

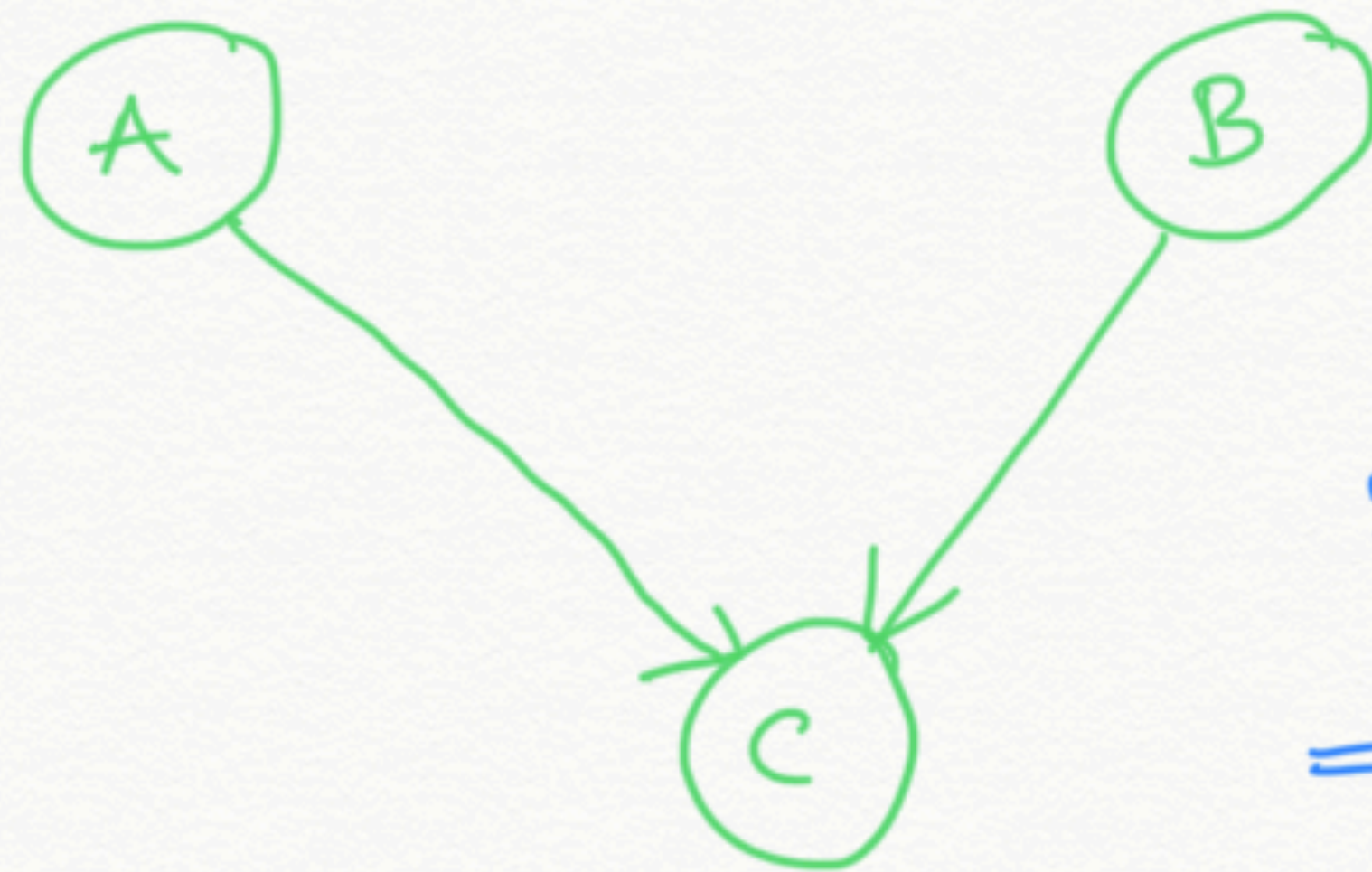
# Graphical models example

\* genes A, B, C

\* Relationships

- A regulates C

- B regulates C



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

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GRAPH

PROBABILISTIC MODEL

Genes

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Vertices

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Random variables

Relationships

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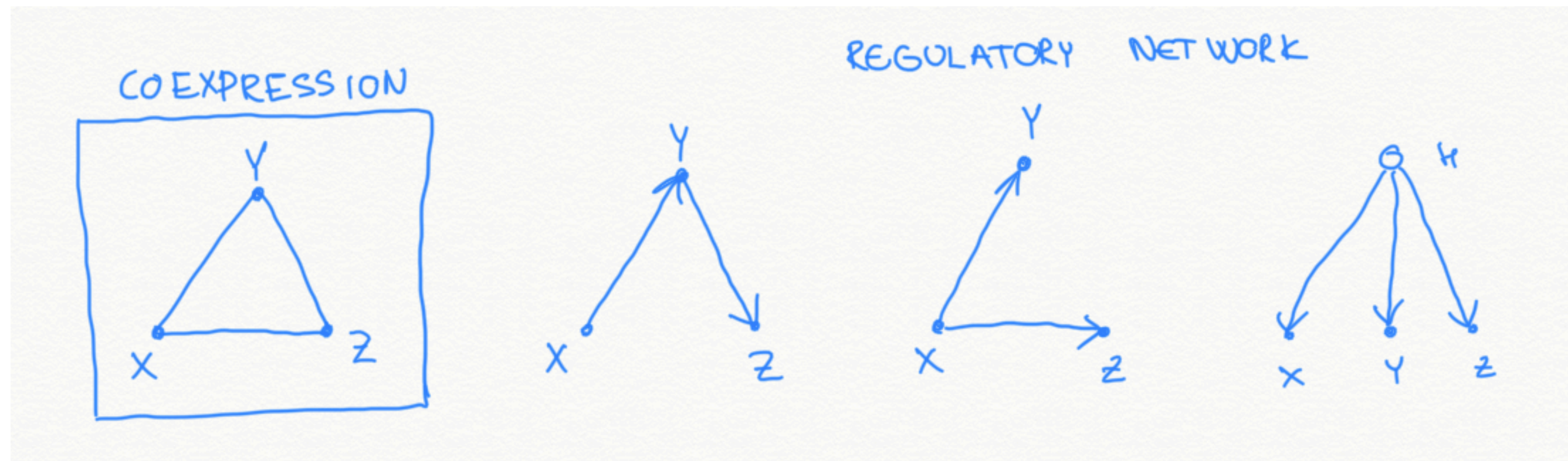
Edges

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Statistical dependencies

# Correlation vs causation

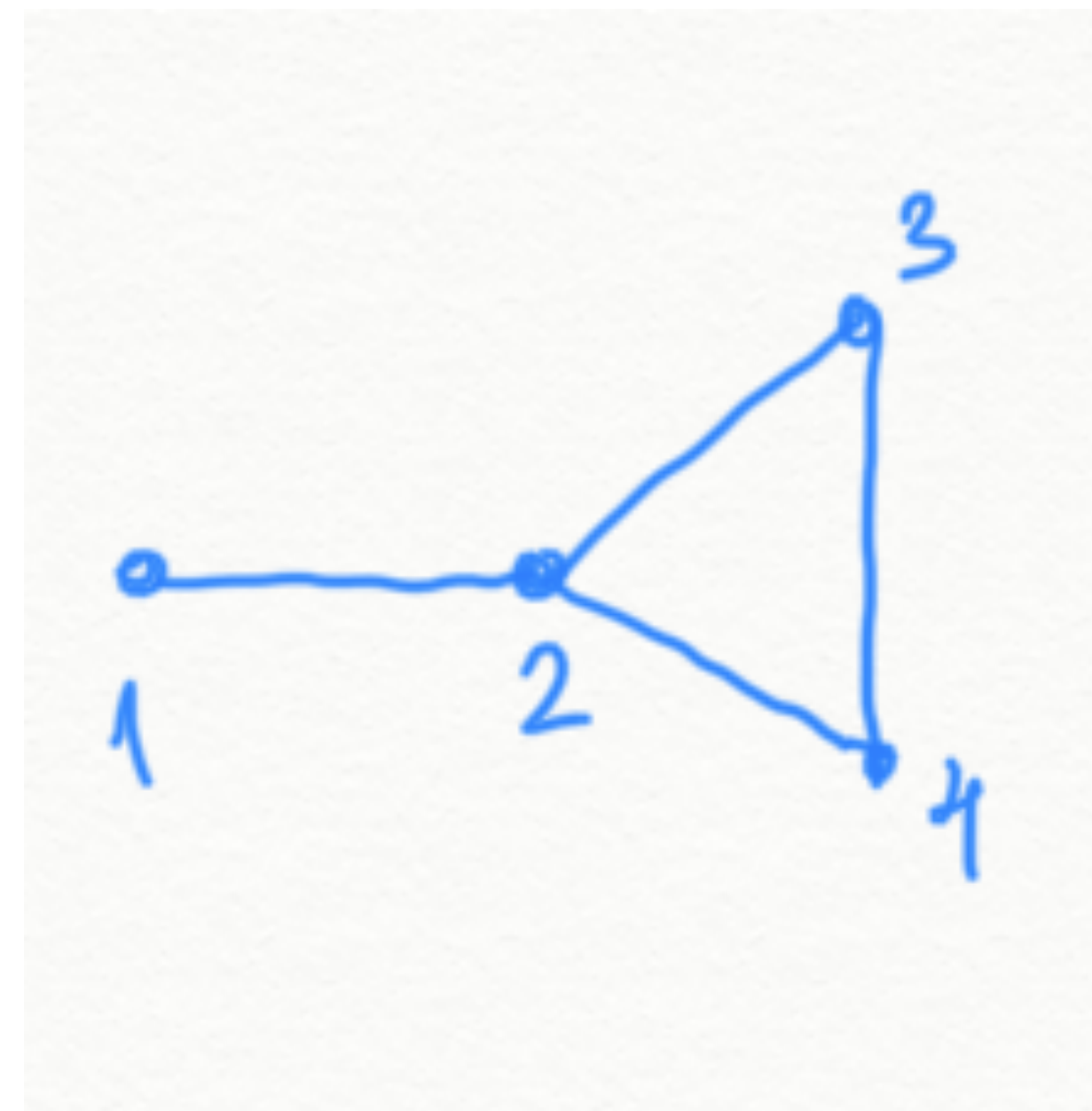
- Genes regulated as  $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z$
- $X$  and  $Z$  are correlated, but do not interact directly



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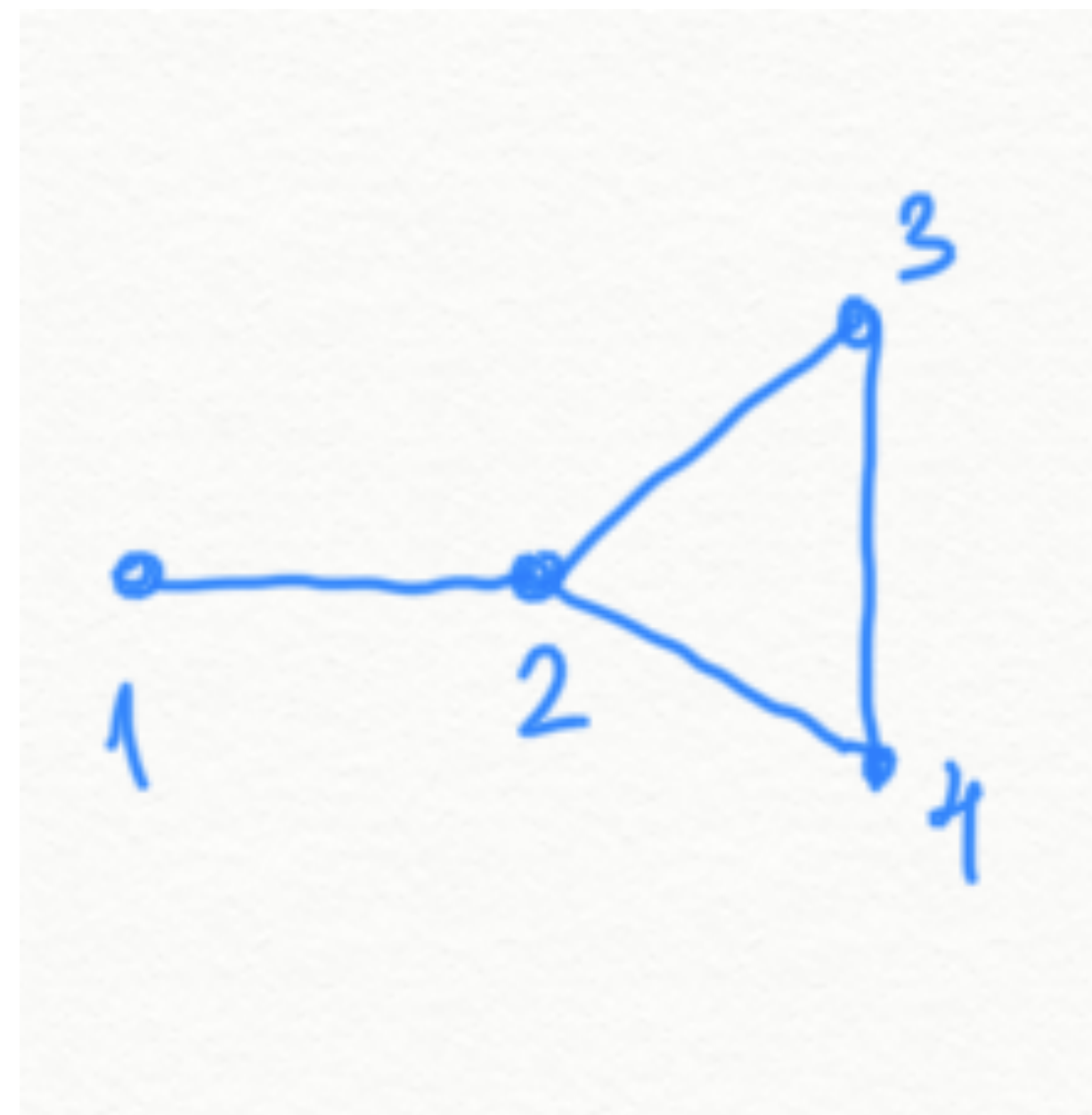
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# Conditional independence

Def: Let  $A, B, C \subseteq [m]$  be pairwise disjoint subsets. We say that  $X_A$  is **conditionally independent** of  $X_B$  given  $X_C$  if and only if

$$f_{A \cup B | C}(x_A, x_B | x_C) = f_{A | C}(x_A | x_C) f_{B | C}(x_B | x_C)$$

for all  $x_A, x_B, x_C$ .

- The notation  $X_A \perp\!\!\!\perp X_B | X_C$  (or  $A \perp\!\!\!\perp B | C$ ) denotes that the random vector  $X$  satisfies the conditional independence (CI) statement that  $X_A$  is conditionally independent of  $X_B$  given  $X_C$ .

# Pairwise Markov property

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be an undirected graph.

Def: The **pairwise Markov property** associated to  $G$  consists of all conditional independence statements  $X_u \perp\!\!\!\perp X_v \mid X_{V \setminus \{u,v\}}$ , where  $(u, v)$  is **not an edge** of  $G$ .

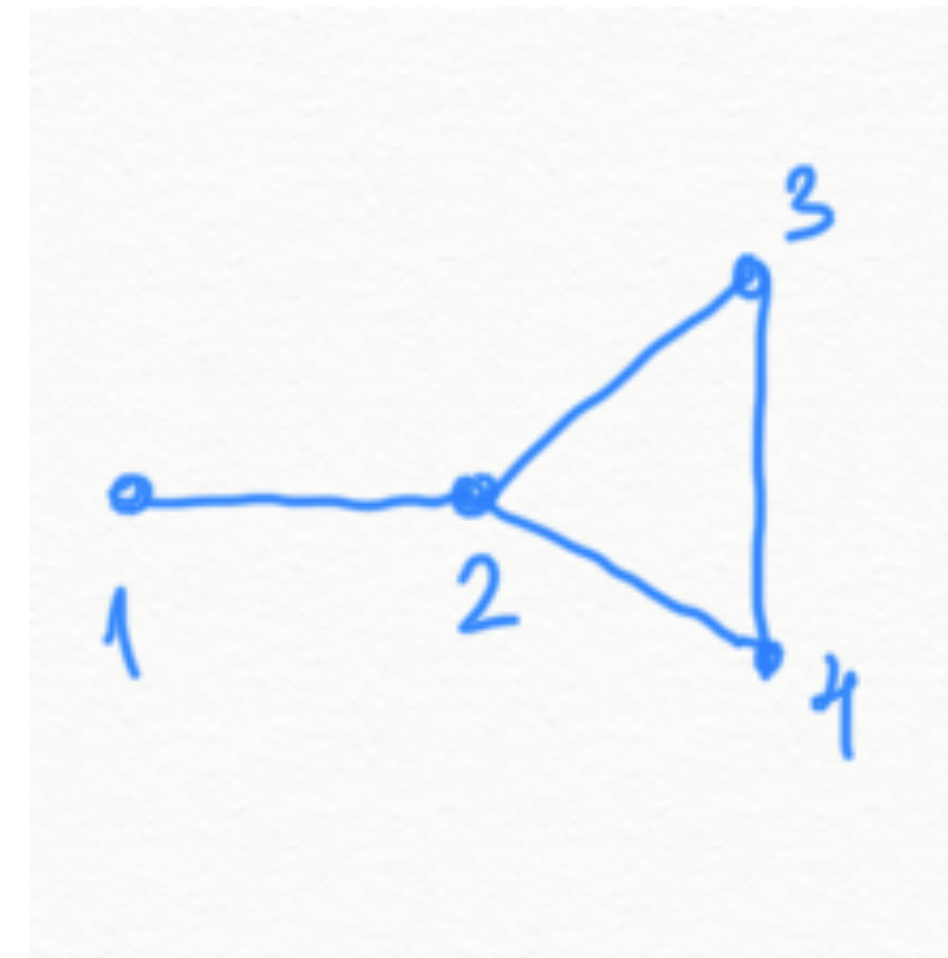
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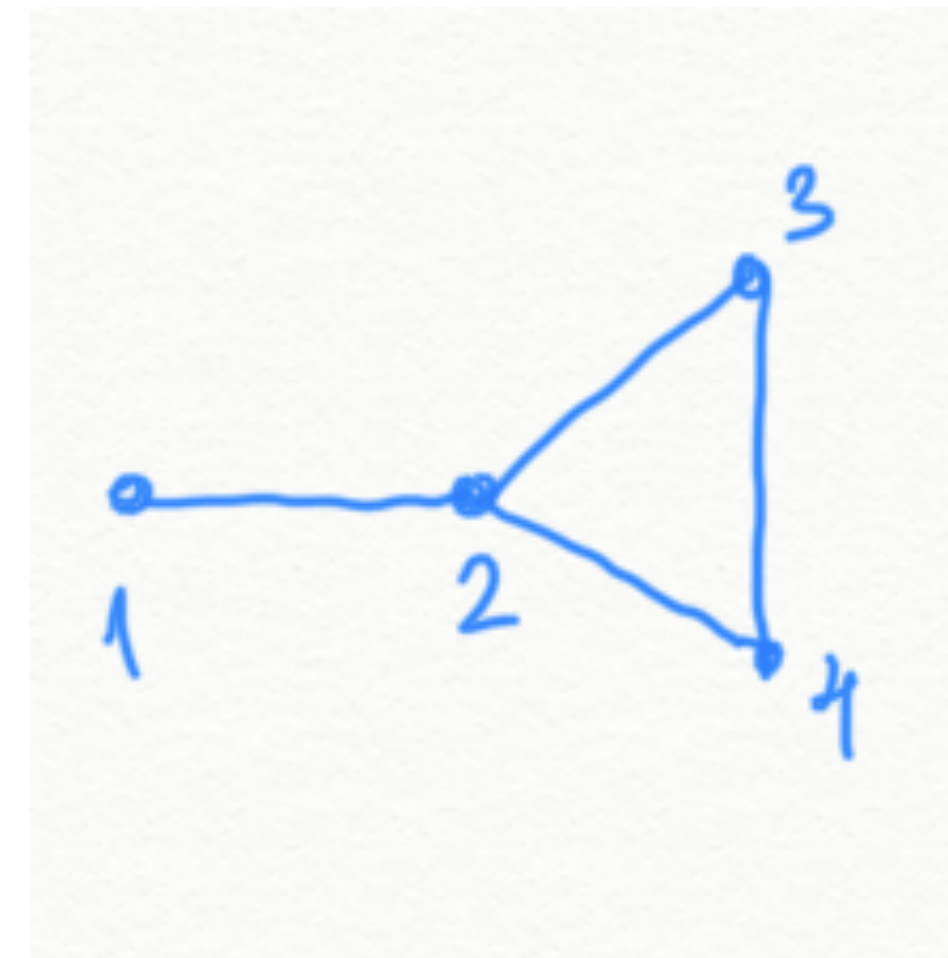
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# Multivariate Gaussian random variables

- The CI statement  $X_u \perp\!\!\!\perp X_v \mid X_{V \setminus \{u,v\}}$  is equivalent to the matrix  $\Sigma_{V \setminus \{u\}, V \setminus \{v\}}$  having **rank**  $|V \setminus \{u, v\}|$  or equivalently  $\det(\Sigma_{V \setminus \{u\}, V \setminus \{v\}}) = 0$ .
- This is equivalent to  $(\Sigma^{-1})_{u,v} = 0$ .
- The **pairwise Markov property** holds for a Gaussian distribution if and only if **the entries of the concentration matrix corresponding to non-edges are zero**.

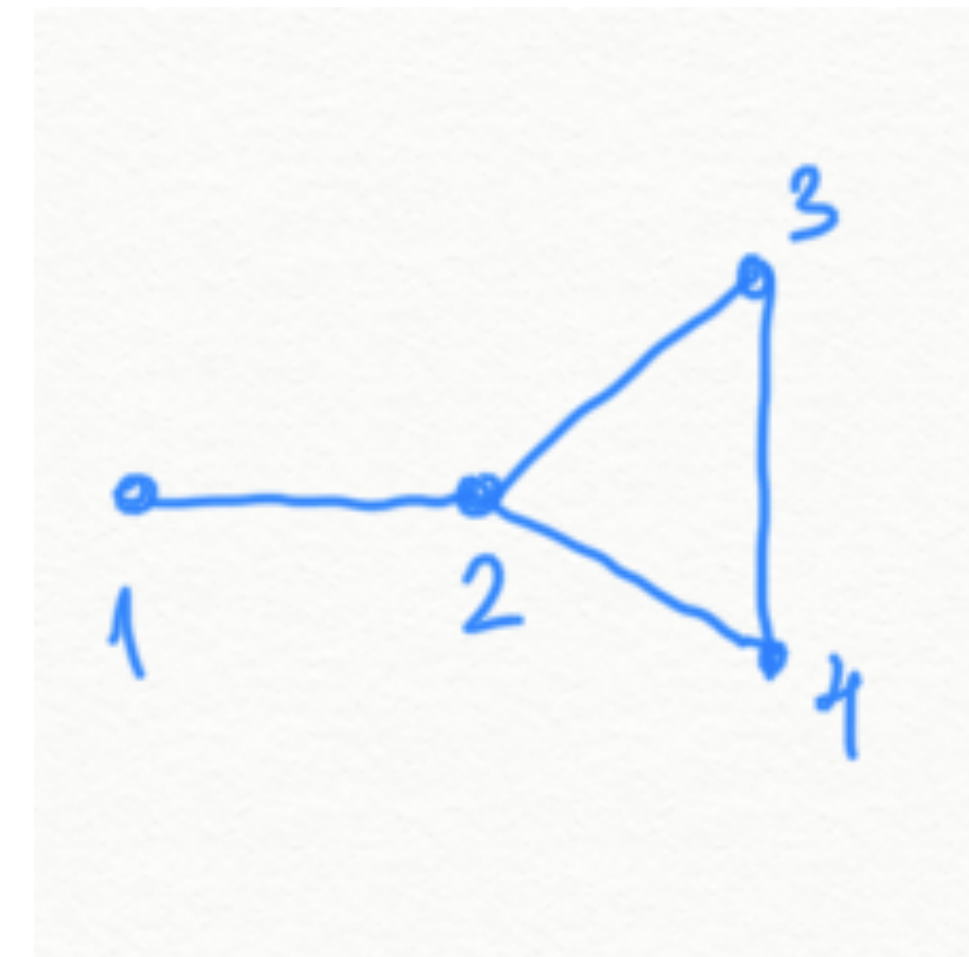


# Multivariate Gaussian random variables

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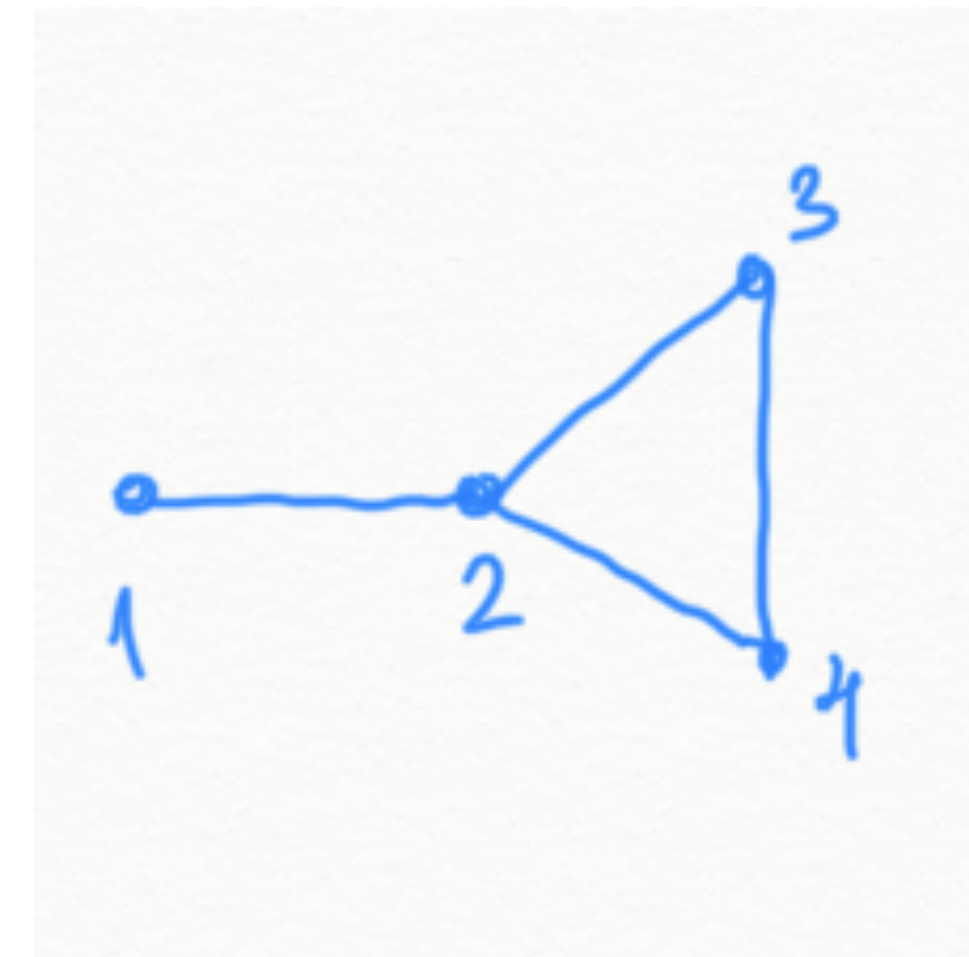


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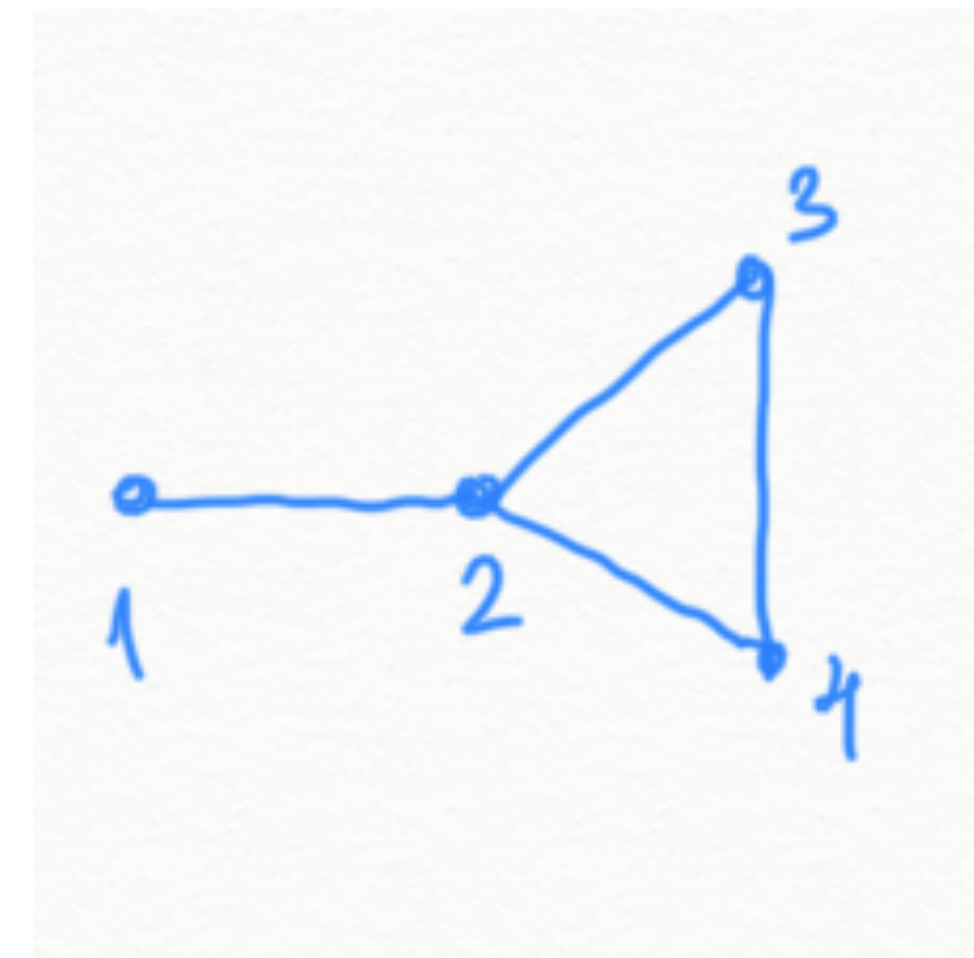


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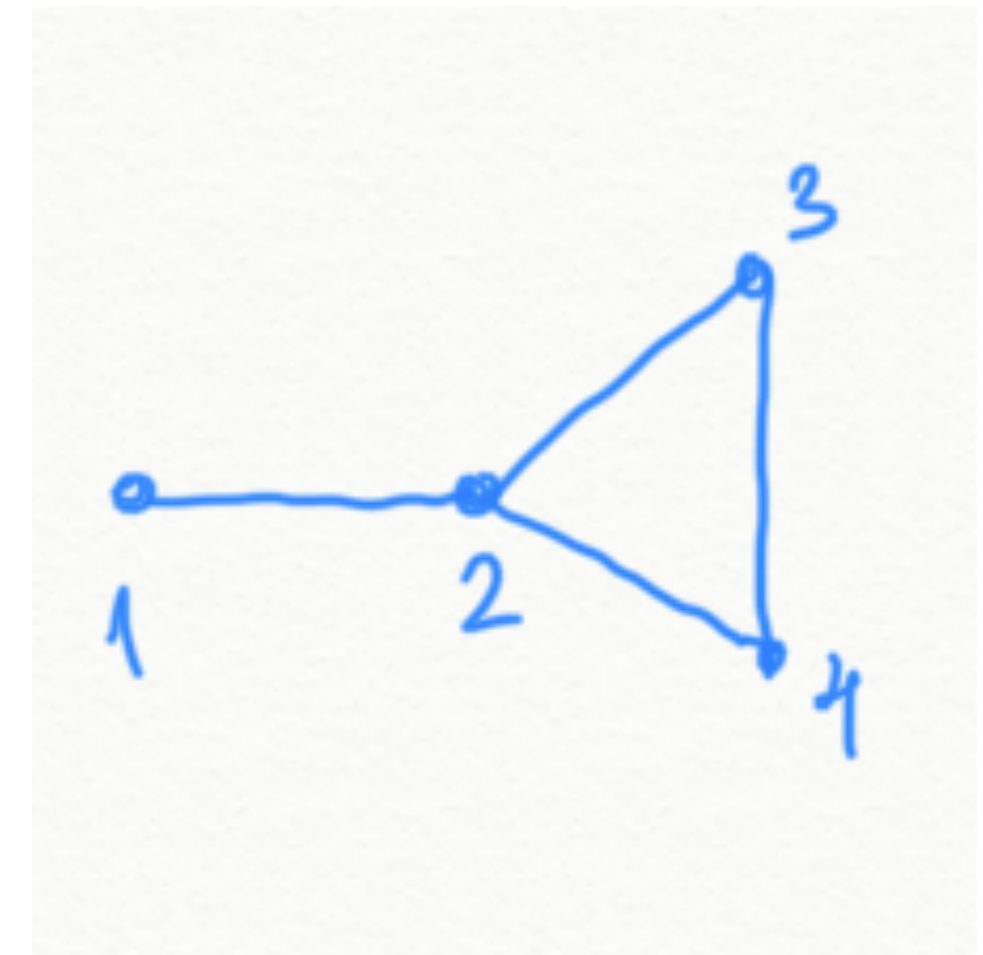


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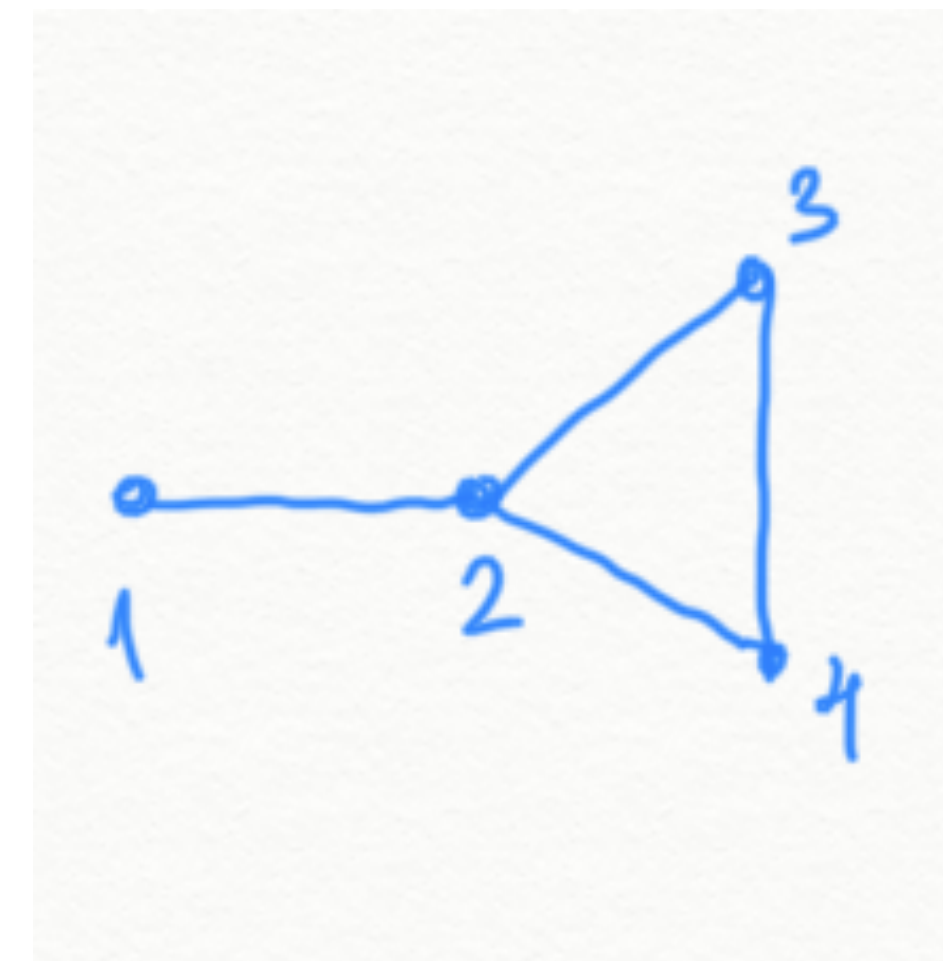


# Markov properties

- It always holds  $\mathcal{C}_{pairs} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_{global}$ .

Example:

- $\mathcal{C}_{pairs} = \{1 \perp\!\!\!\perp 3 \mid (2,4), 1 \perp\!\!\!\perp 4 \mid (2,3)\}$
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# Factorization property

- Next we want to characterize all the distributions that satisfy the Markov properties for a given graph.
- Hammersley-Clifford theorem relates the implicit description of a graphical model through Markov properties to a parametric description.

# Factorization property

- Let  $G = (V, E)$  be an undirected graph.
- A subset of vertices  $C \subseteq V$  is a **clique** if  $(i, j) \in E$  for all  $i, j \in C$ .
- The set of **maximal cliques** of  $G$  is denoted  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ .
- For each  $C \in \mathcal{C}(G)$ , we introduce a continuous nonnegative **potential function**  $\phi_C : \mathcal{X}_C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ .

# Maximal cliques

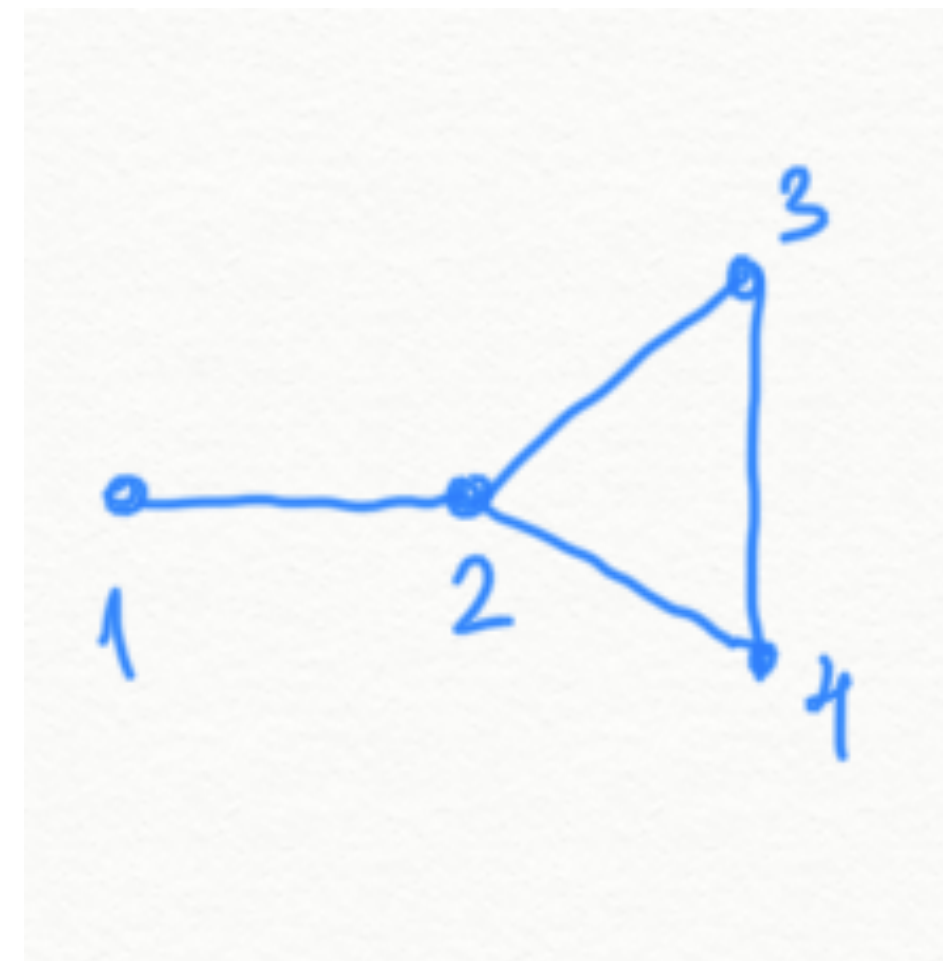
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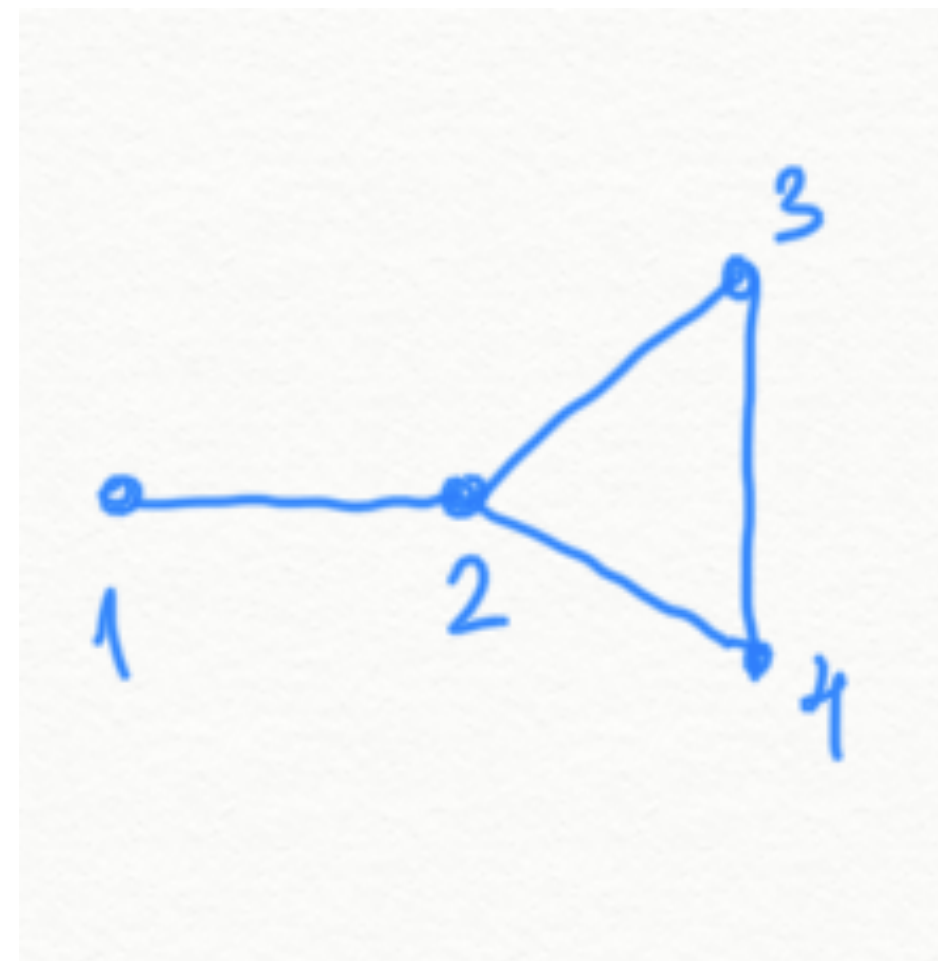
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# Factorization property

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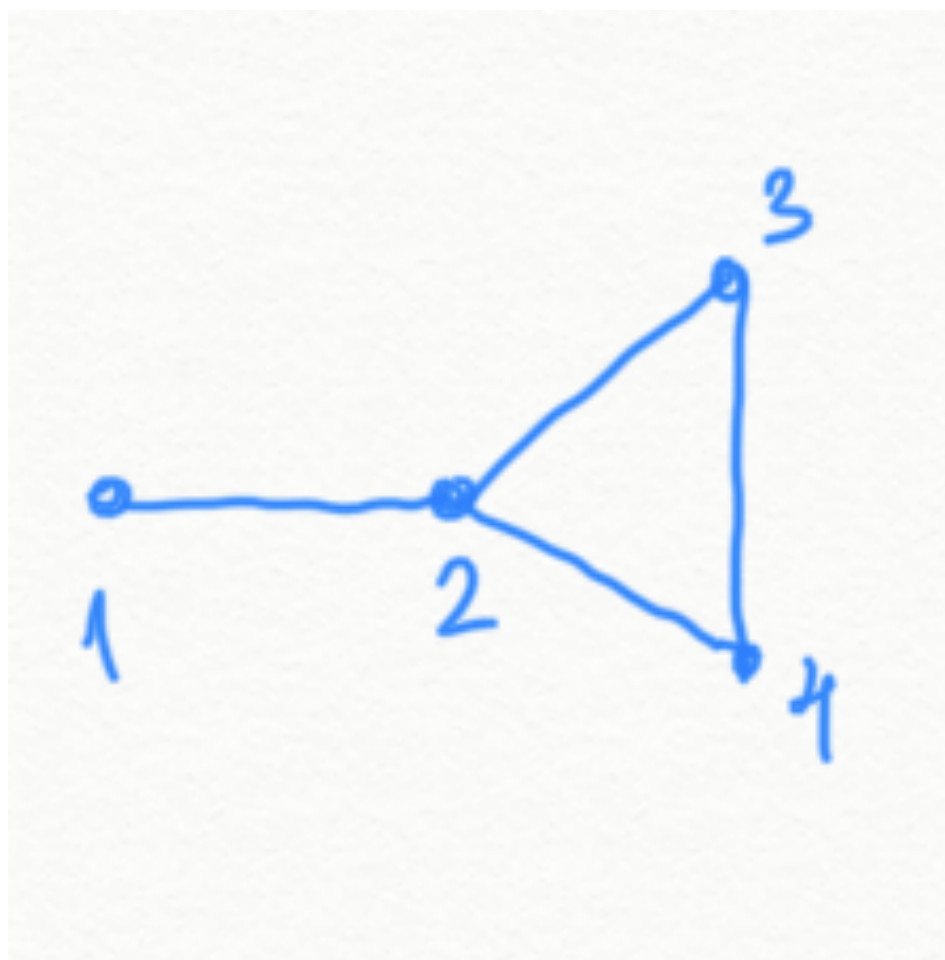
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{C \in \mathcal{C}(G)} \phi_C(x_C),$$

where  $\phi_C$  are some potential functions and  $Z < \infty$  is the normalizing constant.

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Example: A distribution factorizes according to  $G$  if its density  $f(x)$  can be written as



$$f(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \phi_{12}(x_1, x_2) \phi_{234}(x_2, x_3, x_4).$$

# Hammersley-Clifford

Theorem (Hammersley-Clifford): A distribution with **positive and continuous** density  $f$  satisfies the **pairwise Markov property** on the graph  $G$  if and only if it **factorizes according to  $G$** .

- The Gaussian case is completely covered by the Hammersley-Clifford theorem.
- All distributions on a discrete space are considered continuous.
- What happens in the discrete case?

# Discrete distributions

- Let  $X$  be a **discrete random vector** with state space  $\mathcal{R} = \prod_{j=1}^m [r_j]$ .
- Write  $i_C := (i_j)_{j \in C} \in R_C$ .
- Then we can write  $\phi_C(x_C)$  as  $\theta_{i_C}^{(C)}$ .
- $f(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \phi_{12}(x_1, x_2) \phi_{234}(x_2, x_3, x_4)$  becomes  $p_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} = \frac{1}{Z} \theta_{i_1 i_2}^{(12)} \theta_{i_2 i_3 i_4}^{(234)}$

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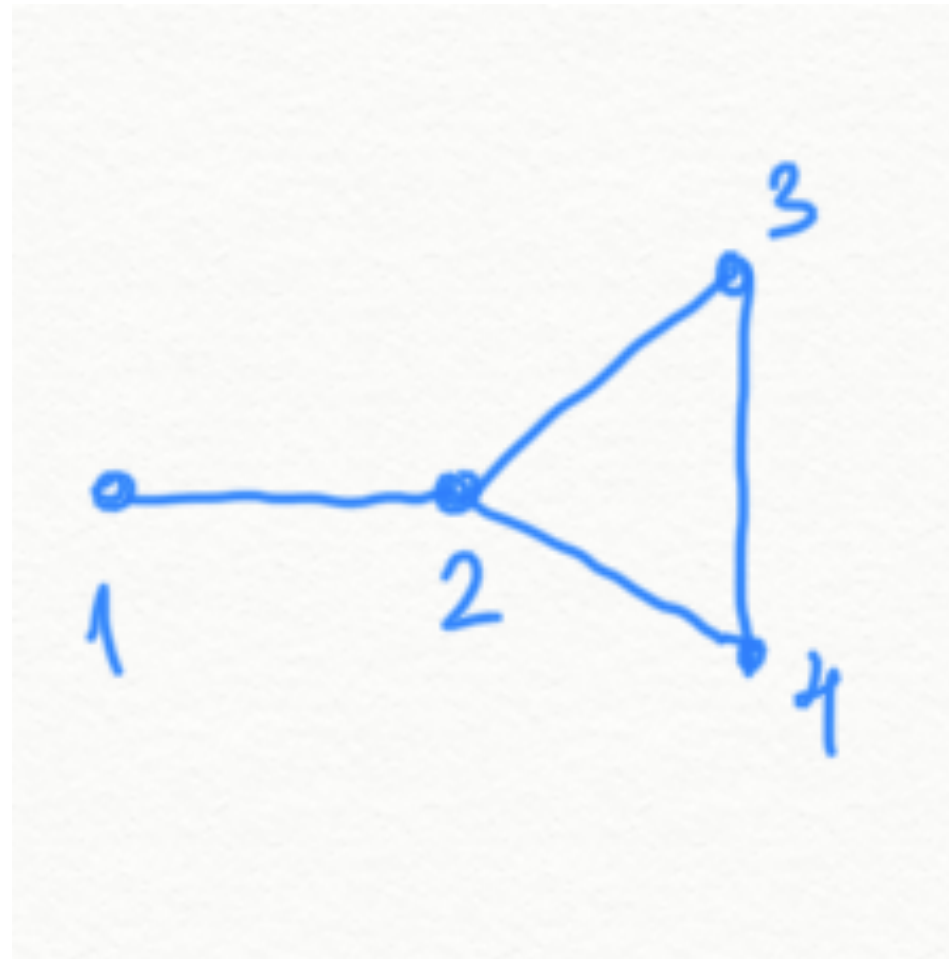
- The distribution  $p$  of  $X$  factors according to  $G$  if

$$p_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_m} = \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} \prod_{C \in \mathcal{C}(G)} \theta_{i_C}^{(C)},$$

which is a **monomial parametrization**.

- Hence the set of distributions that factorize according to a graph  $G$  form a **hierarchical log-linear model**.
- We will denote this model by  $I_G$ .

# Discrete distributions



- $\mathcal{C}_{\text{pairs}} = \{1 \perp\!\!\!\perp 3 \mid (2,4), 1 \perp\!\!\!\perp 4 \mid (2,3)\}$
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# Discrete conditional independence models

Prop: If  $X$  is a **discrete random vector**, then the conditional independence statement  $X_A \perp\!\!\!\perp X_B \mid X_C$  holds if and only if

$$P_{i_A, i_B, i_C, +} \cdot P_{j_A, j_B, i_C, +} - P_{i_A, j_B, i_C, +} \cdot P_{j_A, i_B, i_C, +} = 0$$

for all  $i_A, j_A \in \mathcal{R}_A, i_B, j_B \in \mathcal{R}_B$  and  $i_C \in \mathcal{R}_C$ .

- The notation  $P_{i_A, i_B, i_C, +}$  denotes the probability  $P(X_A = i_A, X_B = i_B, X_C = i_C)$  which can be written as

$$P_{i_A, i_B, i_C, +} = \sum_{j_{[m] \setminus A \cup B \cup C} \in \mathcal{R}_{[m] \setminus A \cup B \cup C}} P_{i_A, i_B, i_C, j_{[m] \setminus A \cup B \cup C}}$$



# Pairwise Markov property

- $\mathcal{C}_{\text{pairs}} = \{1 \perp\!\!\!\perp 3 \mid (2,4), 1 \perp\!\!\!\perp 4 \mid (2,3)\}$
- Poll: How many polynomials generate the corresponding CI ideal?
- $M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} p_{0000} & p_{0001} & p_{0010} & p_{0011} \\ p_{1000} & p_{1001} & p_{1010} & p_{1011} \end{pmatrix}$
- $M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} p_{0100} & p_{0101} & p_{0110} & p_{0111} \\ p_{1100} & p_{1101} & p_{1110} & p_{1111} \end{pmatrix}$
- The conditional independence ideal for each statement is generated by two minors of  $M_1$  and two minors of  $M_2$

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i1 : R1 = QQ[p_(0,0,0,0)..p_(1,1,1,1)]
o1 = R1
o1 : PolynomialRing

i2 : M1 = matrix{{p_(0,0,0,0),p_(0,0,0,1),p_(0,0,1,0),p_(0,0,1,1)},{p_(1,0,0,0),p_(1,0,0,1),p_(1,0,1,0),p_(1,0,1,1)}}
o2 = | p_(0,0,0,0) p_(0,0,0,1) p_(0,0,1,0) p_(0,0,1,1) |
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o2 : Matrix R1  $\begin{matrix} 2 & 4 \\ \leftarrow & R1 \end{matrix}$ 

i3 : M2 = matrix{{p_(0,1,0,0),p_(0,1,0,1),p_(0,1,1,0),p_(0,1,1,1)},{p_(1,1,0,0),p_(1,1,0,1),p_(1,1,1,0),p_(1,1,1,1)}}
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i4 : IP = ideal(det(M1_{0,2}),det(M1_{1,3}),det(M2_{0,2}),det(M2_{1,3}),det(M1_{0,1}),det(M1_{2,3}),det(M2_{0,1}),det(M2_{2,3}))
o4 = ideal (- p_{0,0,1,0} p_{1,0,0,0} + p_{0,0,0,0} p_{1,0,1,0}, - p_{0,0,1,1} p_{1,0,0,1} +
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o4 : Ideal of R1

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# Global Markov property

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- $M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} p_{0000} & p_{0001} & p_{0010} & p_{0011} \\ p_{1000} & p_{1001} & p_{1010} & p_{1011} \end{pmatrix}$
- $M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} p_{0100} & p_{0101} & p_{0110} & p_{0111} \\ p_{1100} & p_{1101} & p_{1110} & p_{1111} \end{pmatrix}$
- The conditional independence ideal  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{global}}$  is generated by all  $2 \times 2$  minors of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$

# Factorization according to $G$

- $p_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} = \frac{1}{Z} \theta_{i_1 i_2}^{(12)} \theta_{i_2 i_3 i_4}^{(234)}$
- Poll: How many parameters does this parametrization map have?
- $p_{ijkl} = a_{ij} b_{jkl}$
- We obtain the toric ideal  $I_G$  by eliminating the variables  $a_{ij}, b_{jkl}$ :

$$I_G = \langle p_{ijkl} - a_{ij} b_{jkl} : (i, j, k, l) \in \{0, 1\}^4 \rangle \cap \mathbb{R}[p]$$

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i6 : R3 = QQ[p_(0,0,0,0)..p_(1,1,1,1),a_(0,0)..a_(1,1),b_(0,0,0)..b_(1,1,1)]
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o6 = R3
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o6 : PolynomialRing
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i7 : IF = ideal flatten flatten flatten for i to 1 list for j to 1 list for k to 1 list for l to 1 list p_(i,j,k,l)-a_(i,j)*b_(j,k,l)
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o7 = ideal (- a0,0 b0,0,0,0 + p0,0,0,0, - a0,0 b0,0,0,1 + p0,0,0,1, - a0,0 b0,0,1,0 +  
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o7 : Ideal of R3
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i8 : JF = eliminate(IF,join(toList(a_(0,0)..a_(1,1)), toList(b_(0,0,0)..b_(1,1,1))))
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o8 = ideal (p0,1,1,1 p1,1,1,0 - p0,1,1,0 p1,1,1,1, p0,1,1,1 p1,1,0,1 -  
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o8 : Ideal of R3
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# Comparison of ideals

In this example:

- $I_G = I_{\text{global}(G)}$
- $I_{\text{pairwise}(G)}$  is different
- $I_{\text{pairwise}(G)}$  has 9 primary components, one of them is  $I_G = I_{\text{global}(G)}$
- Each of the other eight components contains at least one variable  $p_{ijkl}$
- This means that the corresponding irreducible varieties intersect the boundary of the probability simplex  $\Delta_{15}$

# Comparison of ideals

- This shows that the positivity assumption in the Hammersley-Clifford Theorem is necessary
- One primary component is  
 $\langle p_{0,0,0,0}, p_{1,0,0,0}, p_{1,0,1,1}, p_{0,0,1,1}, p_{1,1,0,0}, p_{0,1,0,0}, p_{0,1,1,1}, p_{1,1,1,1} \rangle$
- It represents the family of distributions such that  $P(X_3 = X_4) = 1$ .
- All such distributions satisfy the pairwise Markov property, but they are not in the model characterized by  $G$ .

# Comparison of ideals

- In the previous example, the polynomials implied by the global Markov property characterize  $I_G$ .
- This is not true in general.
- A graph  $G$  is **chordal** if every induced cycle of length 4 or larger has a chord.

Theorem:  $I_G = I_{\text{global}(G)}$  if and only if  $G$  is a chordal graph.



# Conclusion

- Implicit description of an undirected graphical model through Markov properties
- Parametric description of an undirected graphical model through factorization according to a graph
- Hammersley-Clifford theorem when a graphical model is given by pairwise Markov properties
- The failure of the Hammersley-Clifford theorem