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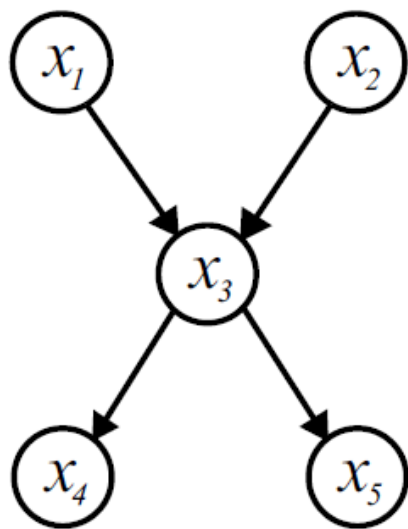
# **CSC696H: Advanced Topics in Probabilistic Graphical Models**

## **Probabilistic Graphical Models**

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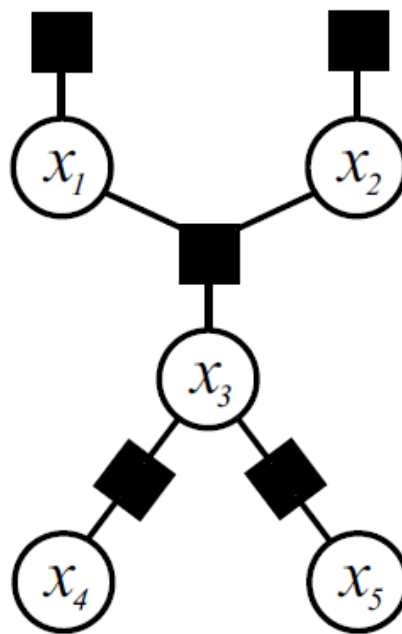
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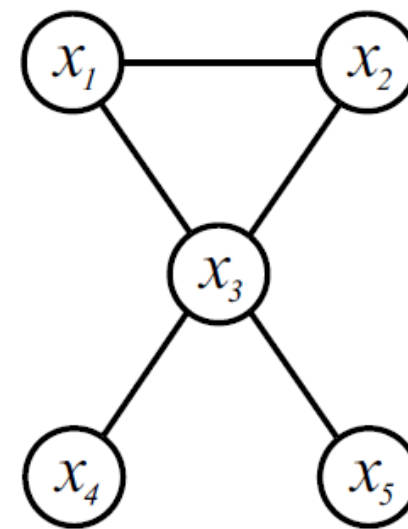


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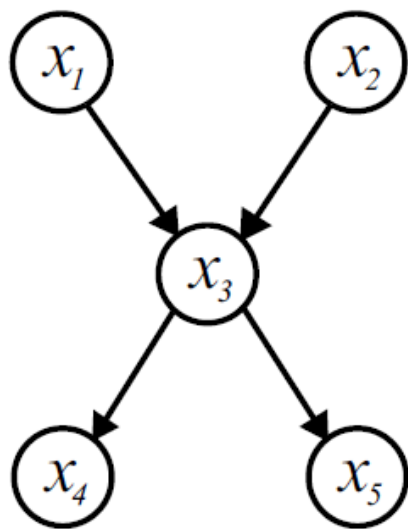


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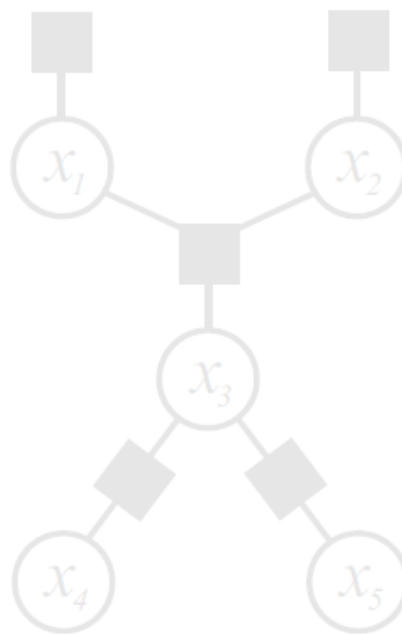
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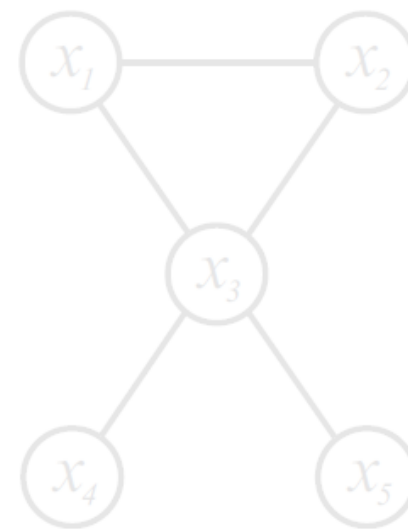
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# From Probabilities to Pictures

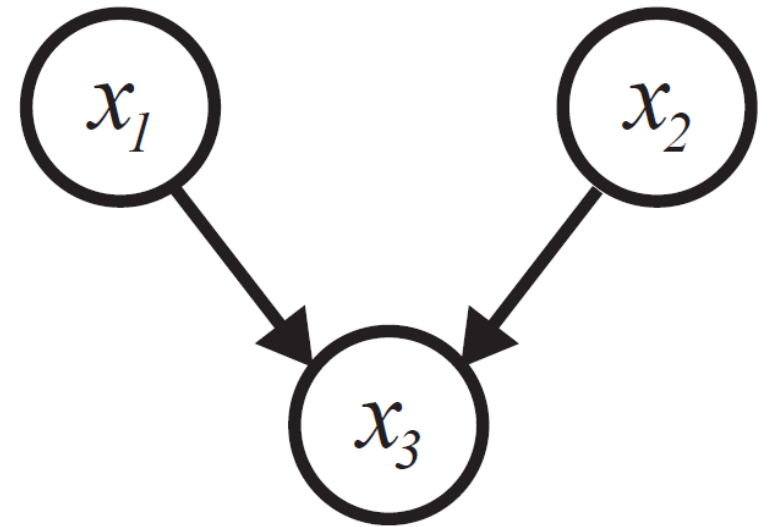
*A probabilistic graphical model allows us to pictorially represent a probability distribution*

**Probability Model:**

$$p(x_1, x_2, x_3) = p(x_1)p(x_2)p(x_3 \mid x_1, x_2)$$



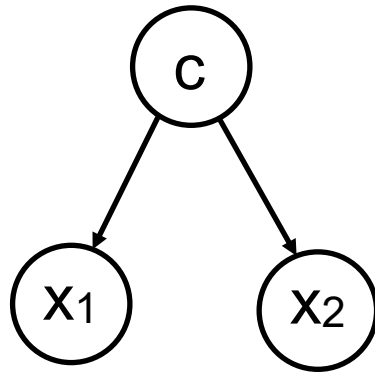
**Graphical Model:**



Conditional distribution on each RV is dependent on its parent nodes in the graph

# Ancestral Sampling

*Directed models describe data generation process...*



$$p(C, X_1, X_2) = p(C)p(X_1 | C)p(X_2 | C)$$

The graph and the formula say exactly the same thing.  
(The graph has very specific semantics.)

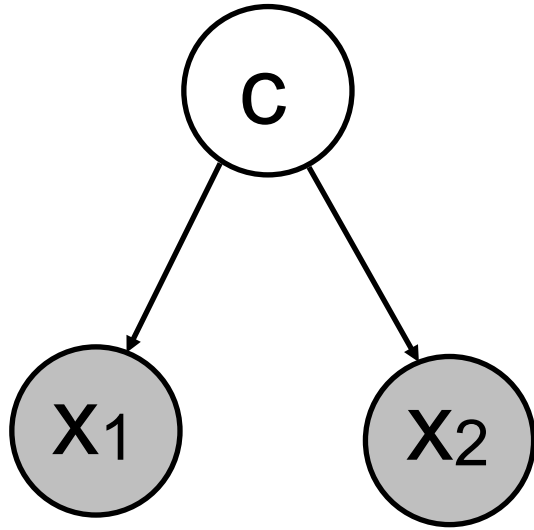
**Step 1** Sample root node (prior):  $c \sim p(C)$

**Step 2** Sample children, given sample of parent (likelihood):

$$x_1 \sim p(X_1 | C = c)$$

$$x_2 \sim p(X_2 | C = c)$$

# Inference



Denote observed data with shaded nodes,

$$X_1 = x_1 \quad X_2 = x_2$$

Infer *latent* variable **C** via Bayes' rule:

$$p(c | x_1, x_2) = \frac{p(c)p(x_1 | c)p(x_2 | c)}{p(x_1, x_2)}$$

- This is (obviously) a simple example
- Models and inference task can get really complicated
- But the fundamental concepts and approach are the same

# Chain Rule of Probability

Recall the **probability chain rule** says that we can decompose any joint distribution as a product of conditionals....

$$p(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = p(x_1)p(x_2 | x_1)p(x_3 | x_1, x_2)p(x_4 | x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

Valid for *any ordering* of the random variables...

$$p(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = p(x_3)p(x_1 | x_3)p(x_4 | x_1, x_3)p(x_2 | x_1, x_3, x_4)$$

For a collection of  $N$  RVs and any permutation  $\rho$  :

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_N) = p(x_{\rho(1)}) \prod_{i=2}^N p(x_{\rho(i)} | x_{\rho(i-1)}, \dots, x_{\rho(1)})$$

# Conditional Independence

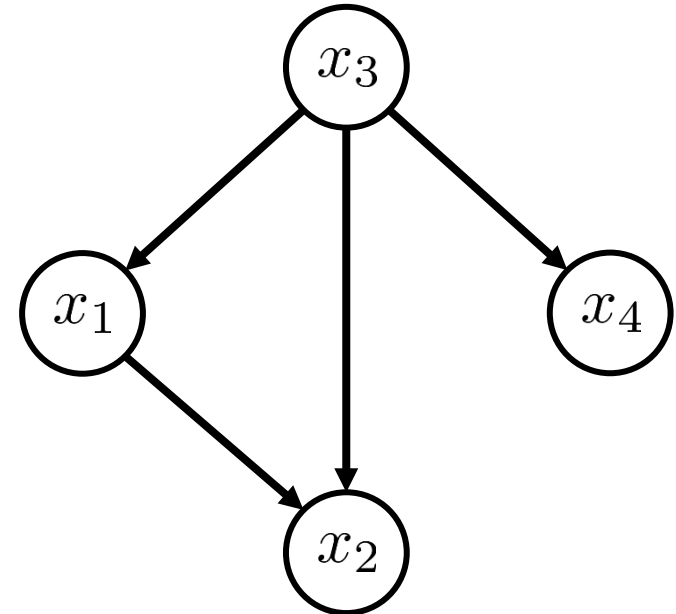
Recall two RVs  $X$  and  $Y$  are **conditionally independent** given  $Z$  (or  $X \perp Y \mid Z$ ) iff:

$$p(X \mid Y, Z) = p(X \mid Z)$$

**Idea** Apply *chain rule* with ordering that exploits conditional independencies to simplify the terms

**Ex.** Suppose  $x_4 \perp x_1 \mid x_3$  and  $x_2 \perp x_4 \mid x_1$  then:

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= p(x_3)p(x_1 \mid x_3)p(x_4 \mid x_1, x_3)p(x_2 \mid x_1, x_3, x_4) \\ &= p(x_3)p(x_1 \mid x_3)p(x_4 \mid x_3)p(x_2 \mid x_1, x_3) \end{aligned}$$

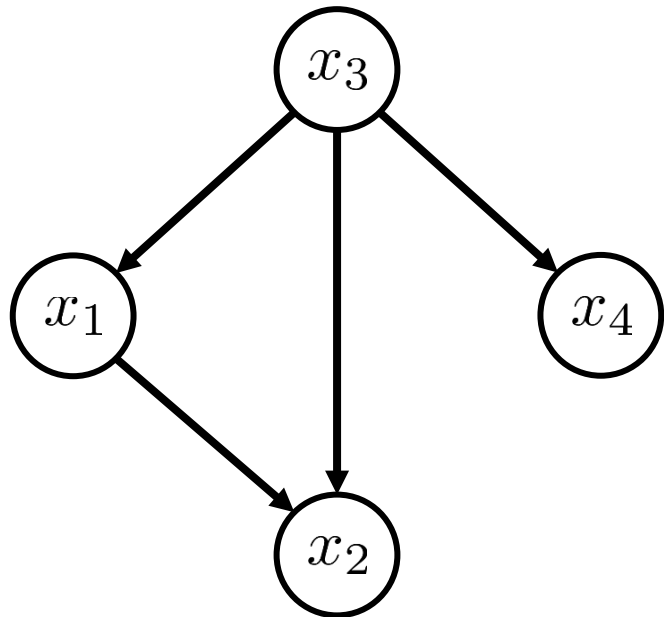


Can visualize conditional dependencies using **directed acyclic graph (DAG)**



# General Directed Graphs

**Def.** A directed graph is a graph with edges  $(s, t) \in \mathcal{E}$  (arcs) connecting parent vertex  $s \in \mathcal{V}$  to a child vertex  $t \in \mathcal{V}$



**Def.** Parents of vertex  $t \in \mathcal{V}$  are given by the set of nodes with arcs pointing to  $t$ ,

$$\text{Pa}(t) = \{s : (s, t) \in \mathcal{E}\}$$

Children of  $t \in \mathcal{V}$  are given by the set,

$$\text{Ch}(t) = \{t : (t, k) \in \mathcal{E}\}$$

Ancestors are parents-of-parents.

Descendants are children-of-children.

# Directed PGM = Bayes Network

Model factors are normalized conditional distributions:

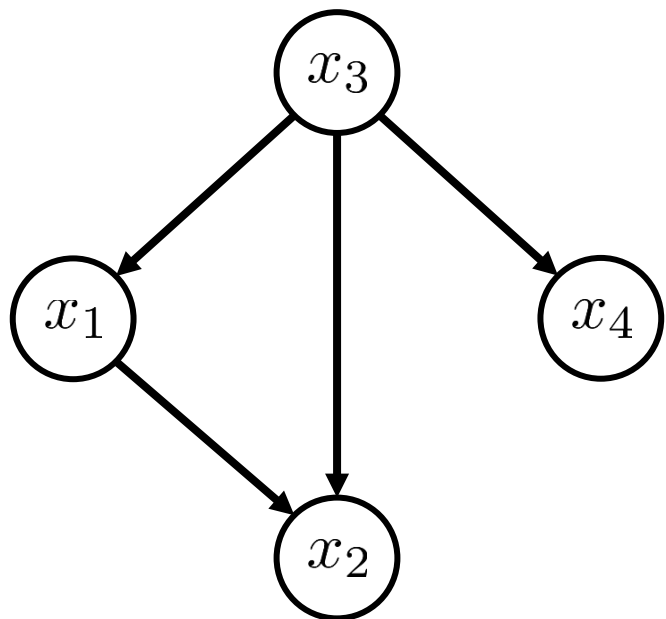
$$p(x) = \prod_{s \in \mathcal{V}} p(x_s \mid x_{\text{Pa}(s)})$$

 Parents of node  $s$

**Directed acyclic graph (DAG)** specifies factorized form of joint probability:

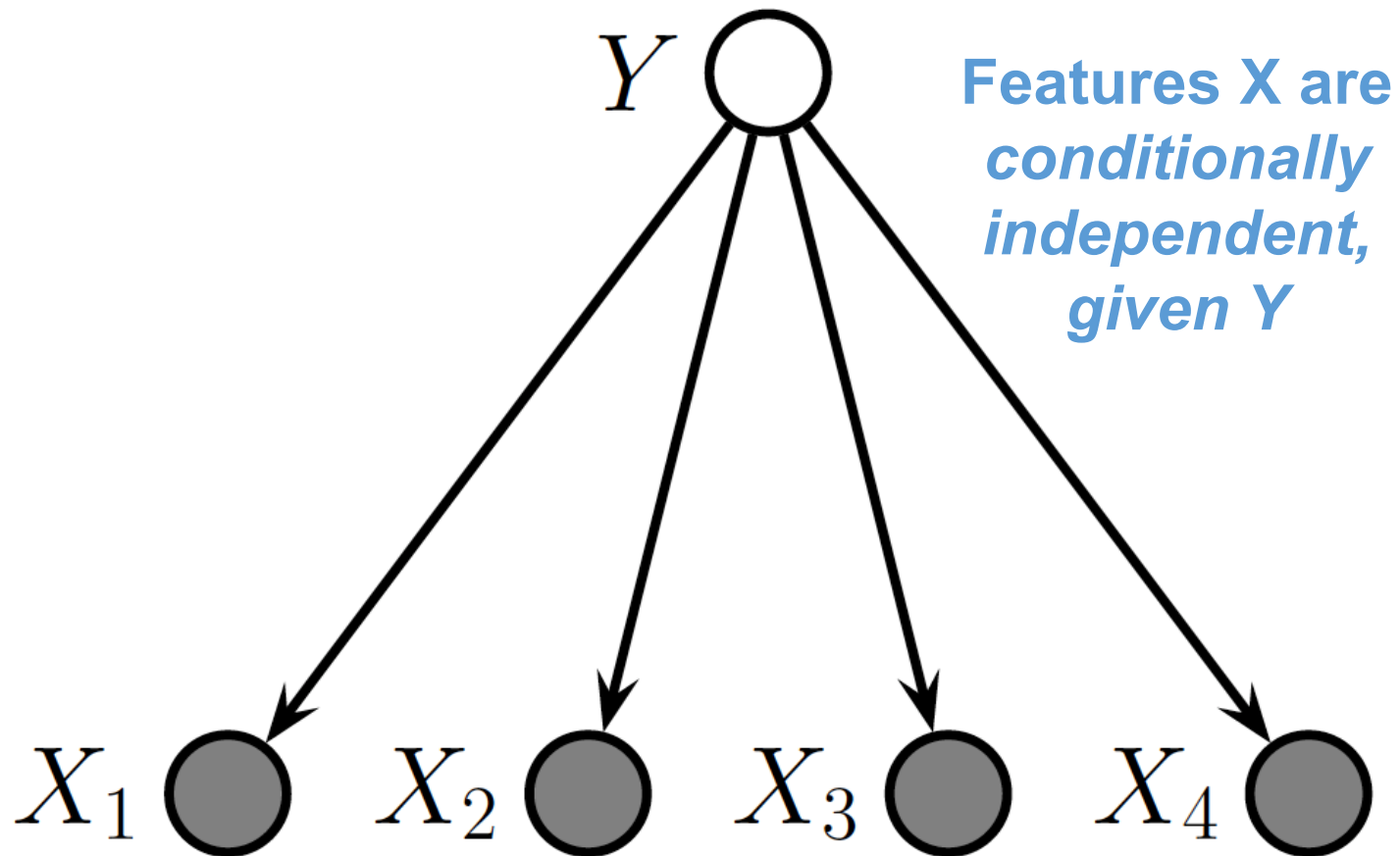
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*Locally normalized factors yield globally normalized joint probability*

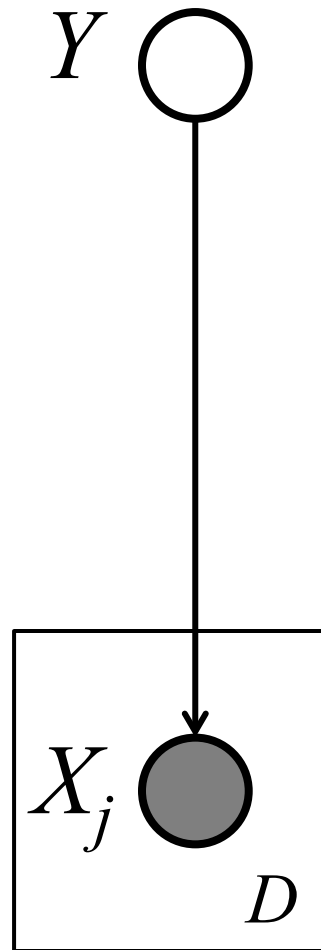


# Shading & Plate Notation

*Convention: Shaded nodes are observed, open nodes are latent/hidden/unobserved*



Features  $X$  are conditionally independent, given  $Y$



*Plates denote replication of random variables*

$$p(y, \mathbf{x}) = p(y) \prod_{j=1}^D p(x_j | y)$$

**Question** Does anybody know the name for this model? **Naïve Bayes**

# Inference

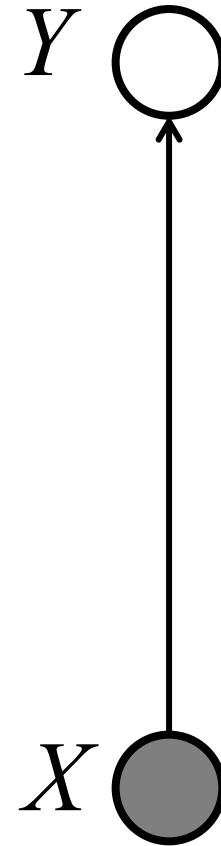
Interpret inference as inverting arrows in the graphical model

**Naïve  
Bayes  
Generative  
Model**



$$p(y, \mathbf{x}) = p(y) \prod_{j=1}^D p(x_j | y)$$

**Posterior  
Model**



Posterior

Marginal Likelihood

$$p(y, \mathbf{x}) = p(y | \mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{x})$$

# Example: Gaussian Mixture Model

*Bayes nets are easily simulated via ancestral sampling...*

Probability Model

$$\mu_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\cdot)$$

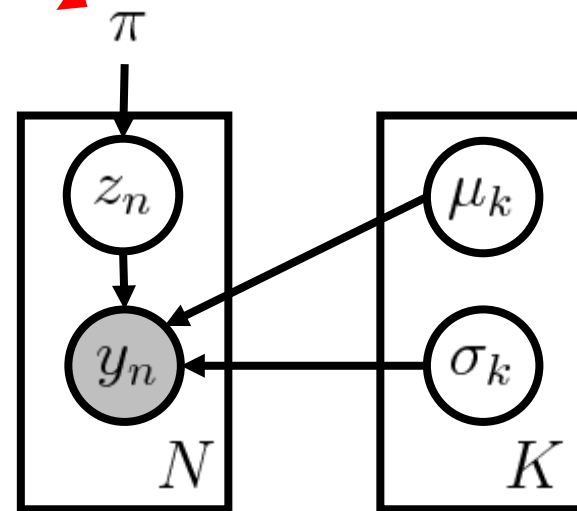
$$\sigma_k \sim \text{Inv-Gamma}(\cdot)$$

$$z_n \mid \pi \sim \text{Cat}(\pi)$$

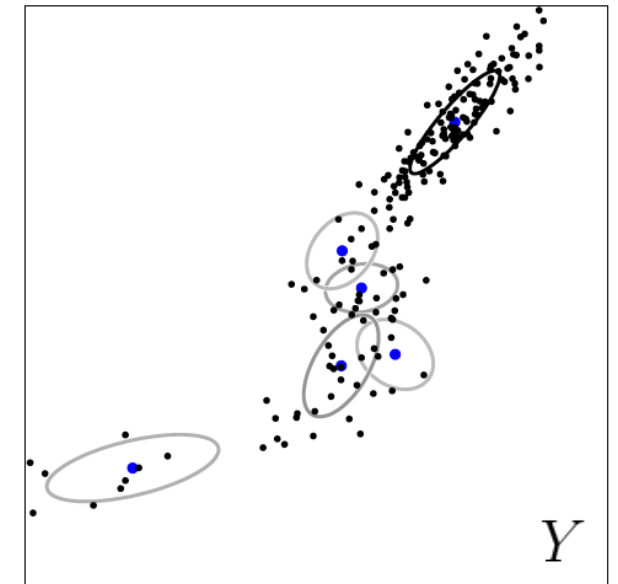
$$y_n \mid z_n, \mu_{z_n}, \sigma_{z_n} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{z_n}, \sigma_{z_n})$$

Fixed parameters  
No Circle

Bayes Net



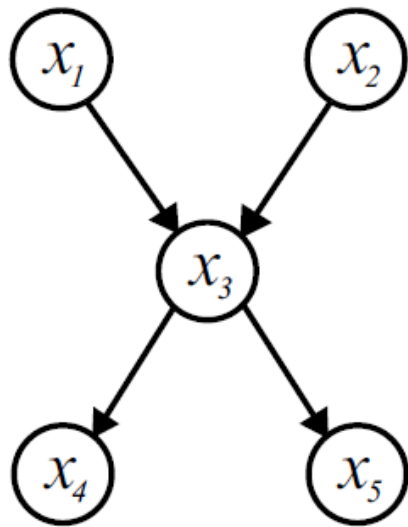
Joint Sample



*Sample all nodes with no parents, then children, etc., to terminals. Can sample nodes at same level in parallel.*

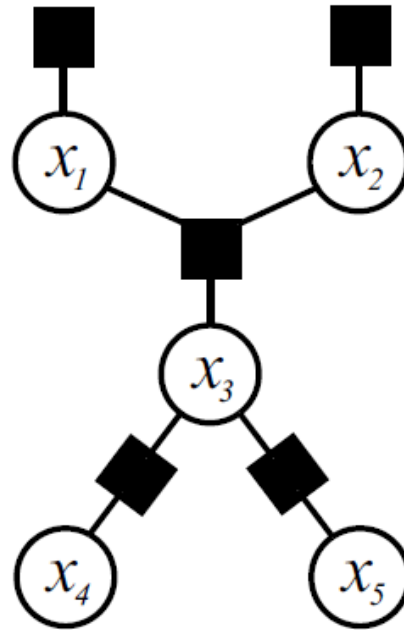
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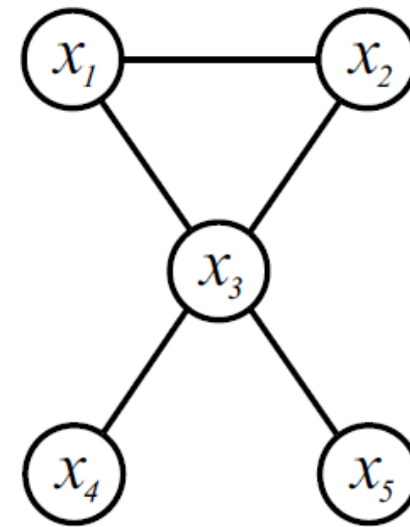


**Bayes Network**

**Directed Models**



**Factor Graph**



**Markov Random Field**

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# Administrative Items

- Sign up for paper presentation before Wed 9/7
  - Reply to thread on Piazza
  - Don't wait... otherwise you will be assigned by default
- Create Github repository
  - Title "CSC969H Fall 2022 – <Name>"
  - Add Markdown document "critical\_summary.md"
  - Add me as collaborator "pacheco"
  - Set repository as Private
  - I will add this to D2L as a grade item

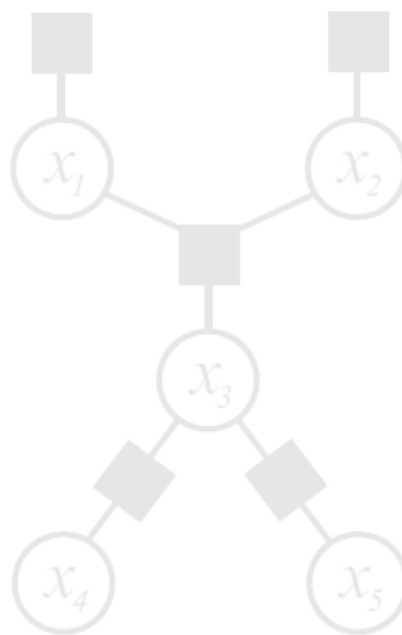
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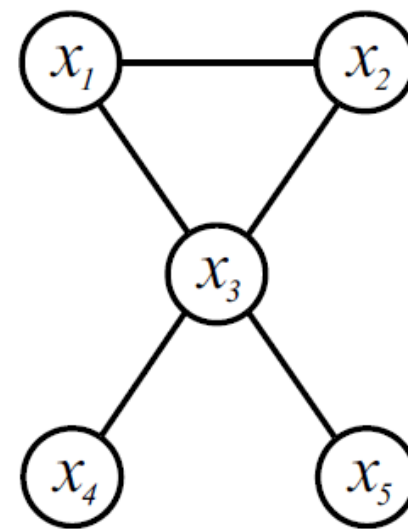


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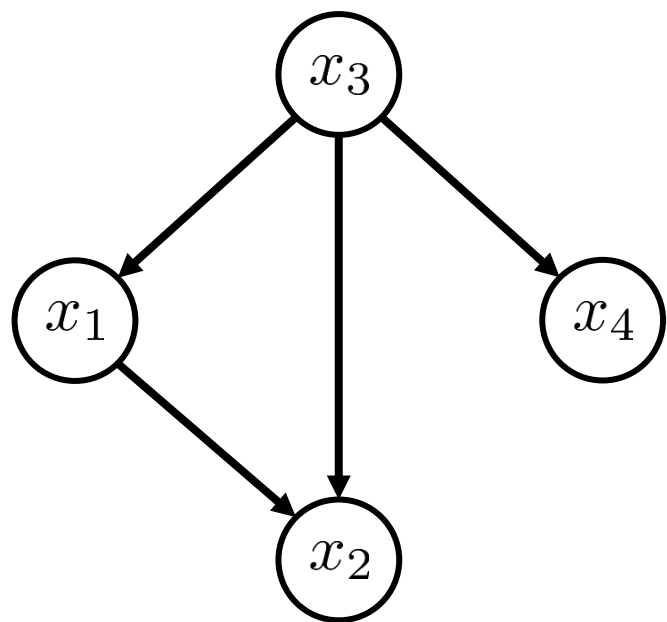
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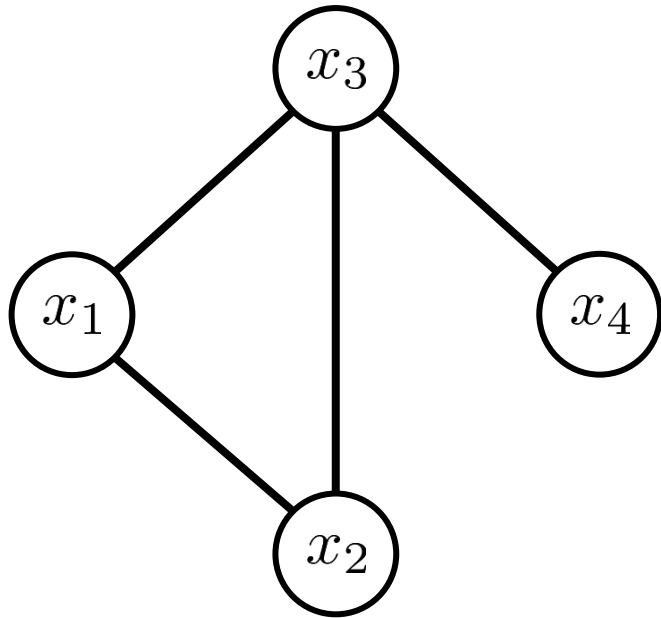
└── Parents of node  $s$

*Locally normalized factors yield globally normalized joint probability*

*Often difficult to specify joint in terms of product of normalized probabilities...*

# Markov Random Field

Specify joint as product of unnormalized functions...



$$p(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \psi_a(x_1, x_2, x_3) \psi_b(x_3, x_4)$$

Functions model how variables interact

Global normalization constant

*Potential functions*  $\psi$  and are non-negative and their product is normalizable...**they are not unnormalized probabilities!**

- More general class of models than Bayes Nets
- Any Bayes Net easily converts to MRF by dropping local normalizers
- MRF  $\rightarrow$  Bayes Net not as straightforward

# Factorized Probability Distributions

A probability distribution over RVs  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$  can be written as a product of factors,

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \psi_c(x_c)$$

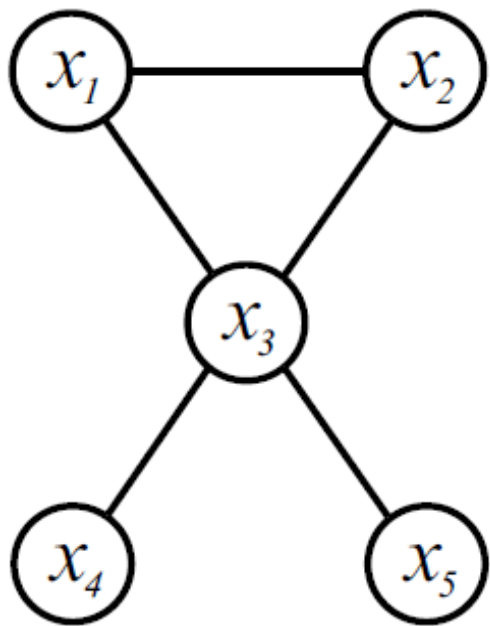
Where:

- $\mathcal{C}$  a collection of subsets of indices  $\{1, \dots, d\}$
- $\psi(\cdot)$  are nonnegative *factors* (or *potential functions*)
- $Z$  the normalizing constant (or *partition function*)

$$Z = \int \prod_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \psi_c(x_c) dx_c$$

# Undirected Graphical Models

A **graph**  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$  is a set of vertices  $\mathcal{V}$  and edges  $\mathcal{E}$ . An edge  $(s, t) \in \mathcal{E}$  connects two vertices  $s, t \in \mathcal{V}$ .



In **undirected models** edges are specified irrespective of node ordering so that,

$$(s, t) \in \mathcal{E} \Leftrightarrow (t, s) \in \mathcal{E}$$

Distributions are typically specified with unknown normalization (easier to specify),

$$p(x) \propto \prod_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \psi_c(x_c)$$

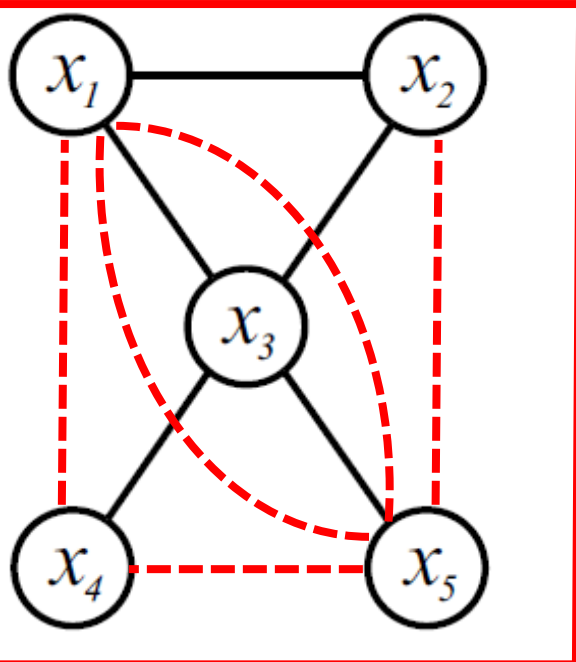
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$$\psi(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)$$

Complete Graph



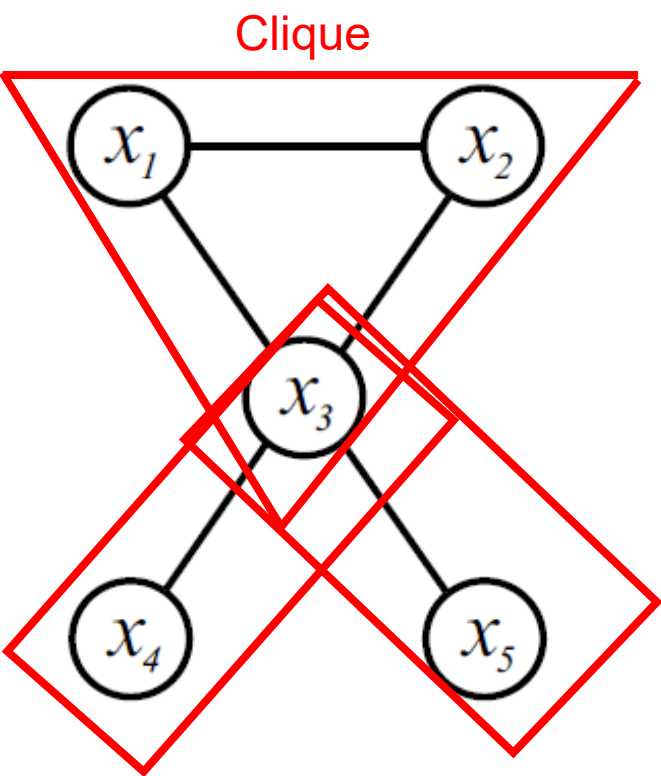
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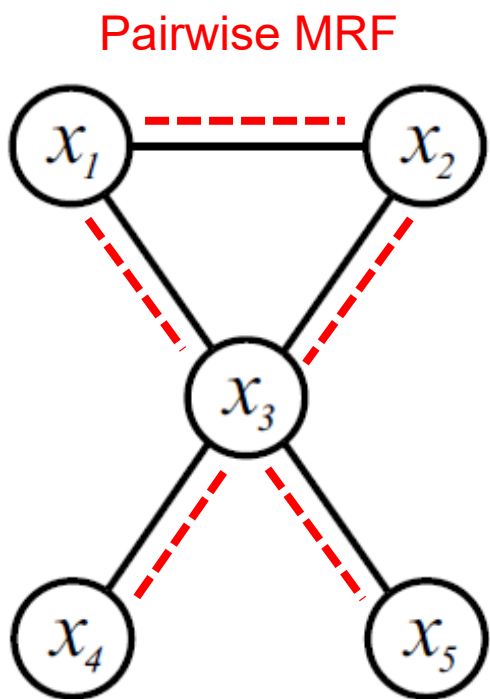
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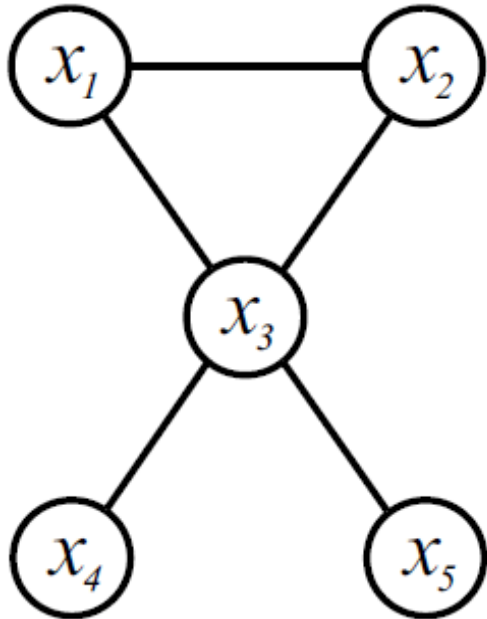
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A **minimal factorization** is one where all factors are **maximal cliques** (not a strict subset of any other clique) in the MRF

# Example: Gaussian MRF



Interaction potential between each pair of nodes  $(i, j) \in \mathcal{E}$  is exponentiated quadratic,

$$\psi_{ij}(x_i, x_j) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x_i - x_j)^2\right)$$

Joint probability is proportional to product,

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \psi_{12}(x_1, x_2) \psi_{13}(x_1, x_3) \psi_{23}(x_2, x_3) \psi_{34}(x_3, x_4) \psi_{35}(x_3, x_5)$$

Multivariate Gaussian distribution

$$p(x) = \mathcal{N}(x \mid \mu, \Sigma)$$

$$Z = (2\pi)^{5/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}$$

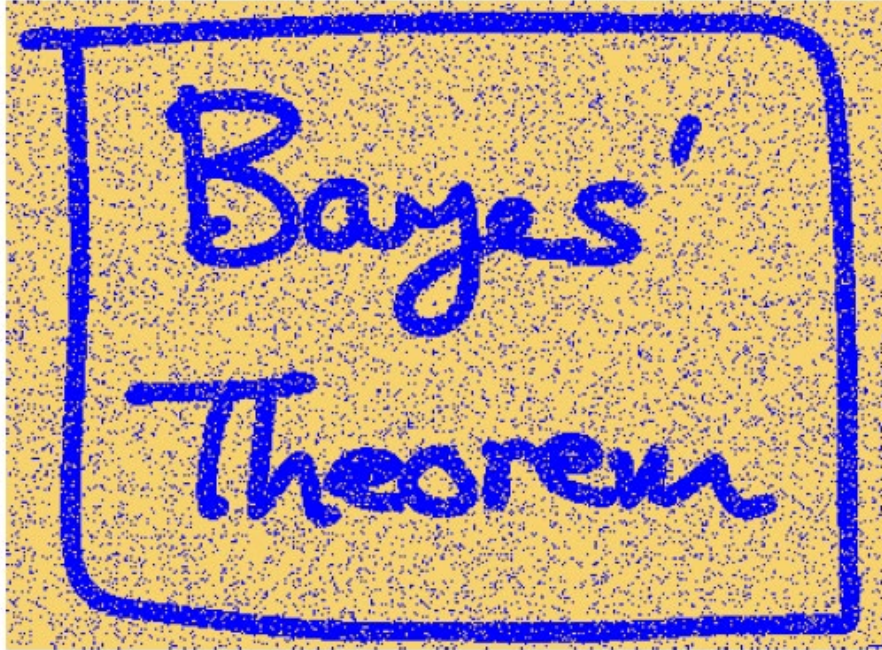
Can easily read off  
inverse covariance...

$$\Sigma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

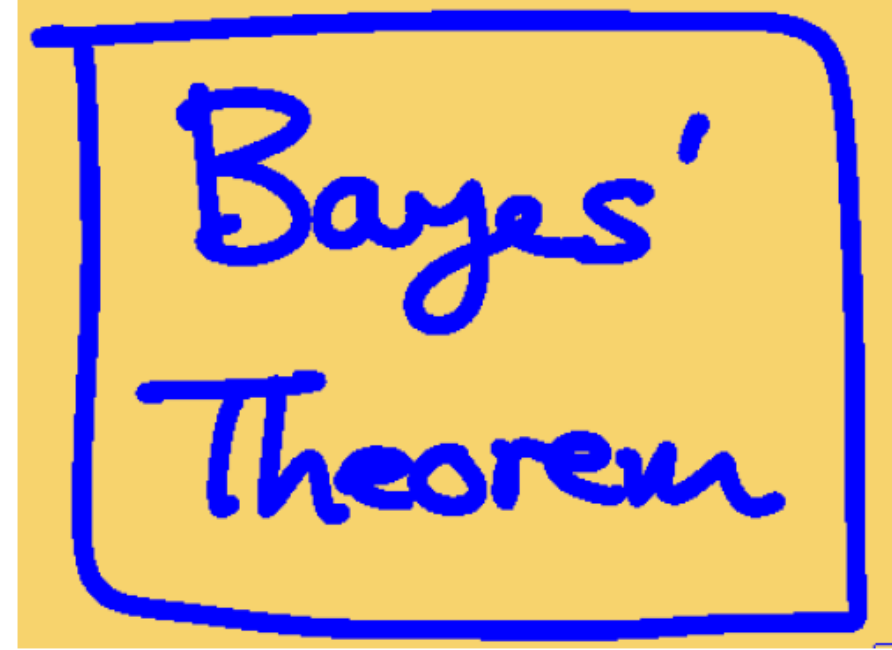


# Example: Image Denoising

Noisy Image



Latent Image



**Problem** Given observed image corrupted by i.i.d. noise, infer “clean” denoised image.

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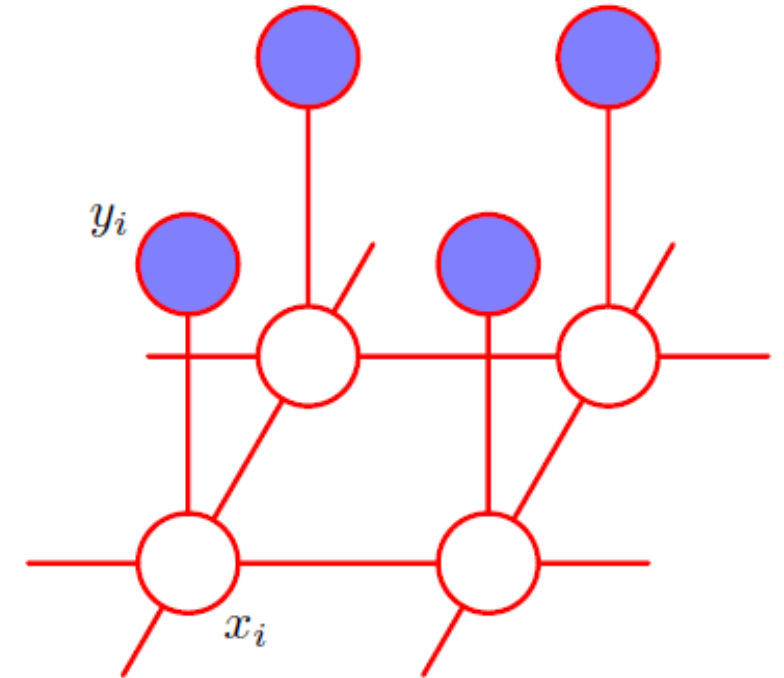
**Model** Assume binary image with latent pixels  $x_i \in \{-1, +1\}$  and observed  $y_i \in \{-1, +1\}$

Observed pixels randomly flipped i.i.d.,

$$\log \phi_i(x_i) = \eta x_i y_i \quad \text{Eta parameter controls noise}$$

Neighboring pixels should appear similar,

$$\log \phi_{ij}(x_i, x_j) = \beta x_i x_j \quad \text{Beta parameter controls smoothness}$$



Full MRF (in “energy” form):

$$E(x, y) = - \sum_i \log \phi_i(x_i) - \sum_{(i,j)} \log \phi_{ij}(x_i, x_j)$$

Often specify MRF in “energy” or negative log-probability form (minimize energy  $\rightarrow$  maximize probability)


# Normalizing MRFs

Joint probability of *image denoising* model,

$$p(x, y) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \{-E(x, y)\}$$

Normalization (a.k.a. partition function) for N pixel image:

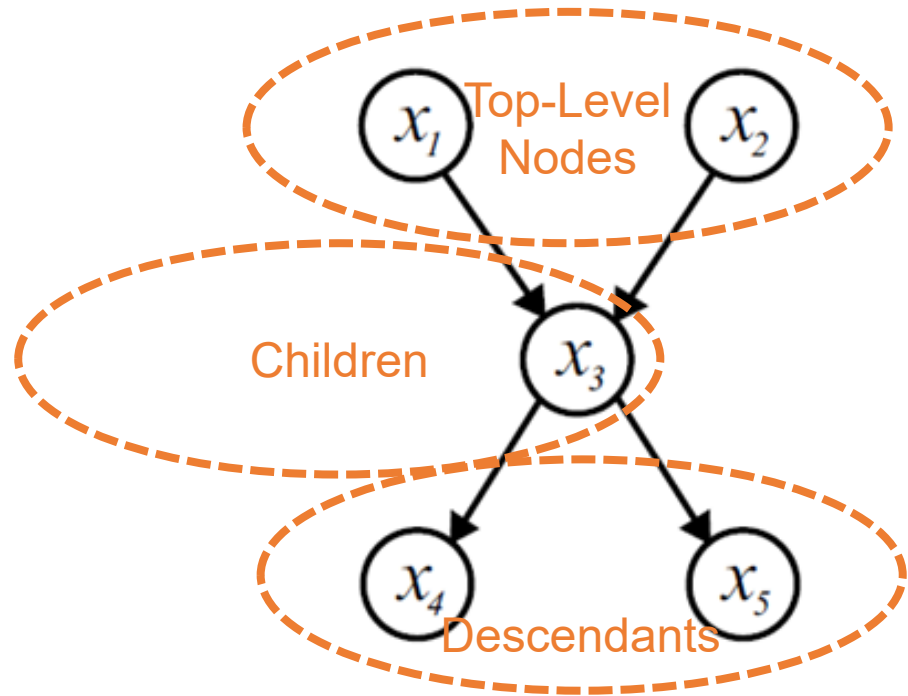
$$Z = \sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_2} \dots \sum_{x_N} \exp \{-E(x, y)\}$$

  
**O(2<sup>N</sup>) terms**

Normalization not always possible in closed-form : i.e. need to sum over *all possible N-pixel images*

Often ignore Z and specify MRFs up to proportionality...

# Simulation



**Bayes Nets** Straightforward simulation via ancestral sampling successively samples from conditionals:

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i \in \mathcal{V}} p(x_i \mid x_{\text{Pa}(i)})$$

so

$$x_i \sim p(x_i \mid x_{\text{Pa}(i)})$$

**Undirected Graphs** Sampling not as straightforward...

- Lack locally normalized conditionals to sample from
- Lack partial ordering of nodes

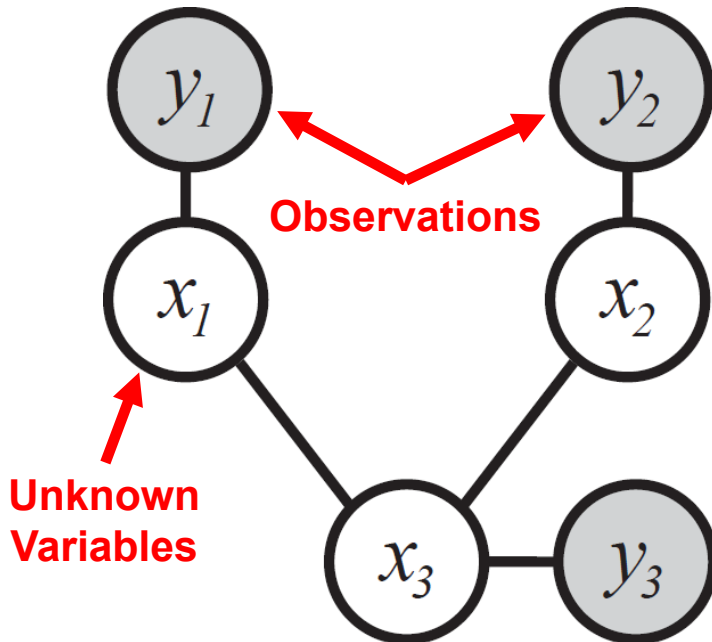
**We will return to this when we discuss Markov chain Monte Carlo**

# Pairwise Markov Random Field

*Often easier to specify and do inference on pairwise model*

$$p(x, y) \propto \prod_{s \in \mathcal{V}} \psi_s(x_s, y) \prod_{(s,t) \in \mathcal{E}} \psi_{st}(x_s, x_t)$$

↓ Likelihood      ↓ Prior

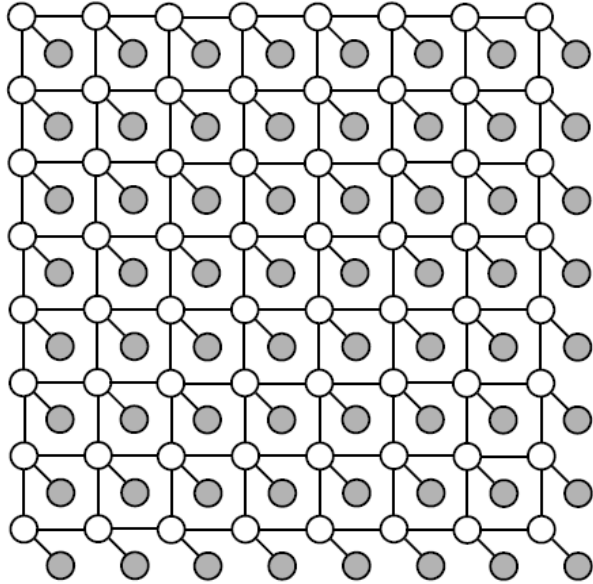


## Restricted class of MRFs

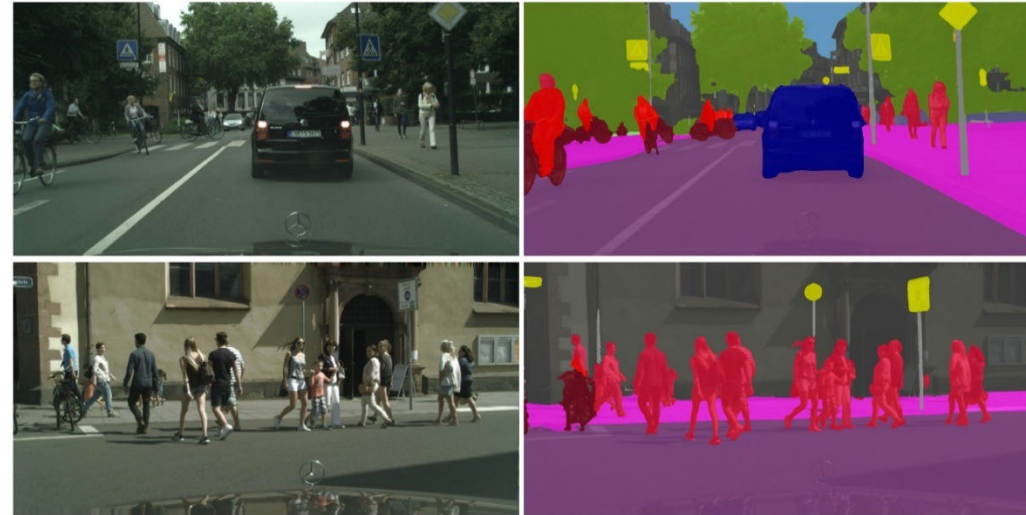
- 2-node factor exists for every edge
- Explicit factorization of joint distribution
- High-order factors not always easily decomposed into pairwise terms

# Example: Image Segmentation

[Source: Kundu, A. et al., CVPR16]



Don't need to know log-partition to specify model



**Pairwise MRF energy:**  $-\log p(x, y) = \log Z + \sum_i \psi_i(x_i, y_i) + \sum_{(i,j)} \psi_{i,j}(x_i, x_j)$

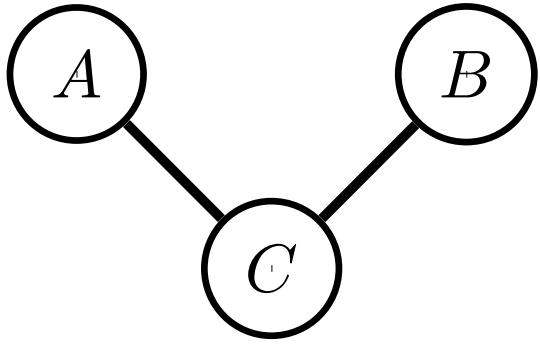
Don't need to specify normalized conditionals as in Bayes Nets

*Low energy configurations = High probability*

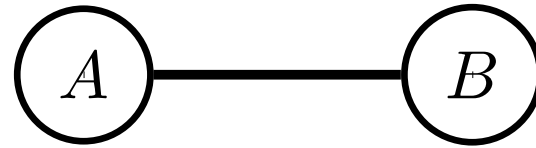
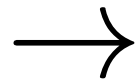
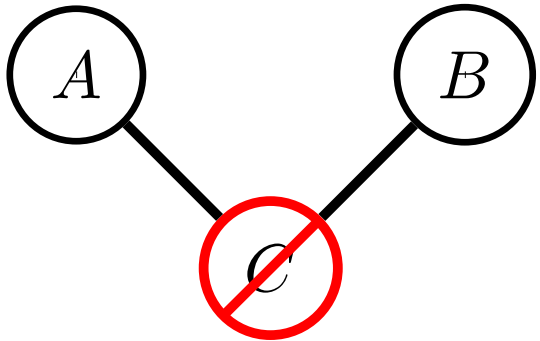
**L2 Likelihood:**  $\psi_i(x_i, y_i) = \|x_i - y_i\|^2$       **Potts model:**  $\psi_{i,j}(x_i, x_j) = \mathbb{I}(x_i \neq x_j)$

*MAP (minimum energy) configuration = Piecewise constant regions*

# Transformations of Undirected Models



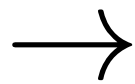
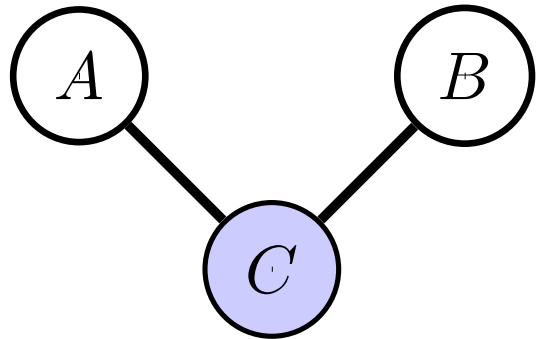
$$p(A, B, C) = \psi_{AC}(A, C)\psi_{BC}(B, C)/Z$$



$$p(A, B) \neq p(A)p(B)$$

**Marginalization: Join all nodes that have path through C**

Marginalising over  $C$  makes  $A$  and  $B$  (graphically) dependent.



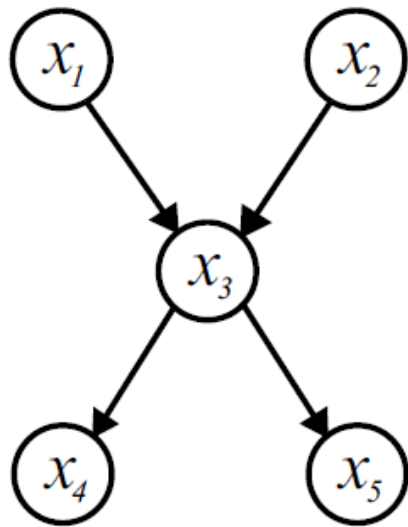
$$p(A, B|C) = p(A|C)p(B|C)$$

**Conditioning: Drop all edges on path through C**

Conditioning on  $C$  makes  $A$  and  $B$  independent:

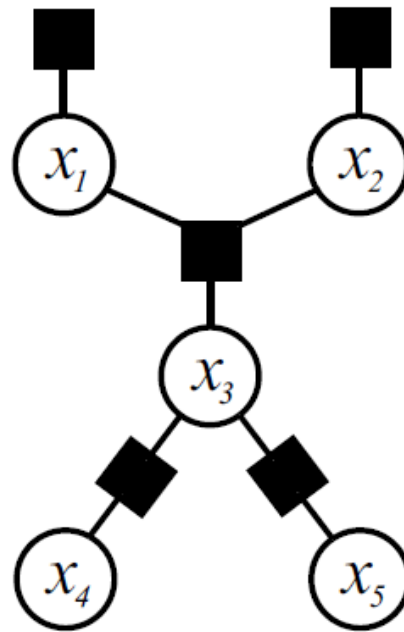
# Graphical Models

*A variety of graphical models can represent the same probability distribution*

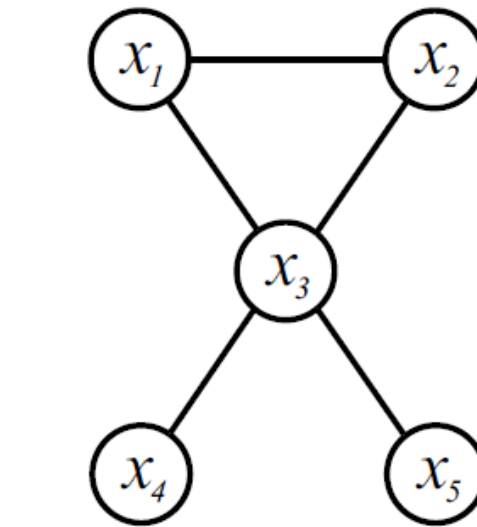


**Bayes Network**

**Directed Models**



**Factor Graph**



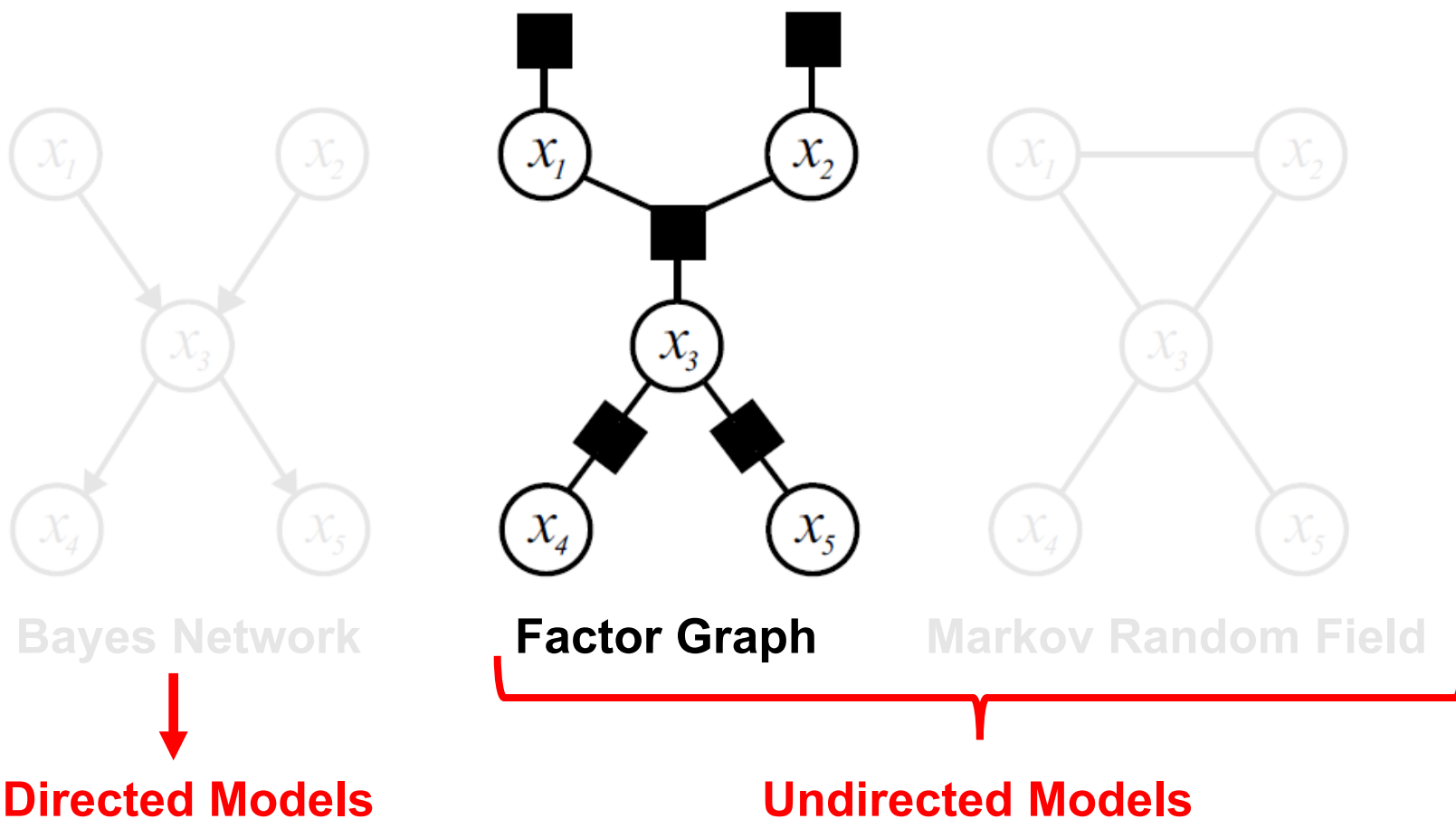
**Markov Random Field**

**Undirected Models**



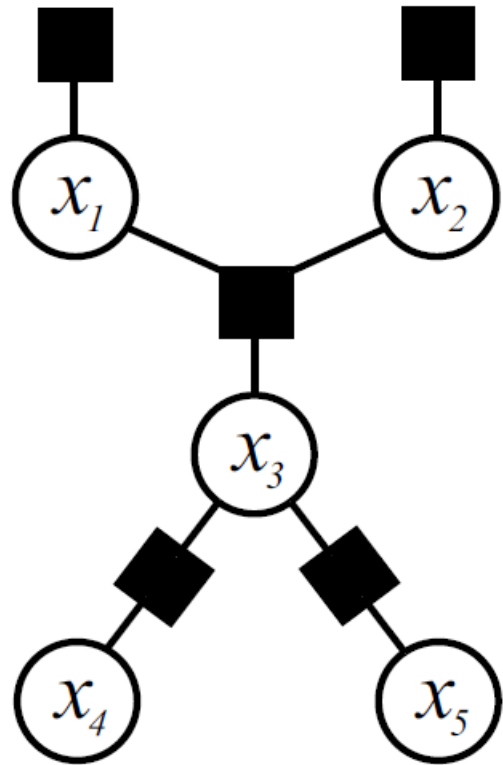
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# Factor Graphs

A *hypergraph*  $\mathcal{H} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{F})$  where a *hyperedge*  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  is a subset of vertices  $f \subset \mathcal{V}$ .



Factor node for each product term in the joint factorization:

Graphical model makes factorization explicit

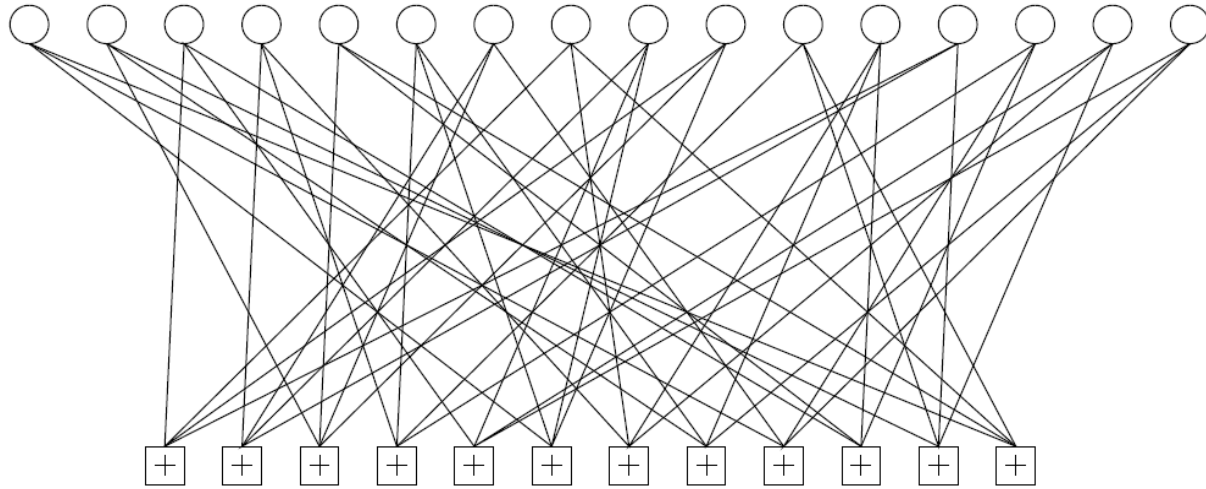
$$p(x) \propto \prod_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \psi_f(x_f)$$

where  $x_f = \{x_i : i \in f\}$  the set of variables in factor  $f$ . For example:

$$\psi(x_1)\psi(x_2)\psi(x_1, x_2, x_3)\psi(x_3, x_4)\psi(x_3, x_5)$$

# Example: Low Density Parity Check Codes

## Factor Graph Representation



## Problem Setup

- A code  $t$  is transmitted over a noisy
- Received code  $r$  is corrupted by noise
- Estimate the most probable code that was sent  $t^*$  (*maximum a posteriori*)

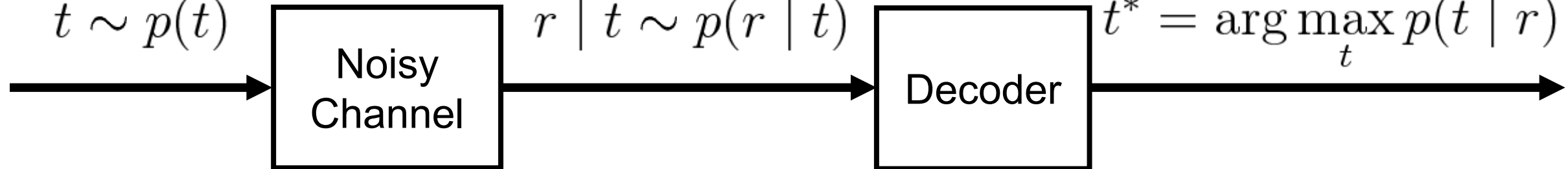
Transmitted Code

$$t \sim p(t)$$

Received Code

$$r \mid t \sim p(r \mid t)$$

$$t^* = \arg \max_t p(t \mid r)$$





# Recap: Directed Models

- Distribution factorized as product of conditionals via chain rule

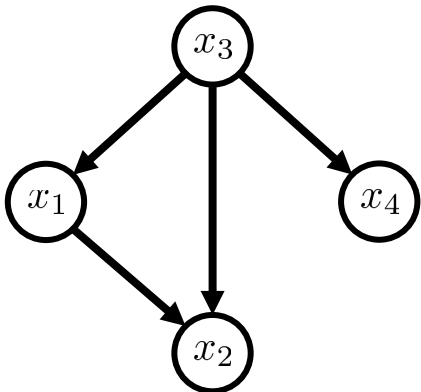
$$p(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = p(x_3)p(x_1 | x_3)p(x_4 | x_1, x_3)p(x_2 | x_1, x_3, x_4)$$

- Choose ordering where terms simplify due to conditional independence

**Eg.** Suppose  $x_4 \perp x_1 | x_3$  and  $x_2 \perp x_4 | x_1$  then:

$$p(x) = p(x_3)p(x_1 | x_3)p(x_4 | x_3)p(x_2 | x_1, x_3)$$

- Directed graph encodes factorized distribution via conditional independence properties



- Straightforward simulation via **ancestral sampling**
- **Factorization is unique** for a Bayes net

# Recap: Undirected Model

- Joint factorization as nonnegative factors (potentials) over subsets:

$$p(x) \propto \prod_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \psi_f(x_f)$$

- Easier to specify models compared to Bayes nets since:
  - Factors do not need to be normalized conditional probabilities
  - May specify up to unknown normalization constant
- **Factorization ambiguous** in MRFs, but **explicit in factor graphs** (factor graphs generally preferred)
- Simulation is not easy in general. Can't do ancestral sampling because no partial ordering.