

# Fundamentals of Probabilistic Data Mining

## Chapter II - Probabilistic Graphical Models

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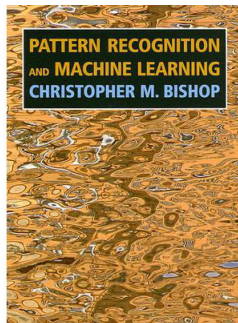
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# References

There is **a lot** of bibliography on probabilistic graphical models.

I strongly suggest the following book:



*Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning*,  
from Christopher M. Bishop (Springer)

The concepts discussed in FPDM correspond  
to different parts of Ch. 2, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13.

## Conditional Dependency

# Conditional Independence: reminder

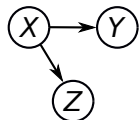
## Definition

Let  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$  be random variables, we say that  $X$  and  $Y$  are **conditionally independent** given  $Z$ , and write  $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \mid Z$ , iff one of the following equivalent expressions holds:

- $p(x, y|z) = p(x|z)p(y|z)$
- $p(x|y, z) = p(x|z)$
- $p(y|x, z) = p(y|z)$

Proof of the equivalence: Any questions?

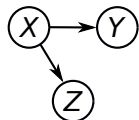
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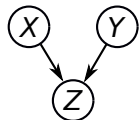
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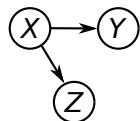
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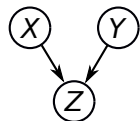
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Never forget that...

“Independence” and “Conditional Independence” are **two different** things.



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Then, the joint probability  $p(x, y, z)$  is a **multivariate Gaussian**:

$$p(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|2\pi\Sigma|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(v - \mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1}(v - \mu)\right),$$

where  $v = (x, y, z)^\top$  is the joint vector and  $\Sigma$  and  $\mu$  are the so-called **covariance matrix** and **mean vector**.

( $\rightarrow$  check Bishop's book, section 2.3 until 2.3.4).

**Homework:** (i) prove that you obtain such a Gaussian, (ii) compute  $\mu$ .

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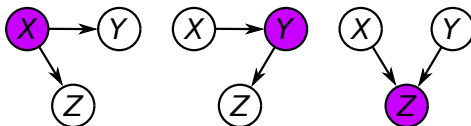
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For which values of  $p, k, c$  you obtain the models:  
two-parents, two-kids and cascaded ? **You've got 5 minutes.**

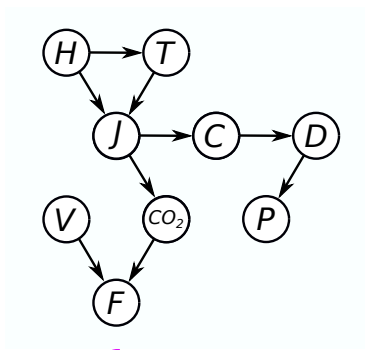


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## D-separation

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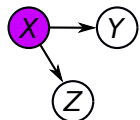
Recall...



Is  $P \perp\!\!\!\perp V \mid T$  ? How would you do it ? Is this strategy scalable ?

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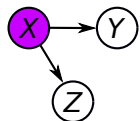


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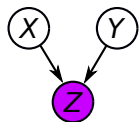
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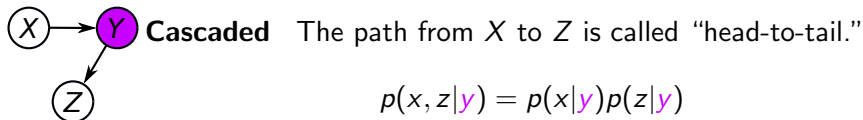
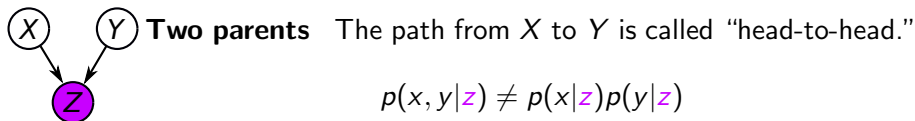
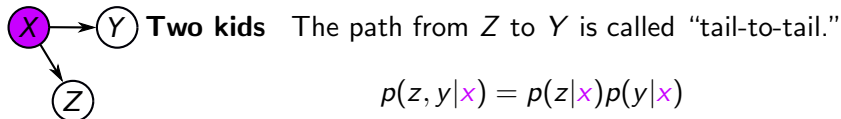
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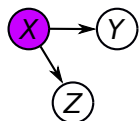
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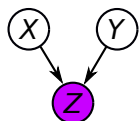
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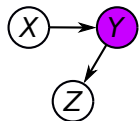
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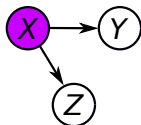
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Please check Section 8.2 of Bishop's book.

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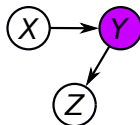
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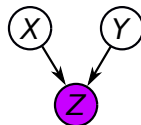
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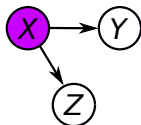
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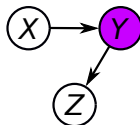
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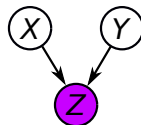
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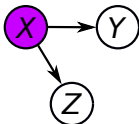


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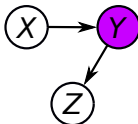
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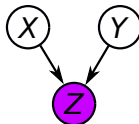
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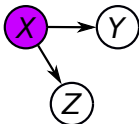
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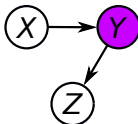
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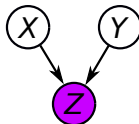
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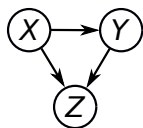
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In the two-parents,  $Z$  or any descendant of  $Z$  will unblock the path.

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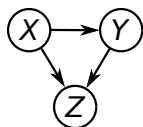
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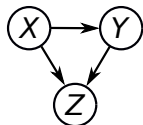
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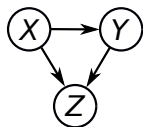
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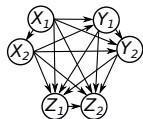
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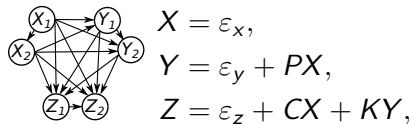
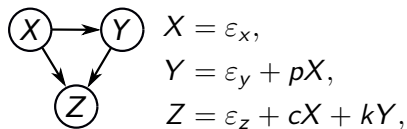
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In this case,  $M_* \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $N_* \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ .

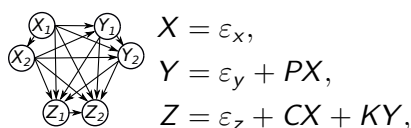
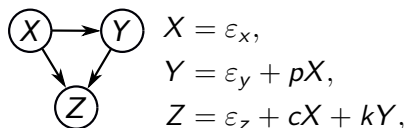
Each  $\epsilon_*$  is a **multivariate Gaussian**.

$V = (X^\top, Y^\top, Z^\top)^\top$  is also a multivariate Gaussian.

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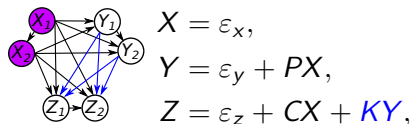
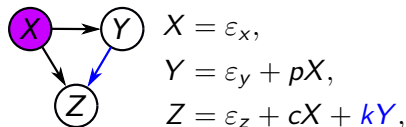
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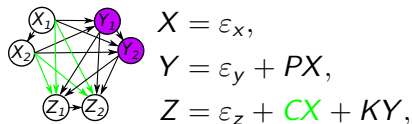
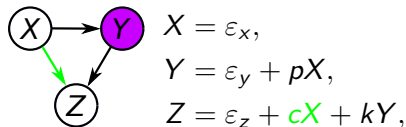


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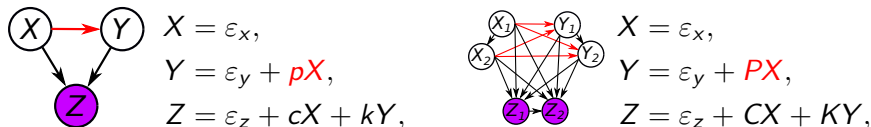
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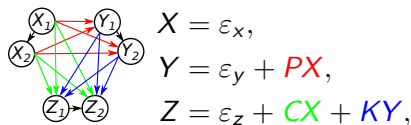
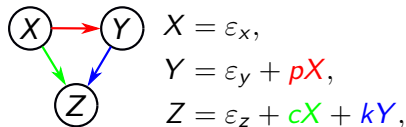
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$$\Sigma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} N_x^{-1} + \textcolor{red}{P}^\top N_y^{-1} \textcolor{red}{P} + \textcolor{green}{C}^\top N_z^{-1} \textcolor{green}{C} & \textcolor{red}{N}_y^{-1} \textcolor{red}{P} & \textcolor{green}{N}_z^{-1} \textcolor{green}{C} \\ \textcolor{red}{P}^\top N_y^{-1} & N_y^{-1} + \textcolor{blue}{K}^\top N_z^{-1} \textcolor{blue}{K} & \textcolor{blue}{N}_z^{-1} \textcolor{blue}{K} \\ \textcolor{green}{C}^\top N_z^{-1} & \textcolor{blue}{K}^\top N_z^{-1} & N_z^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Two-kids** (tail-to-tail):  $p(y, z|x) = p(y|x)p(z|x)$

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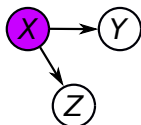
This gives us hope for more complicated models!

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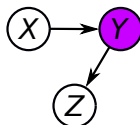
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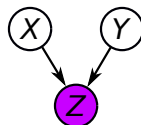
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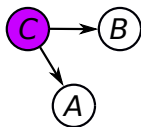


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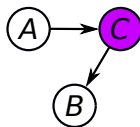
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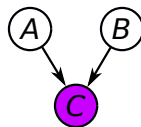
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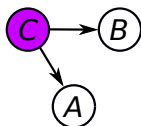


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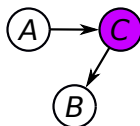
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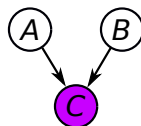
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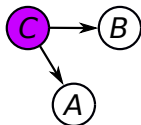
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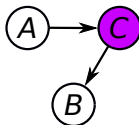
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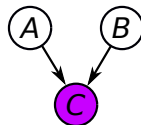
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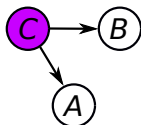
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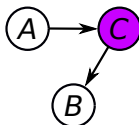
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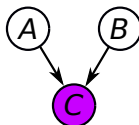
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$\Rightarrow$  Nodes within tail-to-tail or head-to-tail can be in  $C$  and nodes within head-to-head or any of their descendants must not be in  $C$ .

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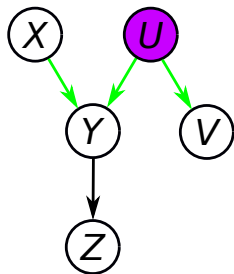
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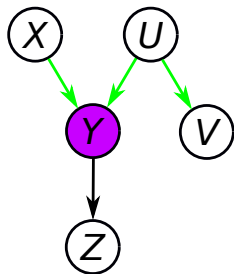
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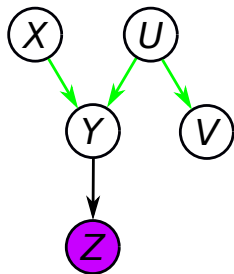
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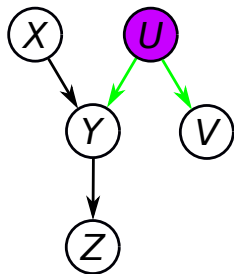


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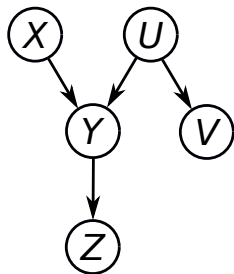
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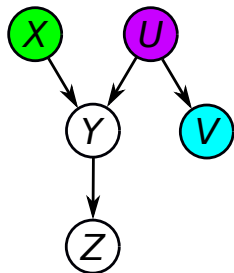
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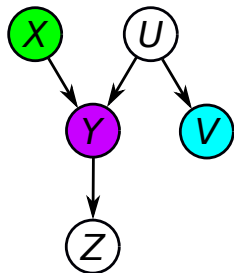


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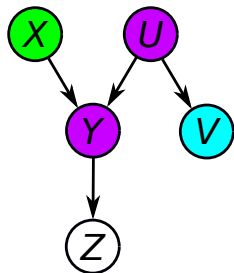


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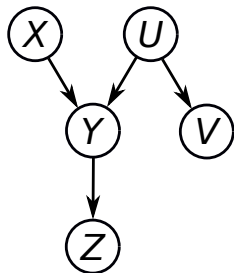


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## Markovian dependencies



# Markov models: introduction

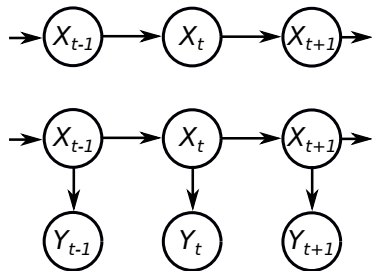
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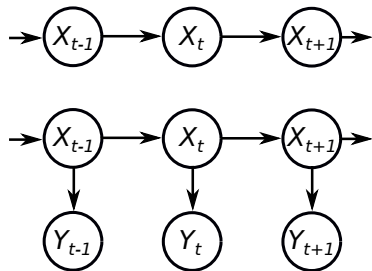


Markov chain (top).

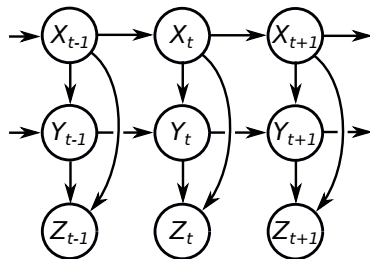
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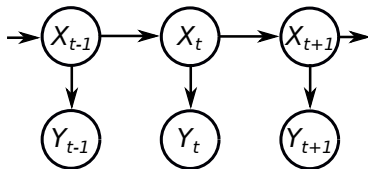
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Double hidden Markov chain.

# D-separation in Markov models

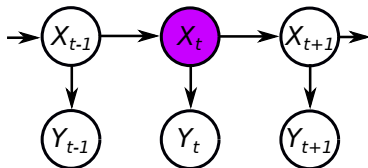
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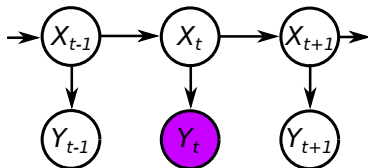


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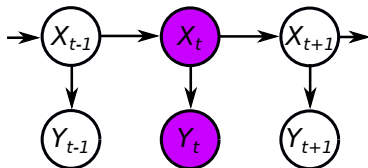


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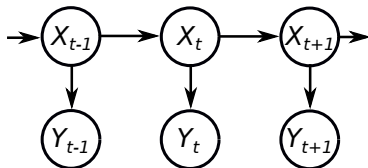


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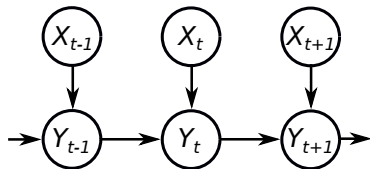
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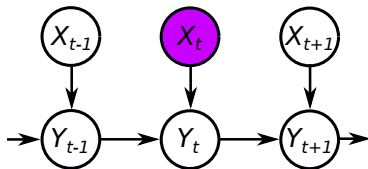
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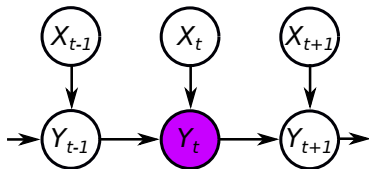


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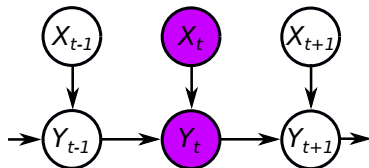


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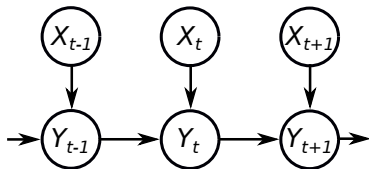


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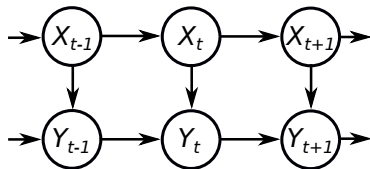


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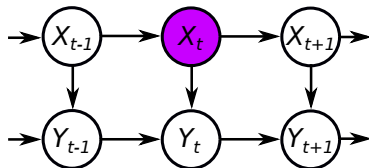
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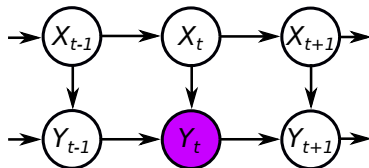


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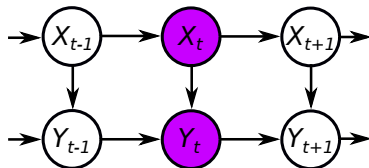
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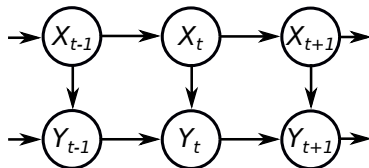


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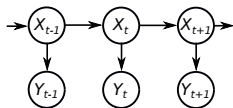


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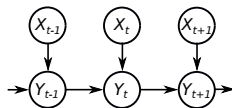
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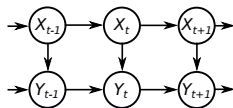


$\{X_t\}$

Yes



No



No

$\{Y_t\}$

No

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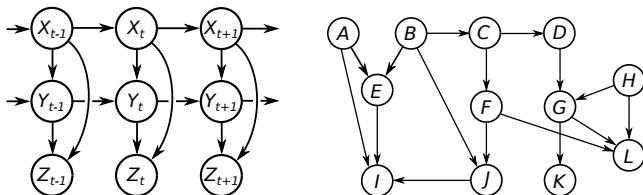
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# More complex models

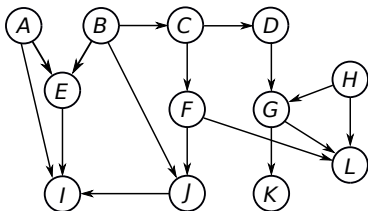
Let's play a little bit with these two models:



Find one example of D-separation and one example of non D-separation (in whatever case). [You've got 5 minutes]

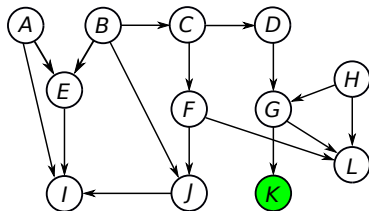
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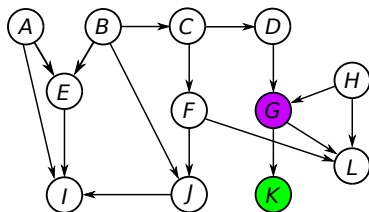
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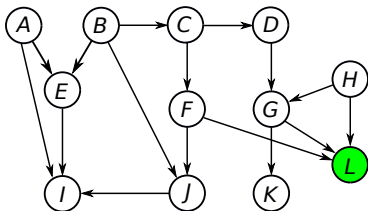


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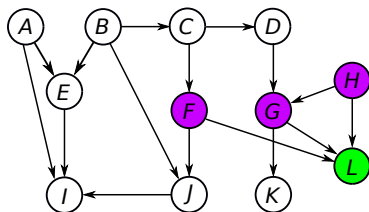
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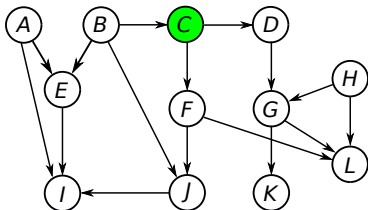
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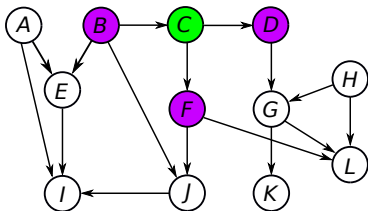
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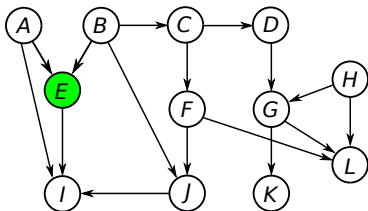
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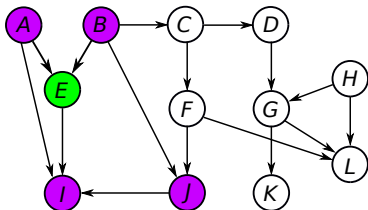
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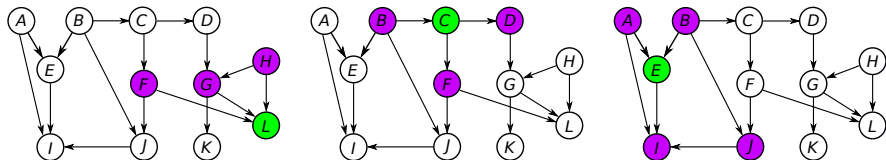
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# Markov blanket: definition

## Definition of Markov blanket

The Markov blanket is the minimal set that D-separates a set of nodes from the rest of the graph.

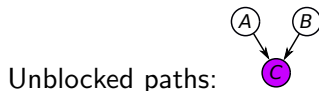
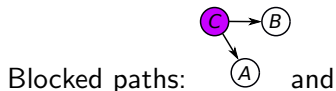
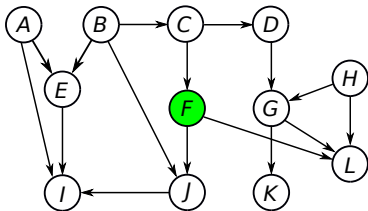


## Construction of the Markov blanket

Given a directed acyclic graph, and a node  $X$  on that graph, the Markov blanket of  $X$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_X$  is the set of all parents, children and co-parents of  $X$ .

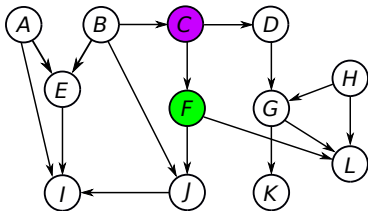
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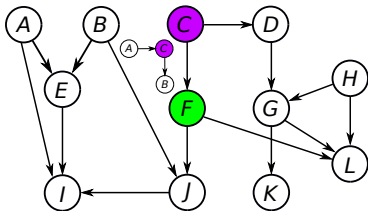
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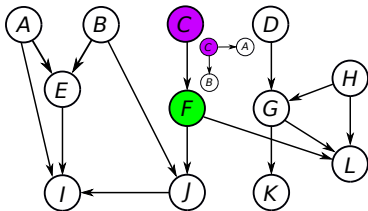


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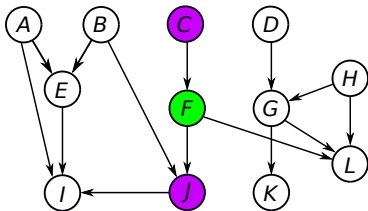


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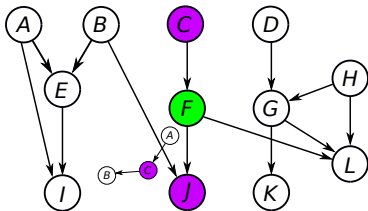


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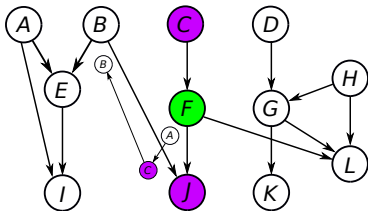


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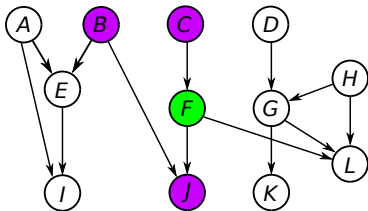




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


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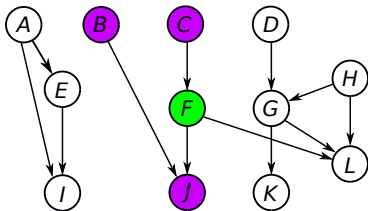




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
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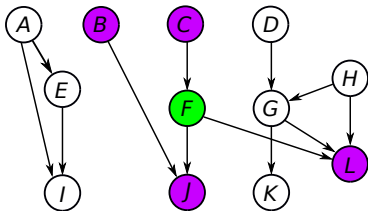


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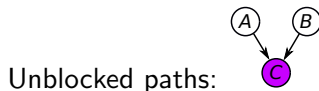
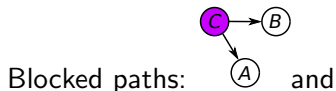
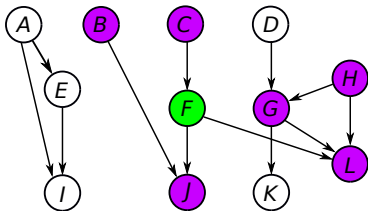
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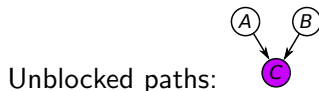
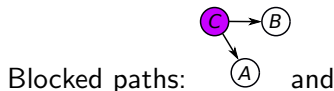
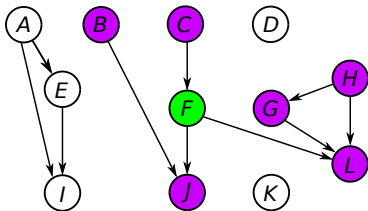
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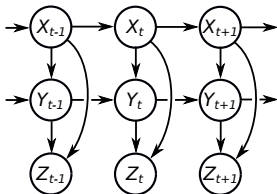
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# Markov blanket: practice

**Homework:** Find the Markov blanket of  $X_t$ , of  $Y_t$  and of  $Z_t$  in:



Next two sessions Fei will explain the GMM in detail and the expectation-maximization (EM) algorithm. This provides the basis for the rest of the semester and for practical session #1.

See you in three weeks!!!