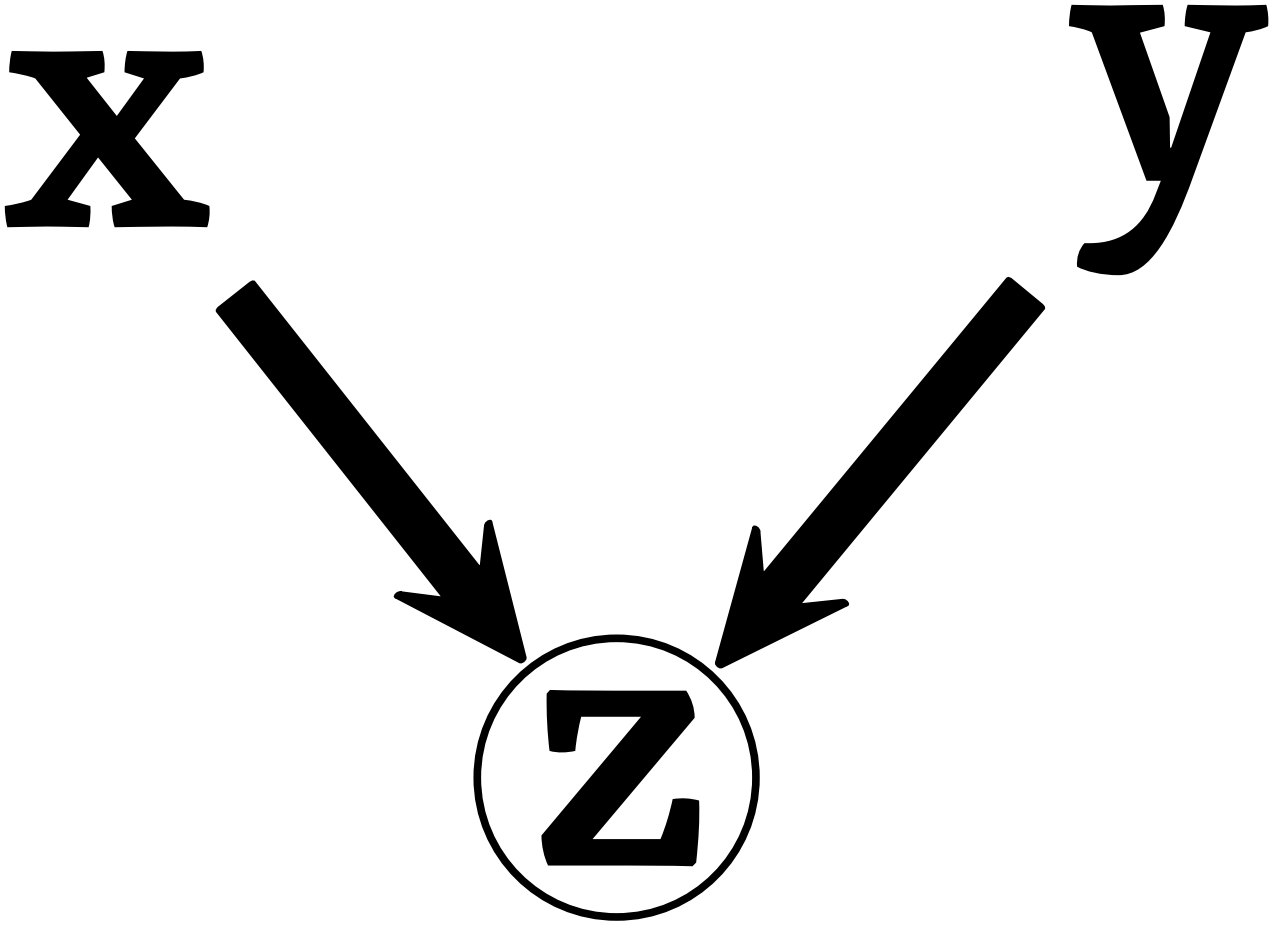


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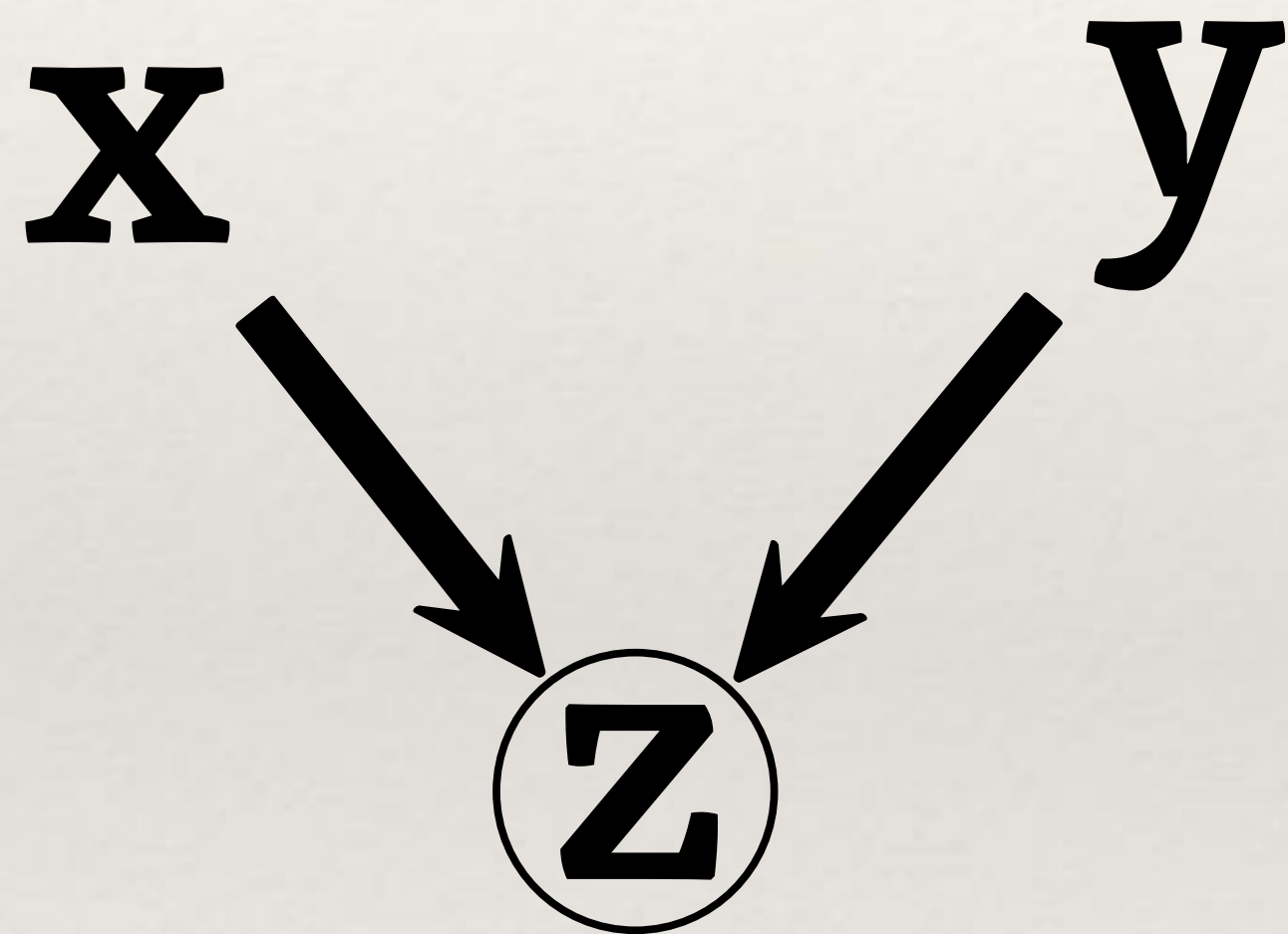
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set.seed(1)
N = 100
x = rnorm(N)          # x ~ normal(0, 1)
y = rnorm(N)          # y ~ normal(0, 1)
z = rnorm(N, 1 + x + y) # z ~ normal(1 + x + y, 1) -> collider

m1 = ulam(alist(
  y ~ normal(a + bx*x, sigma),
  a ~ normal(0, 0.3),
  bx ~ normal(0, 0.3),
  sigma ~ exponential(1),
  data = list(y = y, x = x),
  iter = 1000, chains = 4, cores = 4)
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