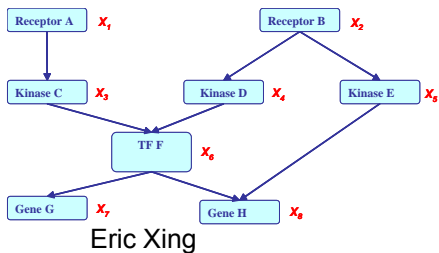# Machine Learning
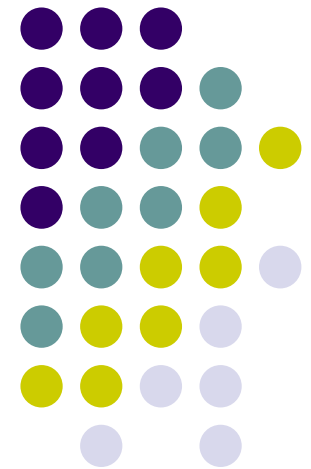
Graphical Models

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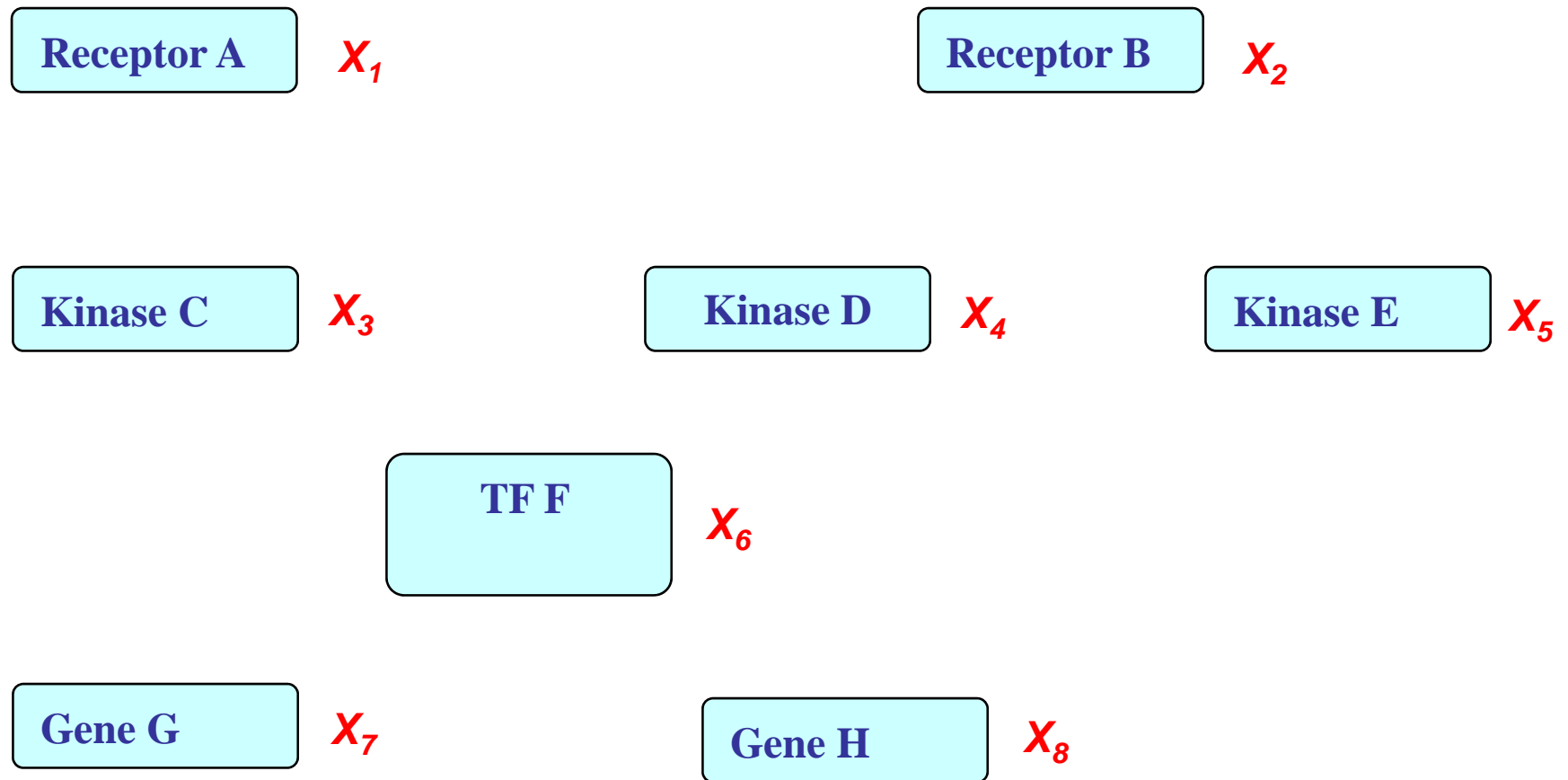
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Multivariate Distribution in High-D Space

- A possible world for cellular signal transduction:

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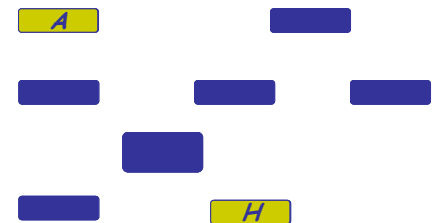| TF F | X_6 |

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Recap of Basic Prob. Concepts

- Representation: what is the joint probability dist. on multiple variables?

$$P(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6, X_7, X_8,)$$

  - How many state configurations in total? --- 2^8
  - Are they all needed to be represented?
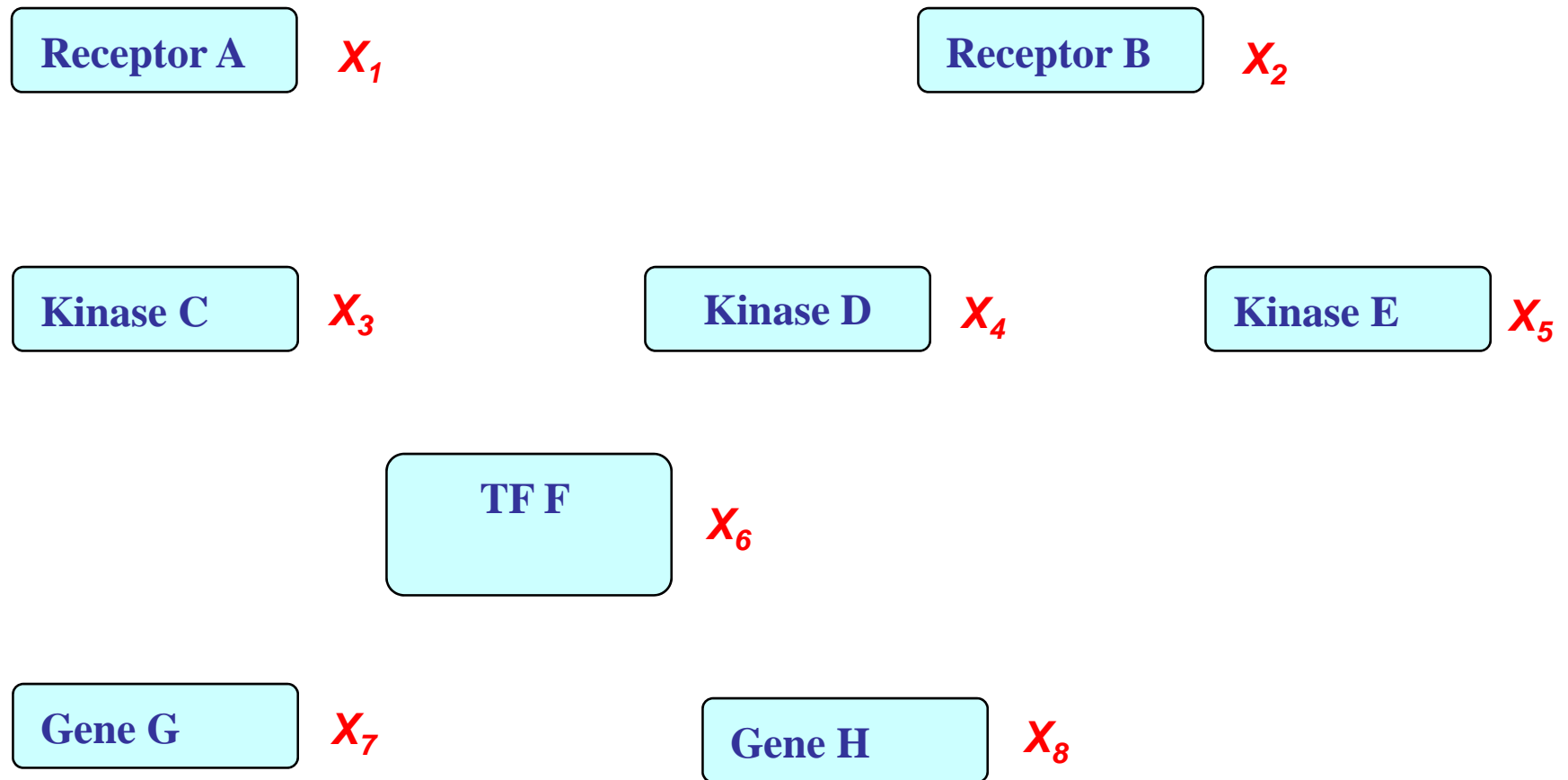 - **Do we get any scientific/medical insight?**

- Learning: where do we get all this probabilities?

  - Maximal-likelihood estimation? but how many data do we need?
  - Where do we put domain knowledge in terms of plausible relationships between variables, and plausible values of the probabilities?

- Inference: If not all variables are observable, how to compute the conditional distribution of latent variables given evidence?

  - Computing $p(H|A)$ would require summing over all 2^6 configurations of the unobserved variables
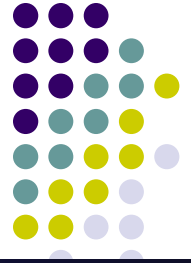
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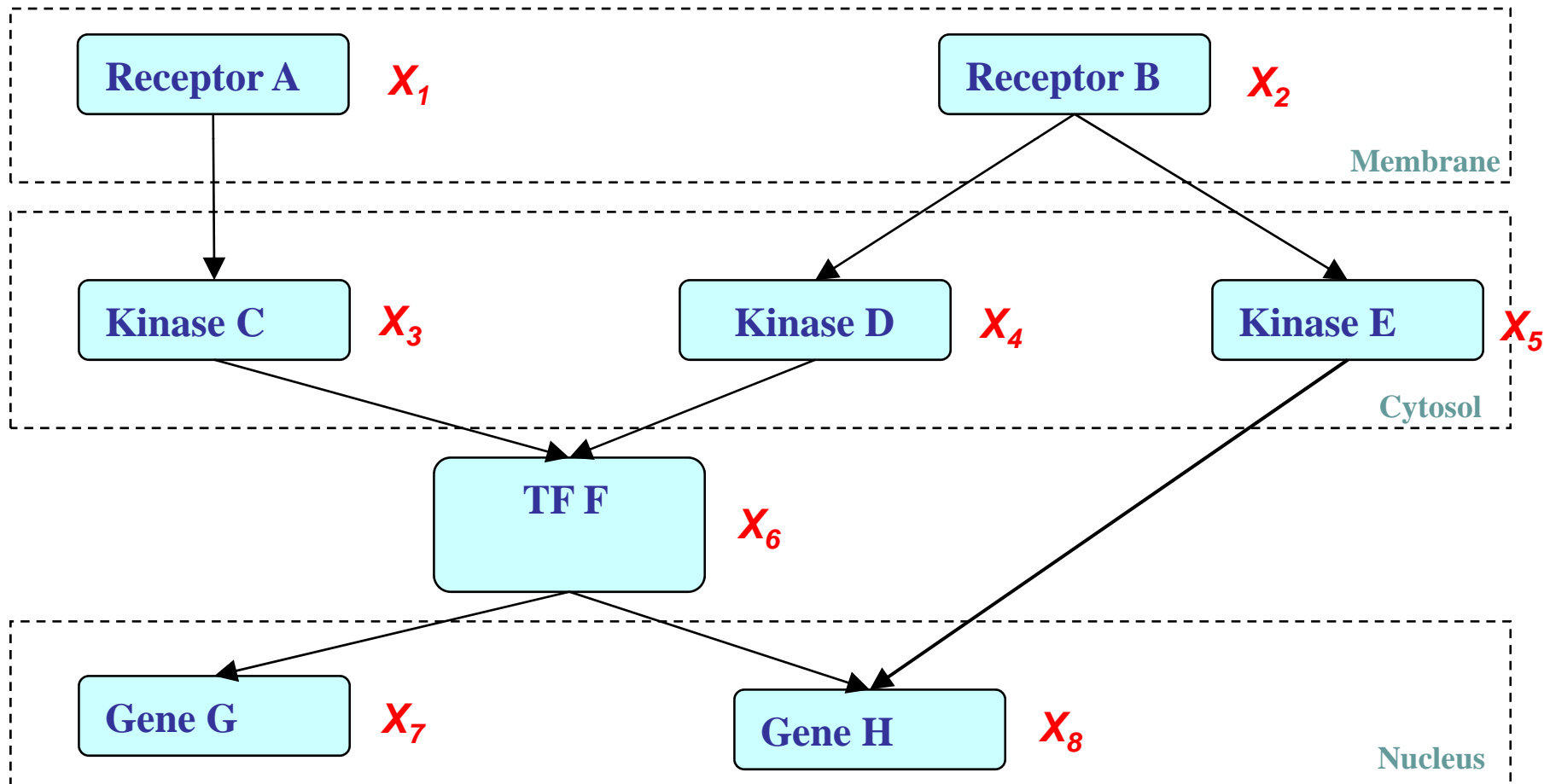--- example from a signal transduction pathway
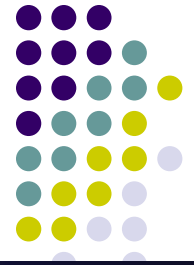
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GM: Structure Simplifies Representation

- Dependencies among variables

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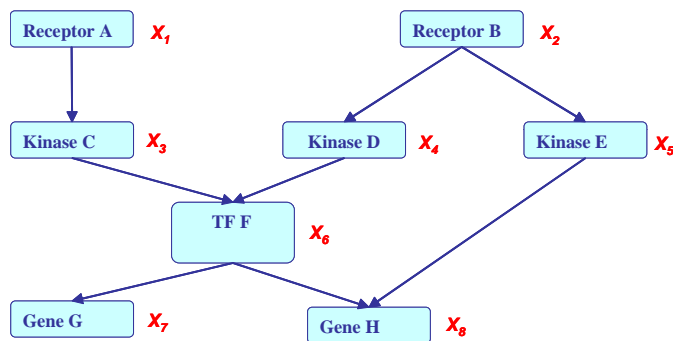
Probabilistic Graphical Models, con'd

- If X_i's are **conditionally independent** (as described by a **PGM**), the joint can be factored to a product of simpler terms, e.g.,
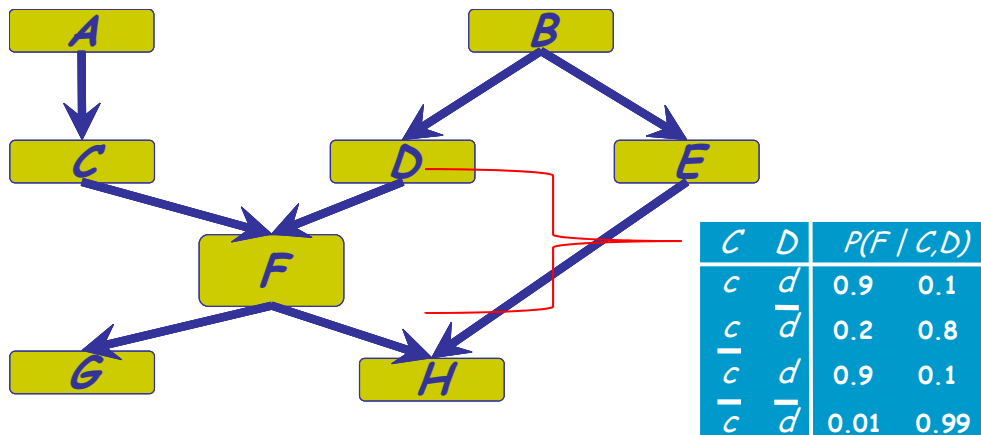

$$P(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6, X_7, X_8)$$

$$= P(X_1) \, P(X_2) \, P(X_3 / X_1) \, P(X_4 / X_2) \, P(X_5 / X_2)$$
$$P(X_6 / X_3, X_4) \, P(X_7 / X_6) \, P(X_8 / X_5, X_6)$$

- Why we may favor a PGM?
  - Representation cost: how many probability statements are needed?

    2+2+4+4+4+8+4+8=36, an 8-fold reduction from 2^8!
  - Algorithms for systematic and efficient inference/learning computation
    - Exploring the graph structure and probabilistic (e.g., Bayesian, Markovian) semantics
  - Incorporation of domain knowledge and causal (logical) structures

Specification of a BN

- There are two components to any GM:
  - the *qualitative* specification
  - the *quantitative* specification

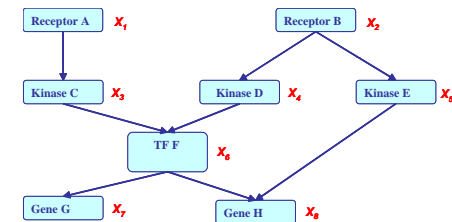| C	D	P(F | C,D)	
c	d	0.9	0.1
c	d̄	0.2	0.8
c̄	d	0.9	0.1
c̄	d̄	0.01	0.99

Qualitative Specification

- Where does the qualitative specification come from?

  - Prior knowledge of causal relationships

  - Prior knowledge of modular relationships

  - Assessment from experts

  - Learning from data

  - We simply link a certain architecture (e.g. a layered graph)
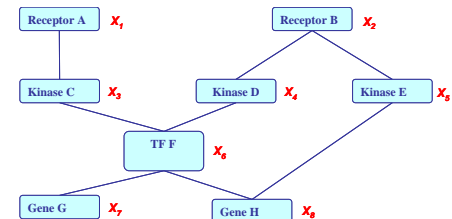
  - …

Two types of GMs

- Directed edges give causality relationships (**Bayesian Network** or **Directed Graphical Model**):
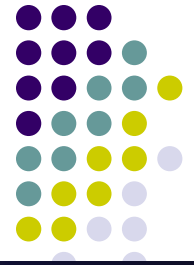
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$$P(X_6|X_3, X_4) \, P(X_7|X_6) \, P(X_8|X_5, X_6)$$

- Undirected edges simply give correlations between variables (**Markov Random Field** or **Undirected Graphical model**):

$$P(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6, X_7, X_8)$$

$$= 1/Z \, \exp\{E(X_1)+E(X_2)+E(X_3, X_1)+E(X_4, X_2)+E(X_5, X_2)$$
$$+ E(X_6, X_3, X_4)+E(X_7, X_6)+E(X_8, X_5, X_6)\}$$

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Bayesian Network:

- A BN is a directed graph whose nodes represent the random variables and whose edges represent direct influence of one variable on another.

- It is a data structure that provides the skeleton for representing **a joint distribution** compactly in a **factorized** way;

- It offers a compact representation for **a set of conditional independence assumptions** about a distribution;

- We can view the graph as encoding a generative sampling process executed by nature, where the value for each variable is selected by nature using a distribution that depends only on its parents. In other words, each variable is a stochastic function of its parents.
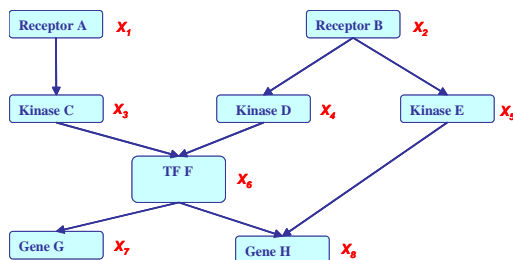
Bayesian Network: Factorization Theorem

- **Theorem:**

  Given a DAG, The most general form of the probability distribution that is consistent with the graph factors according to "node given its parents":

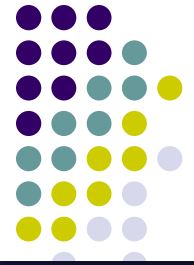 $$P(\mathbf{X}) = \prod_{i=1:d} P(X_i \mid \mathbf{X}_{\pi_i})$$

  where $\mathbf{X}_{\pi_i}$ is the set of parents of X_i, d is the number of nodes (variables) in the graph.
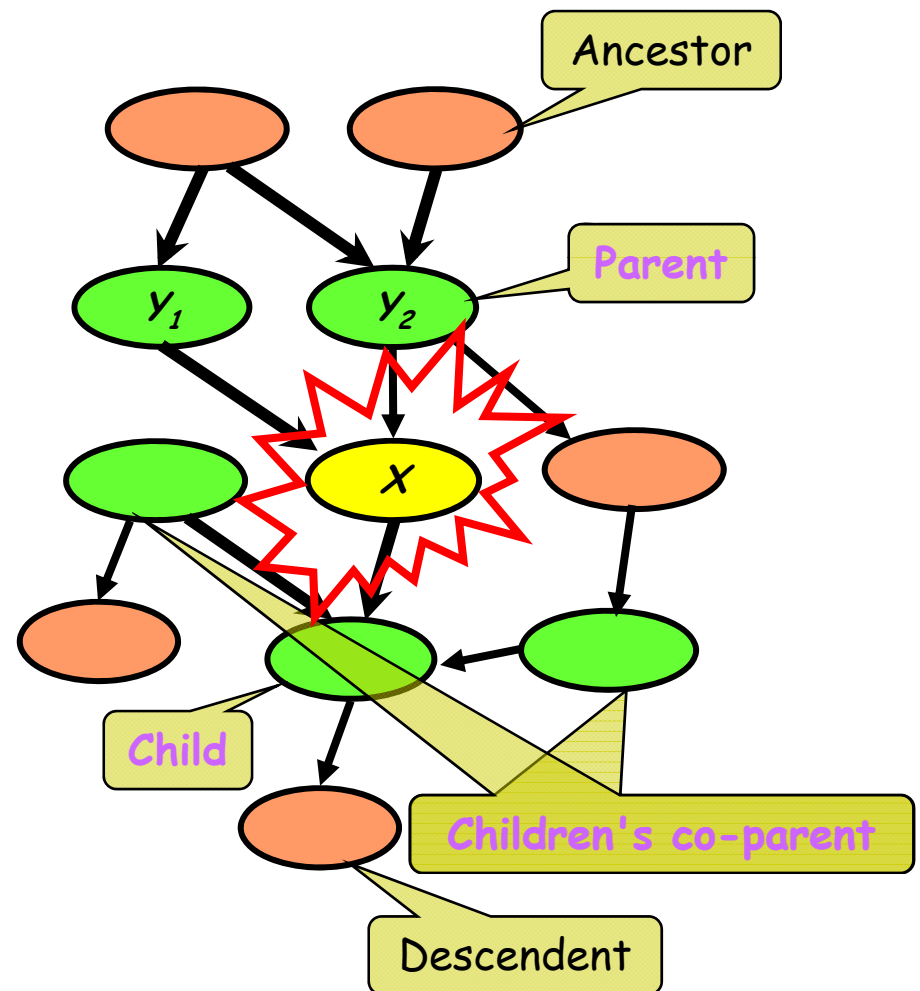
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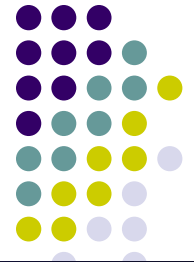# Bayesian Network: Conditional Independence Semantics

Structure: *DAG*

- Meaning: a node is **conditionally independent** of every other node in the network outside its **Markov blanket**

- Local conditional distributions (**CPD**) and the **DAG** completely determine the **joint** dist.

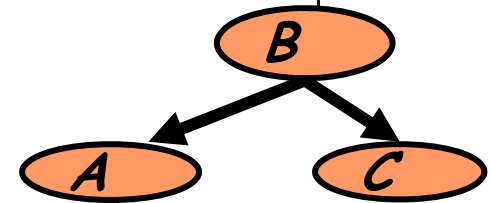- Give **causality** relationships, and facilitate a **generative** process

Local Structures & Independencies

- ## Common parent
  - Fixing B decouples A and C

    "given the level of gene B, the levels of A and C are independent"

- ## Cascade
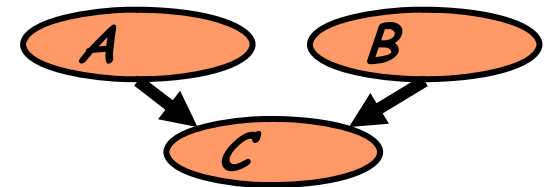 - Knowing B decouples A and C

    "given the level of gene B, the level gene A provides no extra prediction value for the level of gene C"
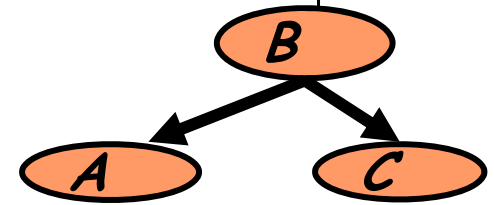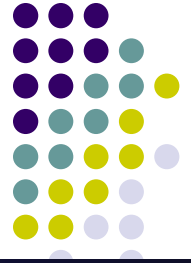
- ## V-structure
  - Knowing C couples A and B
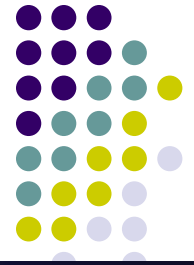
    because A can "explain away" B w.r.t. C

    "If A correlates to C, then chance for B to also correlate to B will decrease"

- ## The language is compact, the concepts are rich!
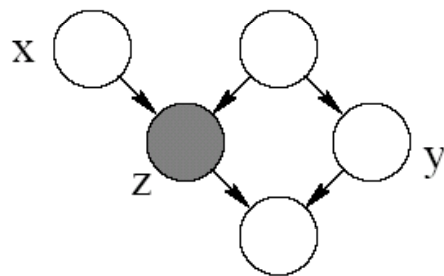
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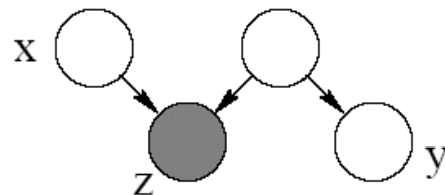
Graph separation criterion

- D-separation criterion for Bayesian networks (D for Directed edges):

  Definition: variables x and y are *D-separated* (conditionally independent) given z if they are separated in the *moralized* ancestral graph
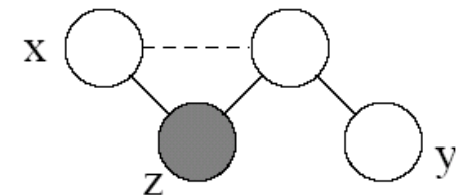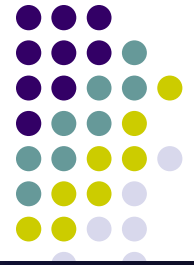
- Example:

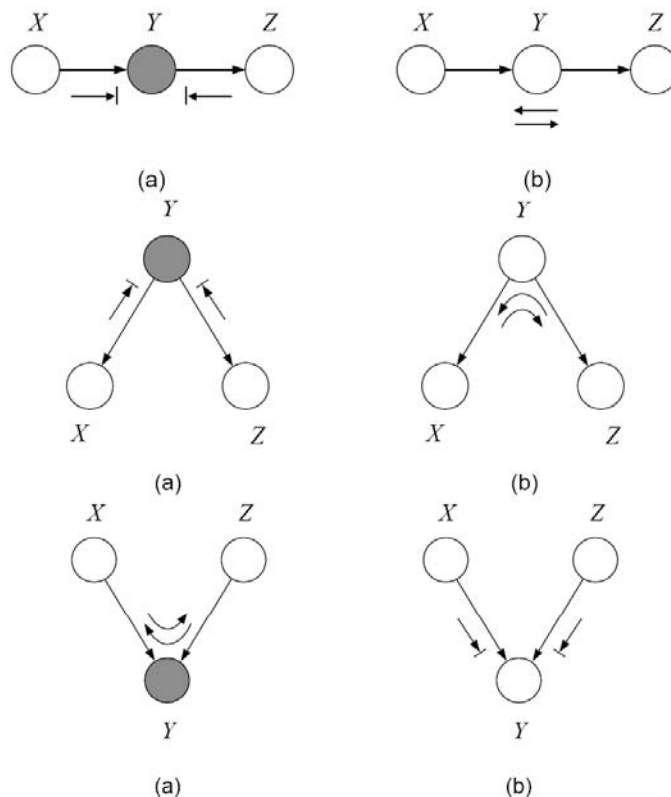original graph $\Rightarrow$ ancestral $\Rightarrow$ moral ancestral

Global Markov properties of DAGs

- X is **d-separated** (directed-separated) from Z given Y if we can't send a ball from any node in X to any node in Z using the "*Bayes-ball*" algorithm illustrated bellow (and plus some boundary conditions):
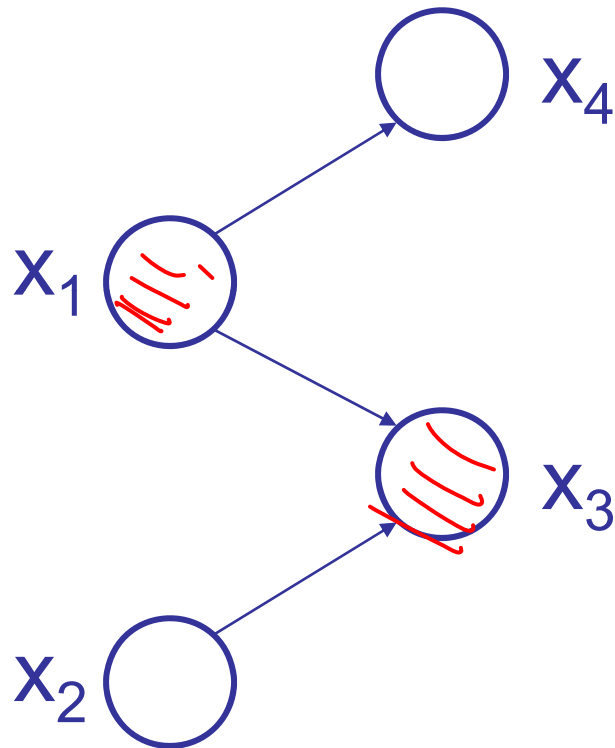

- Defn: $\mathcal{I}(G)$=all independence properties that correspond to d-separation:

$$I(G) = \left\{ X \perp Z \mid Y : \mathrm{dsep}_G(X; Z \mid Y) \right\}$$

- D-separation is sound and complete

Example:

- Complete the I(G) of this graph:

$X_1 \perp X_2.$

$X_2 \perp X_4$

$X_3 \perp X_4 \mid X_1$

$X_2 \perp X_4 \mid X_3. X_1.$

$X_4 \perp X_3 \mid X_1$

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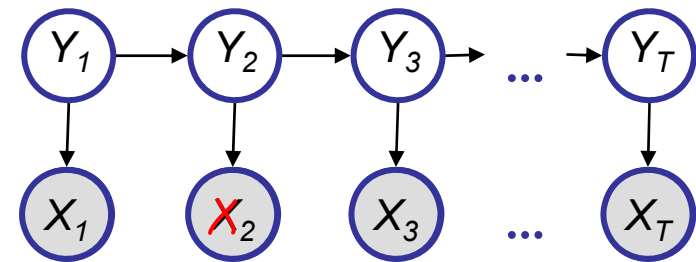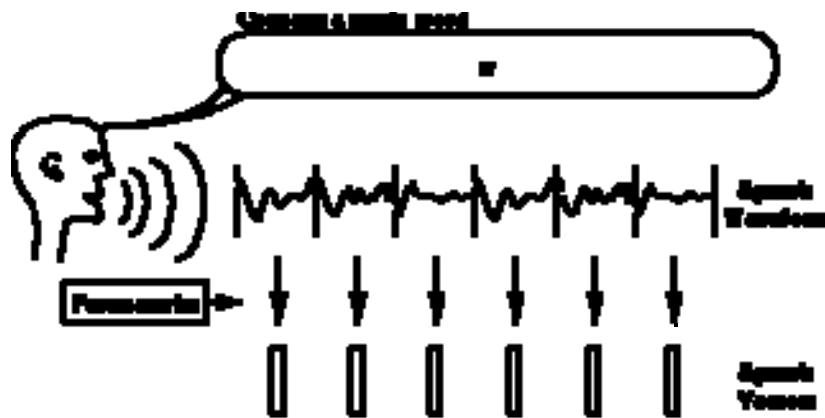# Towards quantitative specification of probability distribution

- Separation properties in the graph imply independence properties about the associated variables

- For the graph to be useful, any conditional independence properties we can derive from the graph should hold for the probability distribution that the graph represents

- **The Equivalence Theorem**

  For a graph G,

  Let $\mathcal{D}_1$ denote the family of all distributions that satisfy I(G),

  Let $\mathcal{D}_2$ denote the family of all distributions that factor according to G,

  Then $\mathcal{D}_1 \equiv \mathcal{D}_2$.
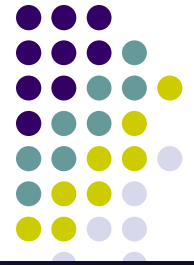
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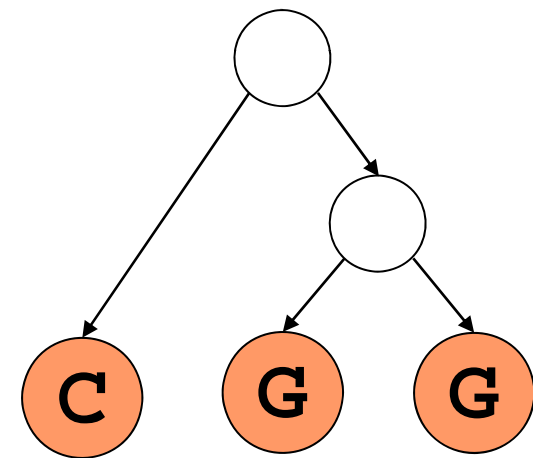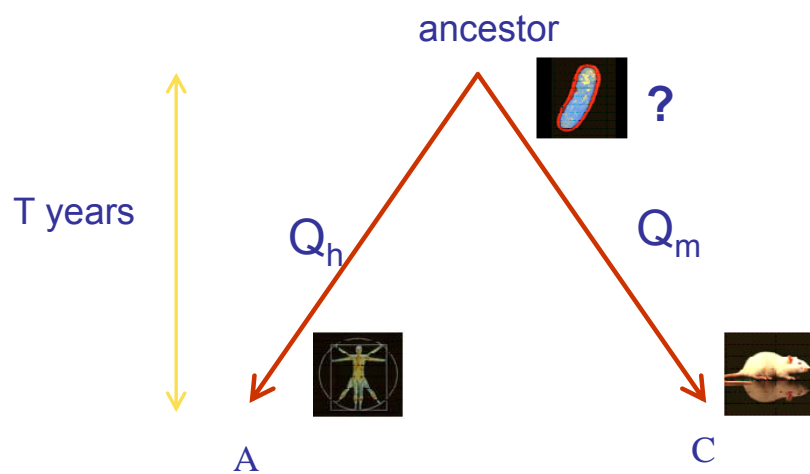- Speech recognition

Hidden Markov Model

Knowledge Engineering

- **Picking variables**
  - **Observed**
  - **Hidden**

- **Picking structure**
  - **CAUSAL**
  - **Generative**

- **Picking Probabilities**
  - **Zero probabilities**
  - **Orders of magnitudes**
  - **Relative values**

Example, con'd

- Evolution

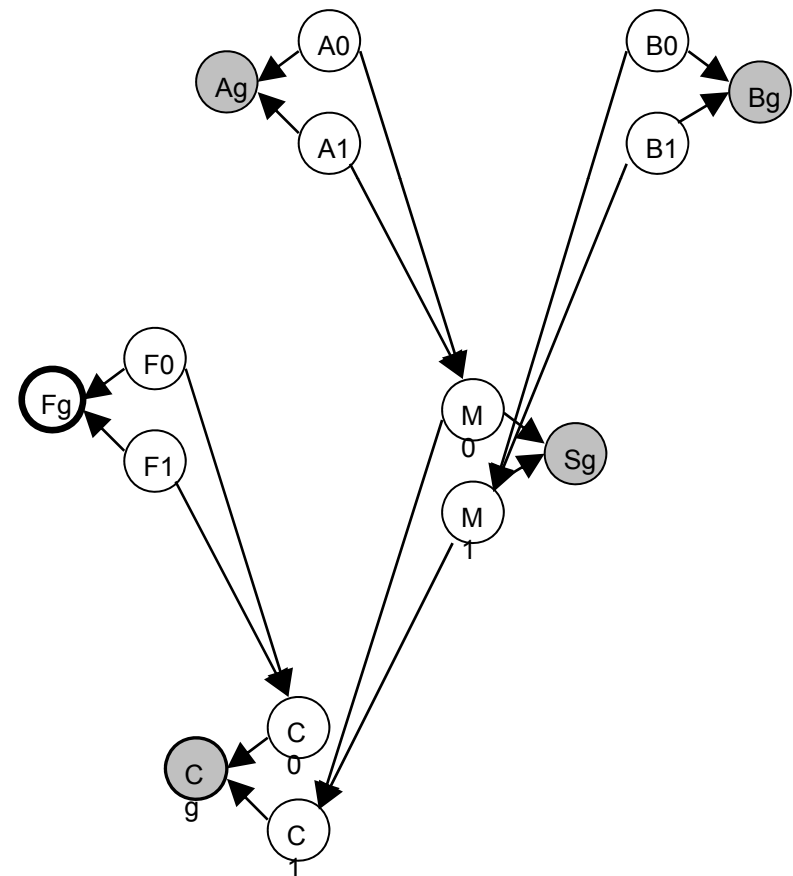ancestor

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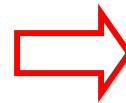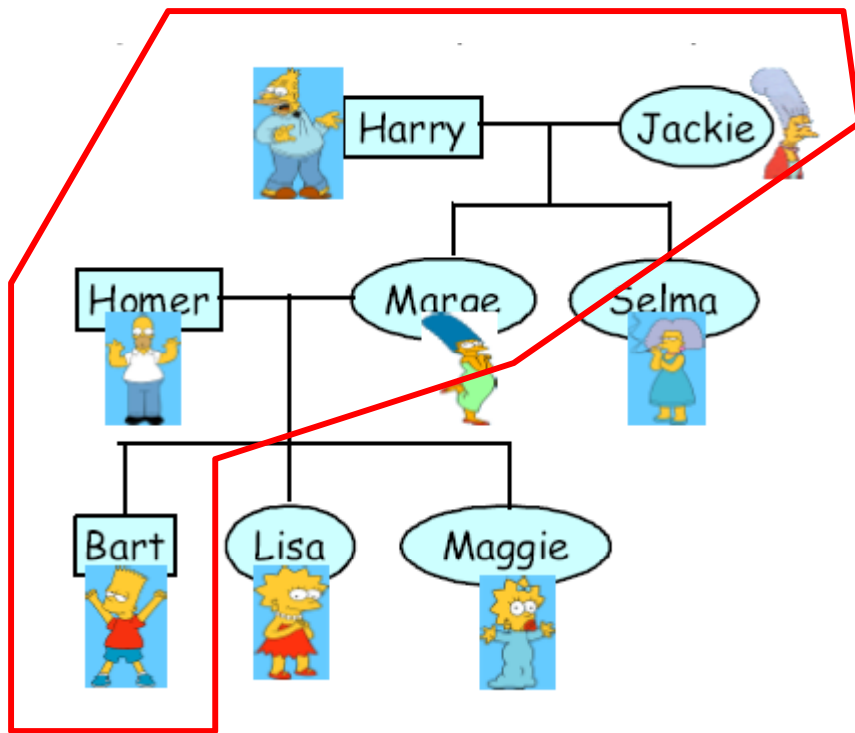Q_h Q_m

A   C

Tree Model

Example, con'd

- Genetic Pedigree

Conditional probability tables (CPTs)

a^0	0.75
a^1	0.25

b^0	0.33
b^1	0.67

$$P(a,b,c.d) = P(a)P(b)P(c|a,b)P(d|c)$$

A   B

	a^0b^0	a^0b^1	a^1b^0	a^1b^1
c^0	0.45	1	0.9	0.7
c^1	0.55	0	0.1	0.3

C

D

	c^0	c^1
d^0	0.3	0.5
d^1	07	0.5

Conditional probability density func. (CPDs)

$$P(a,b,c.d) = P(a)P(b)P(c|a,b)P(d|c)$$

$A{\sim}N(\mu_a,\ \Sigma_a) \quad B{\sim}N(\mu_b,\ \Sigma_b)$

$C{\sim}N(A{+}B,\ \Sigma_c)$

$D{\sim}N(\mu_a{+}C,\ \Sigma_a)$

Conditionally Independent Observations

θ — Model parameters

y_1 y_2 — — — y_{n-1} y_n — Data

"Plate" Notation

Model parameters

Data = $\{y_1, \ldots y_n\}$

Plate = rectangle in graphical model

variables within a plate are replicated
in a conditionally independent manner

Example: Gaussian Model

Generative model:

$$p(y_1, \ldots y_n \mid \mu, \sigma) = \mathrm{P}\ p(y_i \mid \mu, \sigma)$$

$$= \ p(data \mid parameters)$$

$$= \ p(D \mid \theta)$$

where $\theta = \{\mu, \sigma\}$

- Likelihood = p(data | parameters)
  $$= p(D \mid \theta)$$
  $$= L(\theta)$$

- Likelihood tells us how likely the observed data are conditioned on a particular setting of the parameters
  - Often easier to work with log L (θ)

Example: Bayesian Gaussian Model

Note: priors and parameters are assumed independent here

Markov Random Fields

Structure: an *undirected graph*

- Meaning: a node is **conditionally independent** of every other node in the network given its **Directed neighbors**
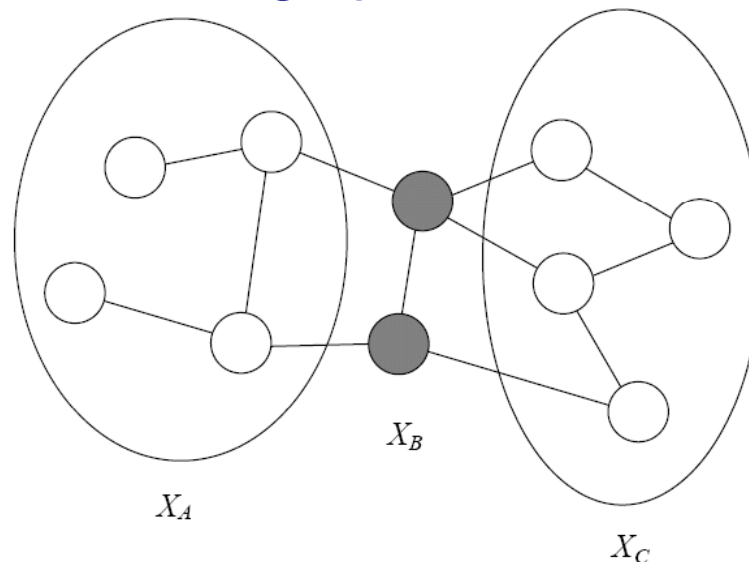
- Local contingency functions (**potentials**) and the **cliques** in the graph completely determine the **joint** dist.

- Give **correlations** between variables, but no explicit way to generate samples

Global Markov property

- Let *H* be an undirected graph:

- *B* **separates** *A* and *C* if every path from a node in *A* to a node in *C* passes through a node in *B*: $\text{sep}_H(A;C|B)$

- A probability distribution satisfies the ***global Markov property*** if for any disjoint *A, B, C*, such that *B* separates *A* and *C*, *A* is independent of *C* given *B:* $I(H) = \left\{ A \perp C \mid B : \text{sep}_H(A;C|B) \right\}$

Soundness and completeness of global Markov property

- Defn: An UG H is an I-map for a distribution P if $I(H) \subseteq I(P)$, i.e., P entails $I(H)$.

- Defn: P is a Gibbs distribution over H if it can be represented as

$$P(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{c \in C} \psi_c(\mathbf{x}_c)$$

- Thm (soundness): If P is a Gibbs distribution over H, then H is an I-map of P.

- Thm (completeness): If $\neg \text{sep}_H(X; Z \mid Y)$, then $X \not\perp_P Z \mid Y$ in **some** P that factorizes over H.
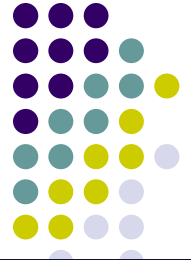
Representation

- Defn: an undirected graphical model represents a distribution $P(X_1, \ldots, X_n)$ defined by an undirected graph H, and a set of positive **potential functions** y_c associated with cliques of H, s.t.

$$P(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{c \in C} \psi_c(\mathbf{x}_c)$$
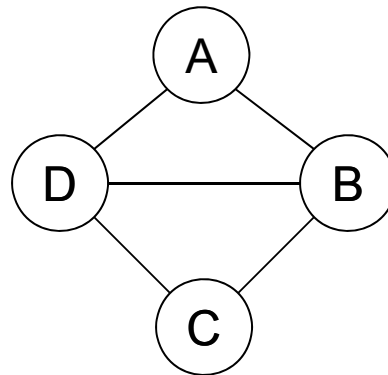
where Z is known as the partition function:

$$Z = \sum_{x_1, \ldots, x_n} \prod_{c \in C} \psi_c(\mathbf{x}_c)$$

- Also known as Markov Random Fields, Markov networks …

- The **potential function** can be understood as an contingency function of its arguments assigning "pre-probabilistic" score of their joint configuration.
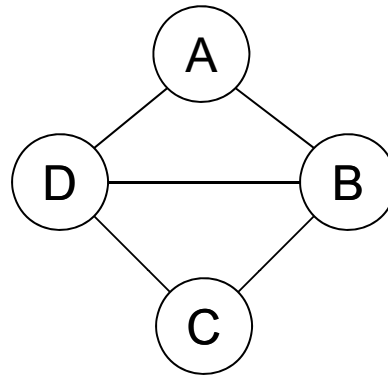
Cliques

- For $G=\{V,E\}$, a complete subgraph (clique) is a subgraph $G'=\{V'\acute{I}V,E'\acute{I}E\}$ such that nodes in V' are fully interconnected

- A (maximal) clique is a complete subgraph s.t. any superset $V''\acute{E}V'$ is not complete.
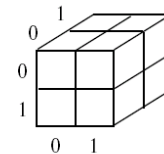
- A sub-clique is a not-necessarily-maximal clique.

- Example:
  - max-cliques = $\{A,B,D\}$, $\{B,C,D\}$,
  - sub-cliques = $\{A,B\}$, $\{C,D\}$, … $\rightarrow$ all edges and singletons
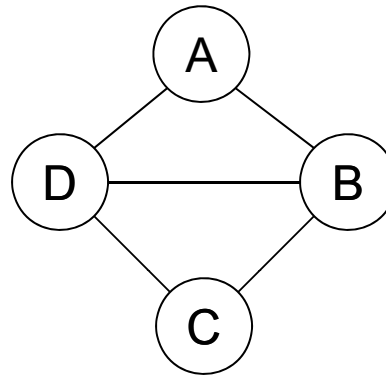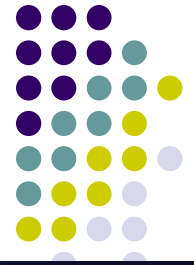
Example UGM – using max cliques

$$P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \frac{1}{Z} \psi_c(\mathbf{x}_{124}) \times \psi_c(\mathbf{x}_{234})$$

$$Z = \sum_{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4} \psi_c(\mathbf{x}_{124}) \times \psi_c(\mathbf{x}_{234})$$

- For discrete nodes, we can represent $P(X_{1:4})$ as two 3D tables instead of one 4D table
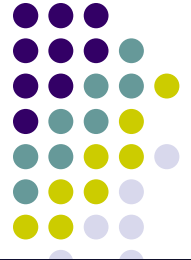
Example UGM – using subcliques

$$P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{ij} \psi_{ij}(\mathbf{x}_{ij})$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z} \psi_{12}(\mathbf{x}_{12}) \psi_{14}(\mathbf{x}_{14}) \psi_{23}(\mathbf{x}_{23}) \psi_{24}(\mathbf{x}_{24}) \psi_{34}(\mathbf{x}_{34})$$
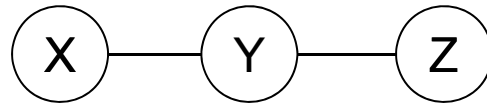
$$Z = \sum_{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4} \prod_{ij} \psi_{ij}(\mathbf{x}_{ij})$$

- For discrete nodes, we can represent $P(X_{1:4})$ as 5 2D tables instead of one 4D table
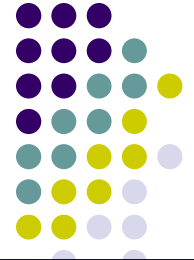
Interpretation of Clique Potentials

$$X - Y - Z$$

- The model implies $X \perp Z | Y$. This independence statement implies (by definition) that the joint must factorize as:

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

- We can write this as: $\begin{aligned} p(x,y,z) &= p(x,y)p(z|y) \\ p(x,y,z) &= p(x|y)p(z,y) \end{aligned}$, but

  - **cannot** have all potentials be marginals
  - **cannot** have all potentials be conditionals

- The positive clique potentials can only be thought of as general "compatibility", "goodness" or "happiness" functions over their variables, but not as probability distributions.

Exponential Form

- Constraining clique potentials to be positive could be inconvenient (e.g., the interactions between a pair of atoms can be either attractive or repulsive). We represent a clique potential $\psi_c(\mathbf{x}_c)$ in an unconstrained form using a real-value "energy" function $\phi_c(\mathbf{x}_c)$:

$$\psi_c(\mathbf{x}_c) = \exp\{-\phi_c(\mathbf{x}_c)\}$$

For convenience, we will call $\phi_c(\mathbf{x}_c)$ a potential when no confusion arises from the context.

- This gives the joint a nice additive strcuture

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{Z}\exp\left\{-\sum_{c\in C}\phi_c(\mathbf{x}_c)\right\} = \frac{1}{Z}\exp\{-H(\mathbf{x})\}$$
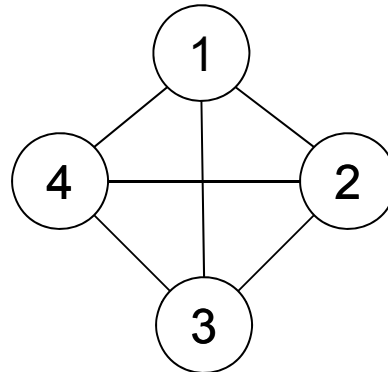
where the sum in the exponent is called the "free energy":

$$H(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{c\in C}\phi_c(\mathbf{x}_c)$$

- In physics, this is called the "Boltzmann distribution".

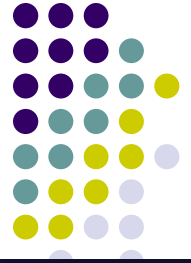- In statistics, this is called a log-linear model.

Example: Boltzmann machines

- A fully connected graph with pairwise (edge) potentials on binary-valued nodes (for $x_i \in \{-1,+1\}$ or $x_i \in \{0,1\}$) is called a Boltzmann machine

$$P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left\{ \sum_{ij} \phi_{ij}(x_i, x_j) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left\{ \sum_{ij} \theta_{ij} x_i x_j + \sum_i \alpha_i x_i + C \right\}$$

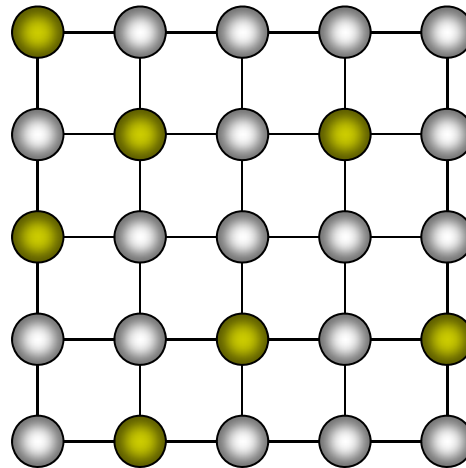- Hence the overall energy function has the form:

$$H(x) = \sum_{ij}(x_i - \mu)\Theta_{ij}(x_j - \mu) = (x-\mu)^T \Theta(x-\mu)$$
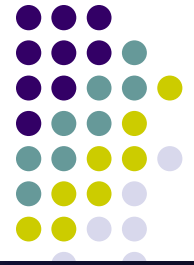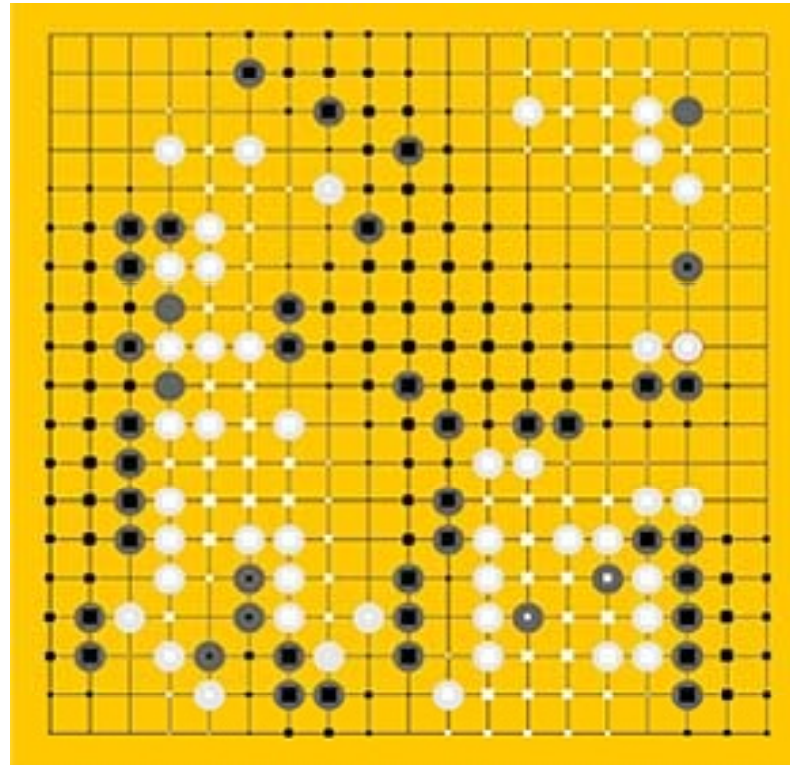
Example: Ising (spin-glass) models

- Nodes are arranged in a regular topology (often a regular packing grid) and connected only to their geometric neighbors.

- Same as sparse Boltzmann machine, where $\theta_{ij} \neq 0$ iff i,j are neighbors.

  - e.g., nodes are pixels, potential function encourages nearby pixels to have similar intensities.

- Potts model: multi-state Ising model.
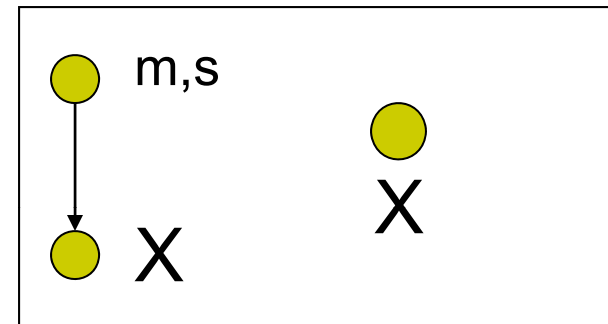
Example: Modeling Go

This is the middle position of a Go game.
Overlaid is the estimate for the probability of
becoming black or white for every intersection.
Large squares mean the probability is higher.
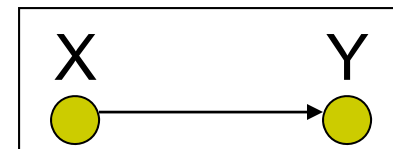
GMs are your old friends

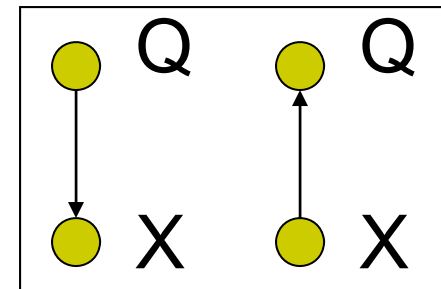## Density estimation

Parametric and nonparametric methods

Regression
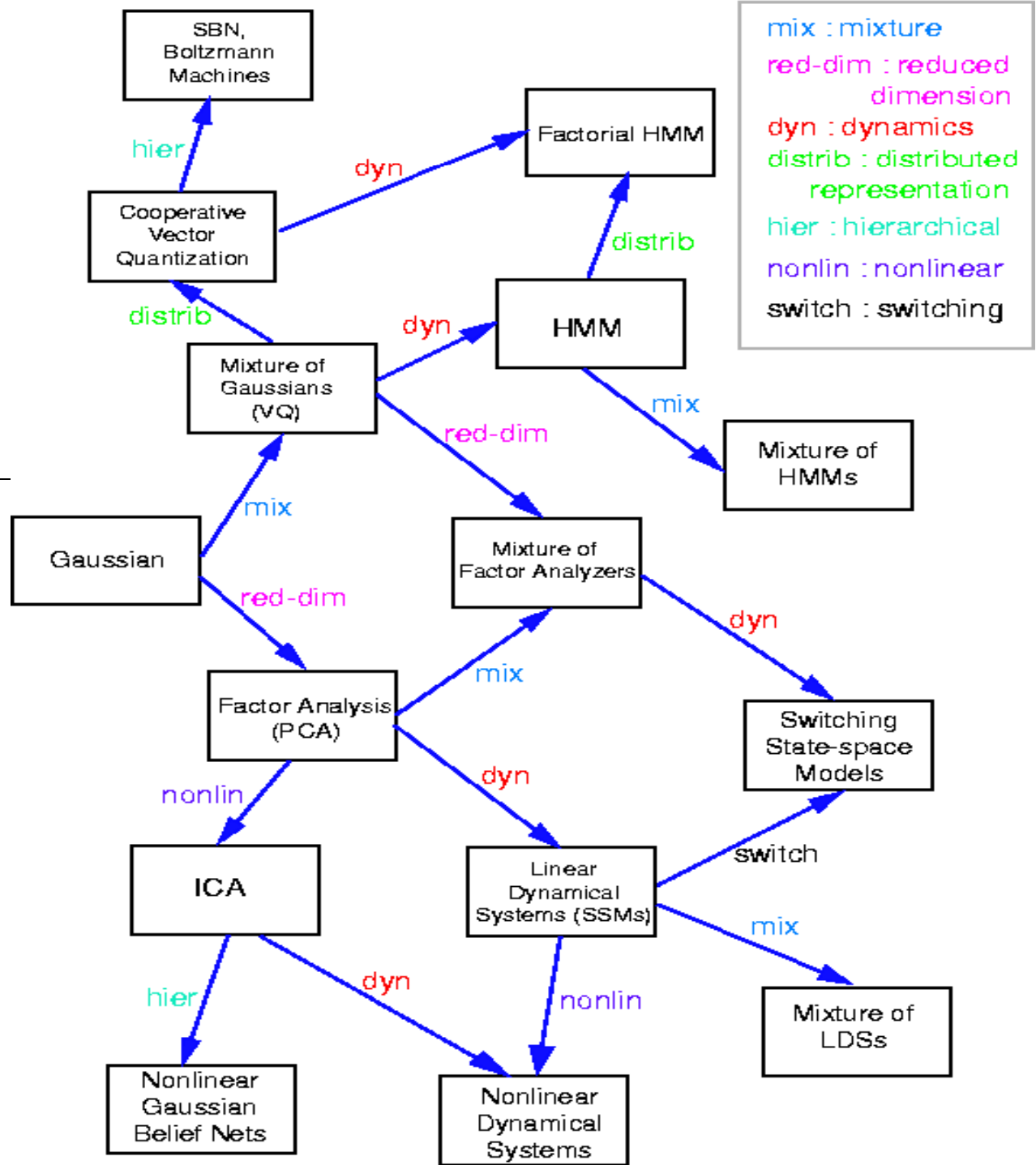
Linear, conditional mixture, nonparametric

Classification

Generative and discriminative approach

An (incomplete) genealogy of graphical models

(Picture by Zoubin Ghahramani and Sam Roweis)

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Why graphical models

- **Probability theory** provides the **glue** whereby the parts are combined, ensuring that the system as a whole is consistent, and providing ways to interface models to data.

- The **graph theoretic** side of graphical models provides both an intuitively appealing interface by which humans can model highly-interacting sets of variables as well as a data structure that lends itself naturally to the design of efficient general-purpose algorithms.

- **Many of the classical multivariate probabilistic systems** studied in fields such as statistics, systems engineering, information theory, pattern recognition and statistical mechanics **are special cases of the general graphical model formalism**

  -- examples include mixture models, factor analysis, hidden Markov models, Kalman filters and Ising models.

- The graphical model framework provides a way to view all of these systems as instances of a **common underlying formalism**.

--- M. Jordan