
ELEMENTAL TRIADS

- All DAGs can be decomposed into a set of 3 elemental motifs:
 - The pipe, the fork and the collider
- We can use these to structure our thinking about our models and decide what variable to include or exclude

The pipe:



The fork:



The collider:



HOW DOES A CONFOUNDER AFFECT OUR ESTIMATE OF THE EFFECT OF X ON Y?

