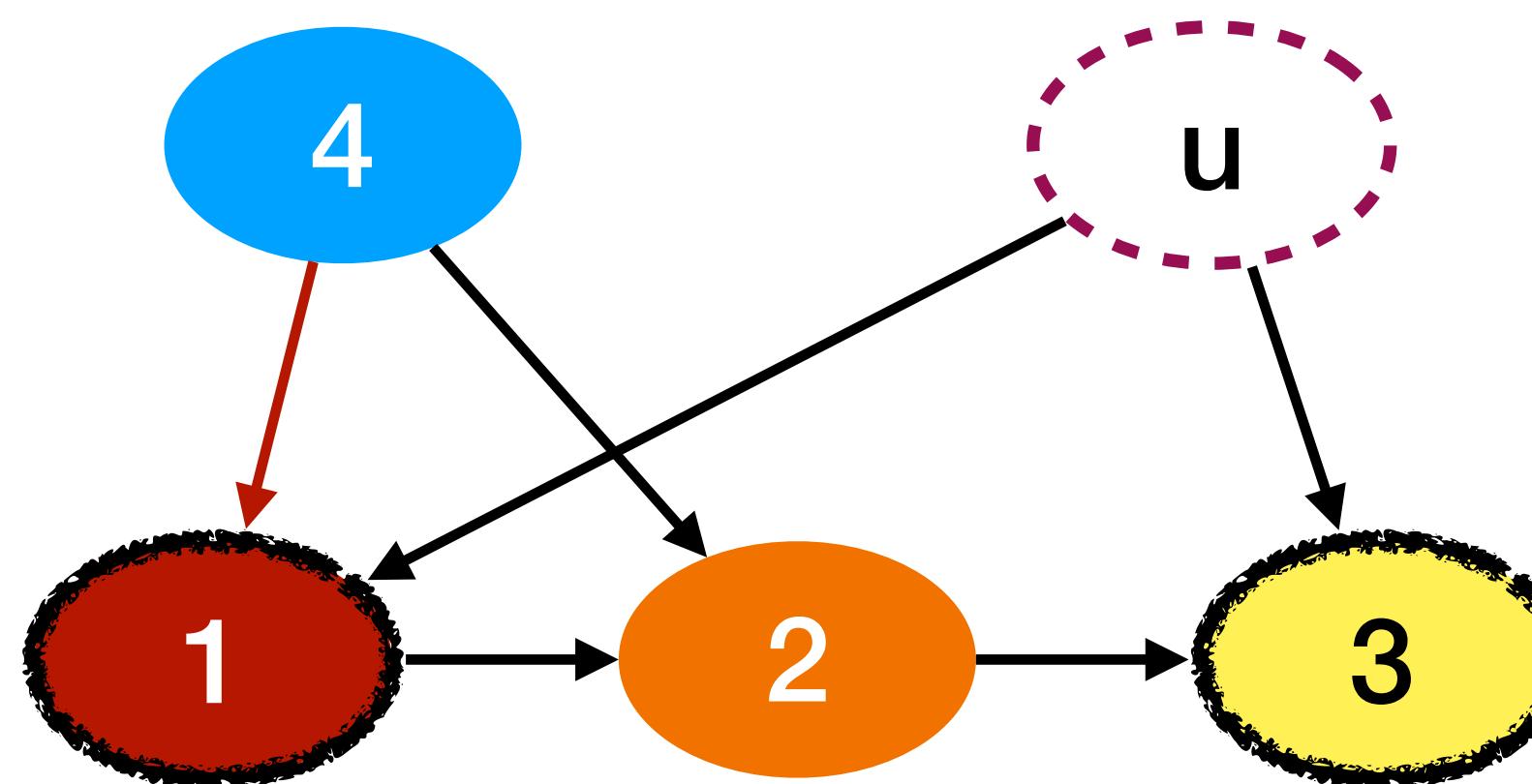
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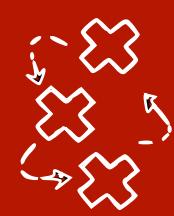
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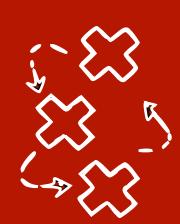
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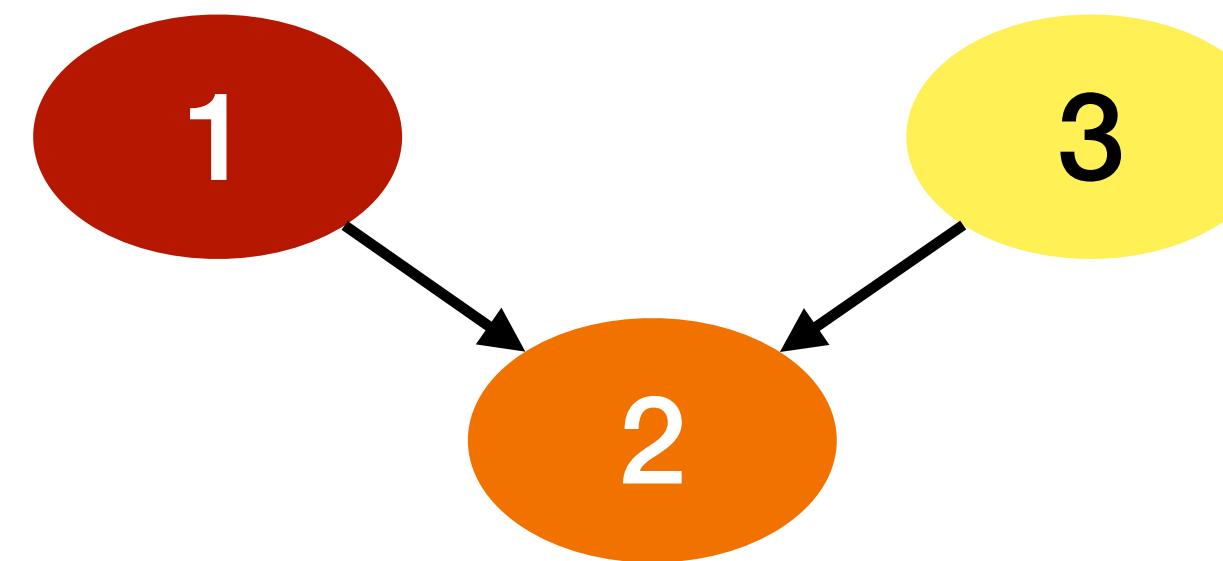
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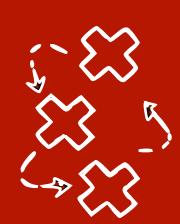
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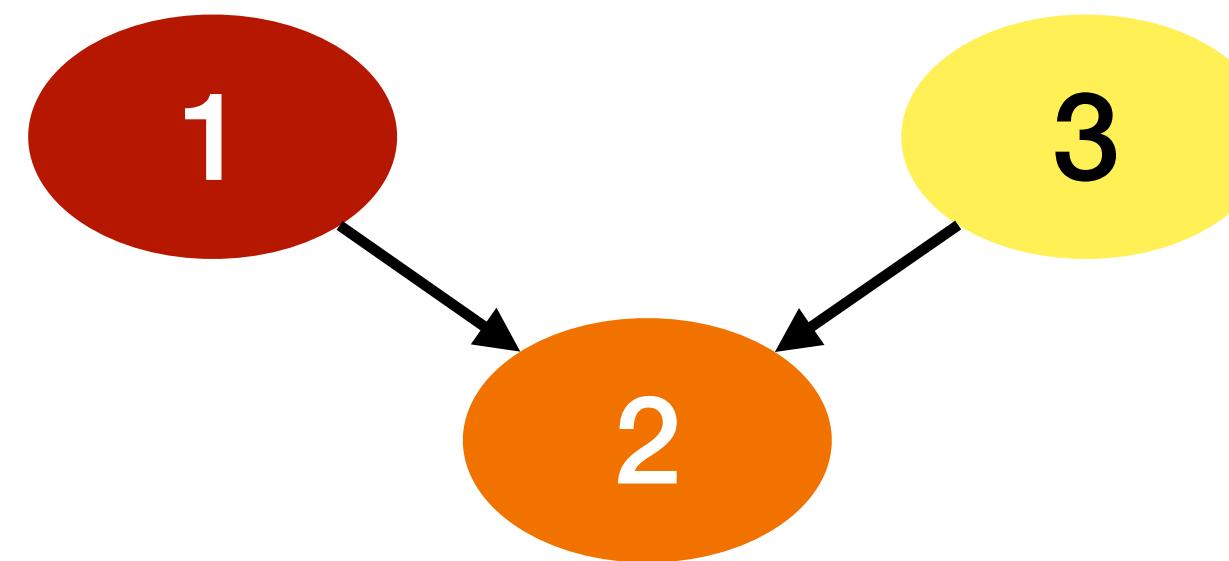
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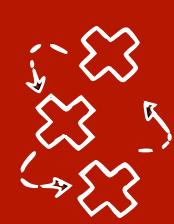




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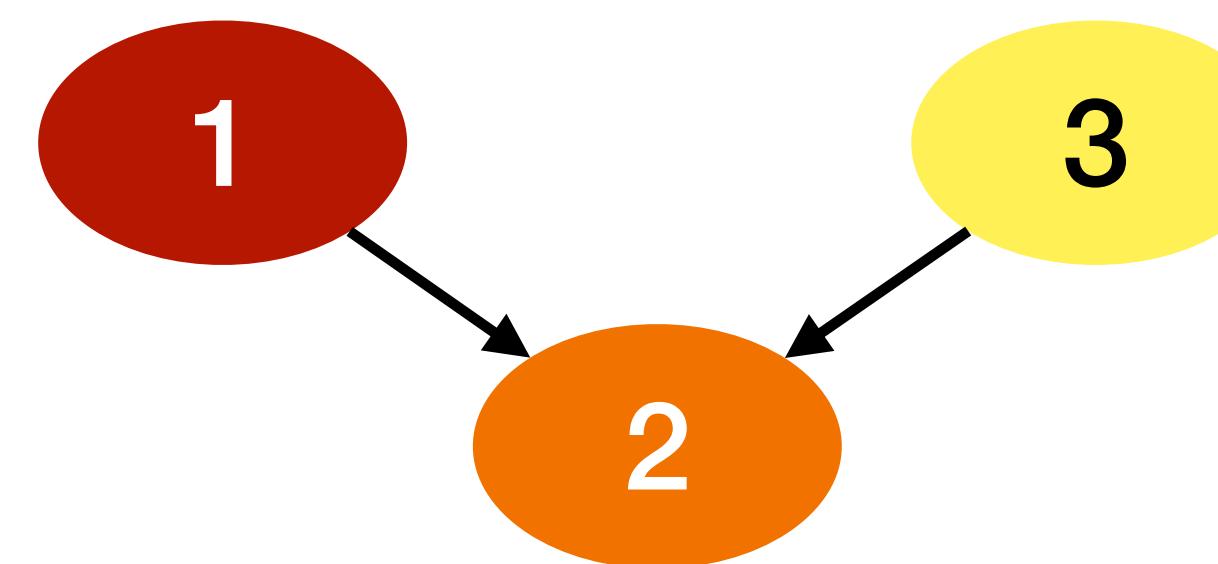
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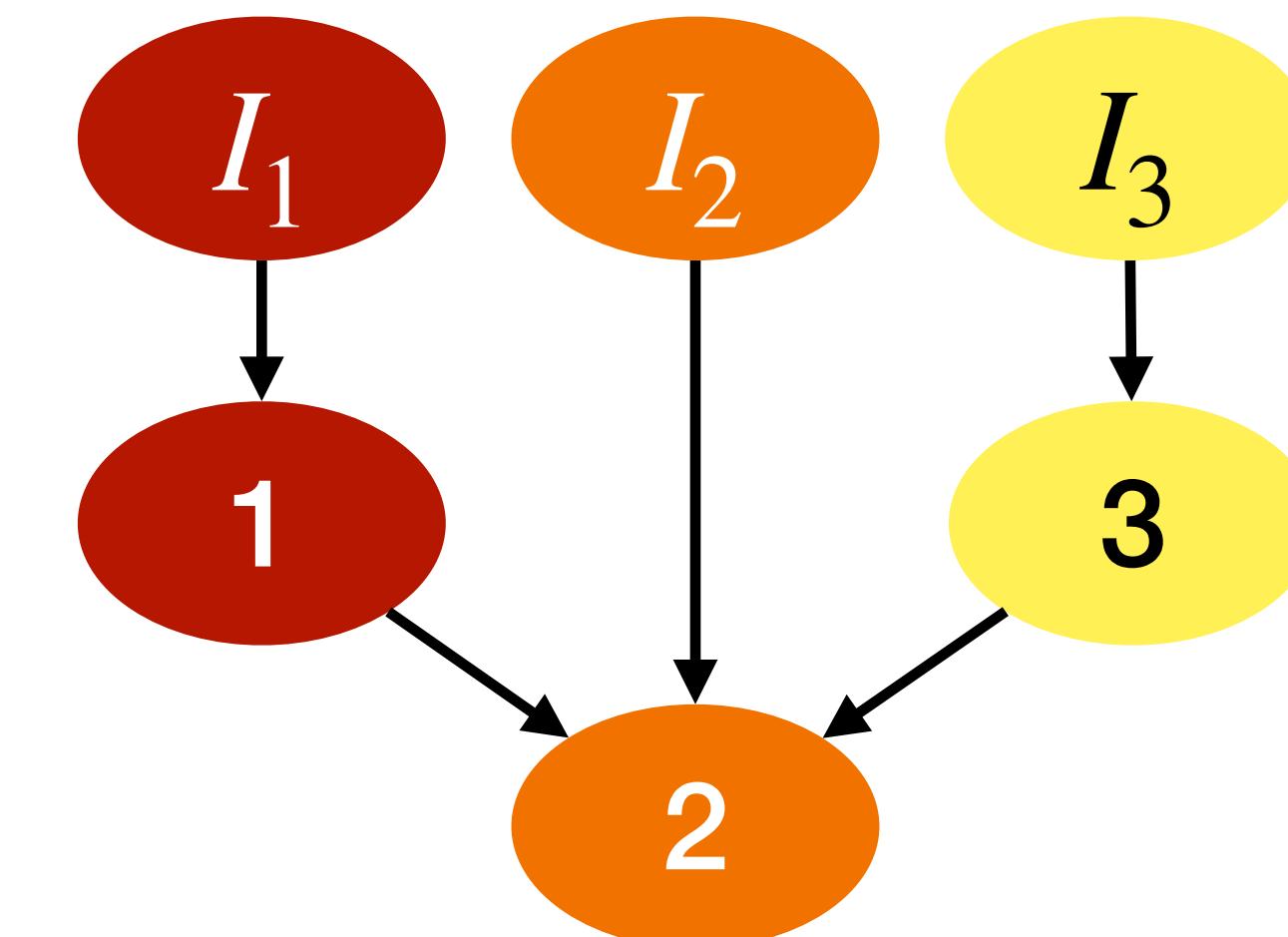


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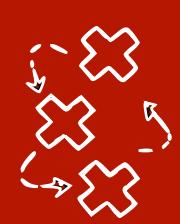
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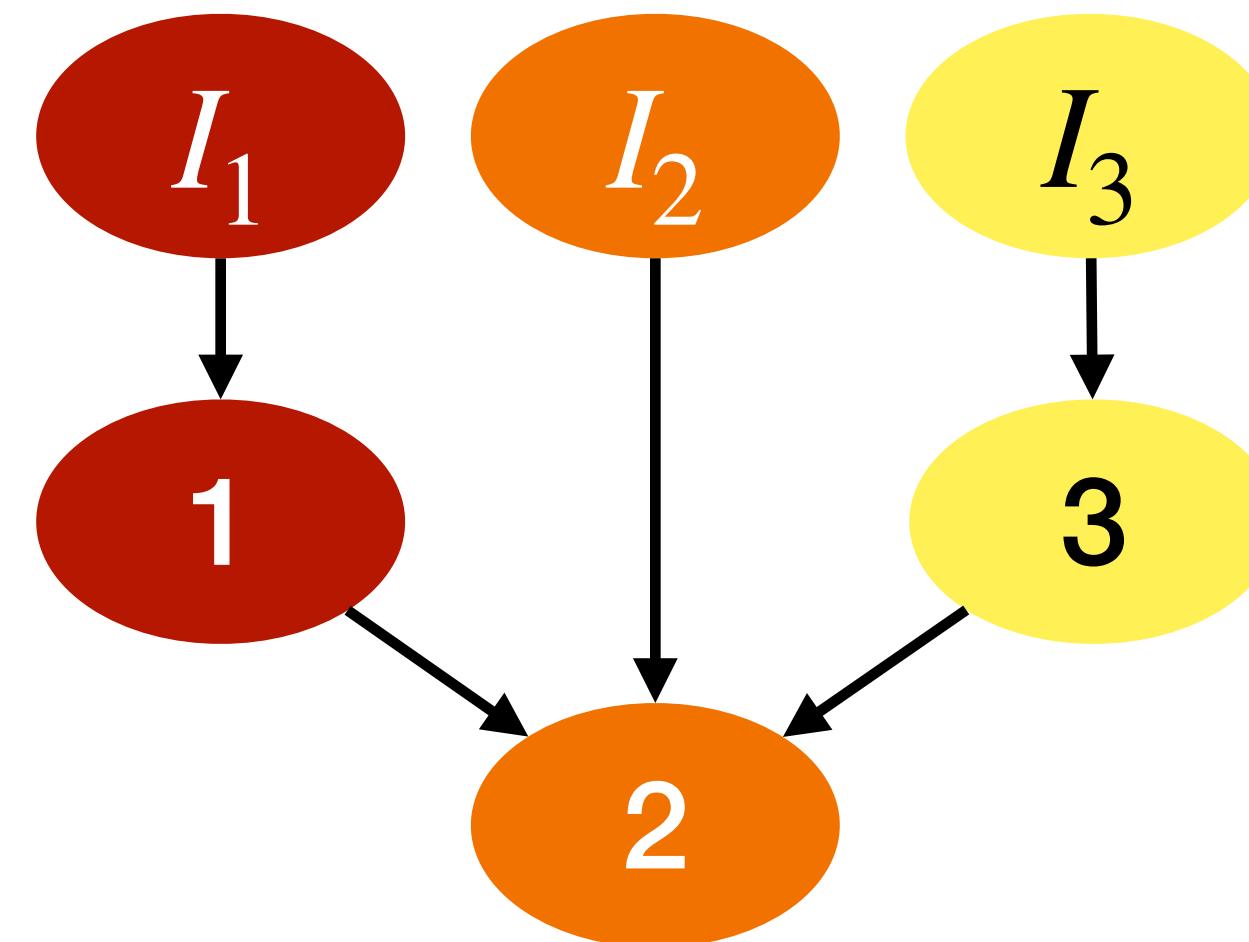


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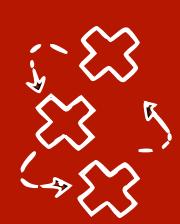
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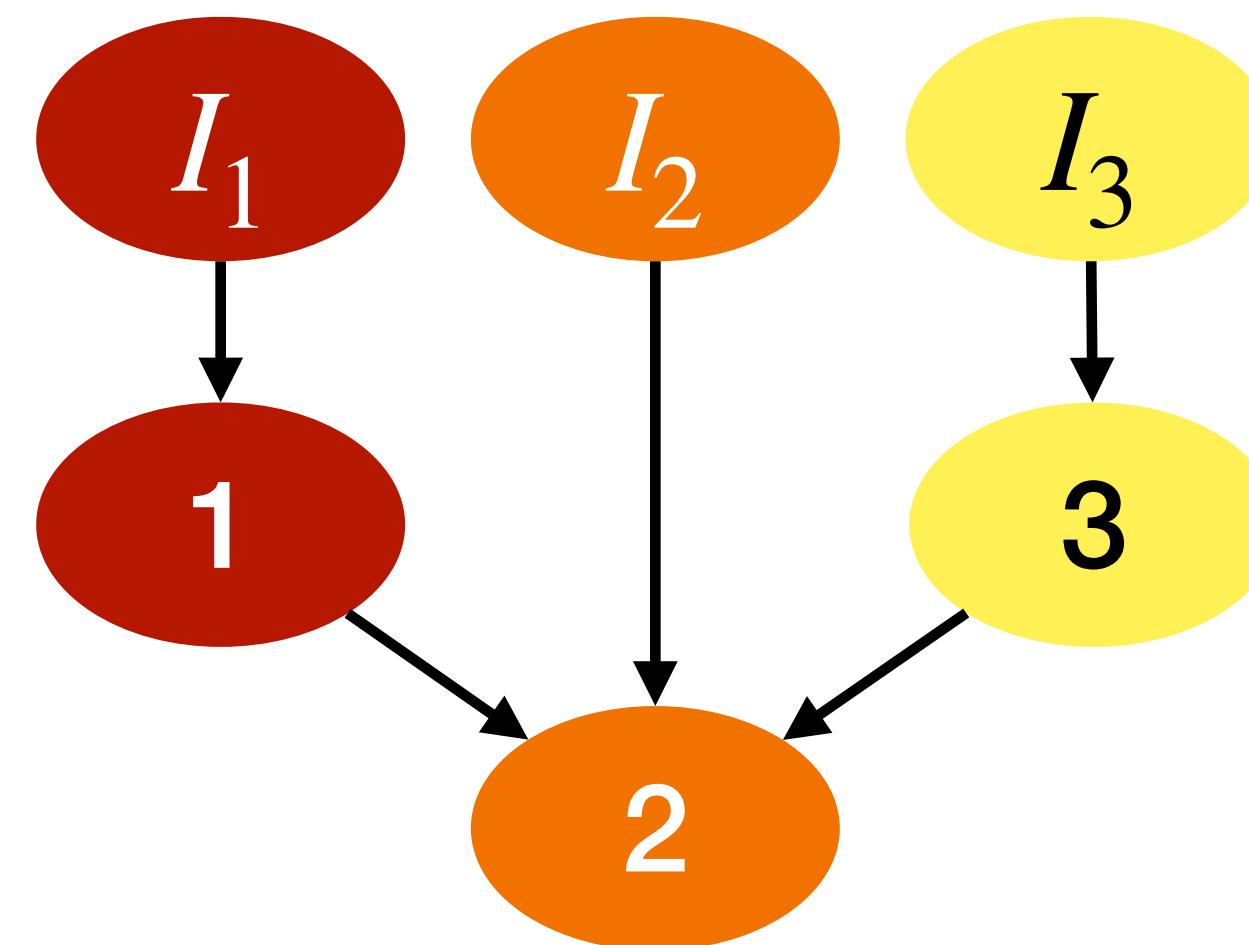
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In other words when i is not intervened upon



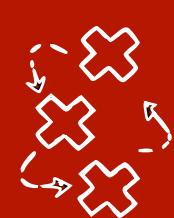
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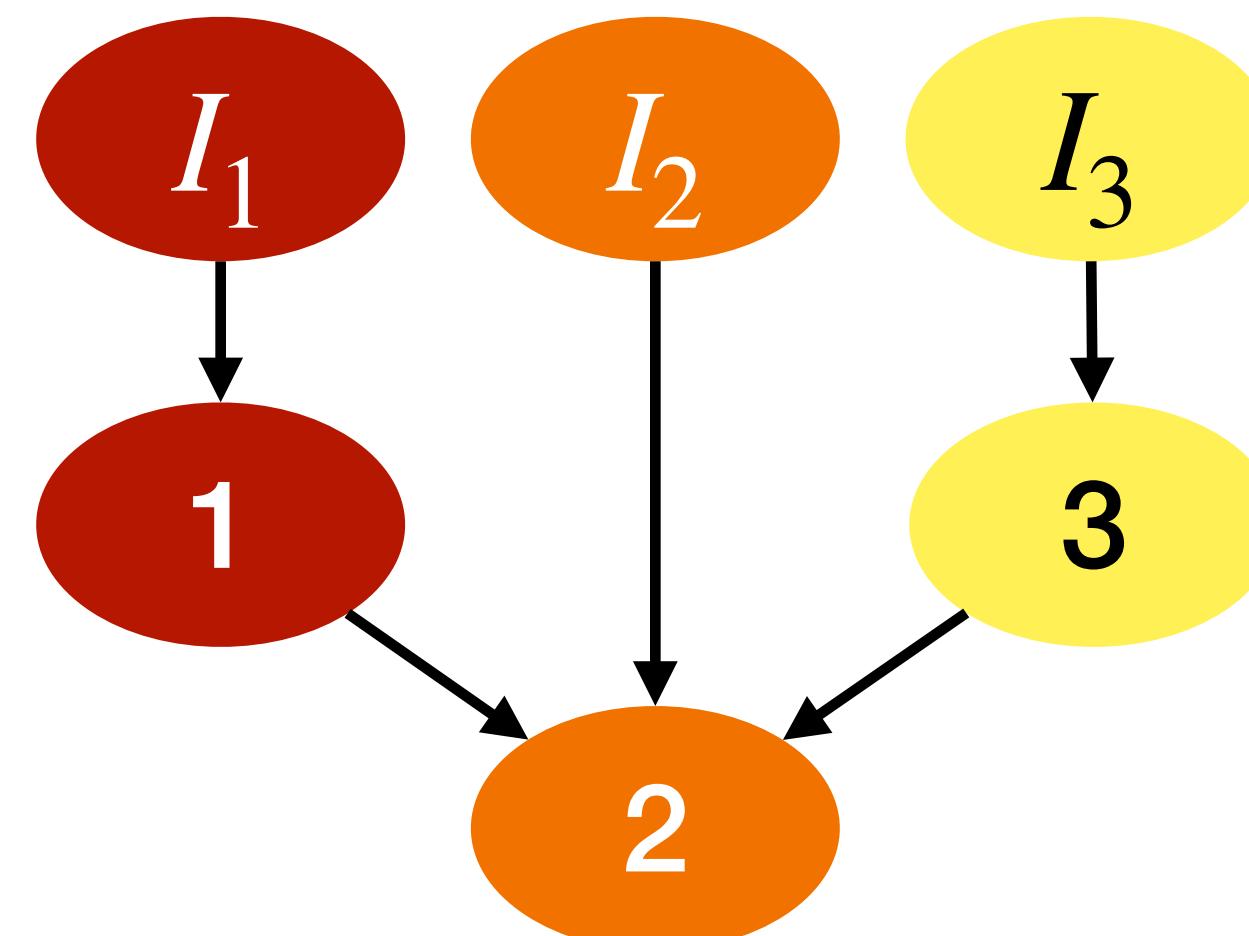
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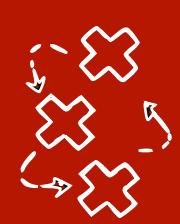
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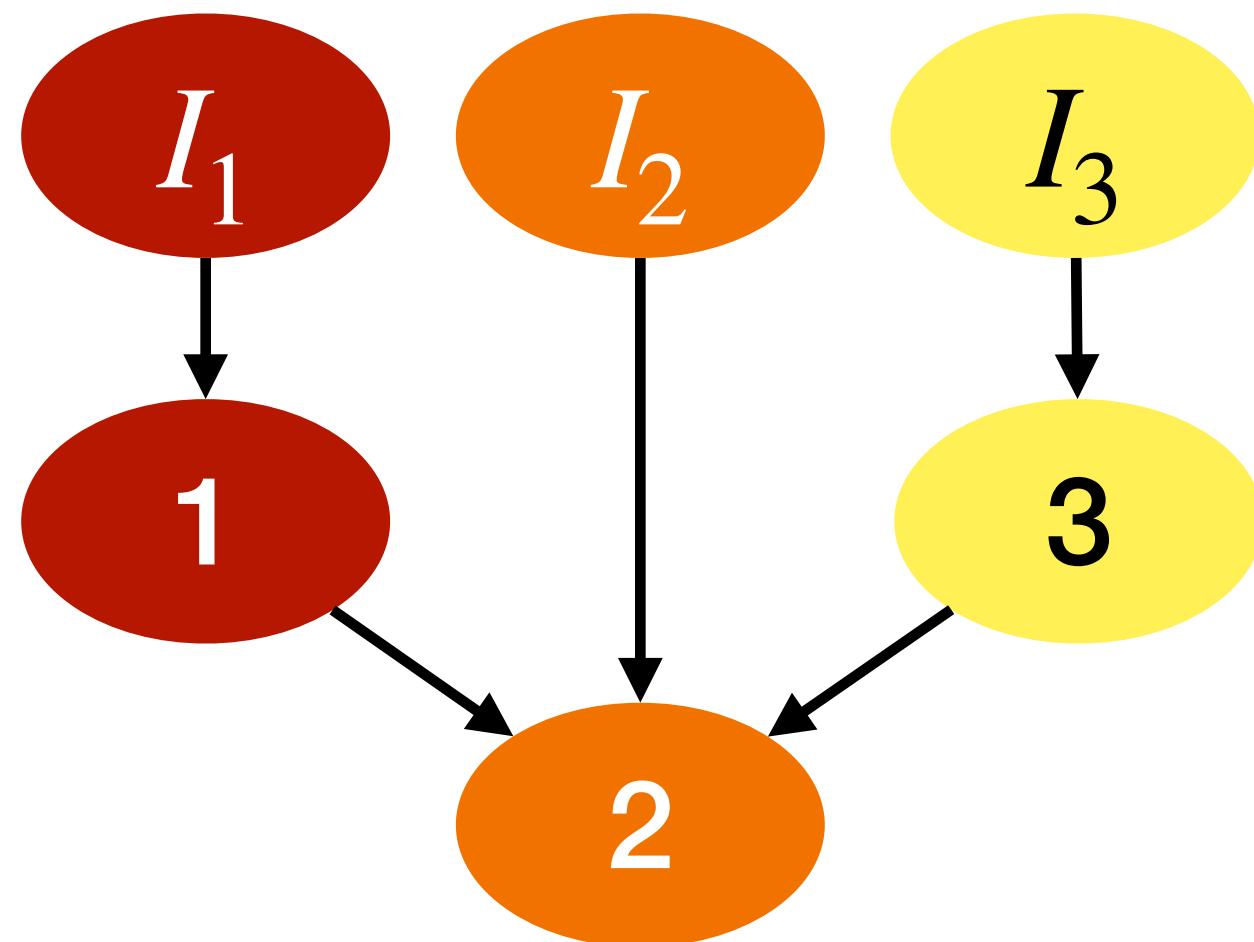
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This graph represents jointly the observational and all possible interventional distributions



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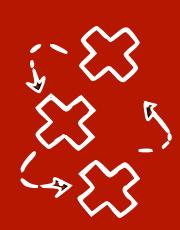


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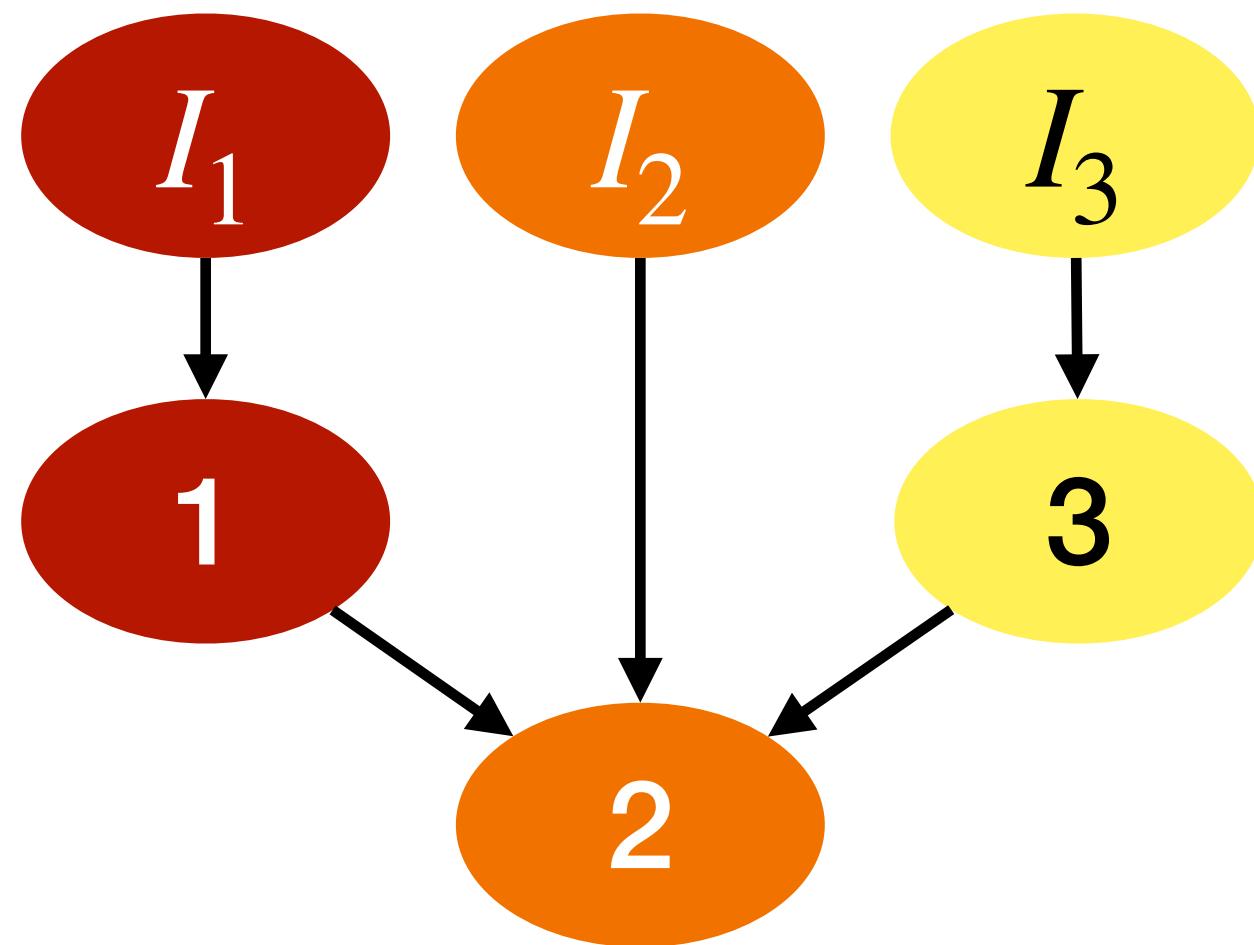
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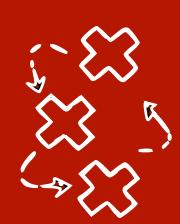


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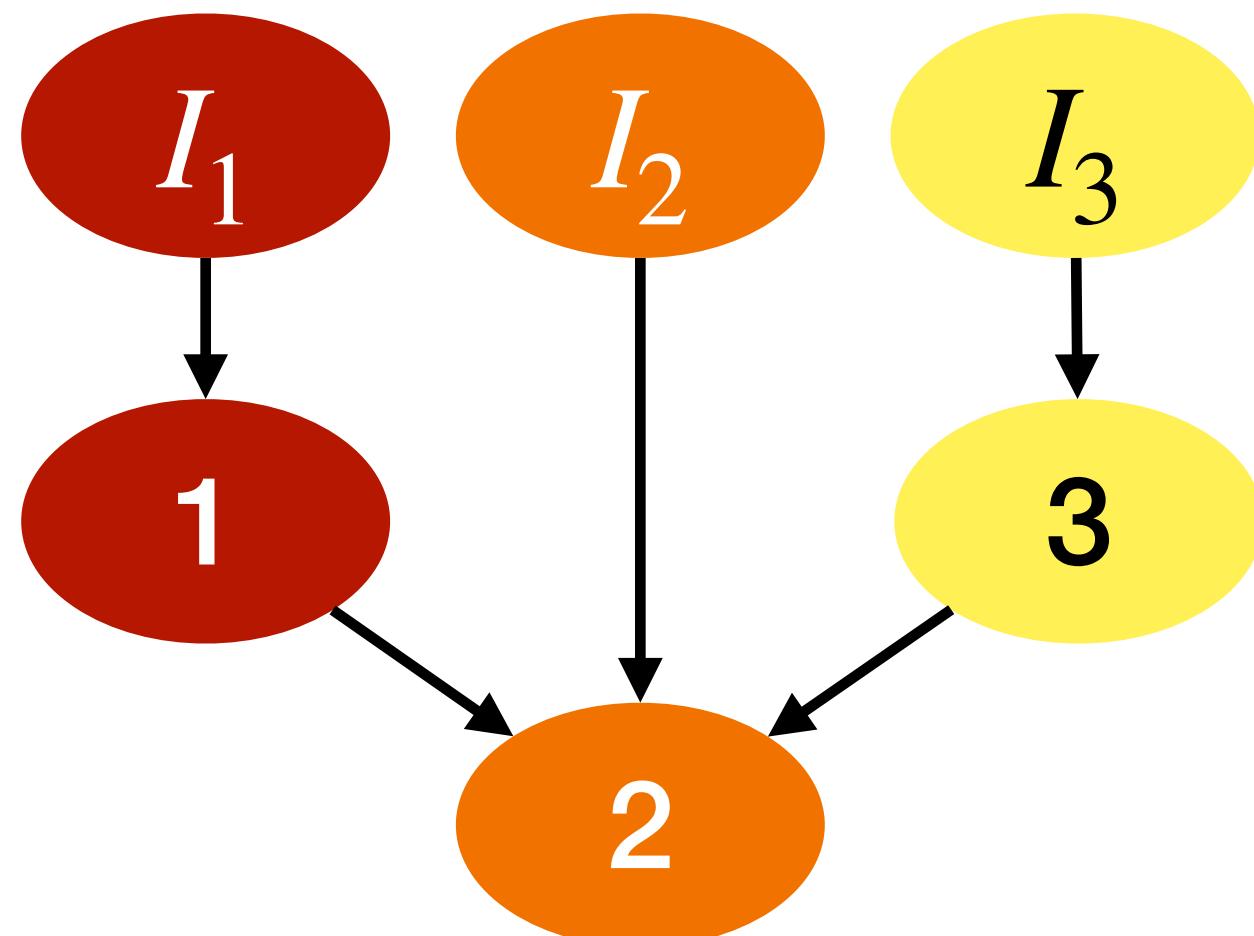


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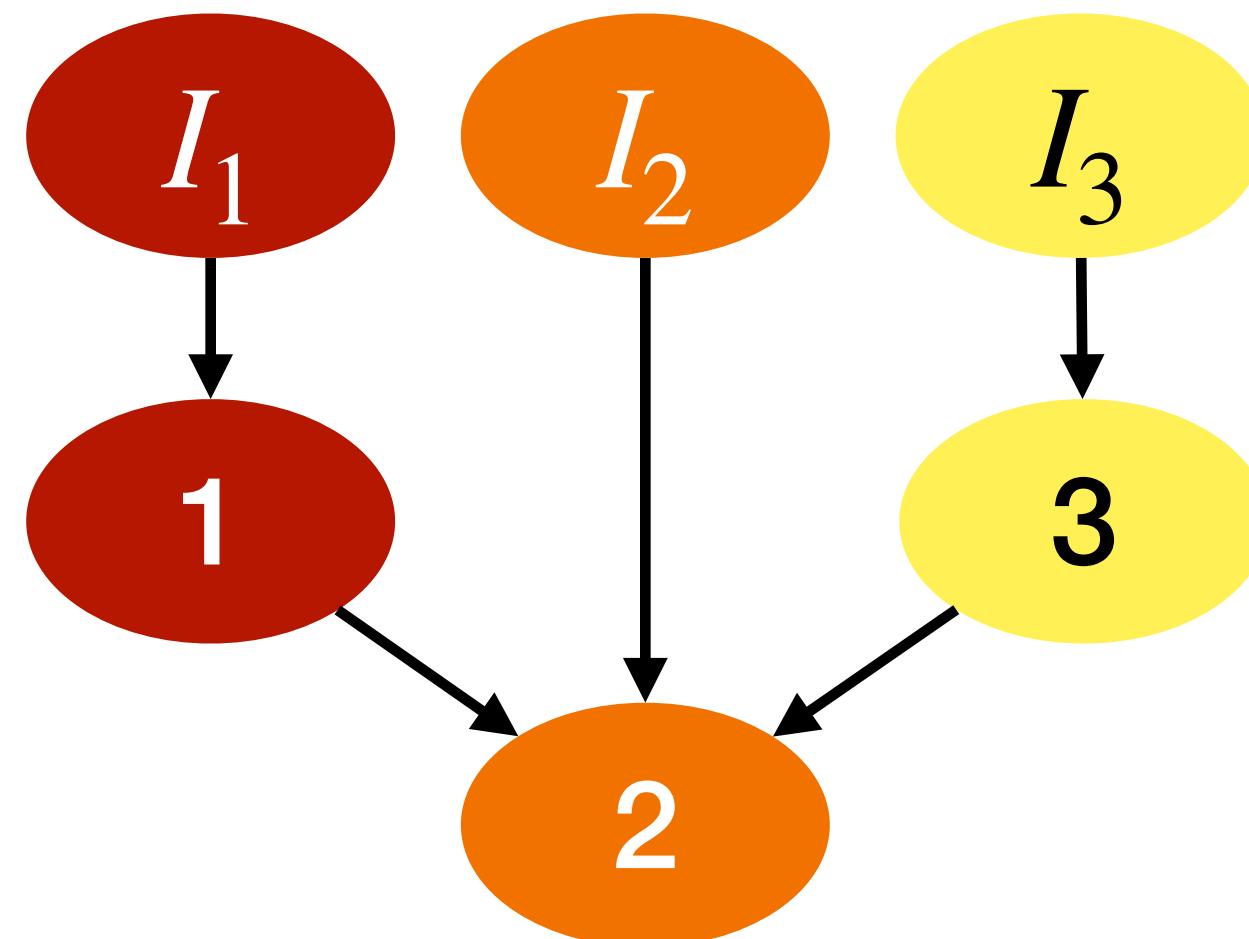


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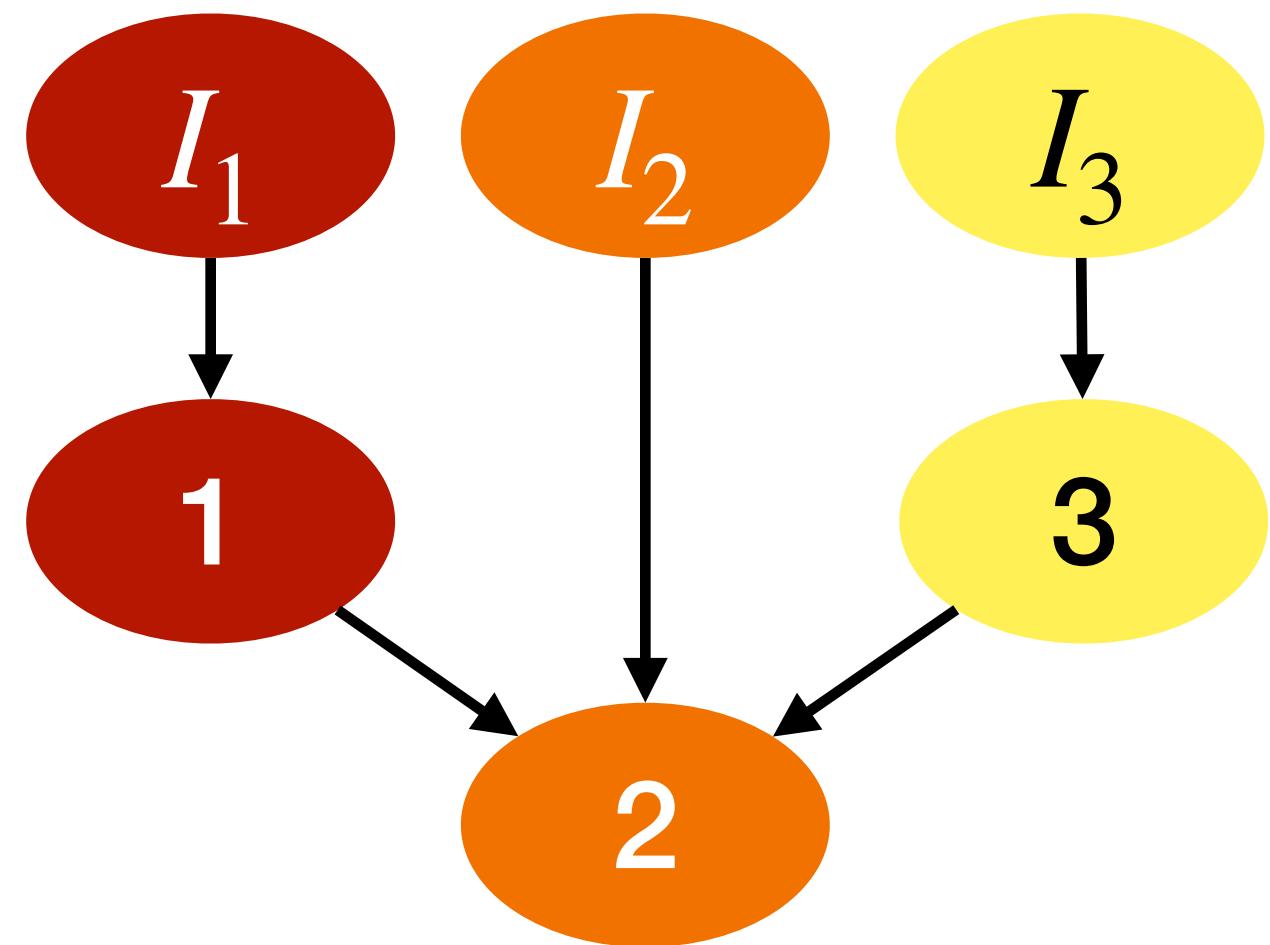
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Classic do-notation in Pearl:

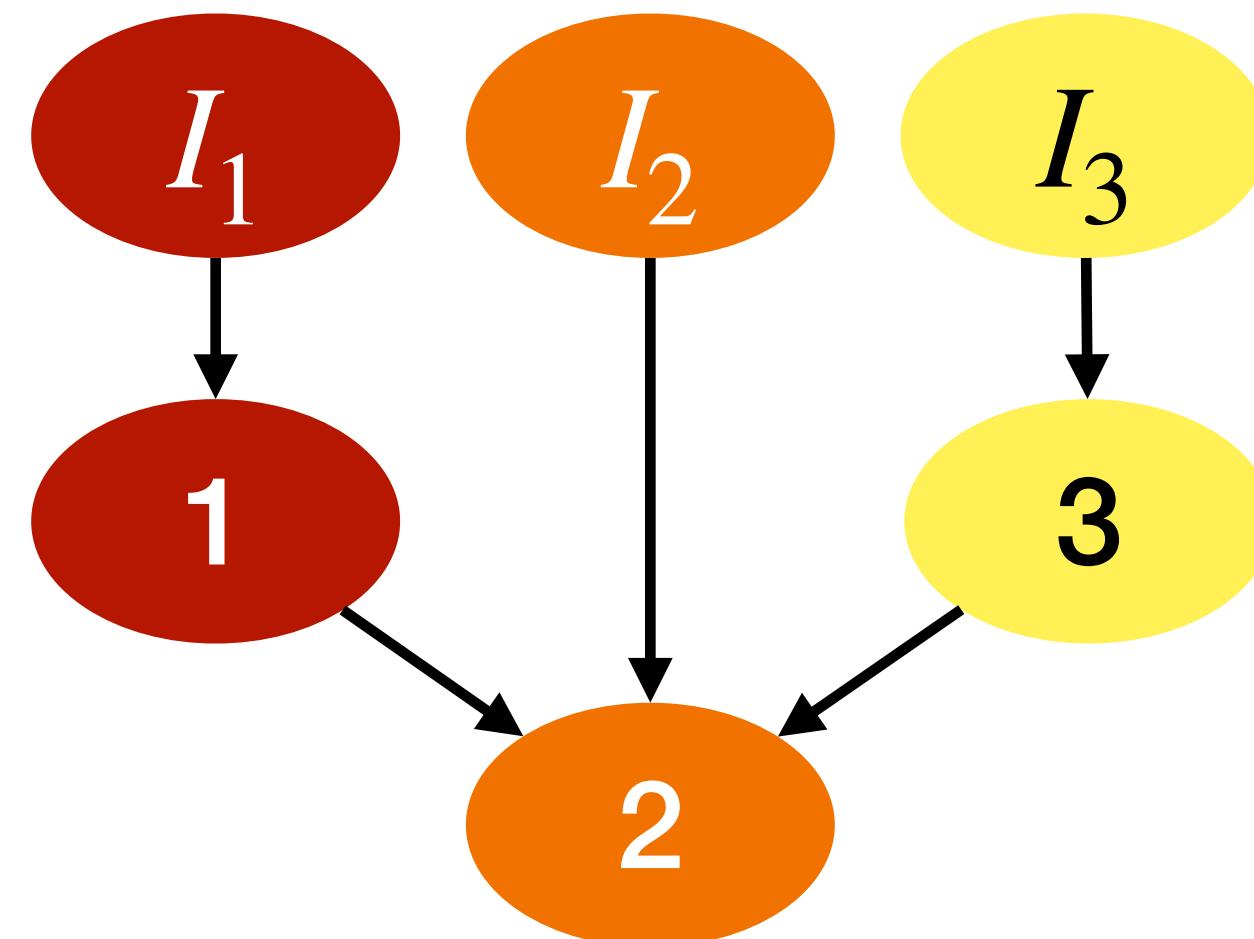
Remember the do is **not** really **conditioning**

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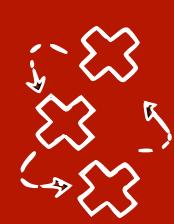
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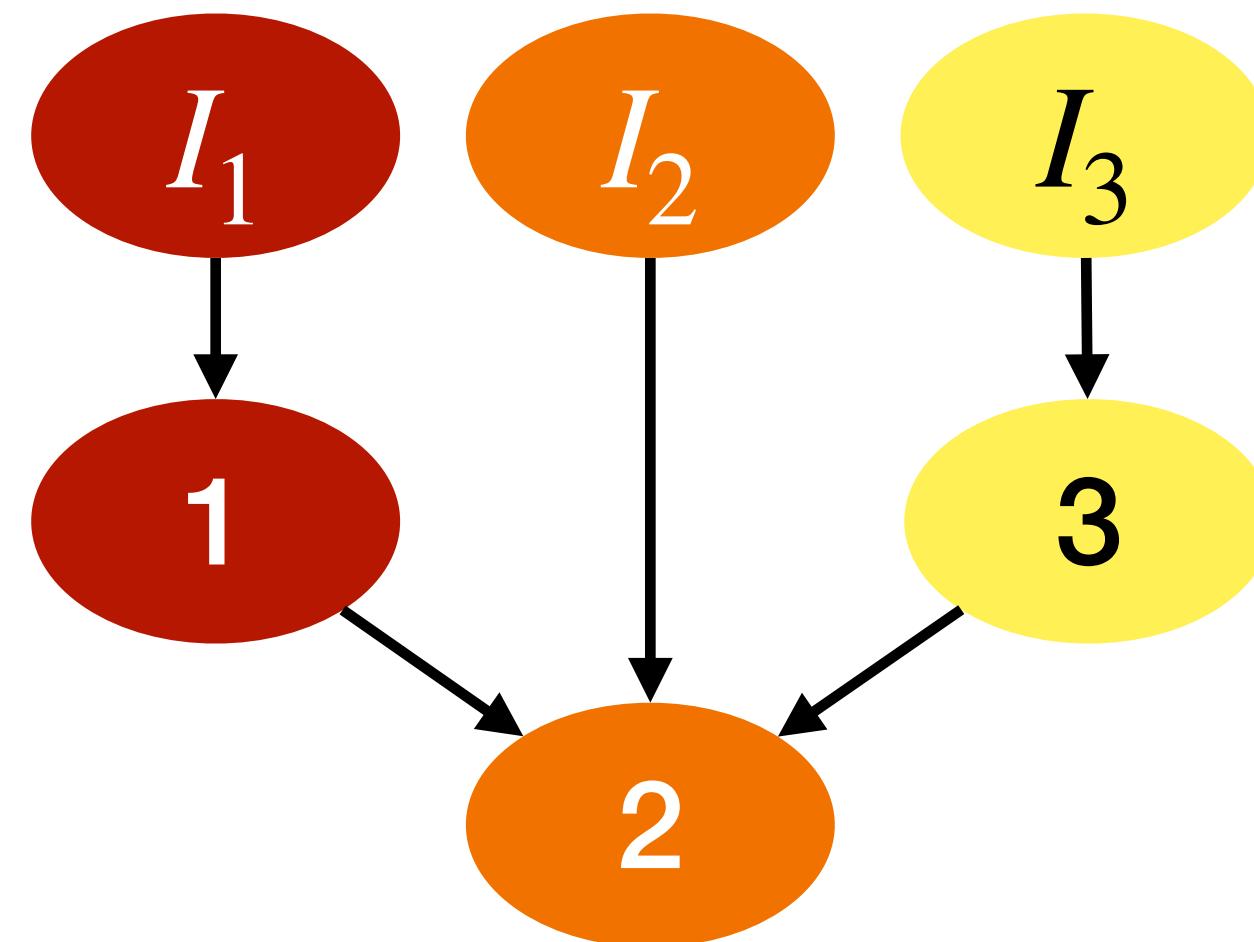


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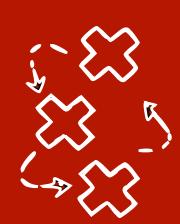
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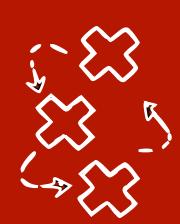


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Does this remind you of anything?



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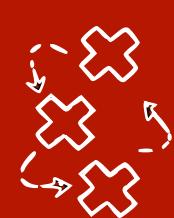
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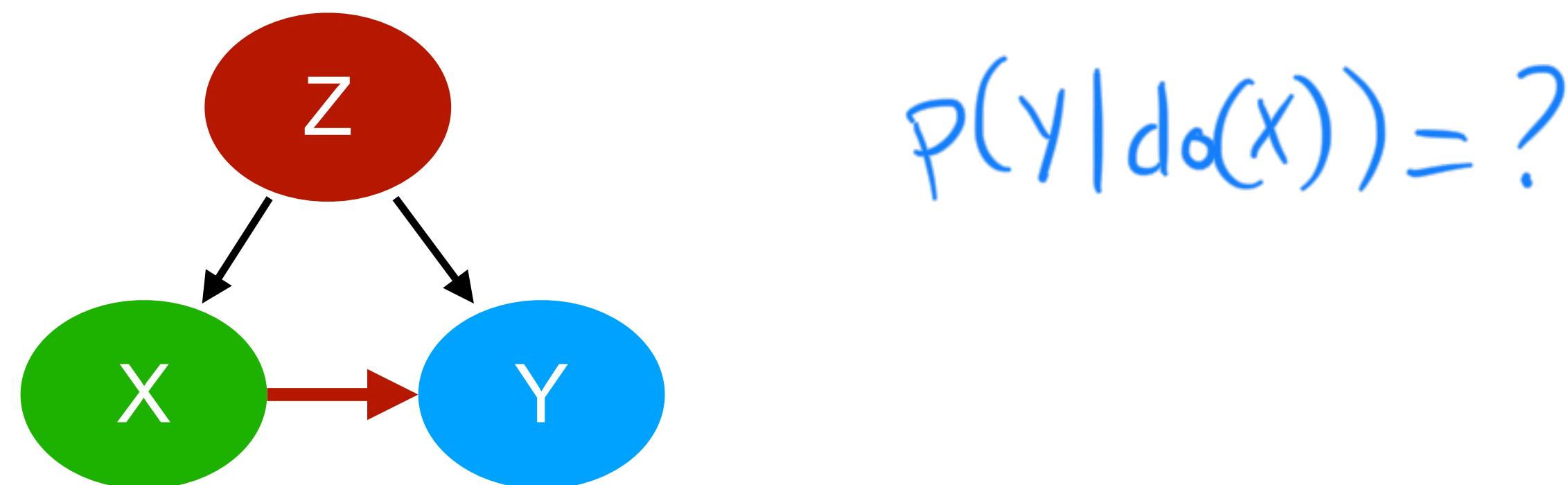
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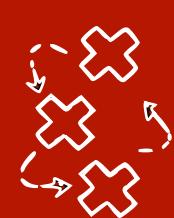
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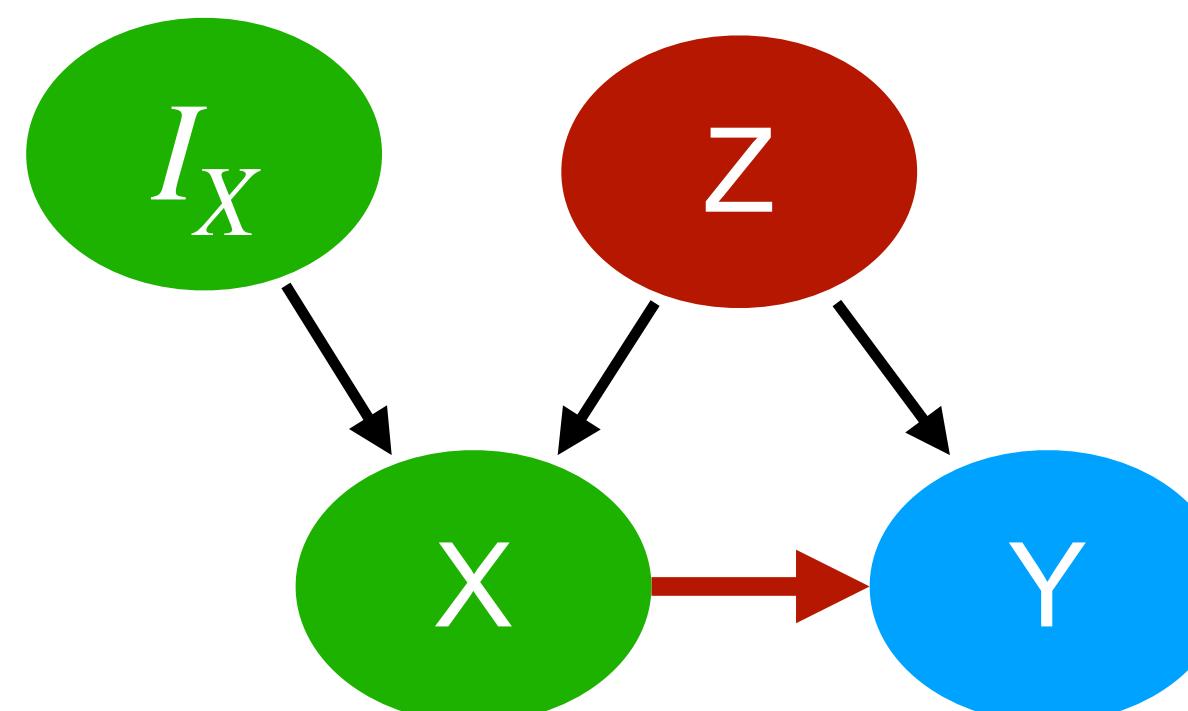
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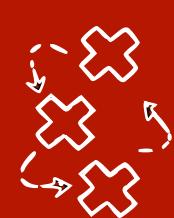
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Step 1: add relevant intervention variable I_X

Step 2: check d-separations with I_X and Y



Do-calculus simplified version - example

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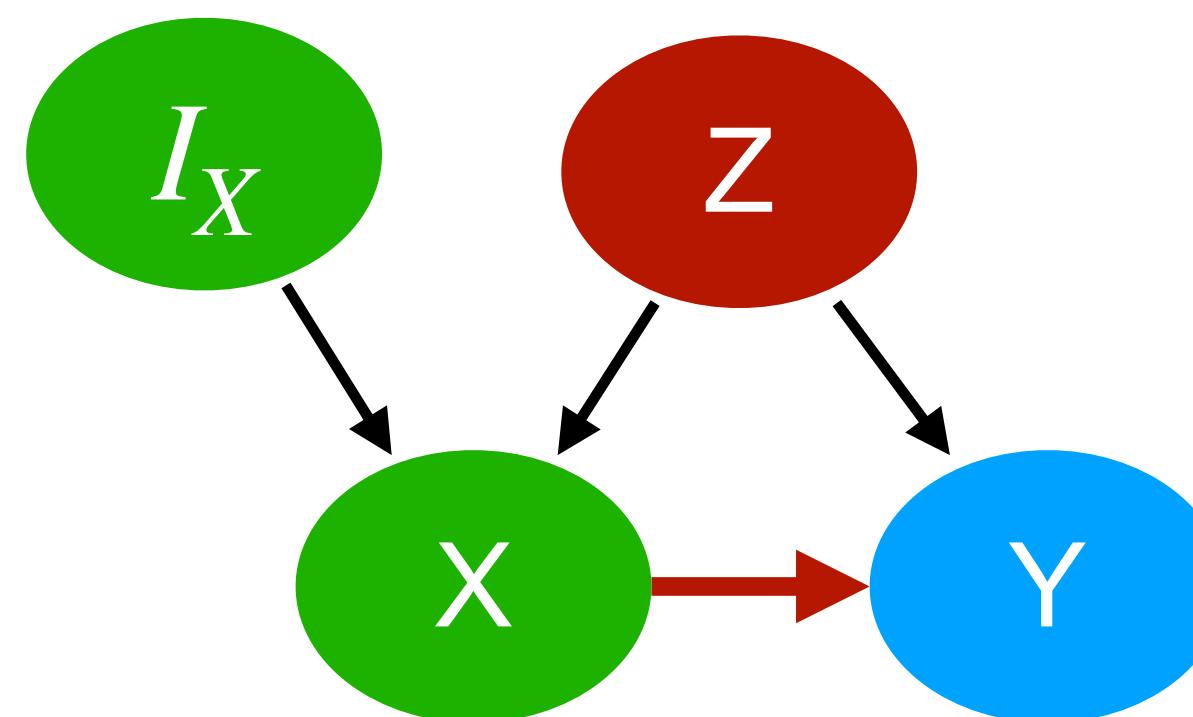
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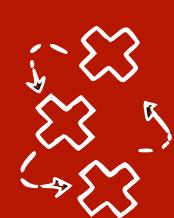
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$$\begin{aligned} Y &\not\perp_d I_X \\ Y &\not\perp_d I_X | X \end{aligned}$$



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What do these two d-connections mean for $P(Y | \text{do}(X))$? (check rules 2 and 3)



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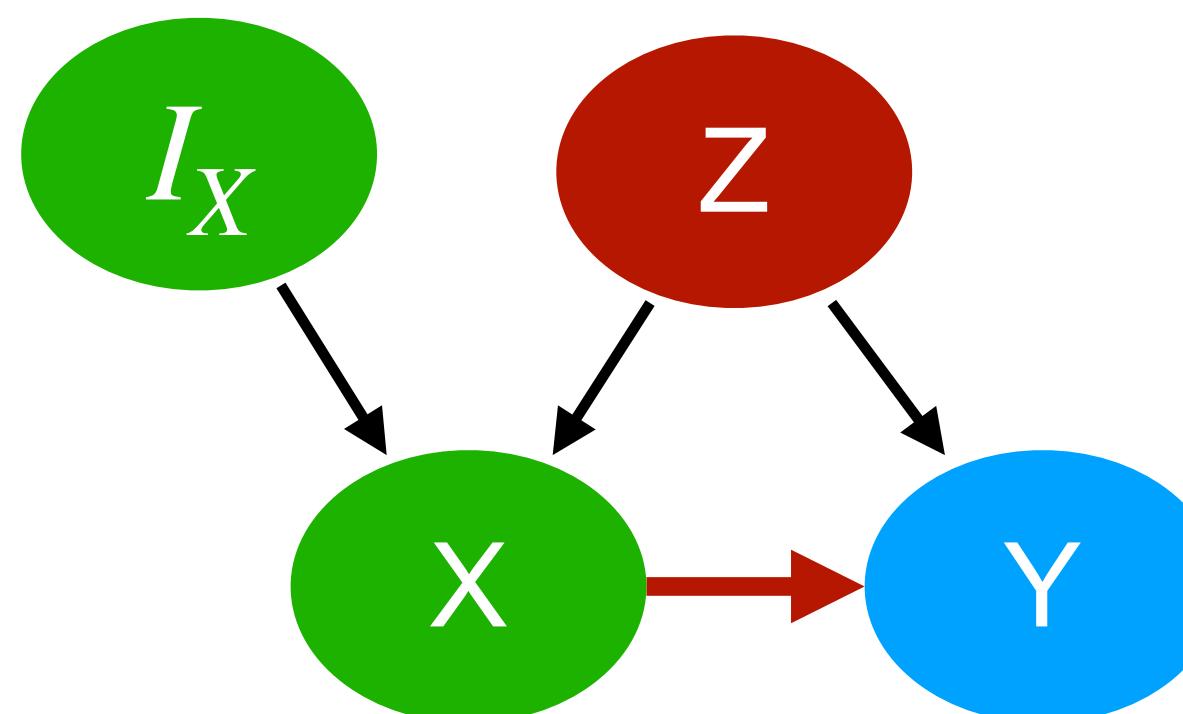
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$$Y \not\perp_d I_X | X$$

$$Y \perp_d I_X | X, Z$$



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What do these new d-separations mean for $P(Y | \text{do}(X))$? (check rules 2 and 3)

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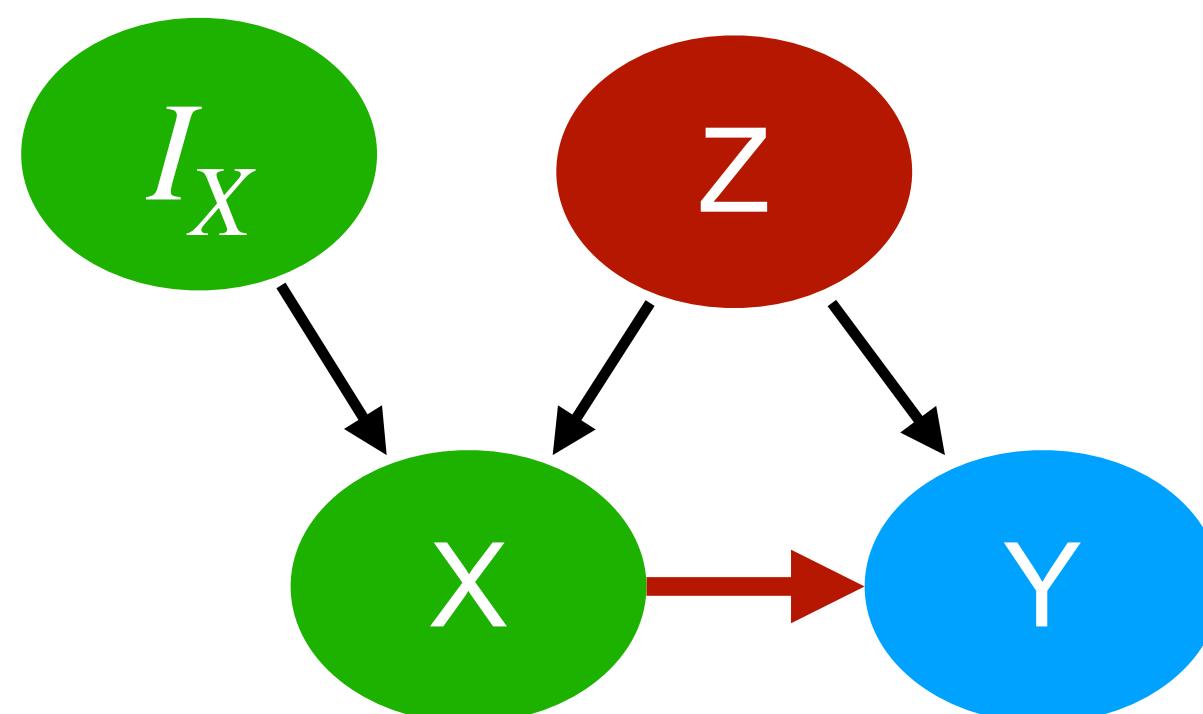
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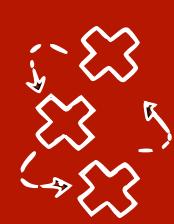


$$p(Y | \text{do}(X)) = ?$$

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(RULE 2)

Not yet there, we have $p(Y | \text{do}(X), Z)$, but not $p(Y | \text{do}(X))$



Do-calculus simplified version - example

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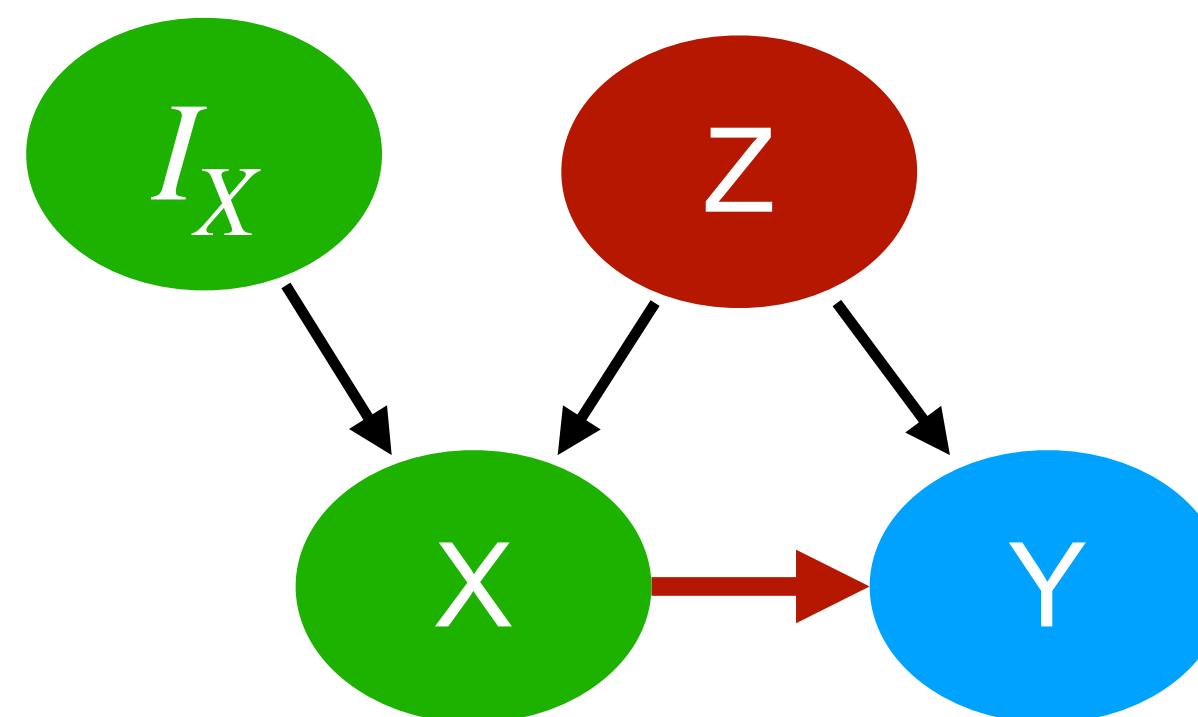
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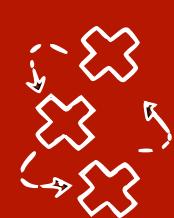


$$P(Y | \text{do}(X)) = ?$$

$$P(Y | \text{do}(X), z) = P(Y | X, z) \quad (\text{RULE 2})$$

$$z \perp I_X \Rightarrow P(z | \text{do}(X)) = P(z) \quad (\text{RULE 3})$$

What about other d-separations with I_X ?



Do-calculus simplified version - example

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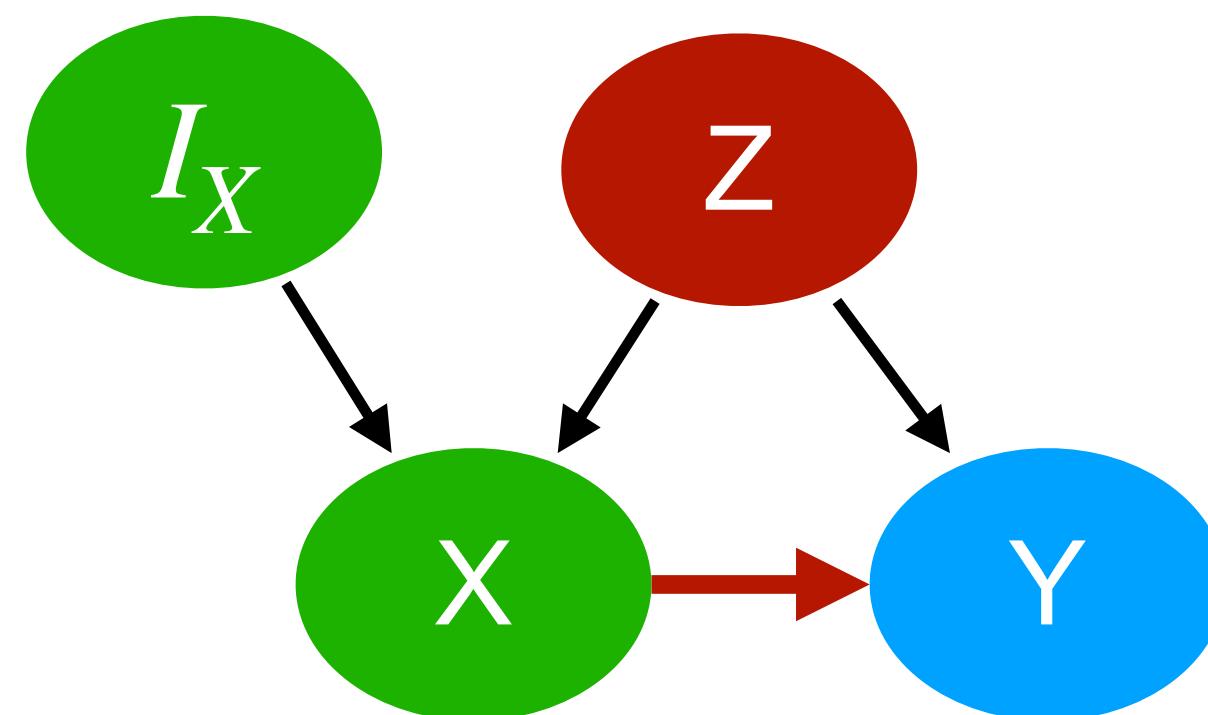
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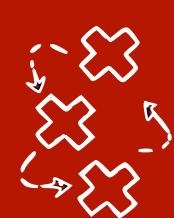
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$$p(X, Y, Z | \text{do}(X = \tilde{x})) = p(Y | X = x, Z = z, \text{do}(X = \tilde{x})) \cdot p(Z = z | \text{do}(X = \tilde{x})) \cdot 1(X = \tilde{x})$$

Truncated factorisation formula for $\text{do}(X)$

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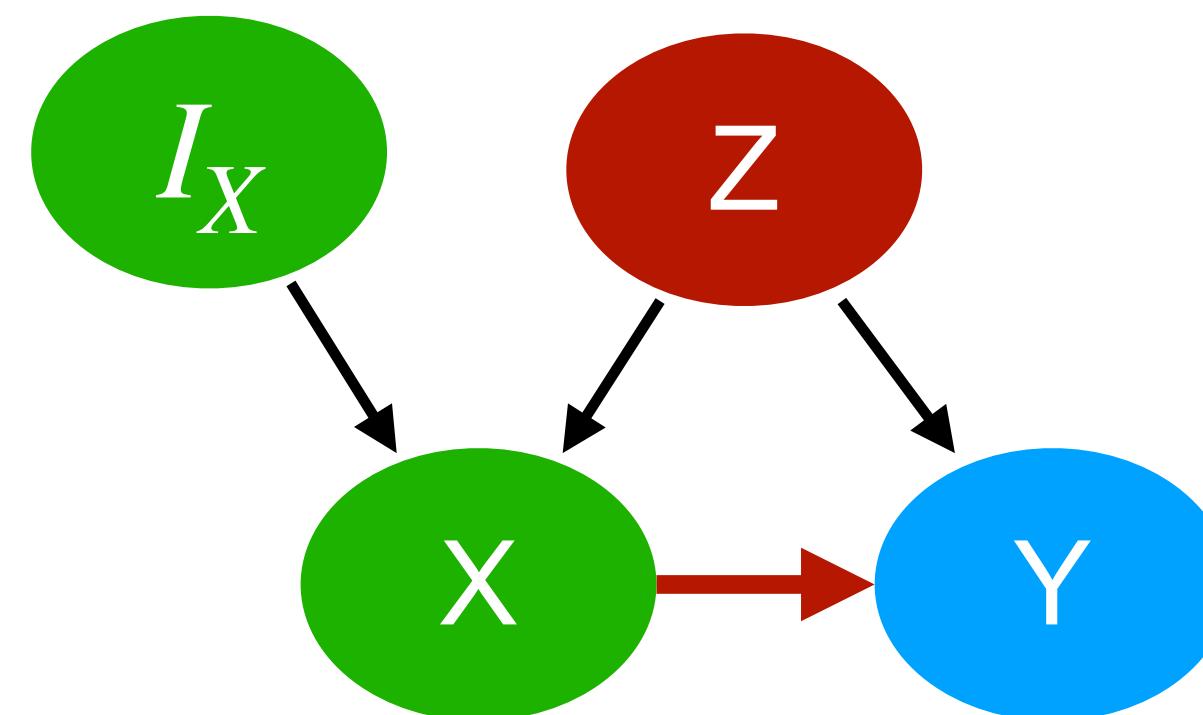
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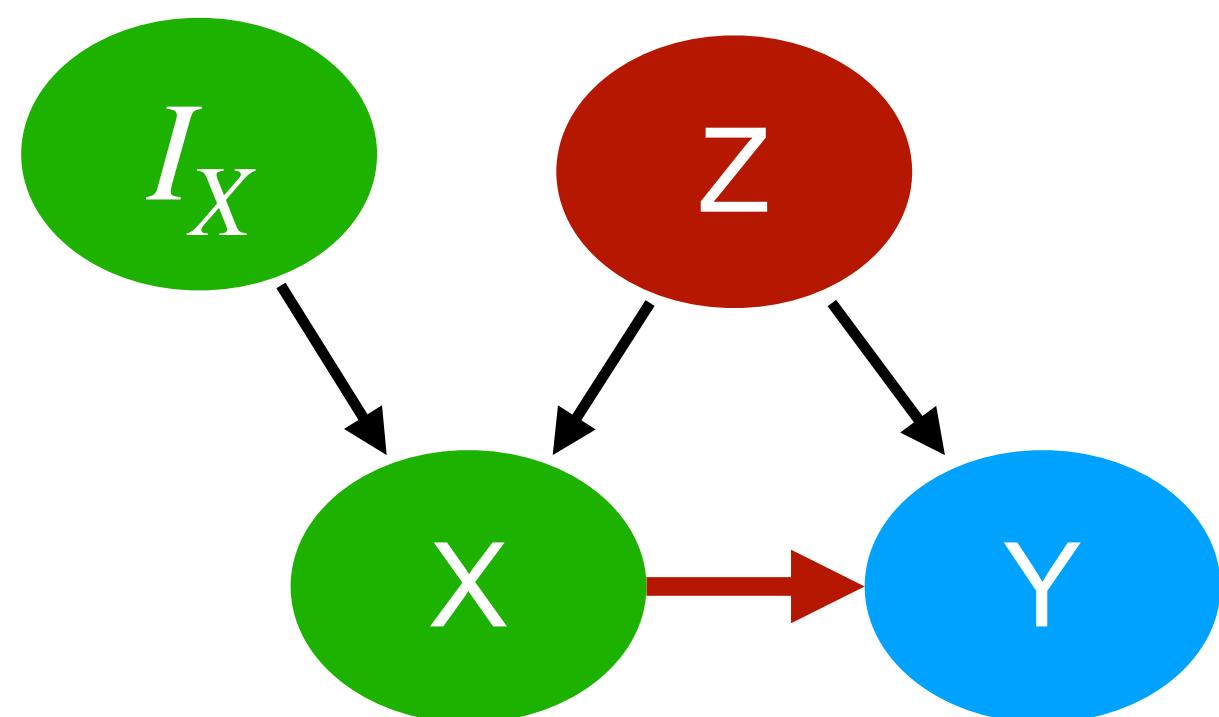
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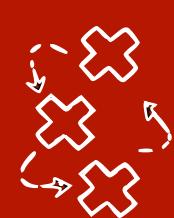
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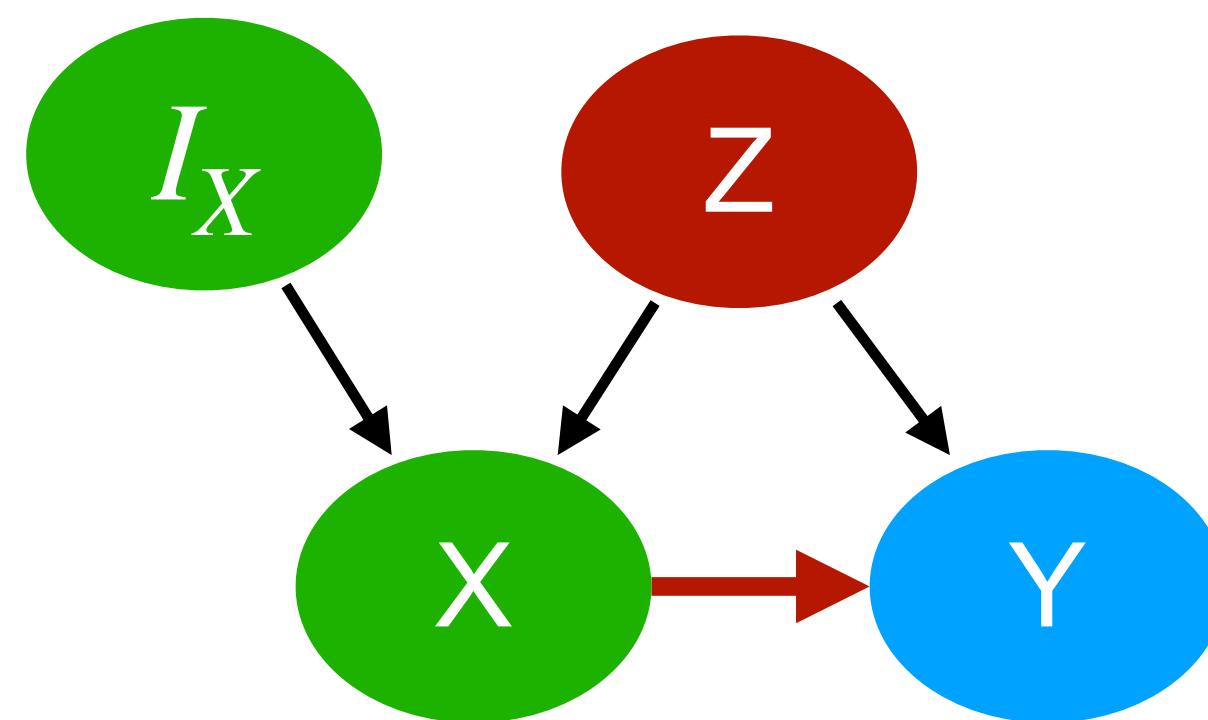
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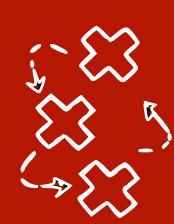
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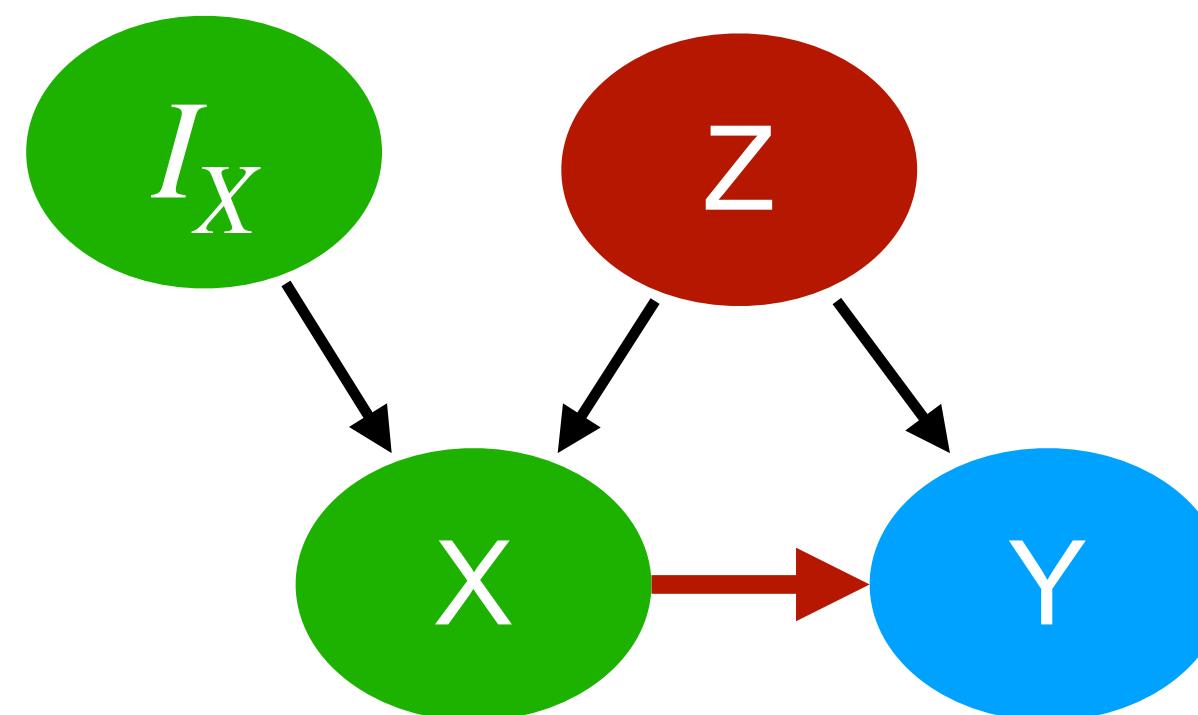
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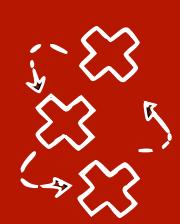
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Does this remind you of anything?



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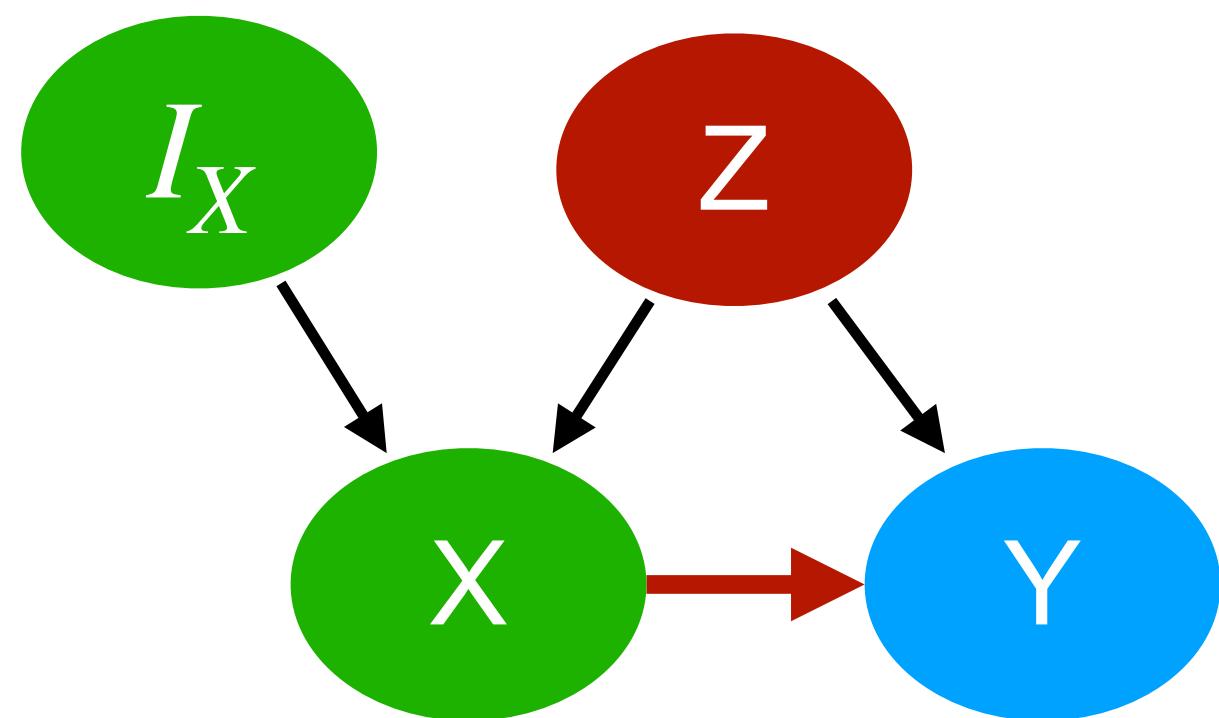
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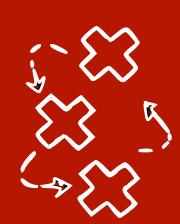
$$Z \perp_d I_X \quad (\exists z \notin \text{Desc}(x))$$

$$Y \perp_d I_X | X, z \quad (z \text{ blocks backdoors})$$



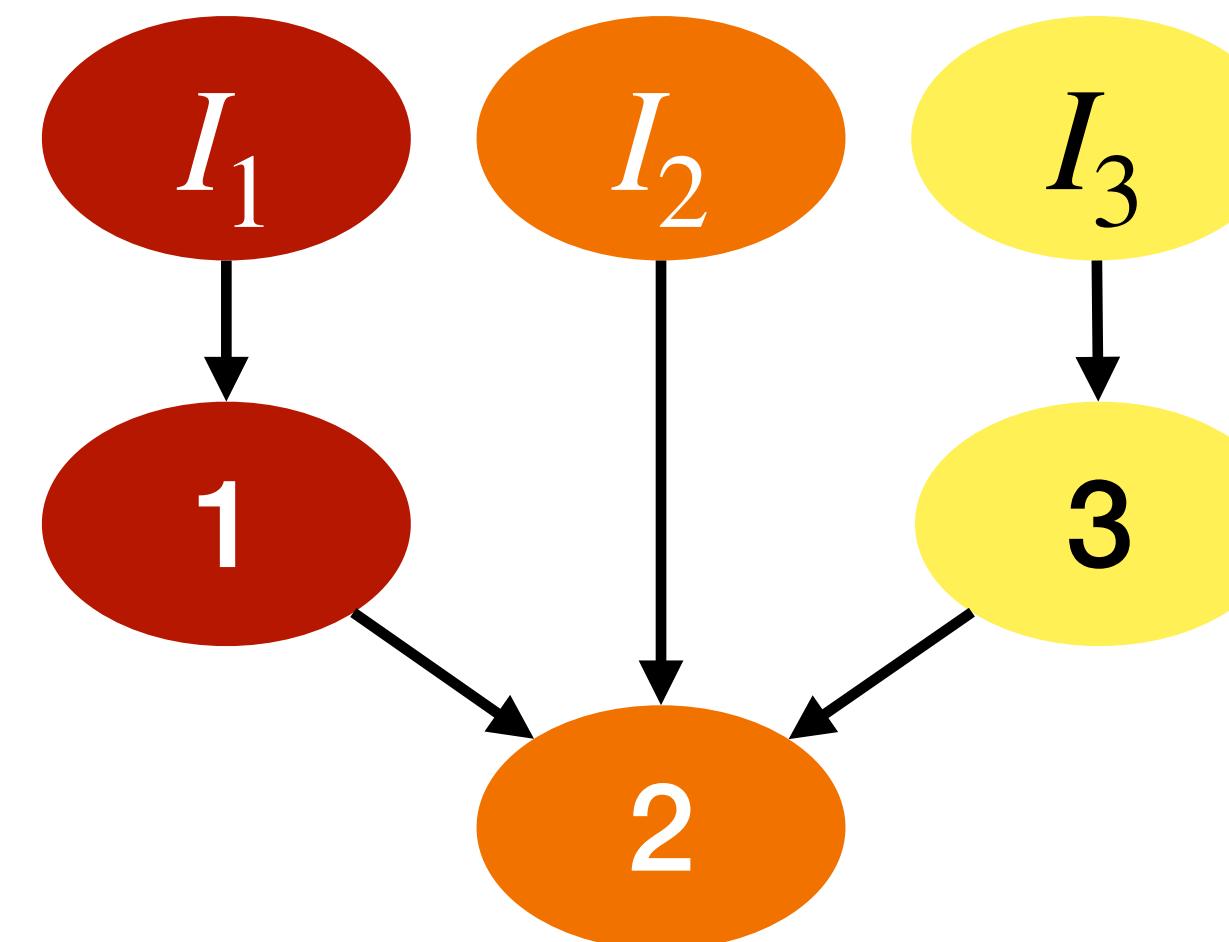
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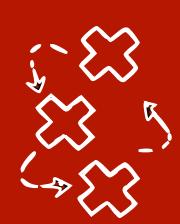


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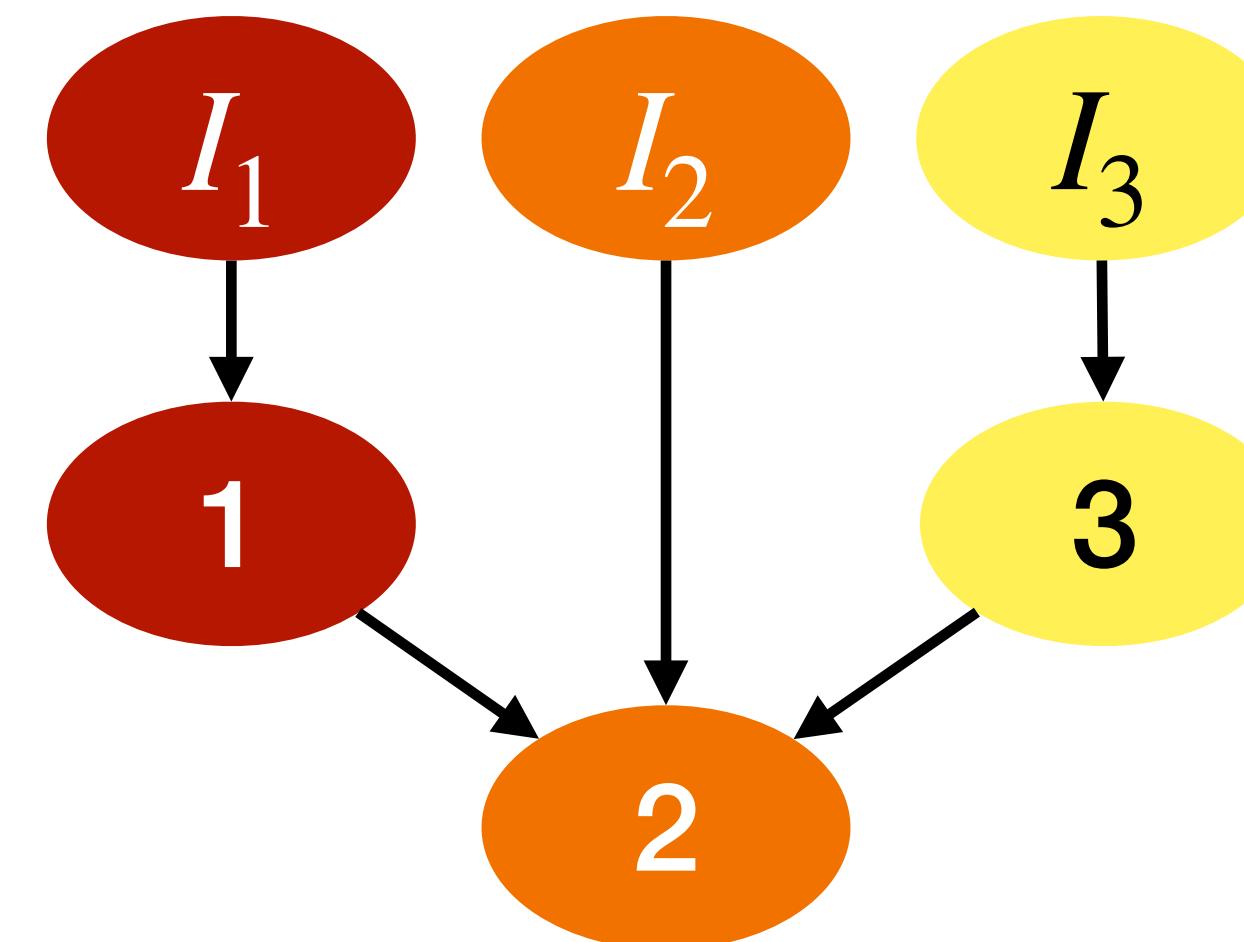


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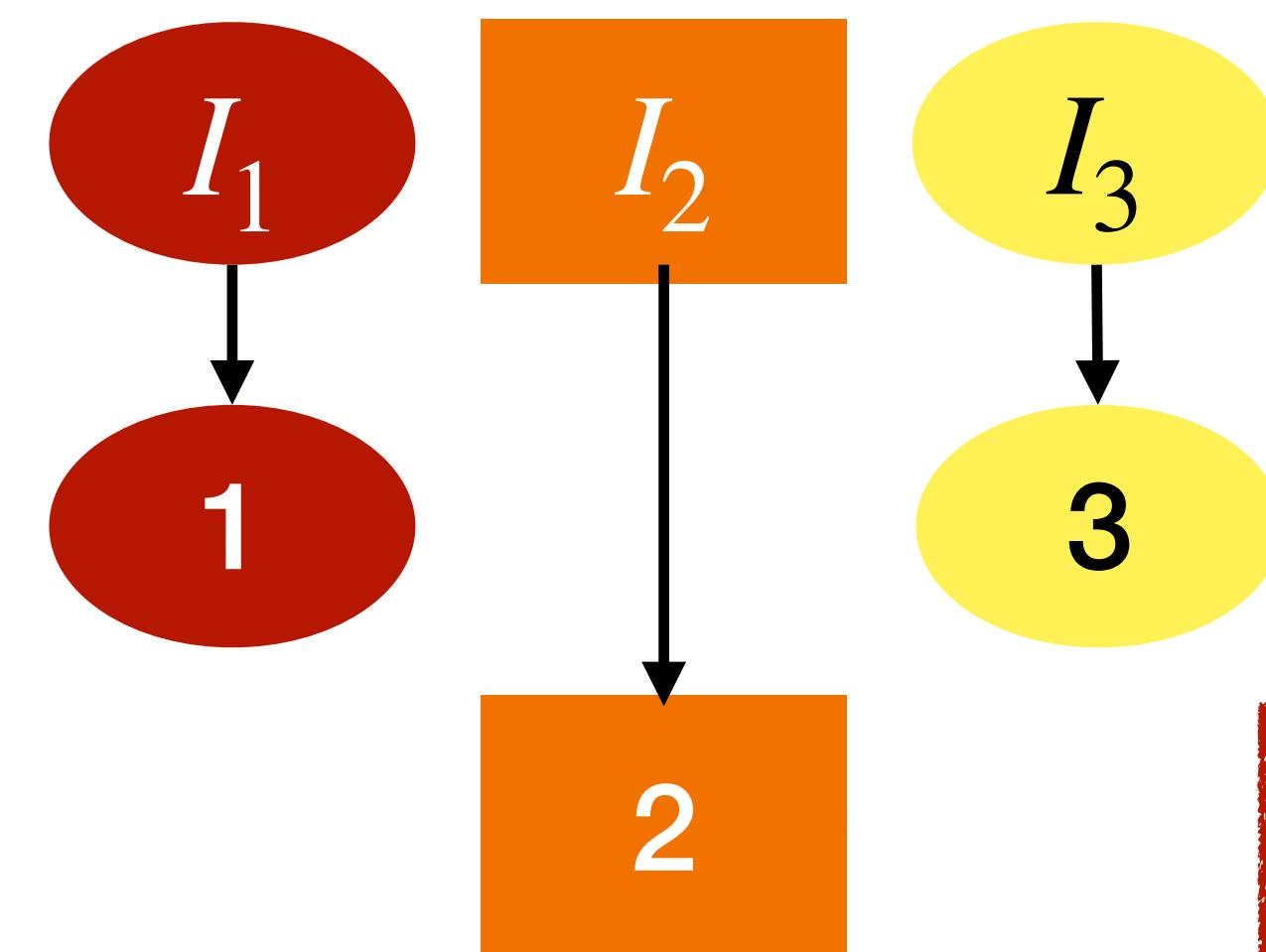


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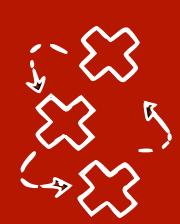


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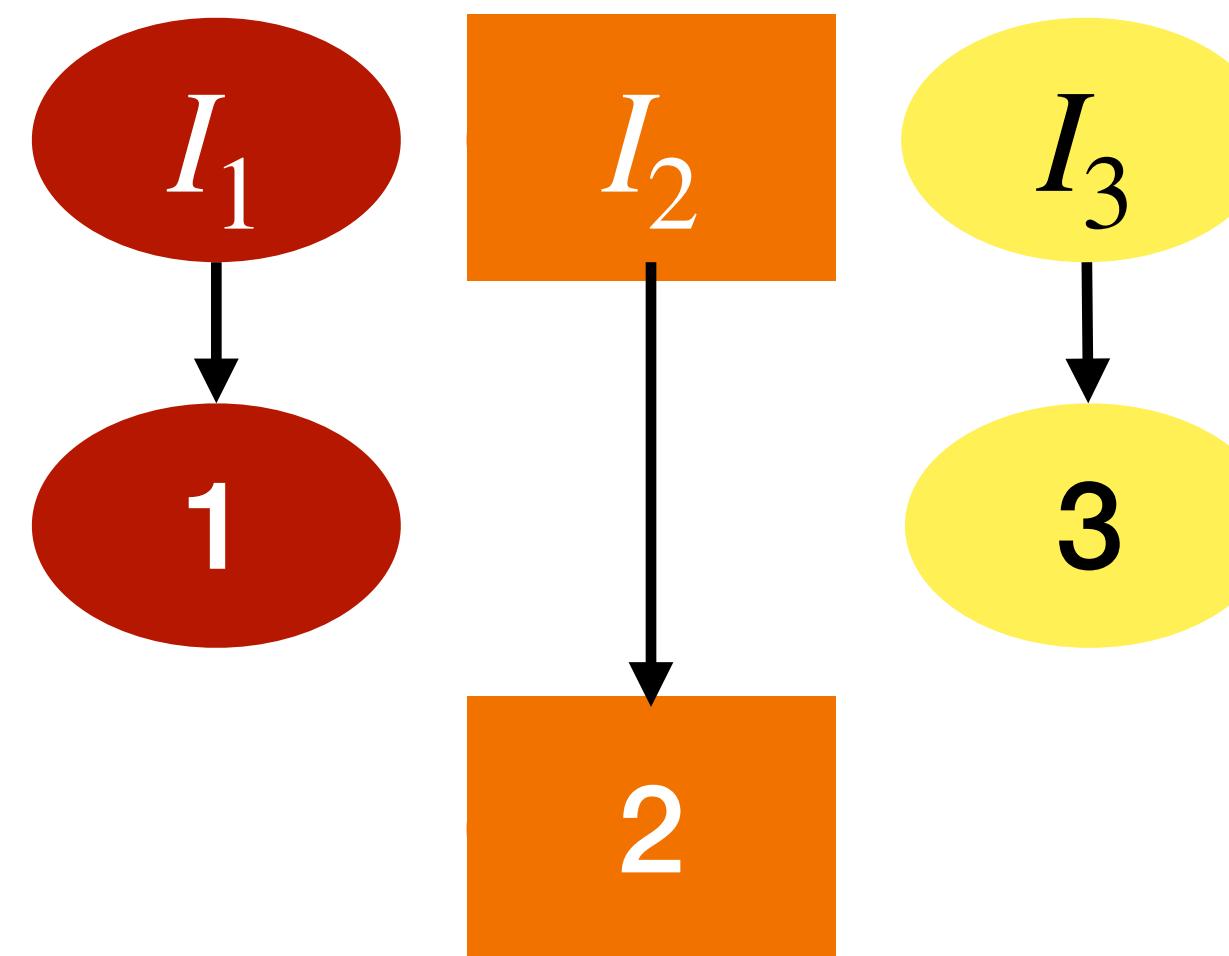
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Rectangle =
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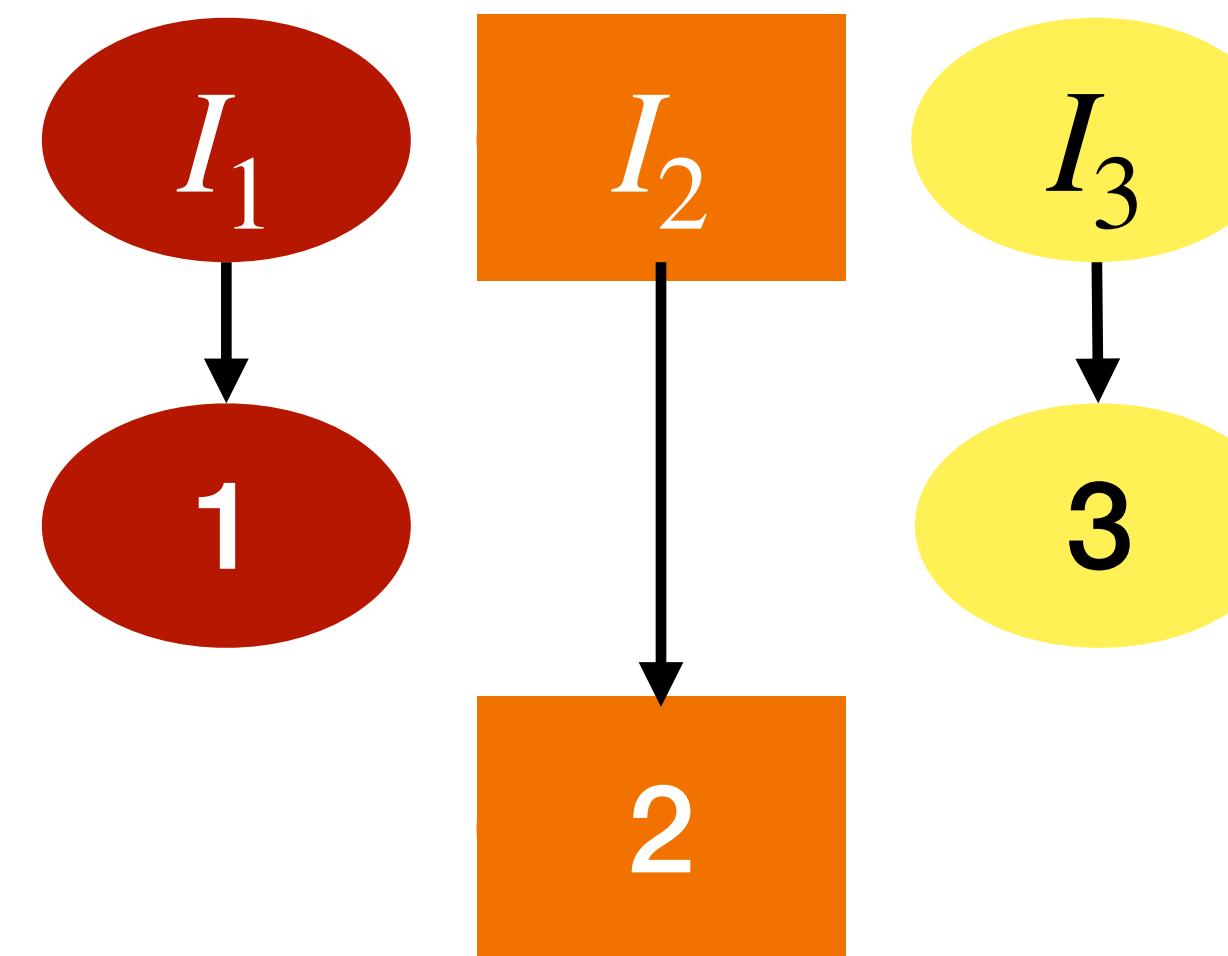

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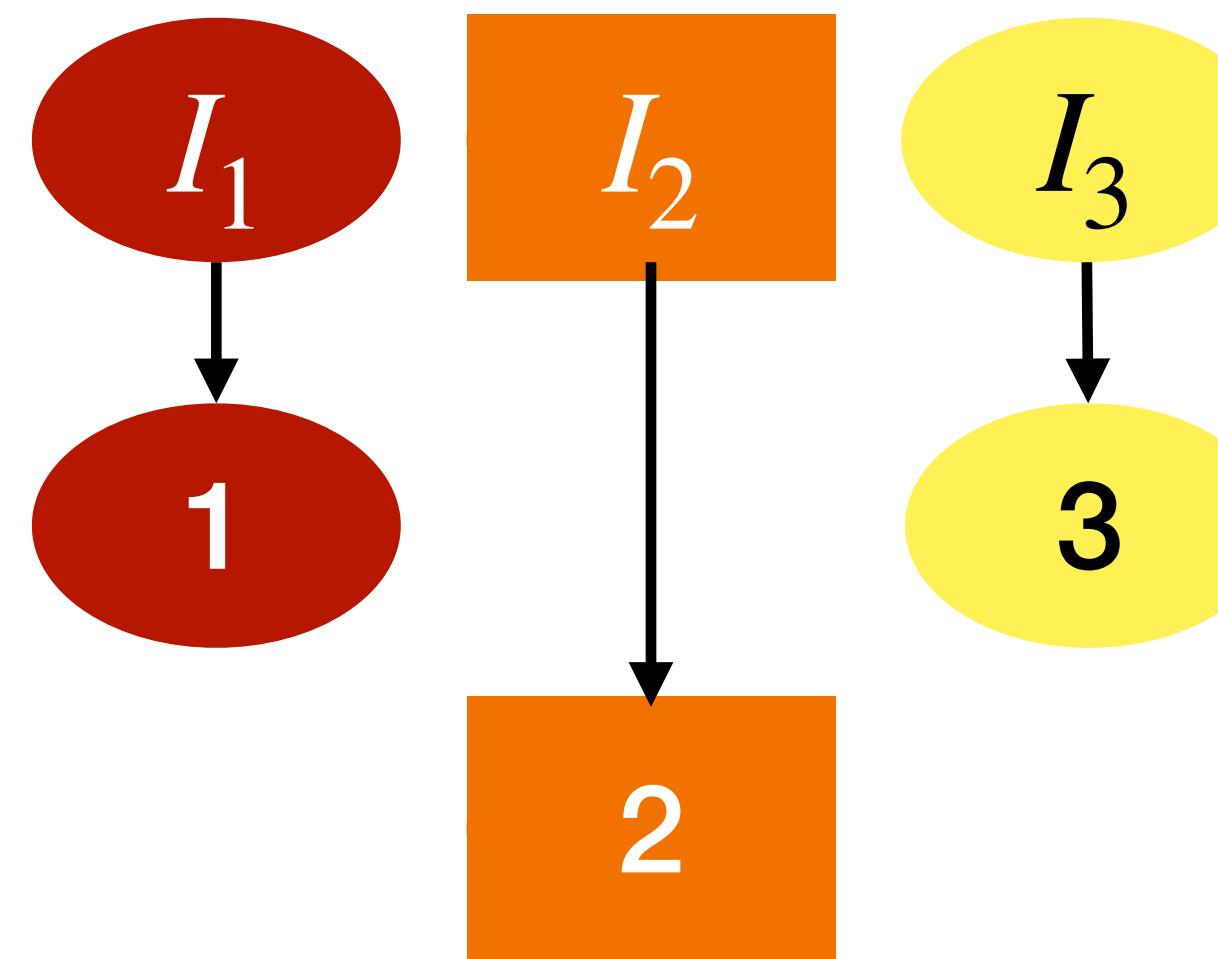
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CONDITIONING ALWAYS AFTER
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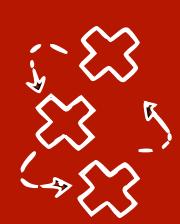
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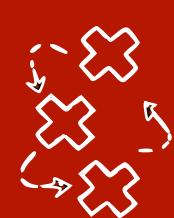
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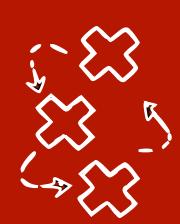
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Do-calculus example 2

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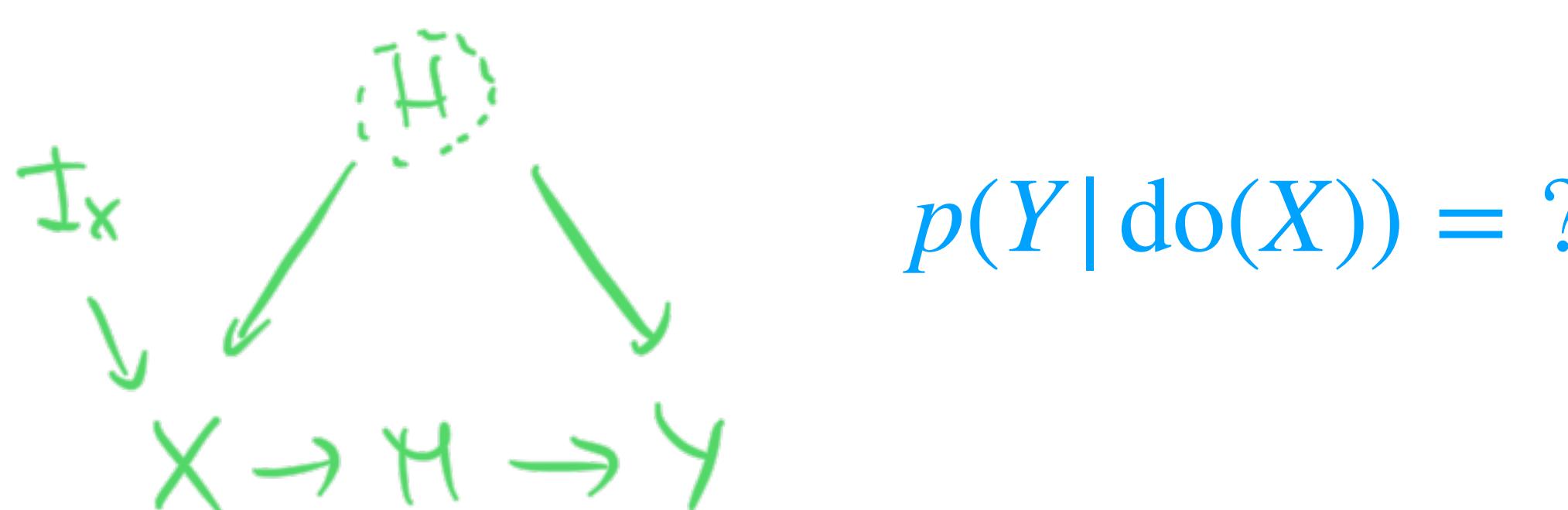
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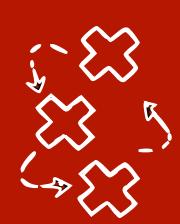
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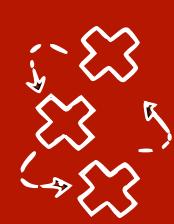
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Basic rules of probability



Do-calculus example 2

- Rule 1: insertion/deletion of observations

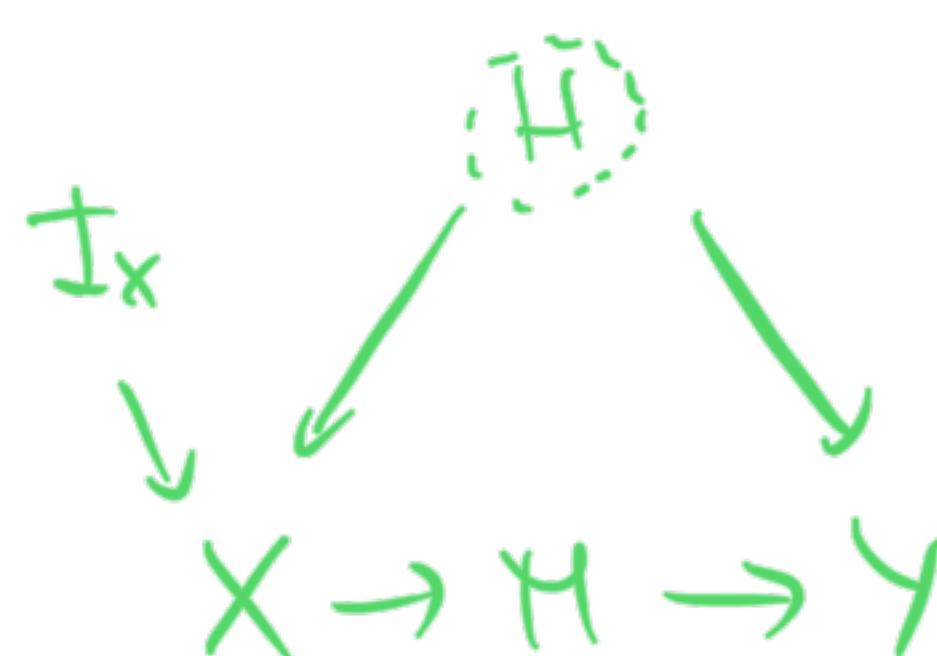
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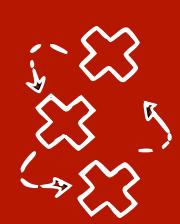
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$$\int_x \int_m \dots$$

$$p(Y | \text{do}(X)) = \int_m p(M = m | X = \tilde{x}) \cdot p(Y | M = m, \text{do}(X = \tilde{x})) dm$$



Do-calculus example 2

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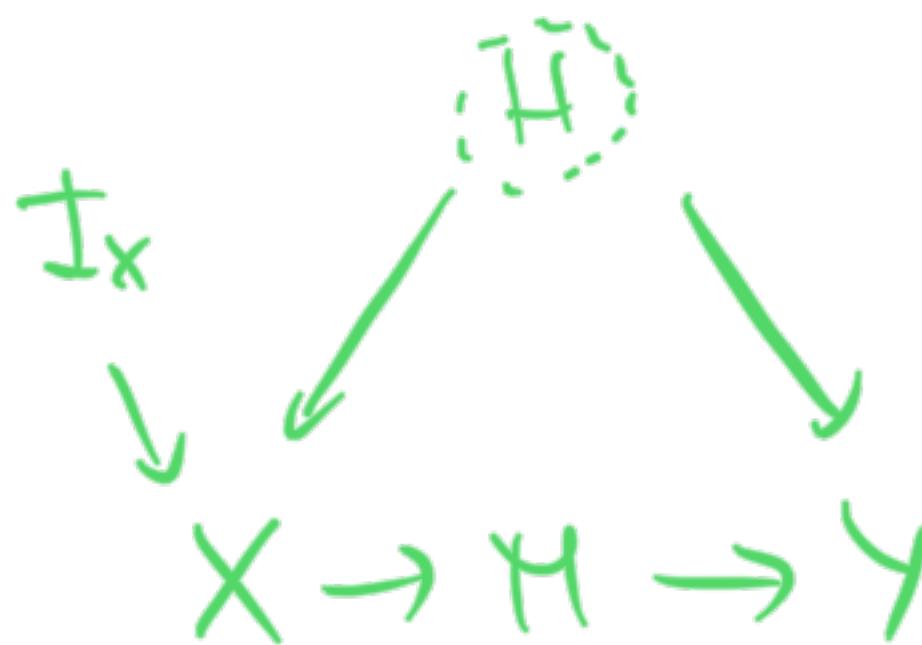
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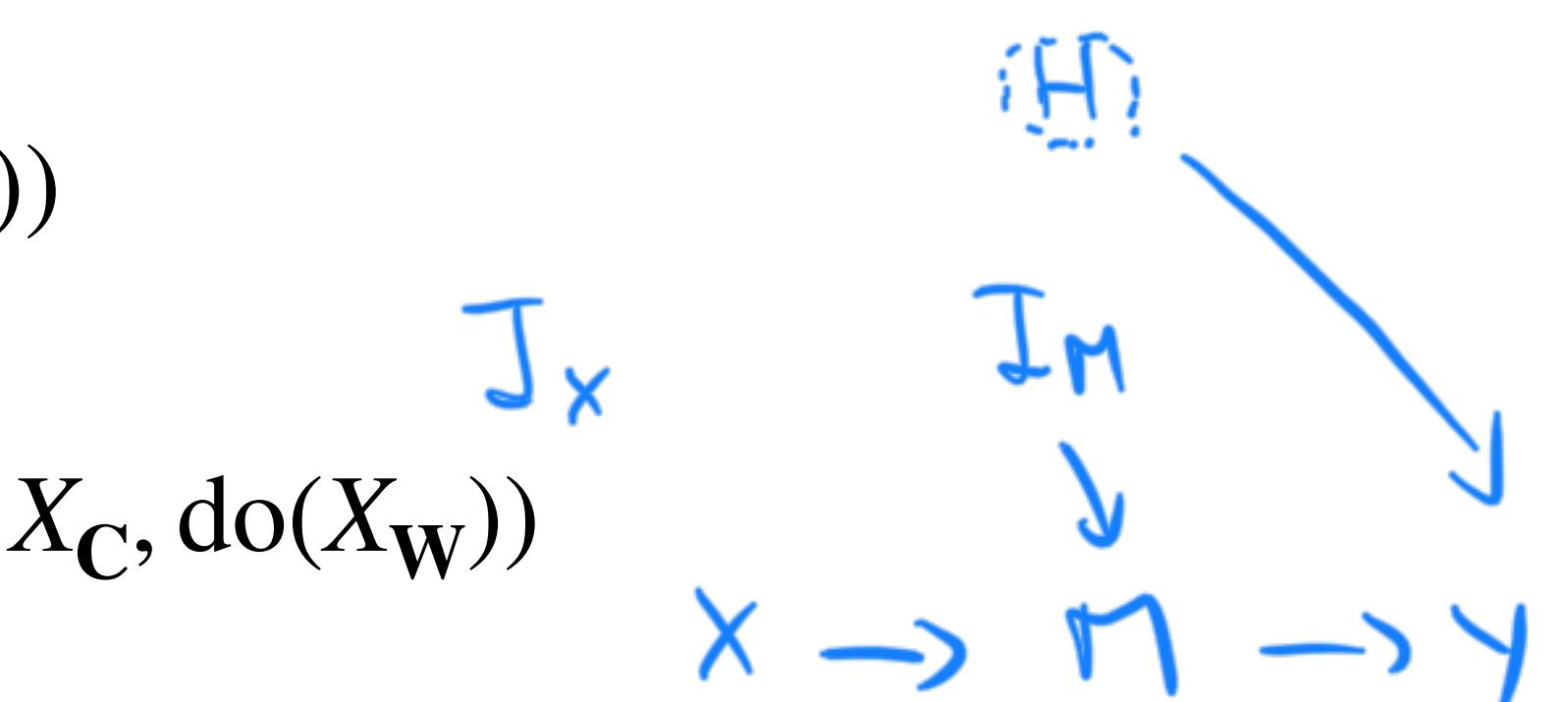
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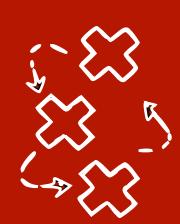
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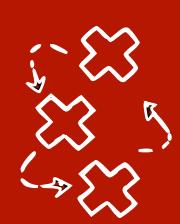
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$$Y \perp_{G'_{do(M)}} I_X | do(M)$$



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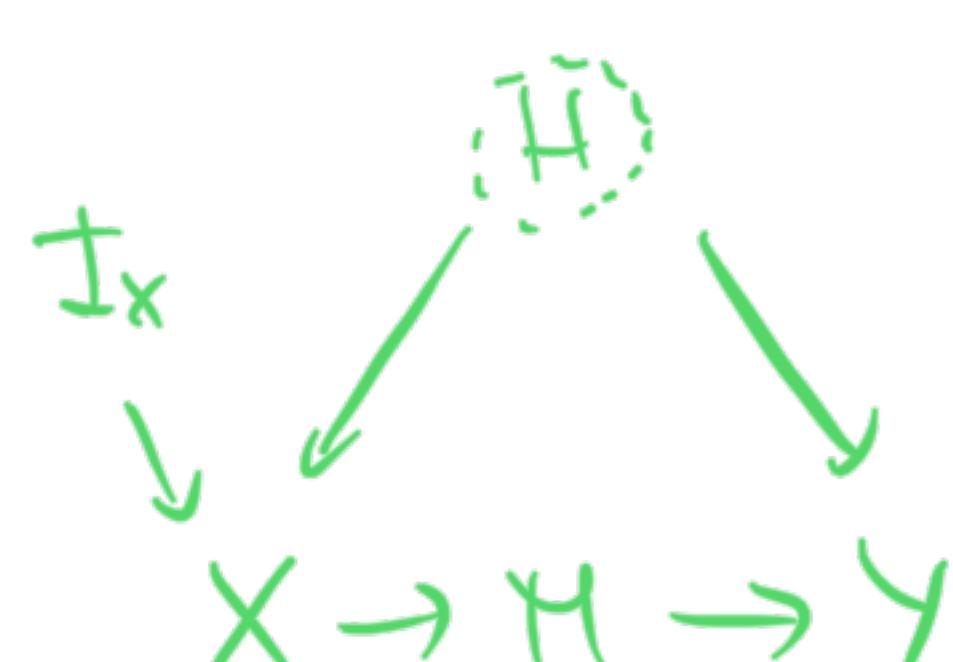
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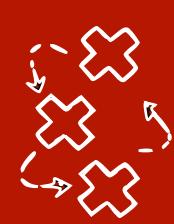
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Do-calculus summary

- Rule 1: insertion/deletion of observations

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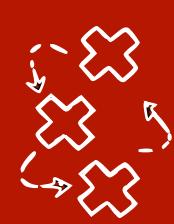
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- One can show that these rules + probability axioms are **complete**
- There is a polytime algorithm for do-calculus (**ID algorithm** [Shpitser and Pearl 2006], <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/causaleffect/index.html>)



Canvas quiz - do calculus (simplified version)

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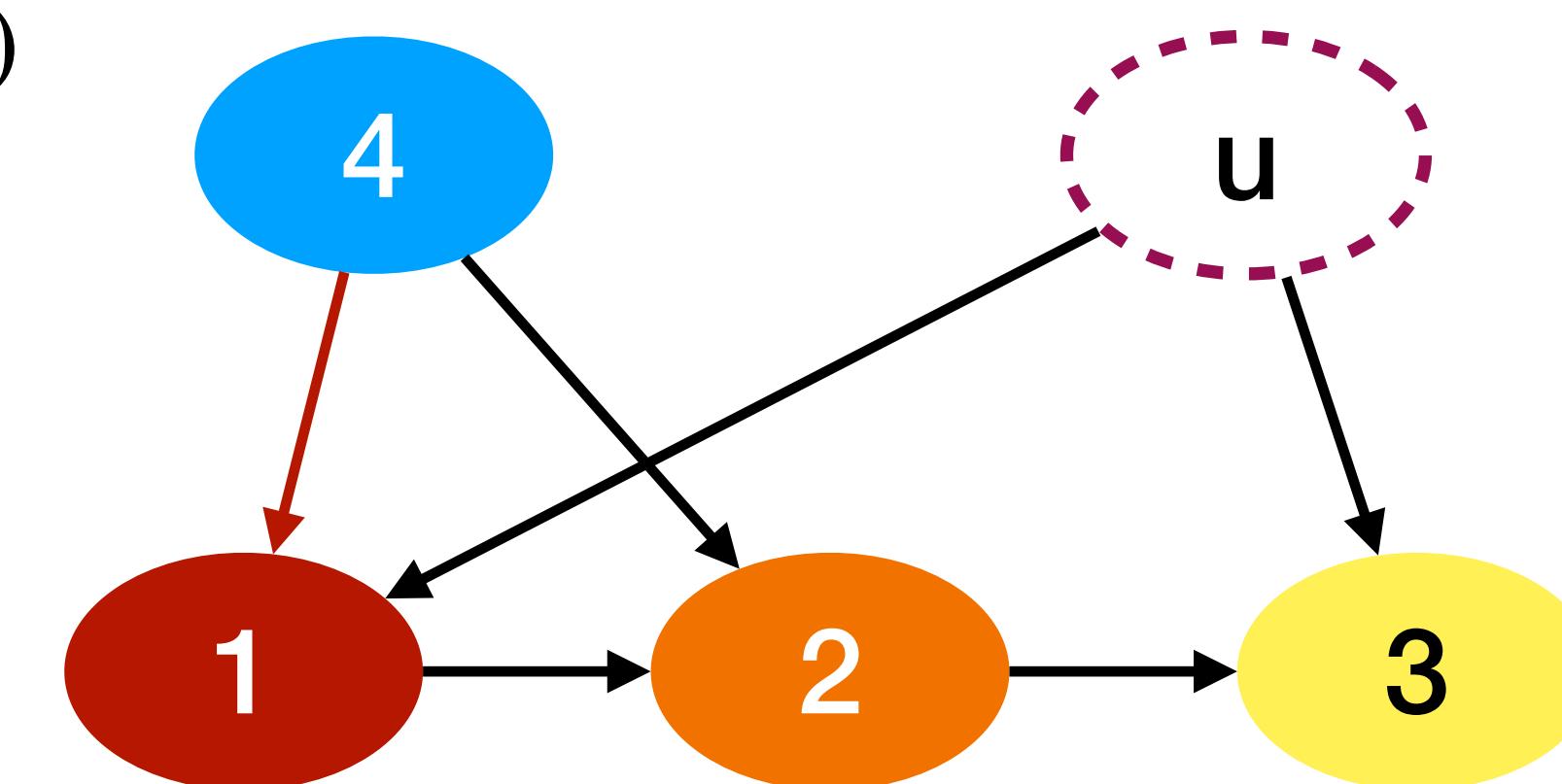
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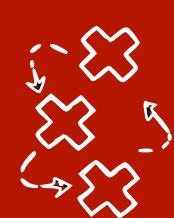
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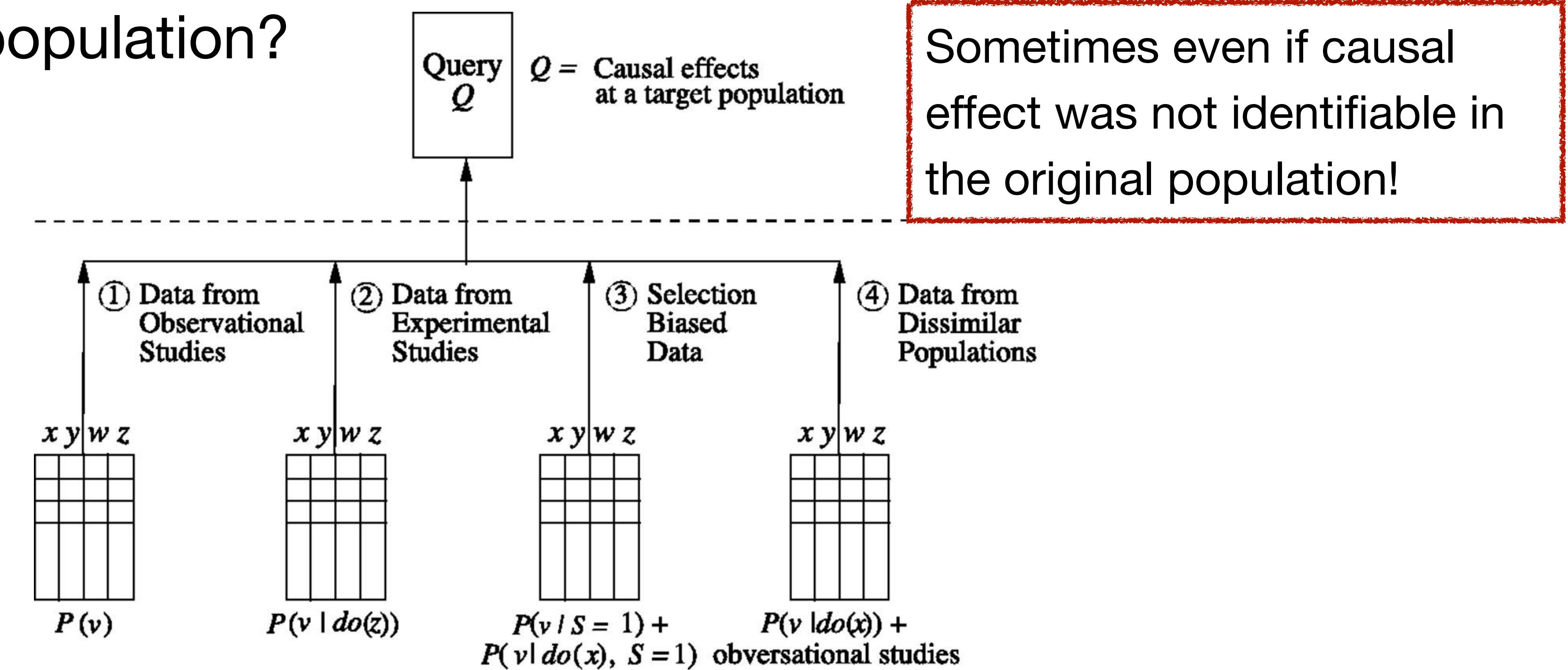
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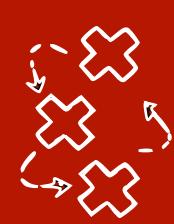




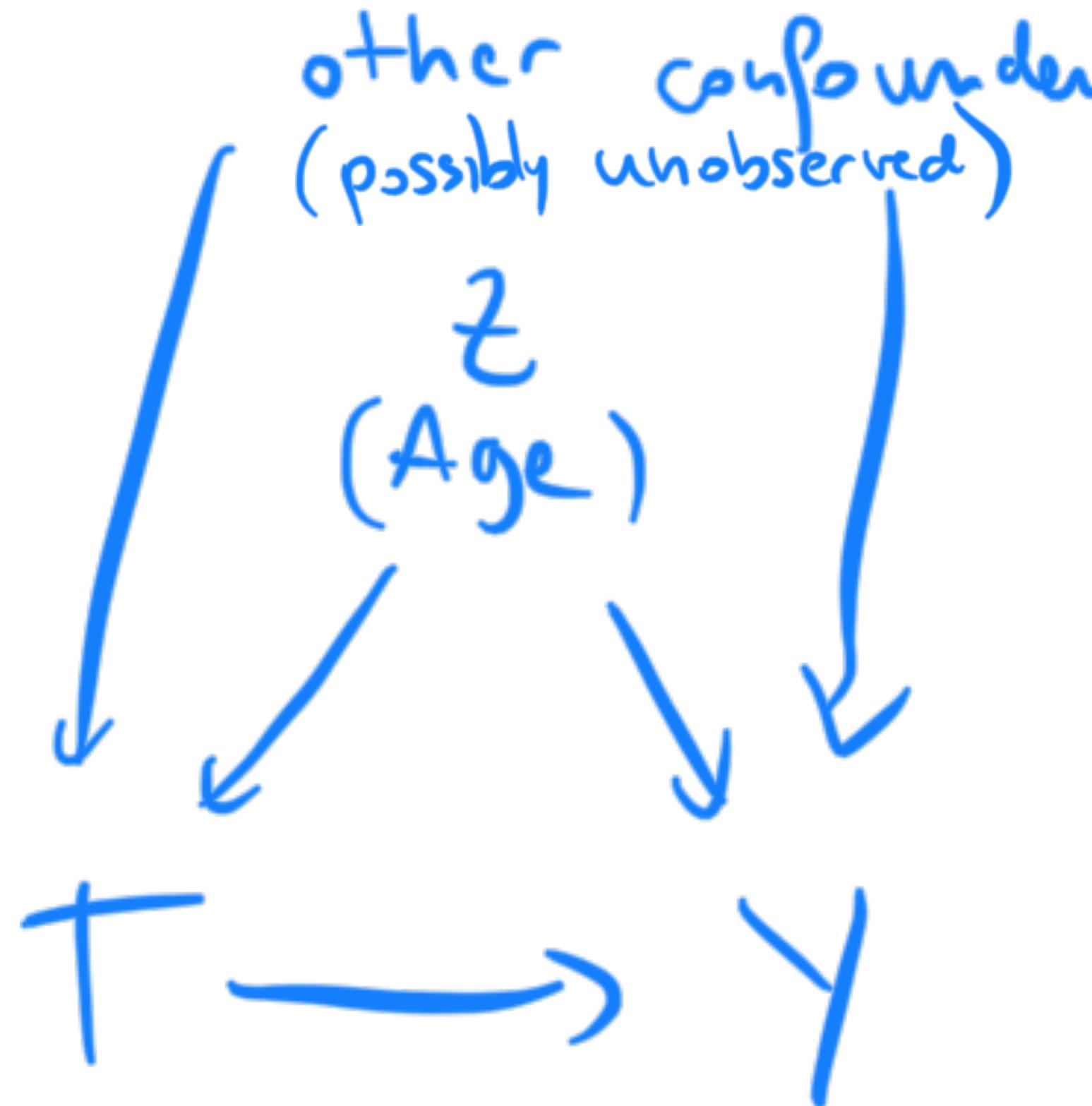
Transportability [Bareinboim and Pearl 2016]

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Transportability example

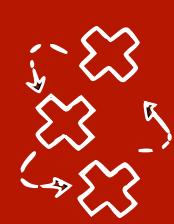


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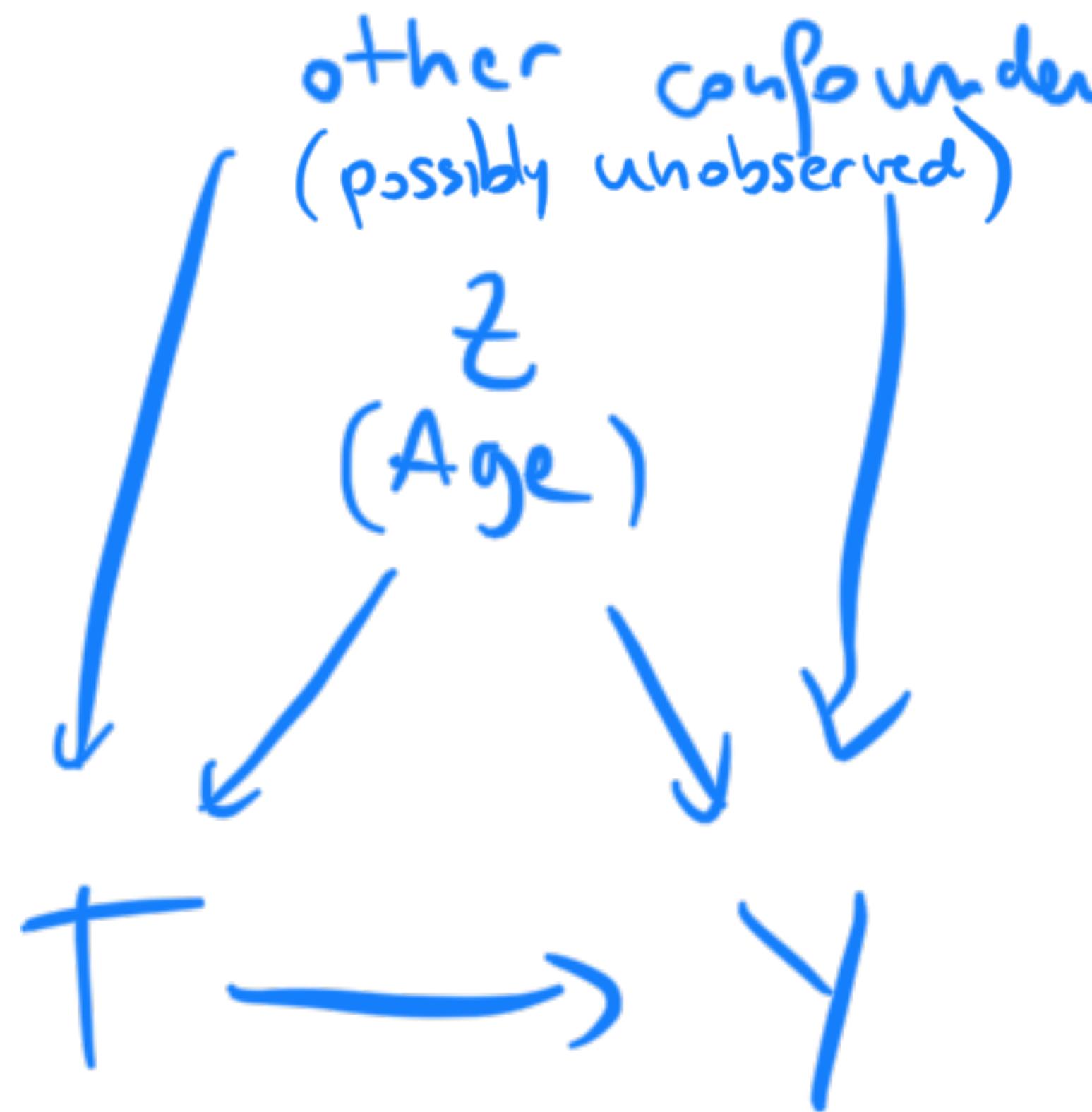
- We can do a randomised controlled trial (RCT) and estimate $P^{LA}(Y | \text{do}(T))$ and $P^{LA}(Y | \text{do}(T), Z)$

2. NY data

- Older population $P^{LA}(Z) \neq P^{NY}(Z)$
- Other confounders are the same
- We have $P^{NY}(Z)$, what is $P^{NY}(Y | \text{do}(T))$?



Transportability example



1. LA data

- $P^{LA}(Y | \text{do}(T), Z)$

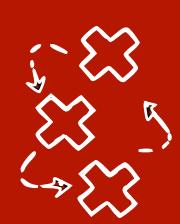
2. NY data

- $P^{NY}(Y | \text{do}(T))?$

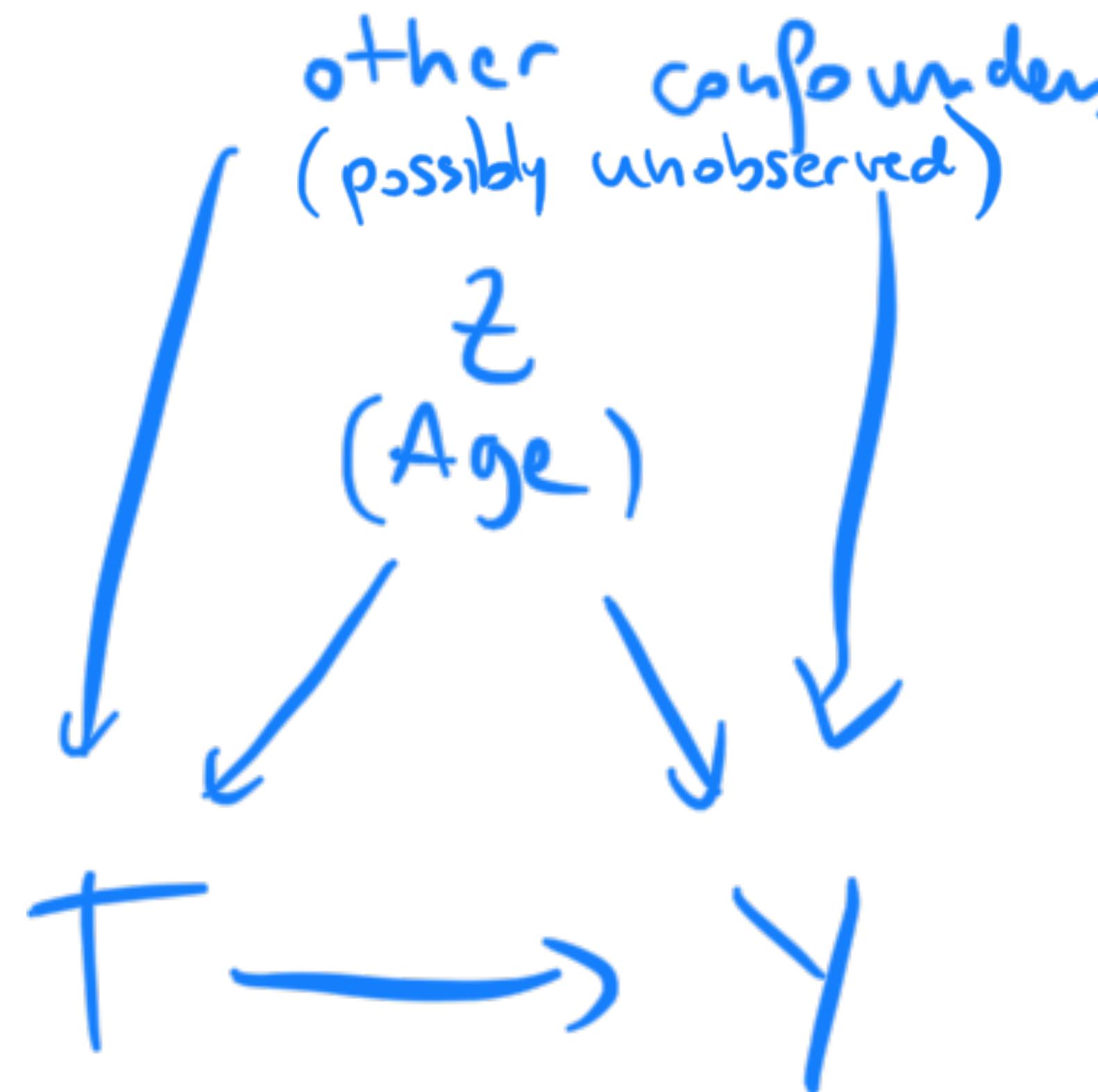
We assume Z-specific (age) effects are the same:

$$P^{LA}(Y | \text{do}(T), Z) = P^{NY}(Y | \text{do}(T), Z)$$

$$P^{NY}(Y | \text{do}(T)) = \sum_Z P^{NY}(Y | \text{do}(T), Z) P^{NY}(Z)$$



Transportability example



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2. NY data

- $P^{NY}(Y | \text{do}(T))?$

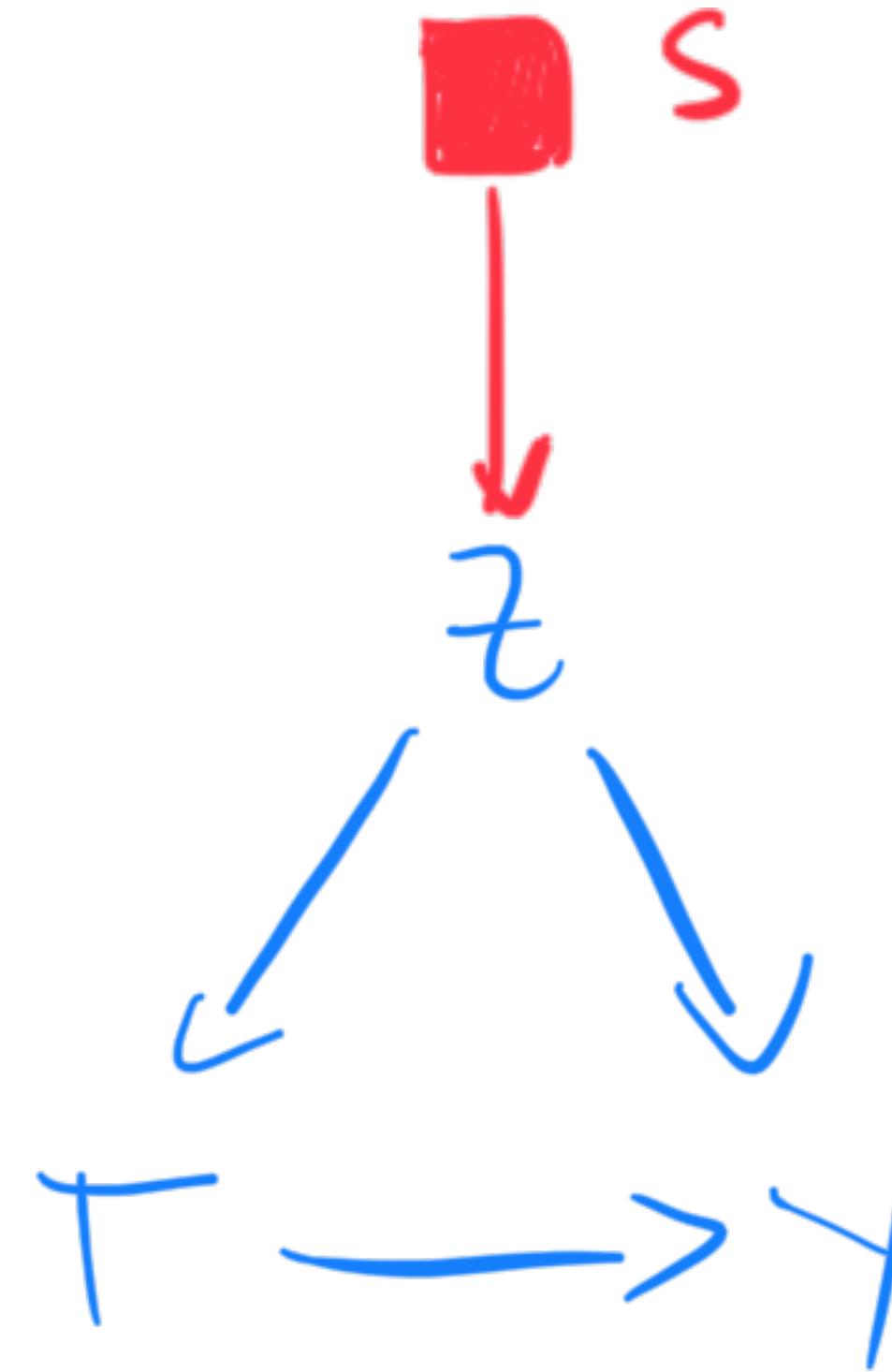
Transport formula:

$$P^{NY}(Y | \text{do}(T)) = \sum_Z P^{LA}(Y | \text{do}(T), Z) P^{NY}(Z)$$

$$P^{LA}(Y | \text{do}(T), Z) = P^{NY}(Y | \text{do}(T), Z)$$

Assuming z -specific effects
are invariant

Selection diagrams (generalised assumptions)

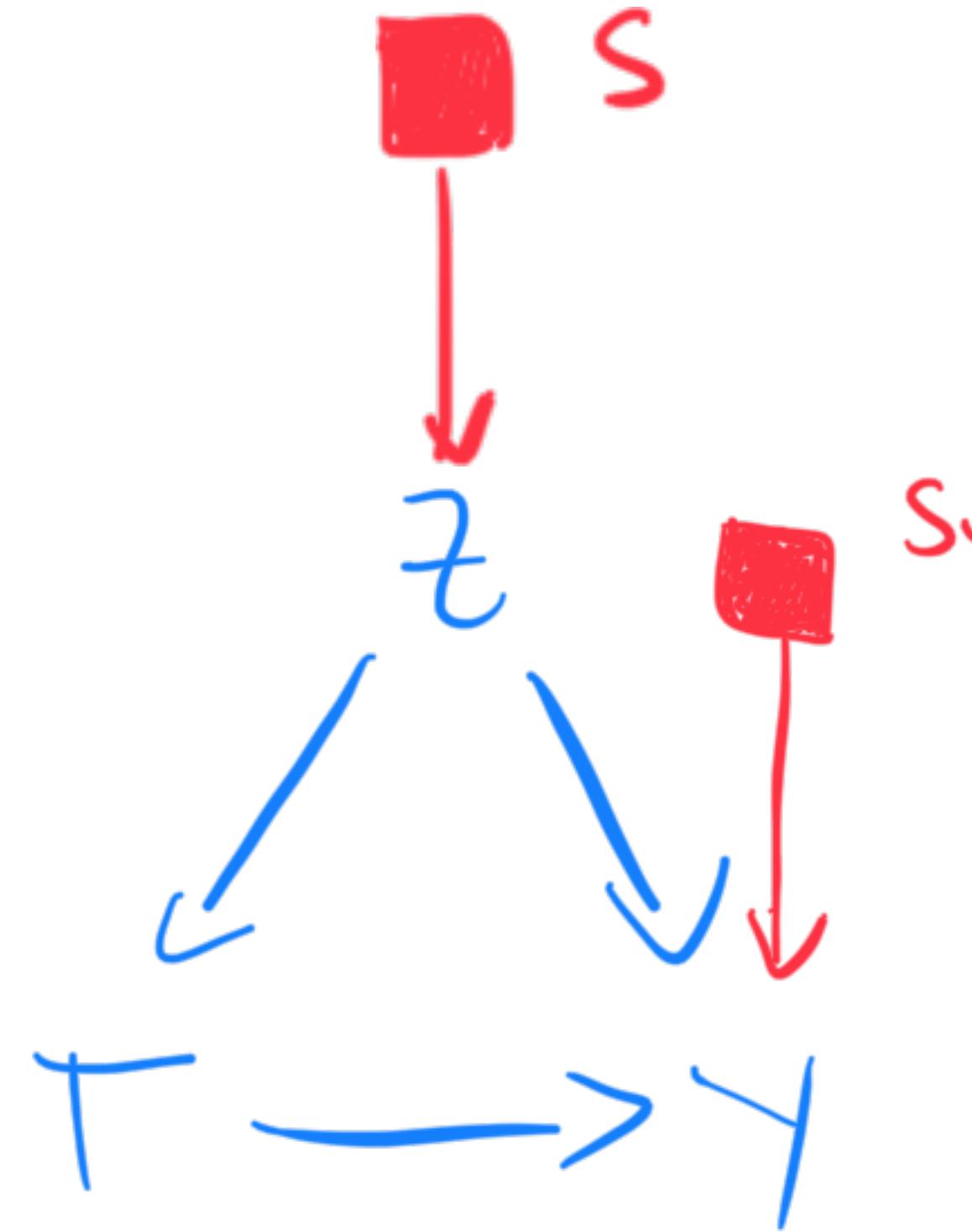


1. LA data
 - $P^{LA}(Y | \text{do}(T), Z)$
2. NY data
 - Older population $P^{LA}(Z) \neq P^{NY}(Z)$

S encodes changes

$$P^{LA}(Z) \neq P^{NY}(Z) \quad P(Z, S = 0) \neq P(Z, S = 1)$$

Selection diagrams (generalised assumptions)



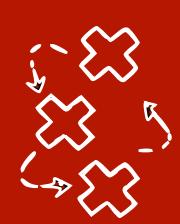
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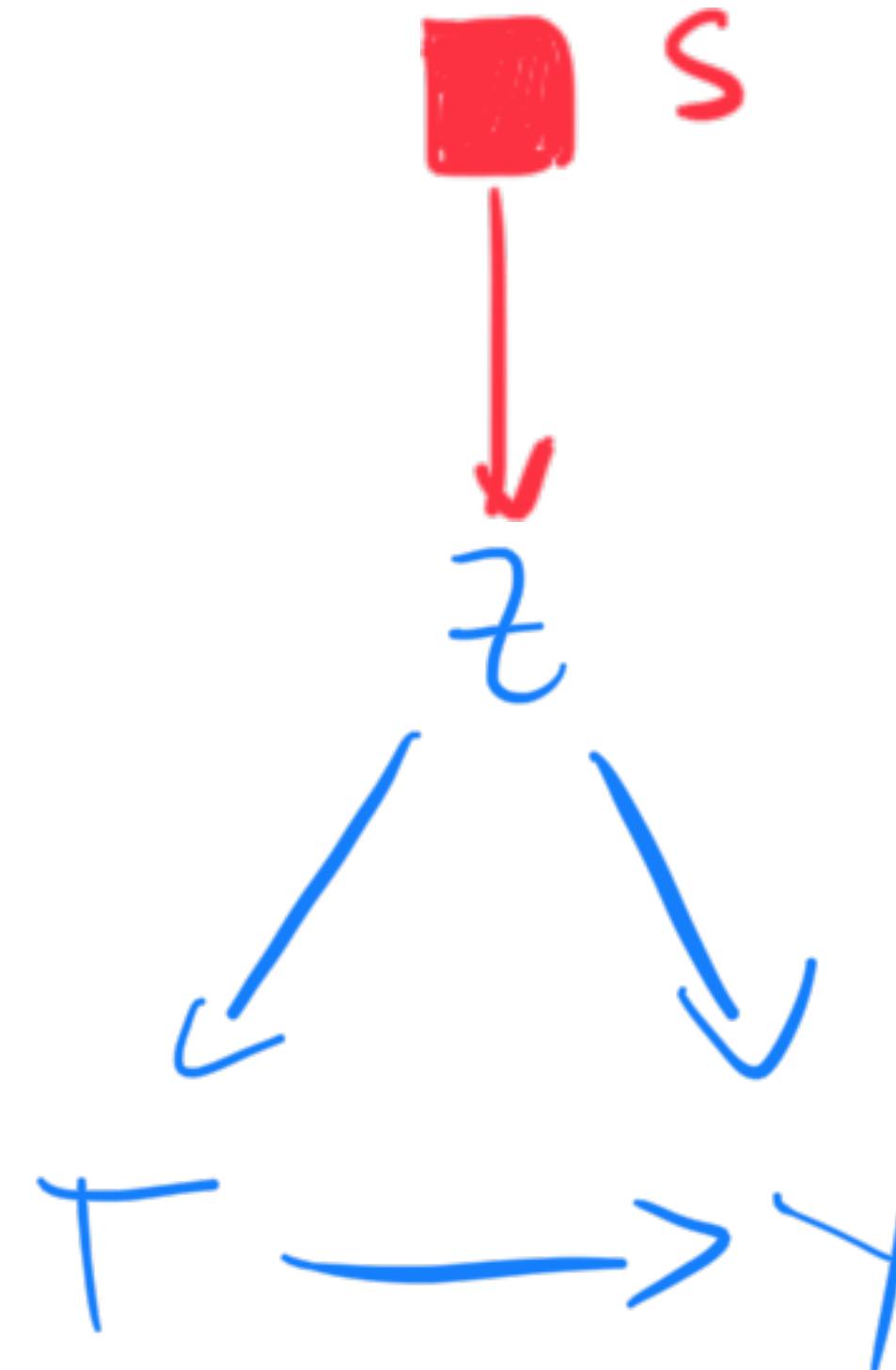
$$P^{LA}(Z) \neq P^{NY}(Z)$$

$$P^{LA}(Y | Z, T) \neq P^{NY}(Y | Z, T)$$

$$P^{LA}(T | Z) = P^{NY}(T | Z) \text{ (because no } S_T\text{)}$$



Selection diagrams - direct transportability



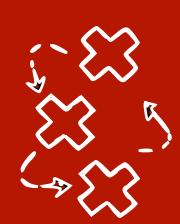
$$Y \perp_d S | \mathbf{Z}, \text{do}(T) \implies P^{NY}(Y | \mathbf{Z}, \text{do}(T)) = P^{LA}(Y | \mathbf{Z}, \text{do}(T))$$

target

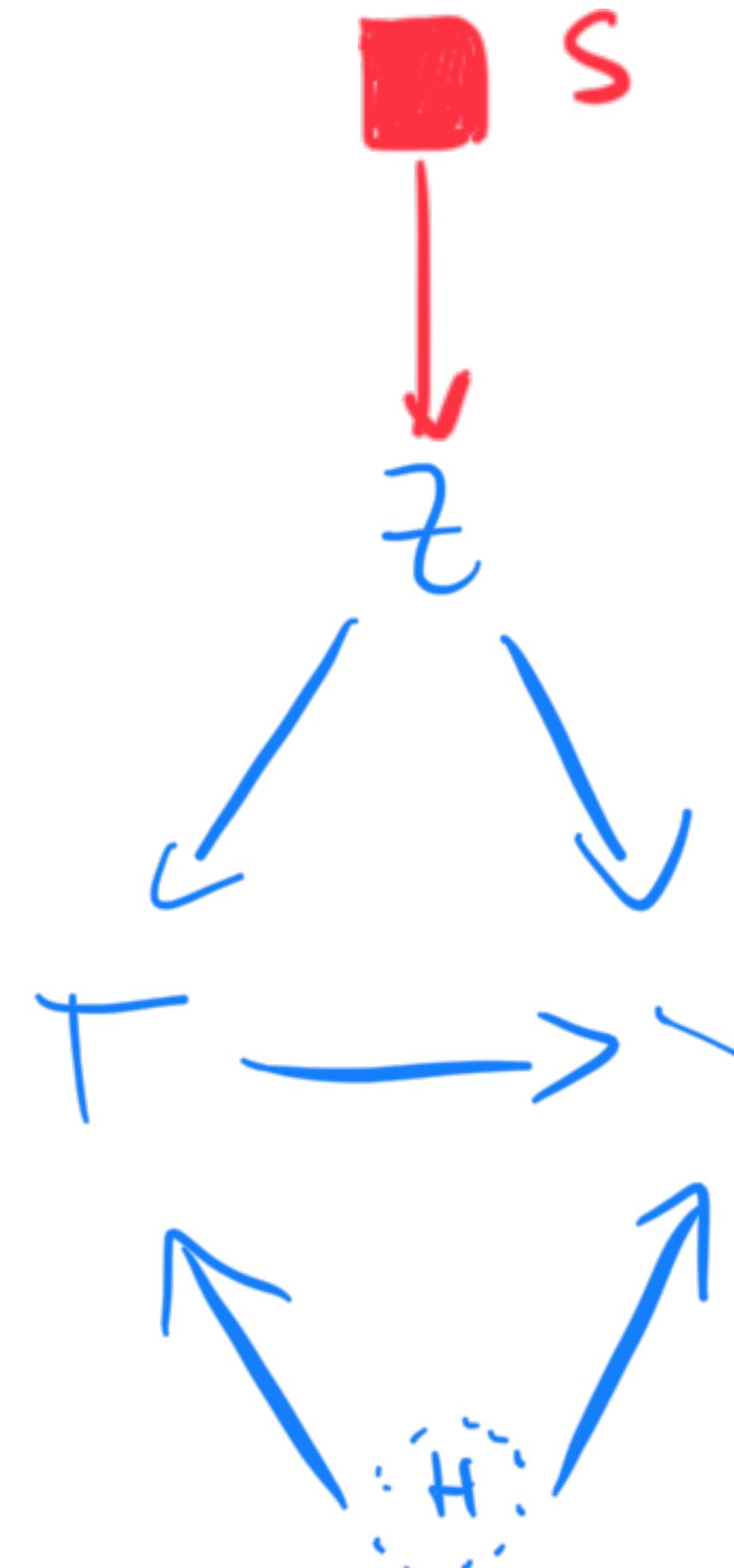
Before we assumed it, now it's a consequence of the graph:

$$P^{LA}(Y | \text{do}(T), \mathbf{Z}) = P^{NY}(Y | \text{do}(T), \mathbf{Z})$$

$$P^{NY}(Y | \text{do}(T)) = \sum_{\mathbf{Z}} P^{LA}(Y | \text{do}(T), \mathbf{Z}) P^{NY}(\mathbf{Z})$$



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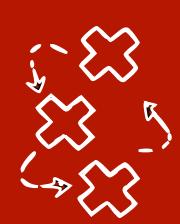
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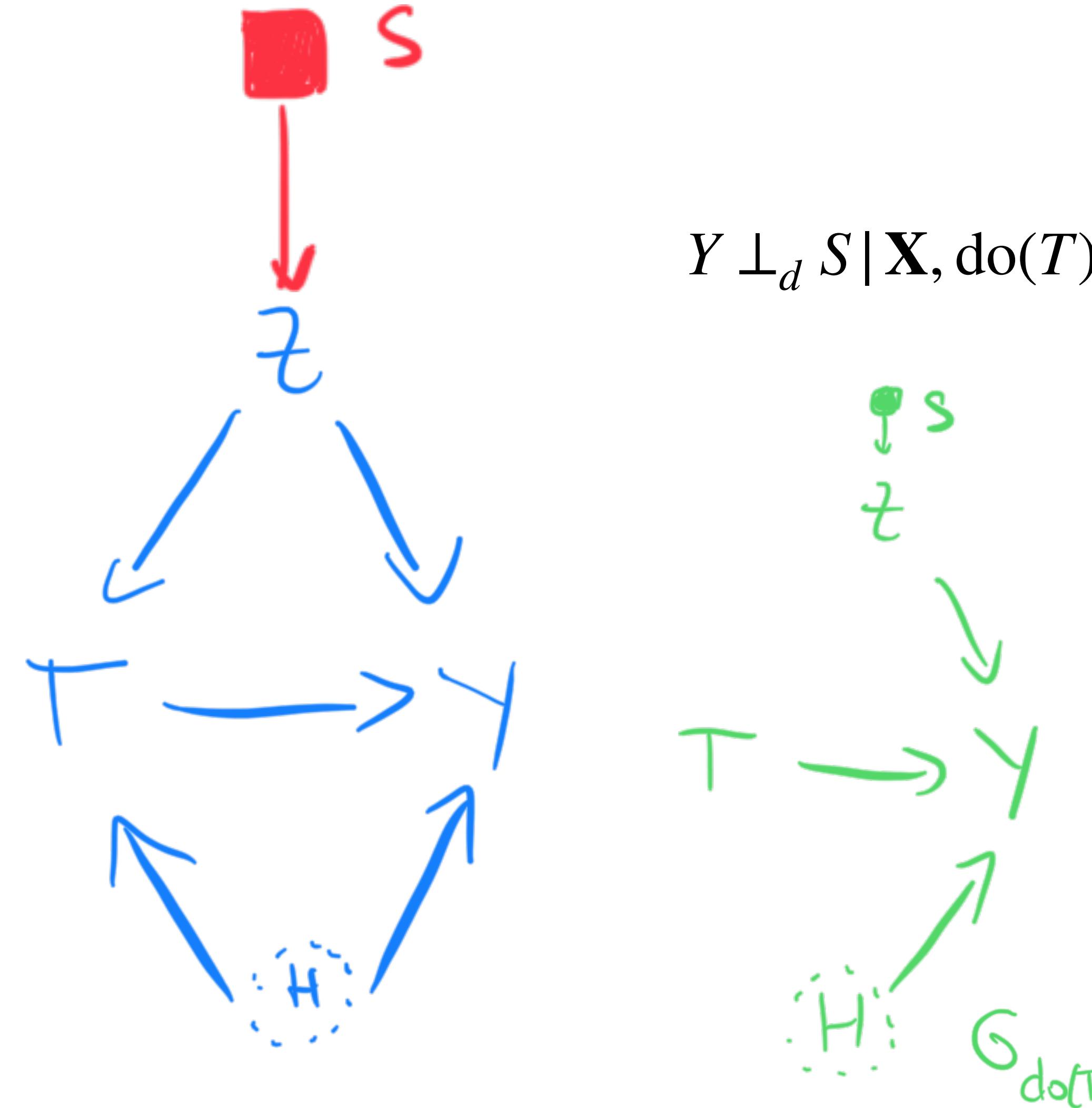
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$$P^*(Y | \text{do}(T), \mathbf{X}) = P(Y | \text{do}(T), \mathbf{X}, S = 0)$$

we can apply do-calculus



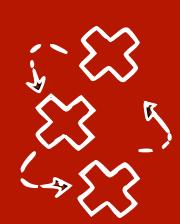
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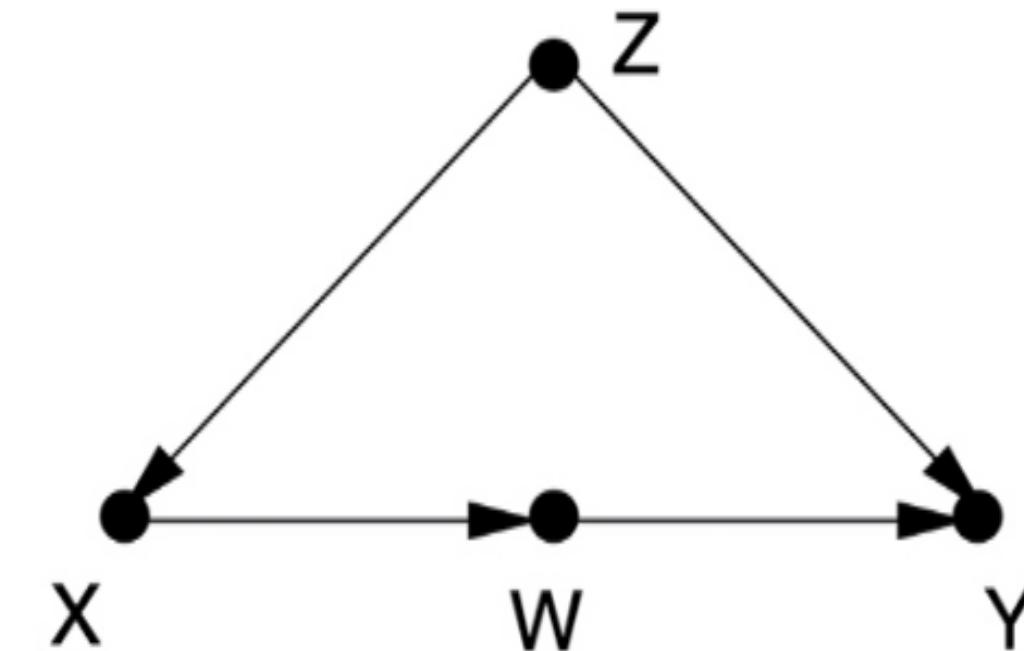
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Selection diagrams (Book of Why Ch.10)

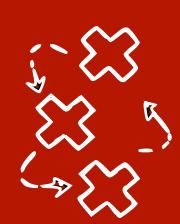
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X = Advertisement, Y = Purchase Decision, Z = Age, W = Click-through Rate,

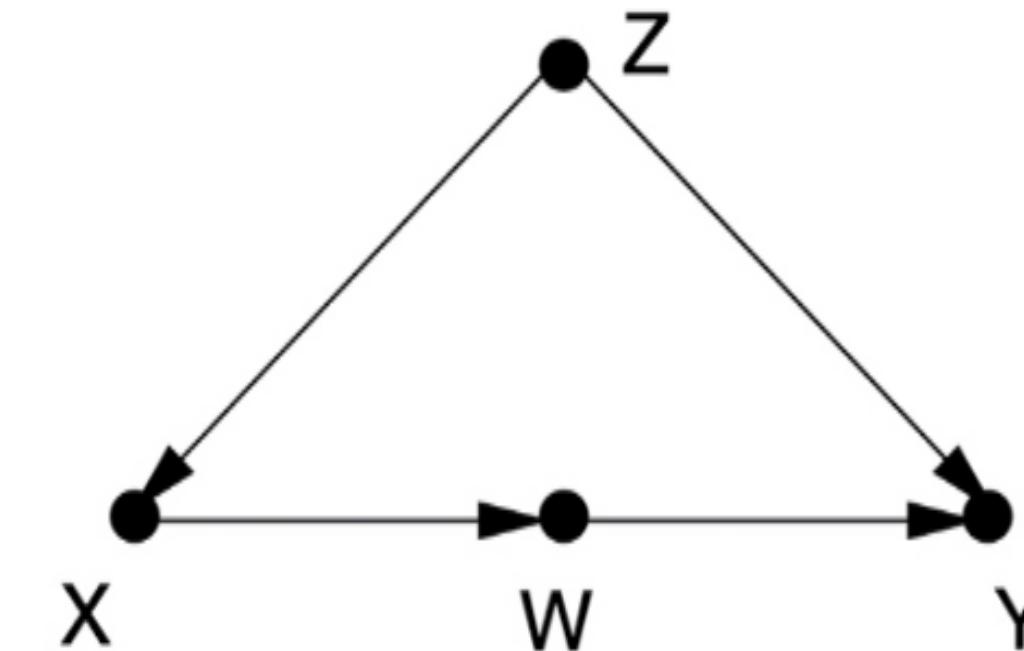
backdoor with Z
 Z is not measured here



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Younger (τ)

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lower car ownership
(v)

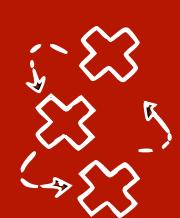
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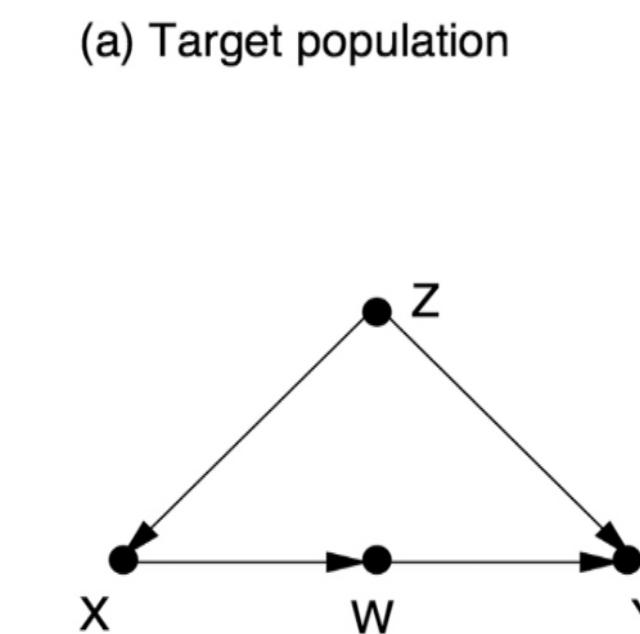
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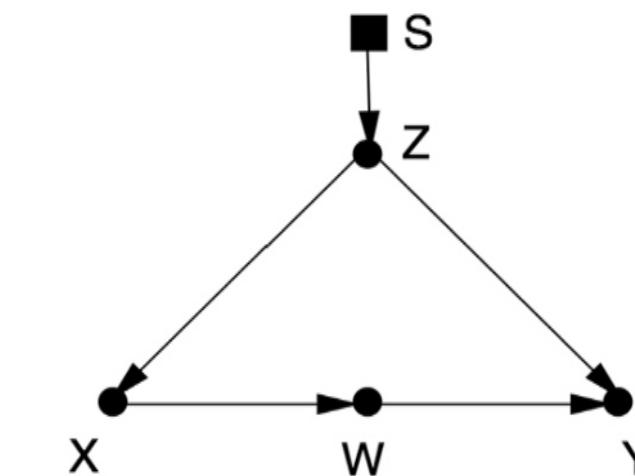
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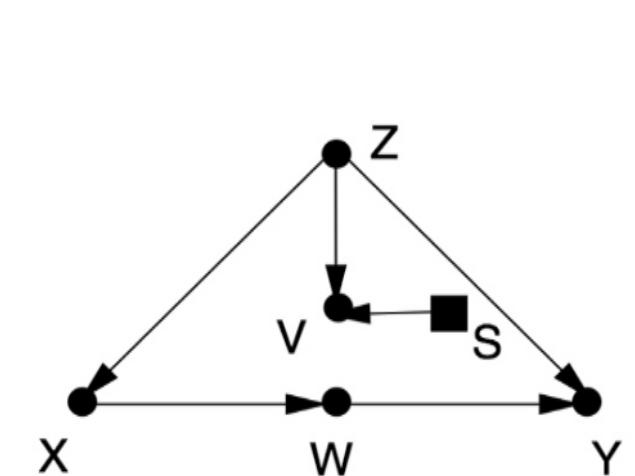
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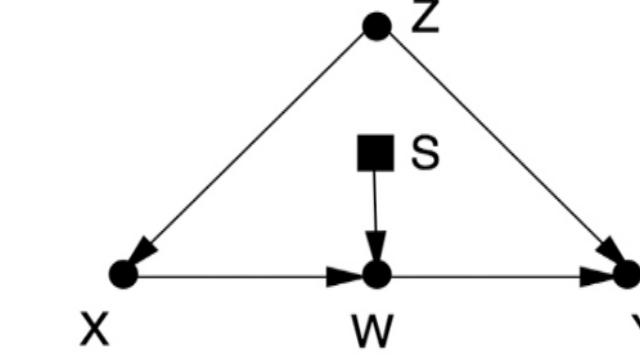
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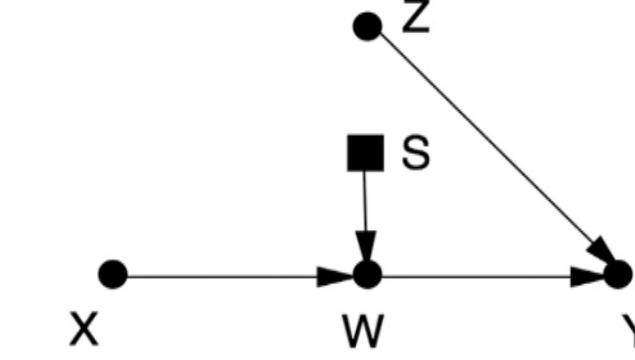
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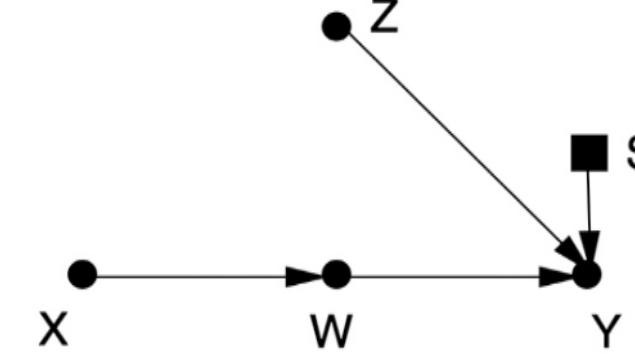
(d) Different in mediating variable



(e) Altered causal structure



(f) Altered structure, different in outcome variable

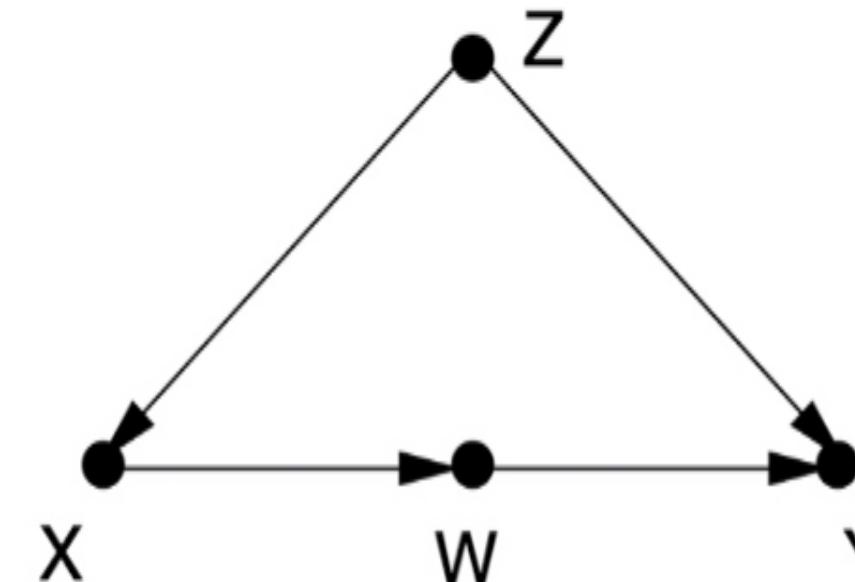


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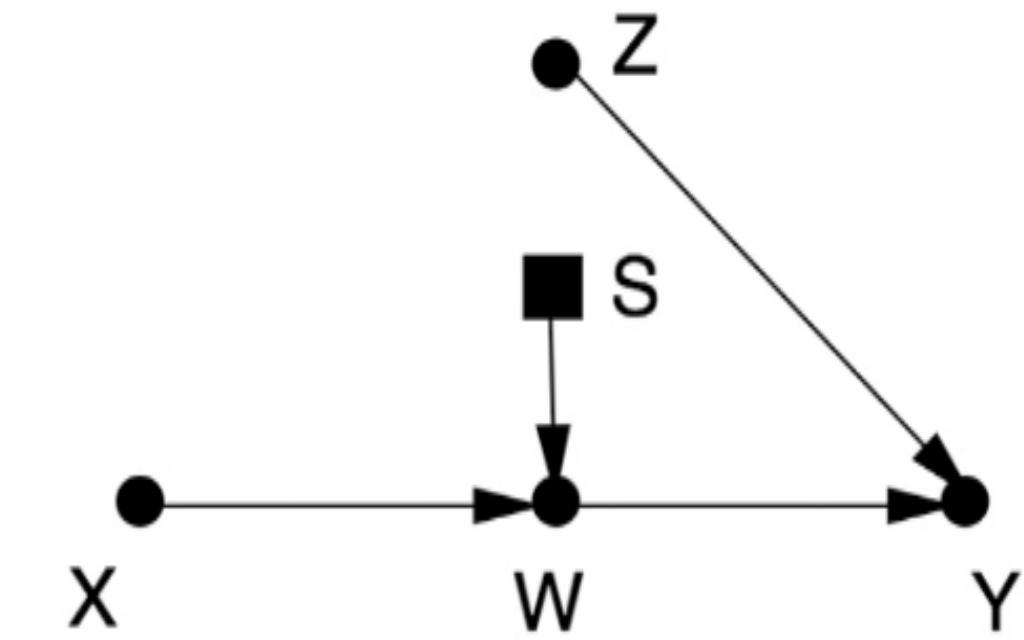
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(e) Altered causal structure

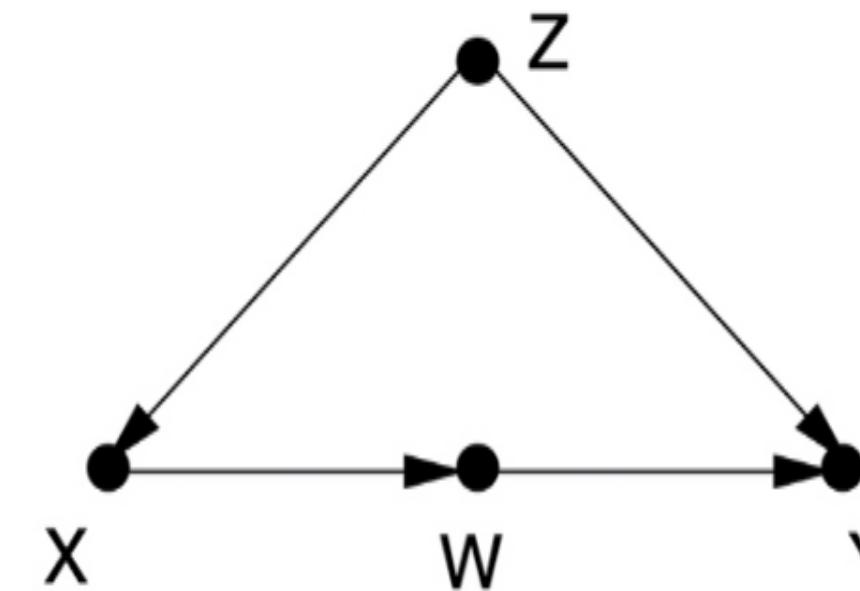


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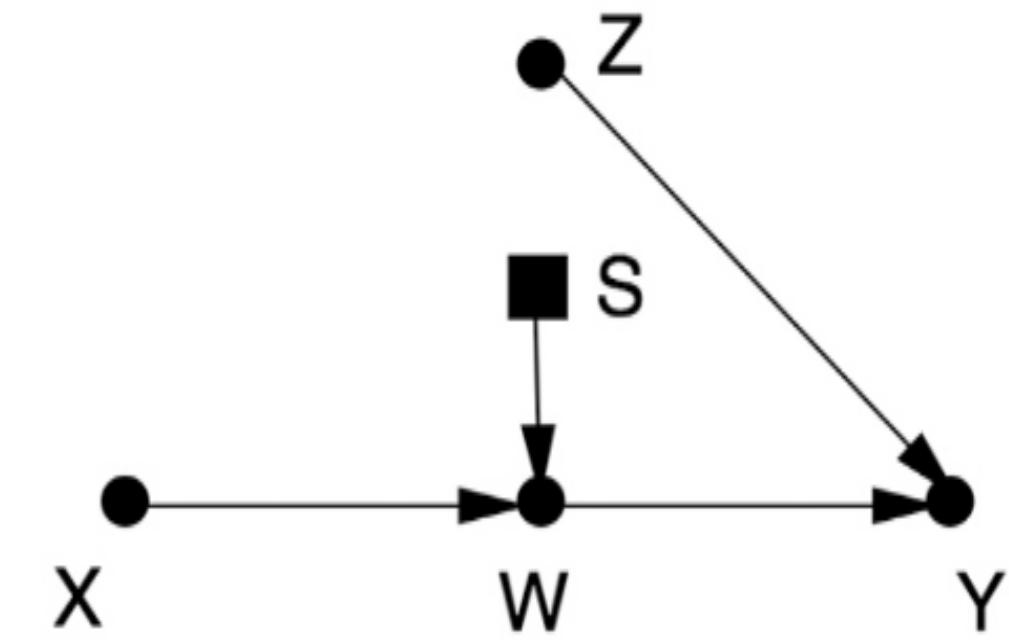
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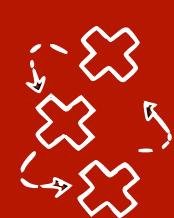
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Transportability summary

- How to combine the data from different **observational** and **experimental** conditions, each conducted on a different population, to estimate a causal effect on a target population?
- Given not only the true causal graph in the target setting, but also **the selection diagrams showing the differences in the other settings**, one can find an estimated by applying **do-calculus**
- There is an algorithm for transportability [Bareinboim and Pearl 2014] <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/causaleffect/index.html>