

# Lecture 21. PGM Representation II

COMP90051 Statistical Machine Learning

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# This lecture

- Undirected PGMs and conversion from D-PGMs
  - \* Undirected PGM formulation
  - \* Directed to undirected
  - \* Why U-PGM
- Example PGMs, applications
  - \* HMMs (and Kalman Filter)
  - \* Applications

# Undirected PGMs

*Undirected variant of PGM, parameterised by arbitrary positive valued functions of the variables, and global normalisation.*

*A.k.a. Markov Random Field.*

# Undirected vs directed

## Undirected PGM

- Graph
  - \* Edges undirected
- Probability
  - \* Each node a r.v.
  - \* Each clique  $C$  has “factor”  
 $\psi_C(X_j: j \in C) \geq 0$
  - \* Joint  $\propto$  product of factors

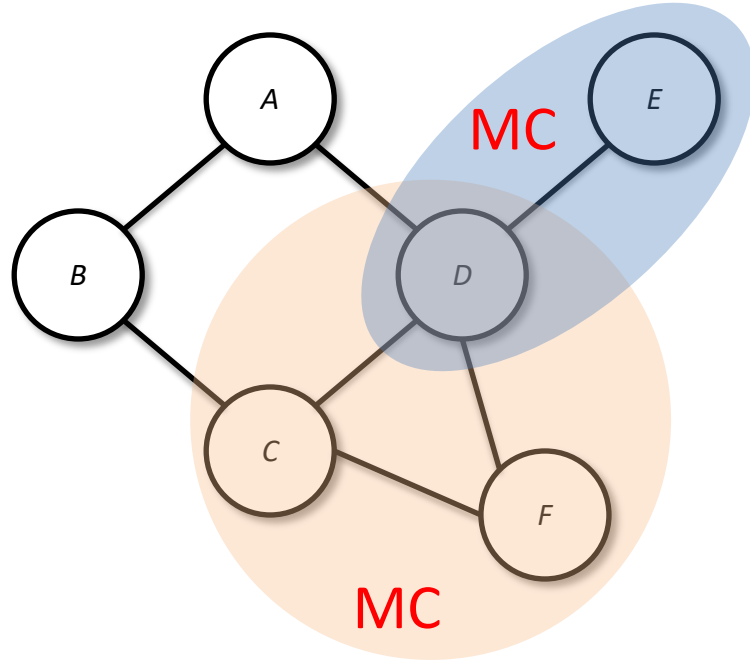
## Directed PGM

- Graph
  - \* Edges directed
- Probability
  - \* Each node a r.v.
  - \* Each node has conditional  
 $p(X_i | X_j \in \text{parents}(X_i))$
  - \* Joint = product of cond'ls

**Key difference = normalisation**

# Undirected PGM formulation

- Based on notion of
  - \* **Clique**: a set of fully connected nodes (e.g., A-D, C-D, C-D-F)
  - \* **Maximal clique**: largest cliques in graph (not C-D, due to C-D-F)
- Joint probability defined as



$$P(a, b, c, d, e, f) = \frac{1}{Z} \psi_1(a, b) \psi_2(b, c) \psi_3(a, d) \psi_4(d, c, f) \psi_5(d, e)$$

- \* where each  $\psi$  is a positive function and  $Z$  is the normalising '**partition**' function

$$Z = \sum_{a, b, c, d, e, f} \psi_1(a, b) \psi_2(b, c) \psi_3(a, d) \psi_4(d, c, f) \psi_5(d, e)$$

# Directed to undirected

- Directed PGM formulated as

$$P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k) = \prod_{i=1}^k Pr(X_i | X_{\pi_i})$$

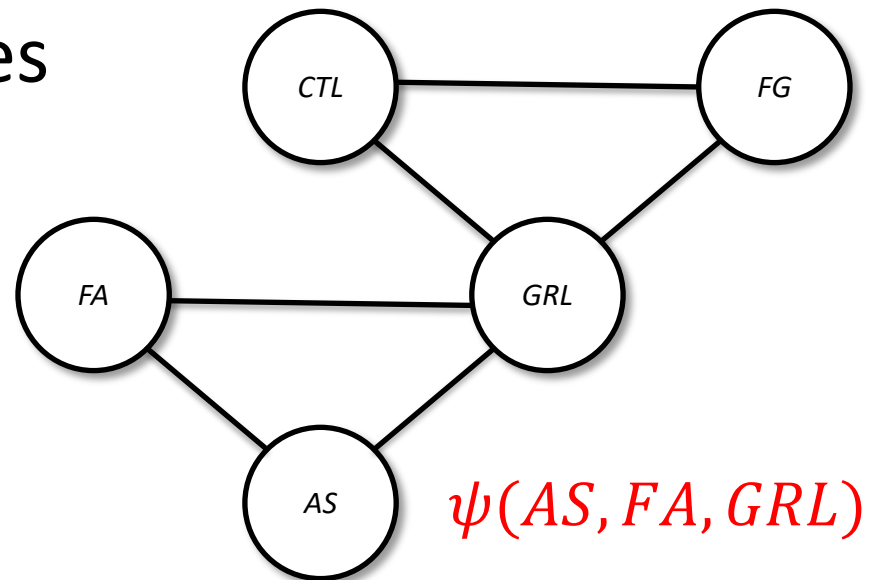
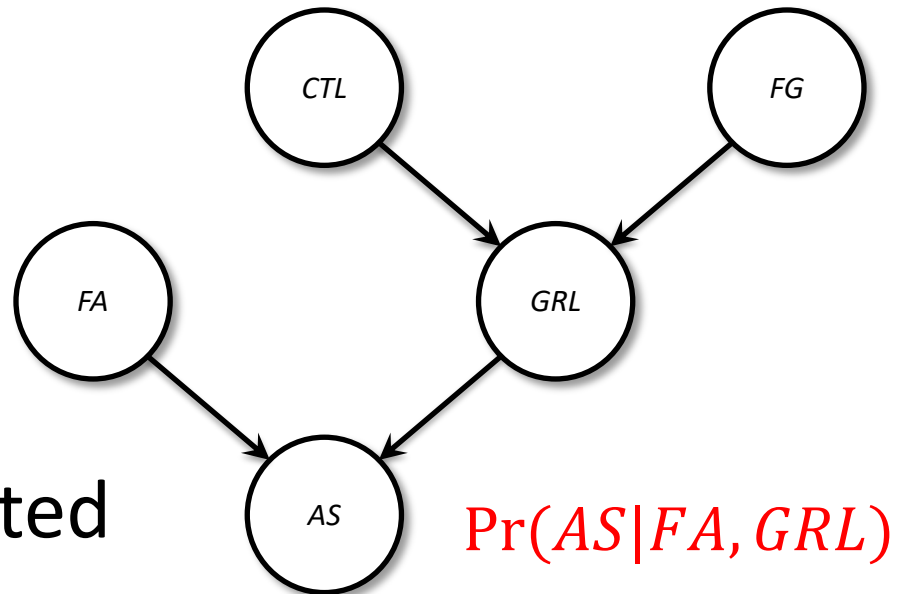
where  $\pi$  indexes parents.

- Equivalent to U-PGM with
  - \* each conditional probability term is included in one factor function,  $\psi_c$
  - \* clique structure links *groups of variables*, i.e.,  $\{\{X_i\} \cup X_{\pi_i}, \forall i\}$
  - \* normalisation term trivial,  $Z = 1$

1. copy nodes

2. copy edges, undirected

3. 'moralise' parent nodes



# Why U-PGM?

- Pros

- \* generalisation of D-PGM
- \* simpler means of modelling without the need for per-factor normalisation
- \* general inference algorithms use U-PGM representation (supporting both types of PGM)

- Cons

- \* (slightly) weaker independence
- \* calculating global normalisation term ( $Z$ ) intractable in general (but tractable for chains/trees, e.g., CRFs)



# Mini Summary

Undirected probabilistic graphical models (U-PGMs)

- Definition
- Conversion to D-PGMs
- Pros/Cons over D-PGMs

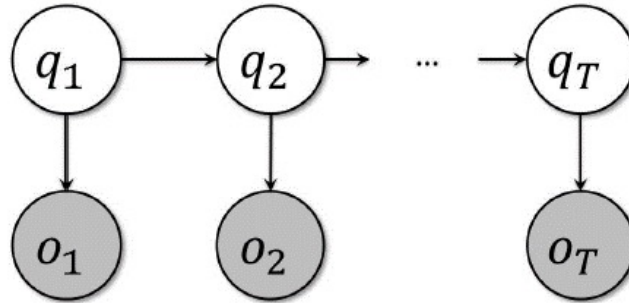
Next: Examples and applications of PGMs

# Example PGMs

*The hidden Markov model (HMM);  
lattice Markov random field (MRF);  
Conditional random field (CRF)*

# The HMM (and Kalman Filter)

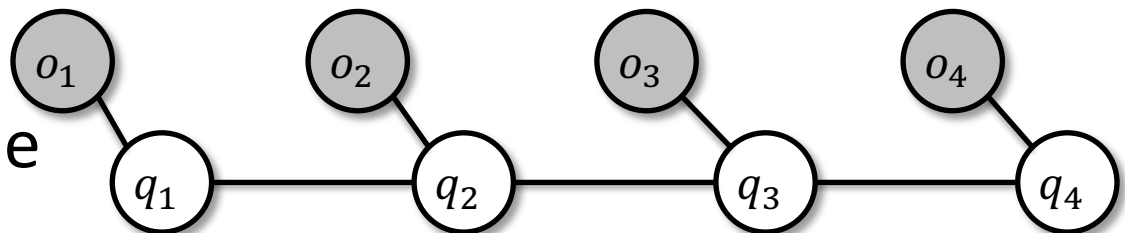
- Sequential observed **outputs** from hidden **state**



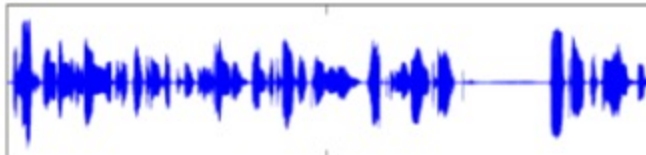
$A = \{a_{ij}\}$  transition probability matrix;  $\forall i : \sum_j a_{ij} = 1$   
 $B = \{b_i(o_k)\}$  output probability matrix;  $\forall i : \sum_k b_i(o_k) = 1$   
 $\Pi = \{\pi_i\}$  the initial state distribution;  $\sum_i \pi_i = 1$

- The **Kalman filter** same with continuous Gaussian r.v.'s

- A **CRF** is the undirected analogue



# HMM Applications

- NLP – **part of speech tagging**: given words in sentence, infer hidden parts of speech  
“I love Machine Learning” → noun, verb, noun, noun
- **Speech recognition**: given waveform, determine phonemes  

- Biological sequences: classification, search, **alignment**
- Computer vision: identify who's walking in video, **tracking**

# Fundamental HMM Tasks

HMM Task	PGM Task
<b>Evaluation.</b> Given an HMM $\mu$ and observation sequence $O$ , determine likelihood $\Pr(O \mu)$	Probabilistic inference
<b>Decoding.</b> Given an HMM $\mu$ and observation sequence $O$ , determine most probable hidden state sequence $Q$	MAP point estimate
<b>Learning.</b> Given an observation sequence $O$ and set of states, learn parameters $A, B, \Pi$	Statistical inference

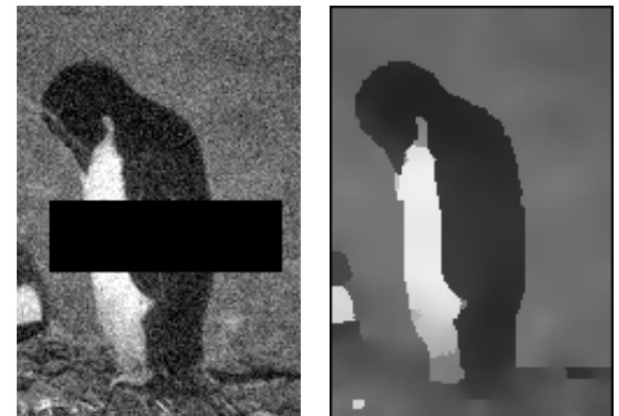
# Pixel labelling tasks in Computer Vision



Semantic labelling (Gould et al. 09)



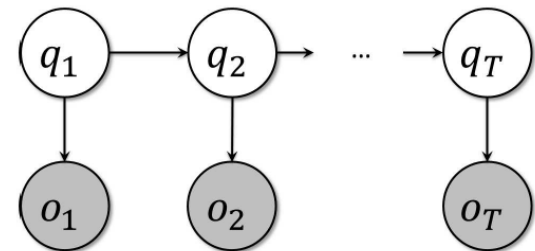
Interactive figure-ground segmentation (Boykov & Jolly 2011)



Denoising (Felzenszwalb & Huttenlocher 04)

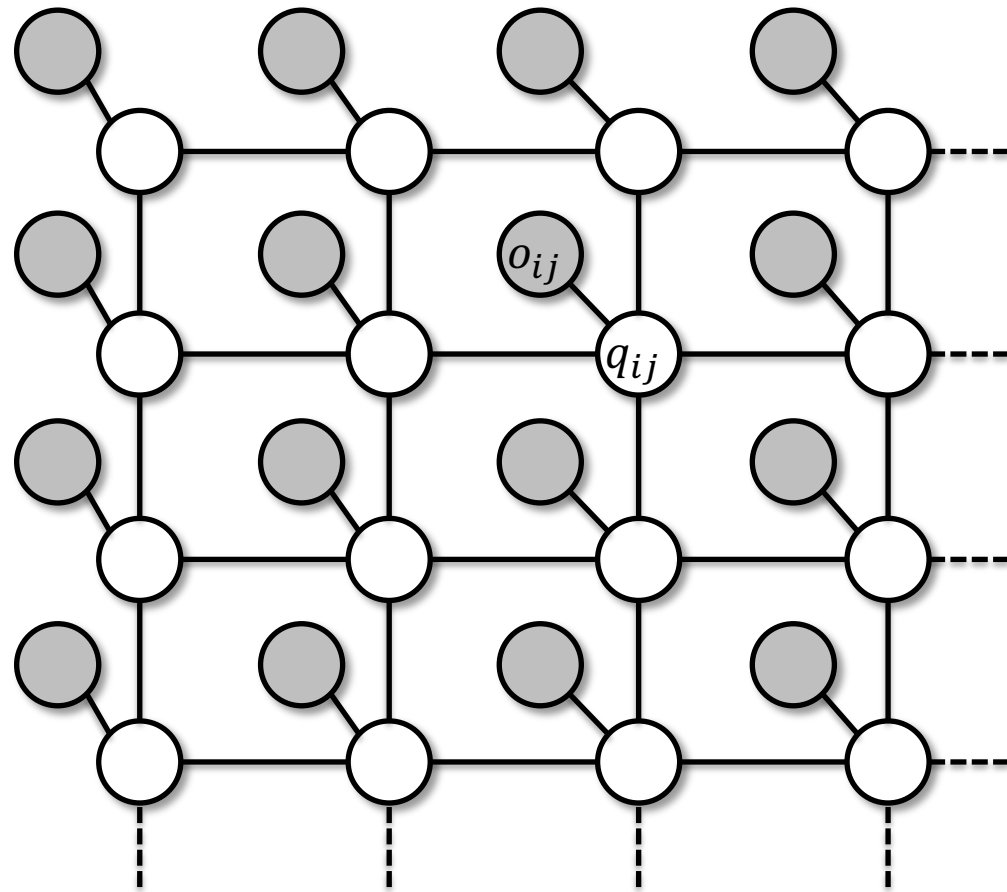
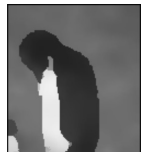
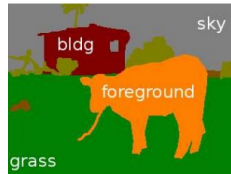
# What these tasks have in common

- Hidden state representing semantics of image
  - \* Semantic labelling: Cow vs. tree vs. grass vs. sky vs. house
  - \* Fore-back segment: Figure vs. ground
  - \* Denoising: Clean pixels
- Pixels of image
  - \* What we observe of hidden state
- Remind you of HMMs?



# A hidden square-lattice Markov random field

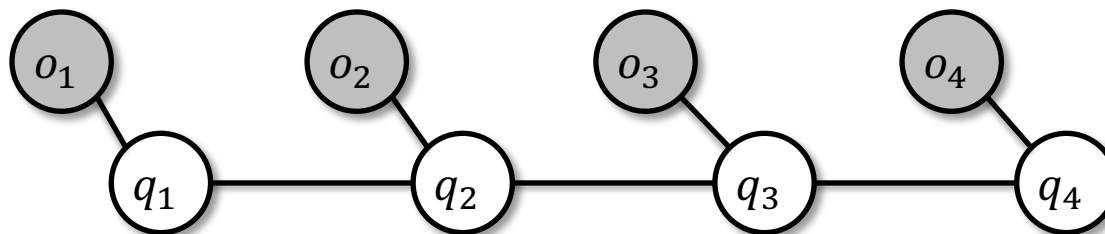
- **Hidden states:**  
square-lattice model
  - \* Boolean for two-class states
  - \* Discrete for multi-class
  - \* Continuous for denoising
- **Pixels:** observed outputs
  - \* Continuous e.g. Normal





# Application to sequences: CRFs

- Conditional Random Field: Same model applied to sequences
  - \* observed outputs are words, speech, amino acids etc
  - \* states are tags: part-of-speech, phone, alignment...
- CRFs are discriminative, model  $P(Q/O)$ 
  - \* versus HMM's which are generative,  $P(Q,O)$
  - \* undirected PGM more general and expressive



# Summary

- Probabilistic graphical models
  - \* Motivation: applications, unifies algorithms
  - \* Motivation: ideal tool for Bayesians
  - \* Independence lowers computational/model complexity
  - \* PGMs: compact representation of factorised joints
  - \* U-PGMs
- Example PGMs and applications

**Next time:** elimination for probabilistic inference