

These notes summarise selected lecture concepts and are not a substitute for working through the lecture slides, tutorials, and self-study exercises. Feel free to personalise and develop them into your own summary sheet.

Factorisation and independence — For two non-negative functions ϕ_A and ϕ_B :

$$x \perp\!\!\!\perp y \mid z \Leftrightarrow p(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{Z} \phi_A(x, z) \phi_B(y, z) \quad Z = \int_{x, y, z} \phi_A(x, z) \phi_B(y, z) dx dy dz \quad (1)$$

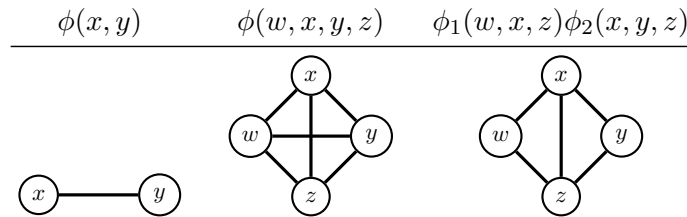
Gibbs distribution — A class of pdfs/pmfs that factorise into factors of sets of variables.

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_c \phi_c(\mathcal{X}_c) \quad \mathcal{X}_c \subseteq \{x_1, \dots, x_d\} \quad (2)$$

Energy based model — A model where energy functions are used in place of factors, this is useful as we can work with sums of energies which are in log-space.

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left[- \sum_c E_c(\mathcal{X}_c) \right] \quad E_c(\mathcal{X}_c) = -\log(\phi_c(\mathcal{X}_c)) \quad (3)$$

Undirected graphical model — All variables x_i are associated with one node, each set of variables $\mathcal{X}_c$ for a factor ϕ_c are maximally connected with edges.



Independence and separation in undirected graphical models — Two sets of variables X and Y are separated by Z if, after removing the Z -nodes, there is no path between any variable $x \in X$ and $y \in Y$. Implies conditional independence for all distributions p that factorise over the graph. They satisfy the global Markov property relative to the undirected graph.

Local Markov property — A distribution $p(\mathbf{x})$ satisfies the local Markov property relative to an undirected graph if

$$x \perp\!\!\!\perp X \setminus (x \cup \text{ne}(x)) \mid \text{ne}(x) \quad \forall x \in X \quad (4)$$

holds for p .

Pairwise Markov property — A distribution $p(\mathbf{x})$ satisfies the pairwise Markov property relative to an undirected graph if

$$x_i \perp\!\!\!\perp x_j \mid X \setminus (x_i, x_j) \quad \forall x_i, x_j \in X \quad \text{s.t. } x_i \notin \text{ne}(x_j) \quad (5)$$

holds for p .