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# Credal networks

an overview of different approaches

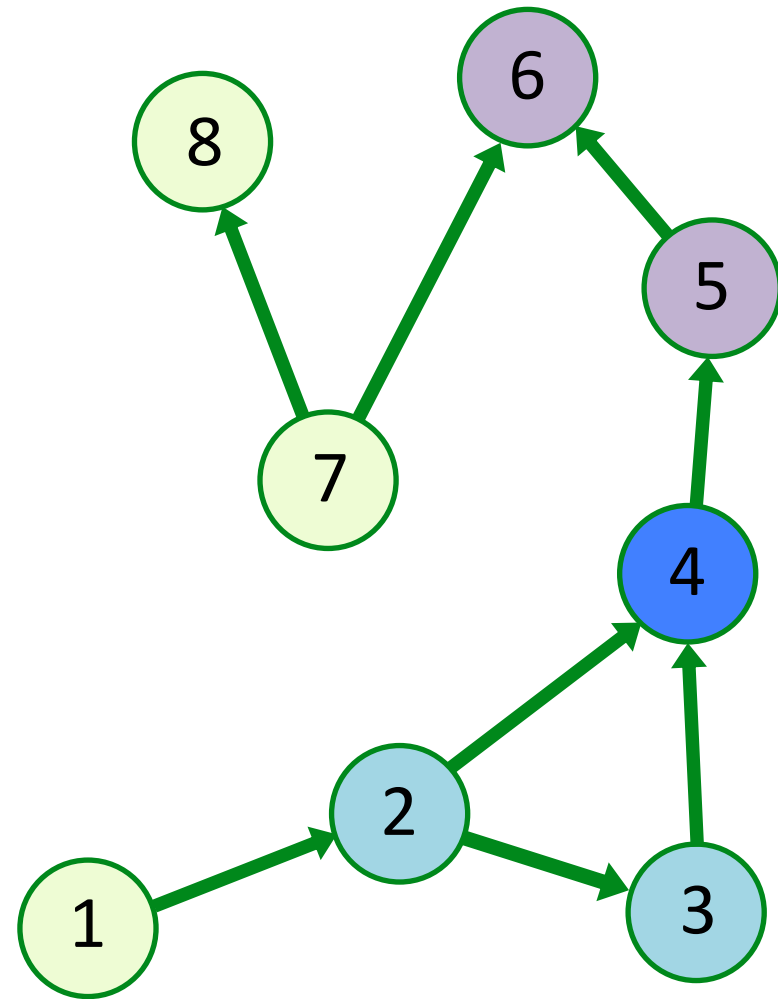
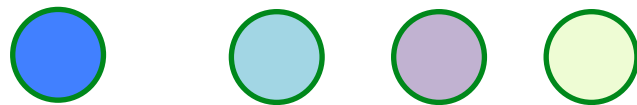
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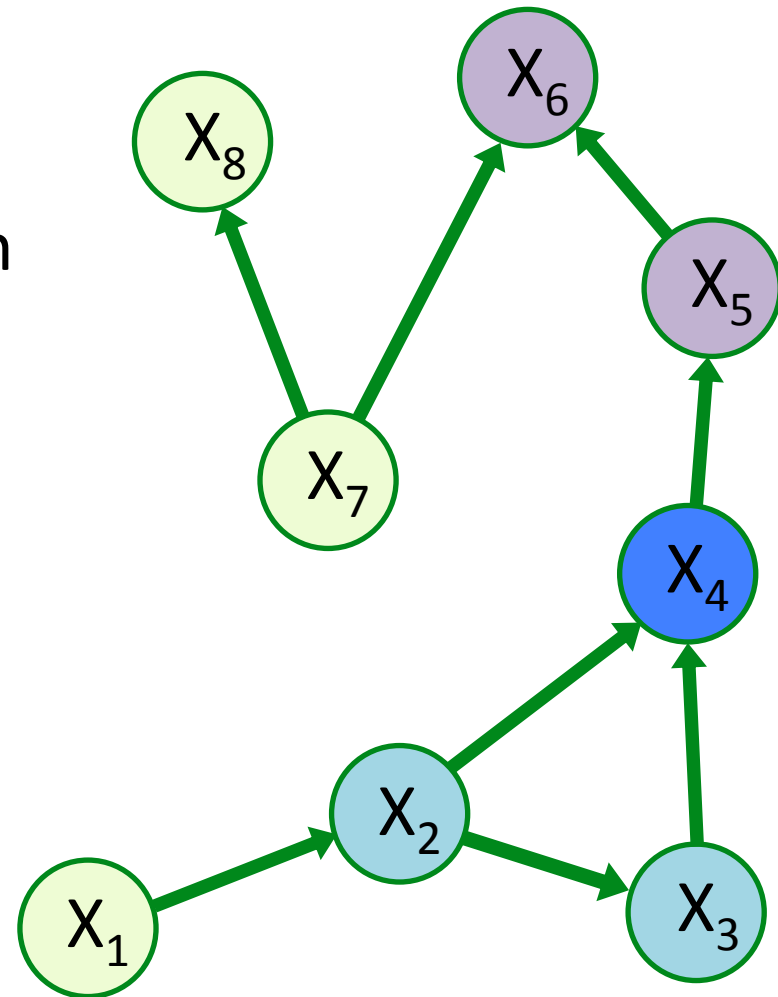
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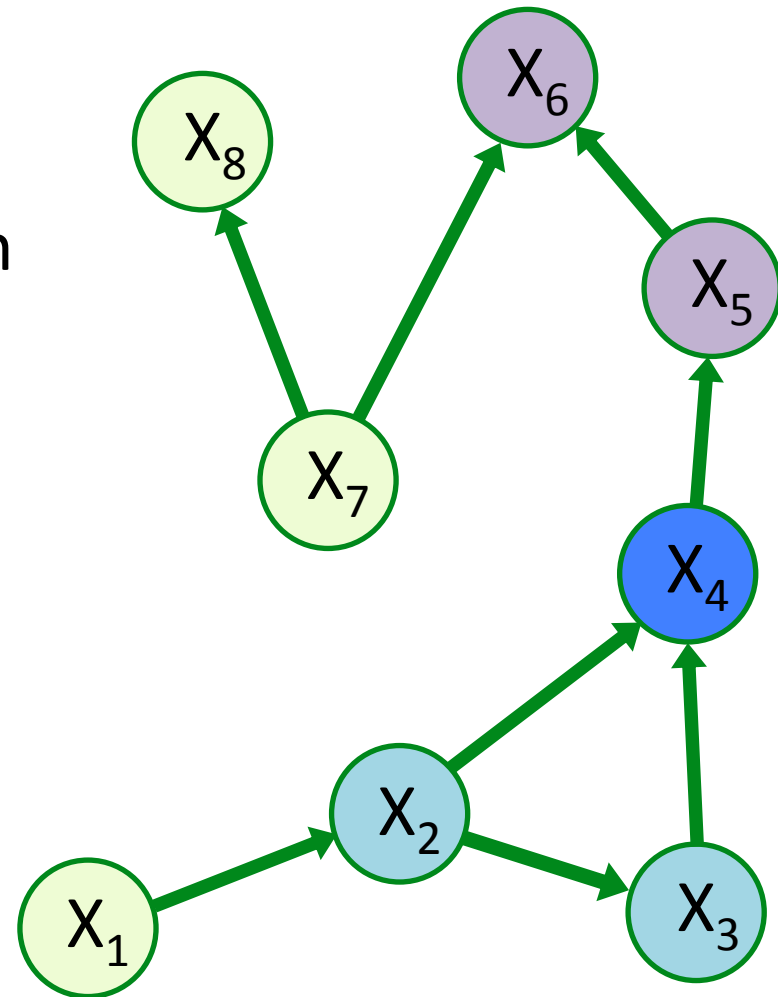
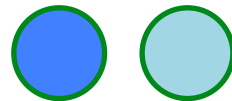
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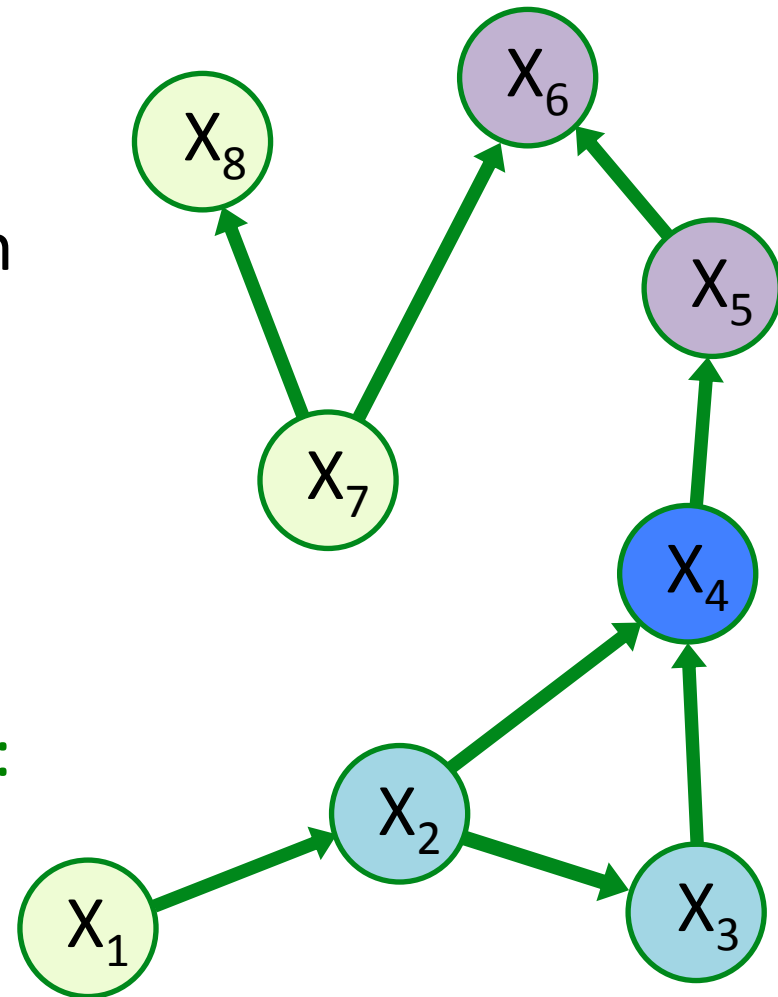
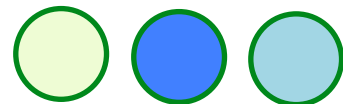
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Example:  $q(X_4 | x_{\{2,3\}})$



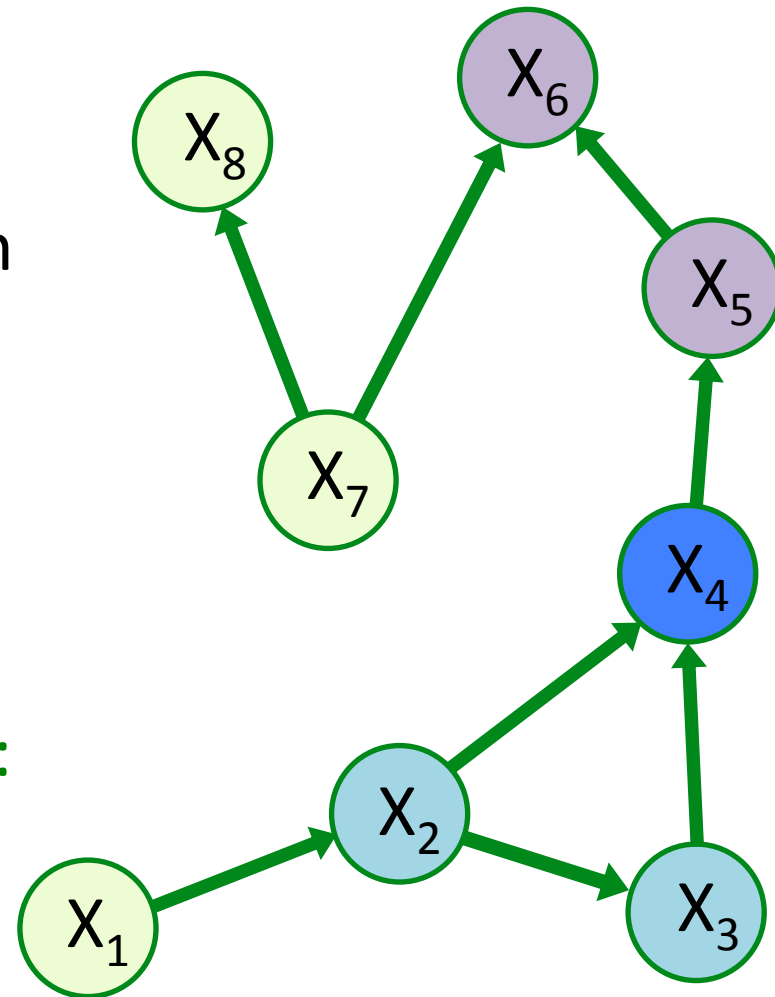
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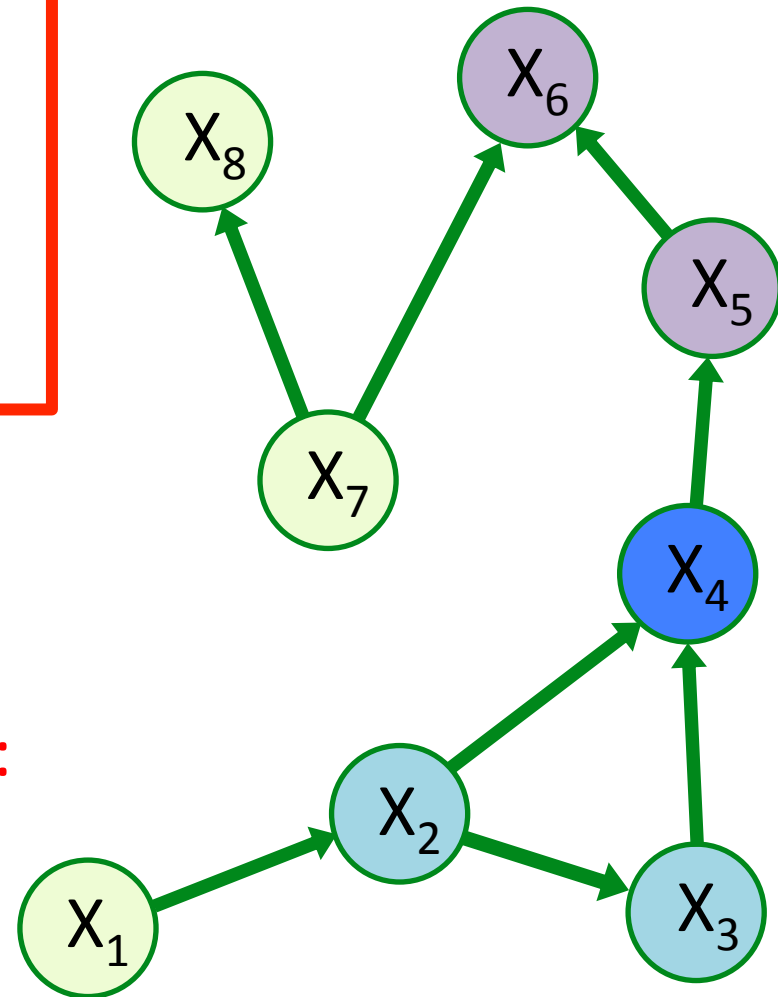
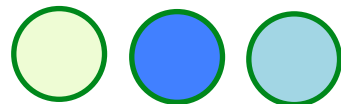
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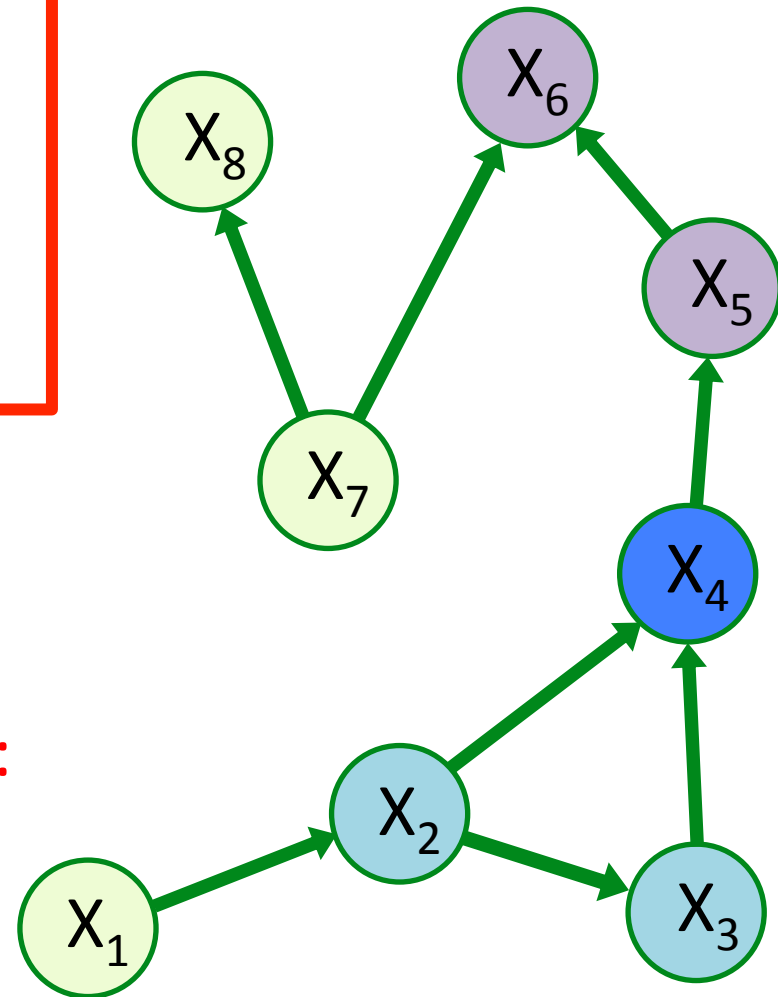
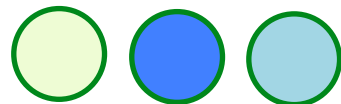
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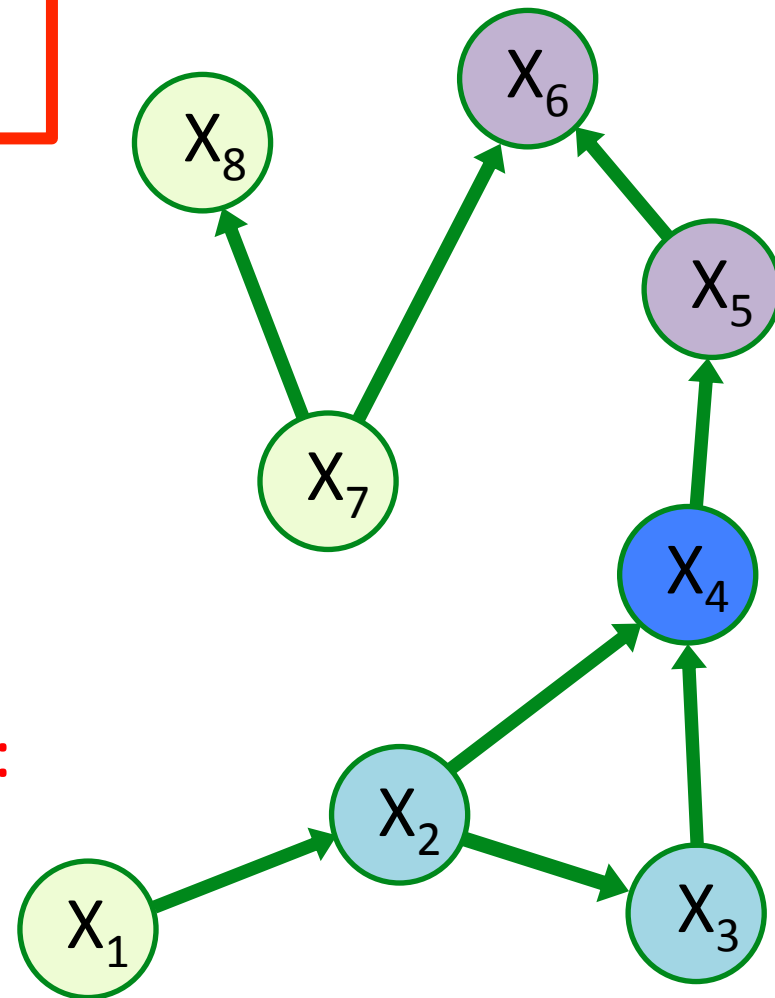
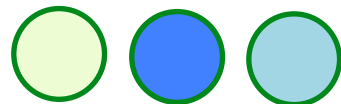
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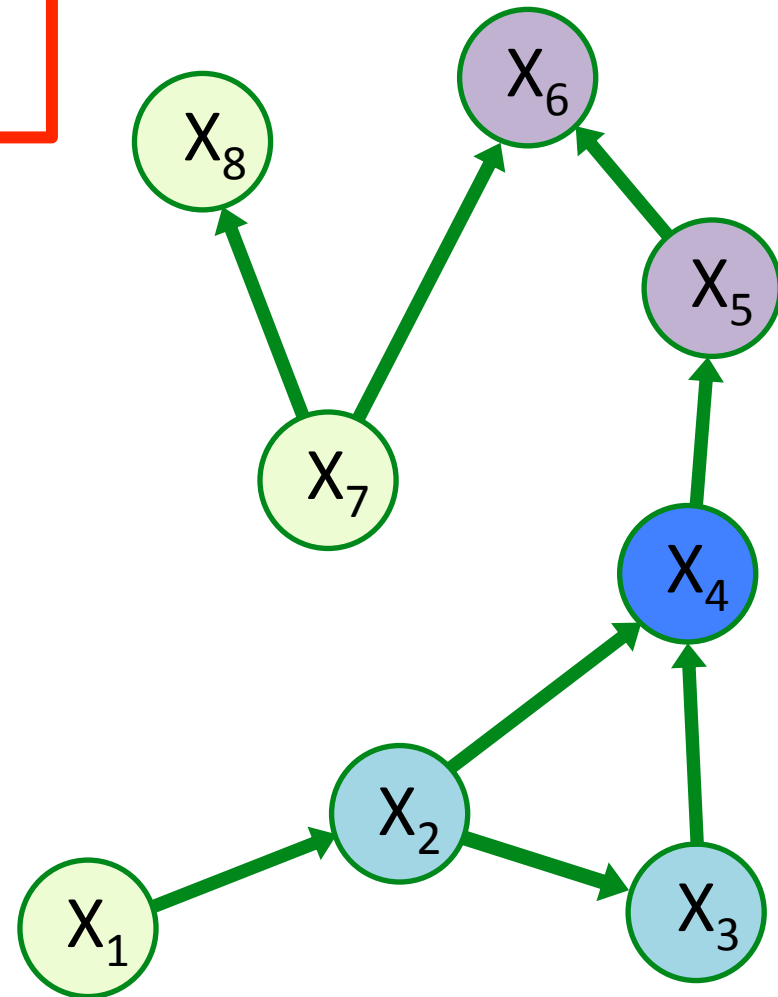
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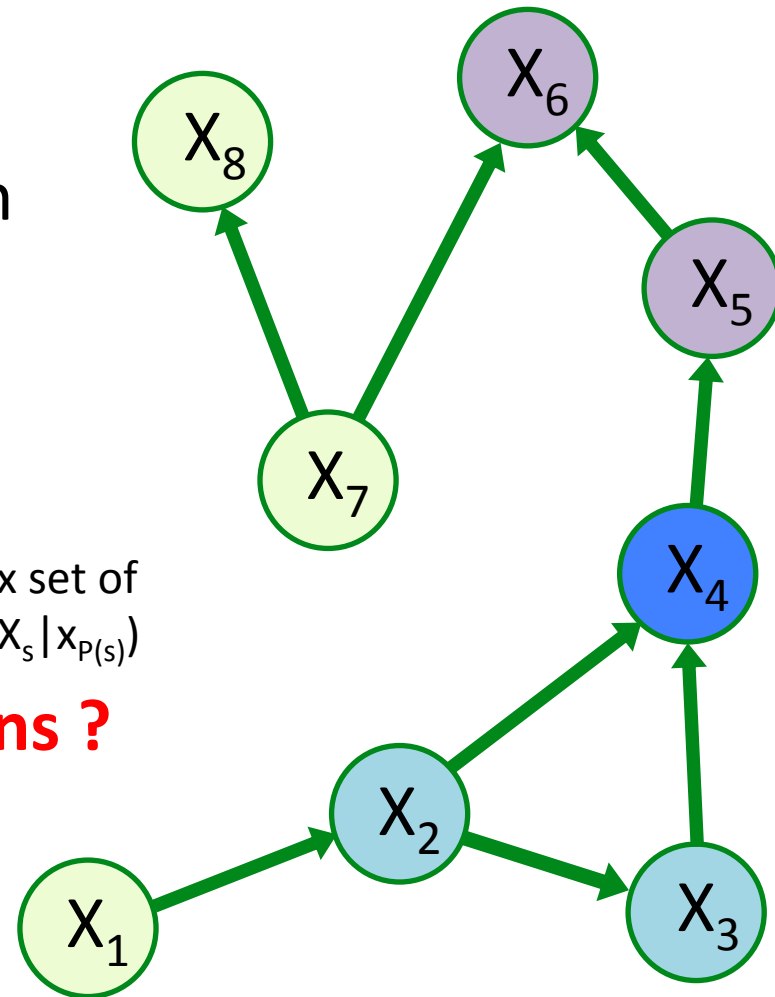
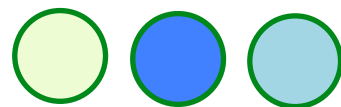
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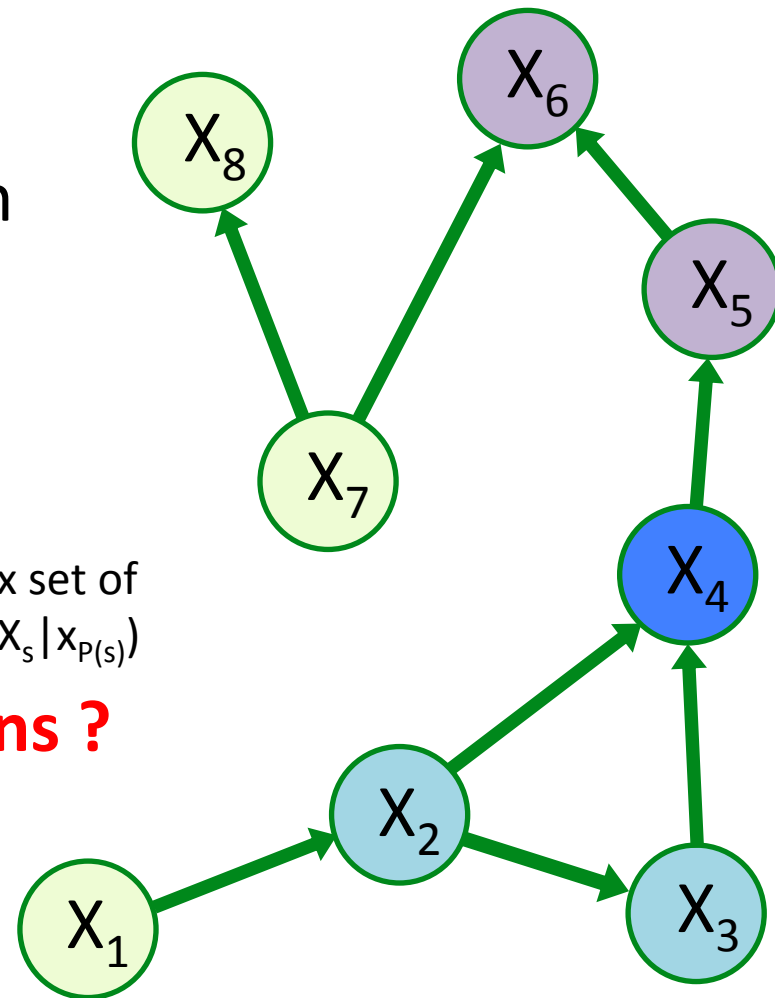
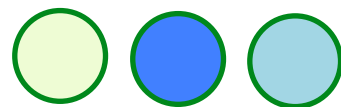
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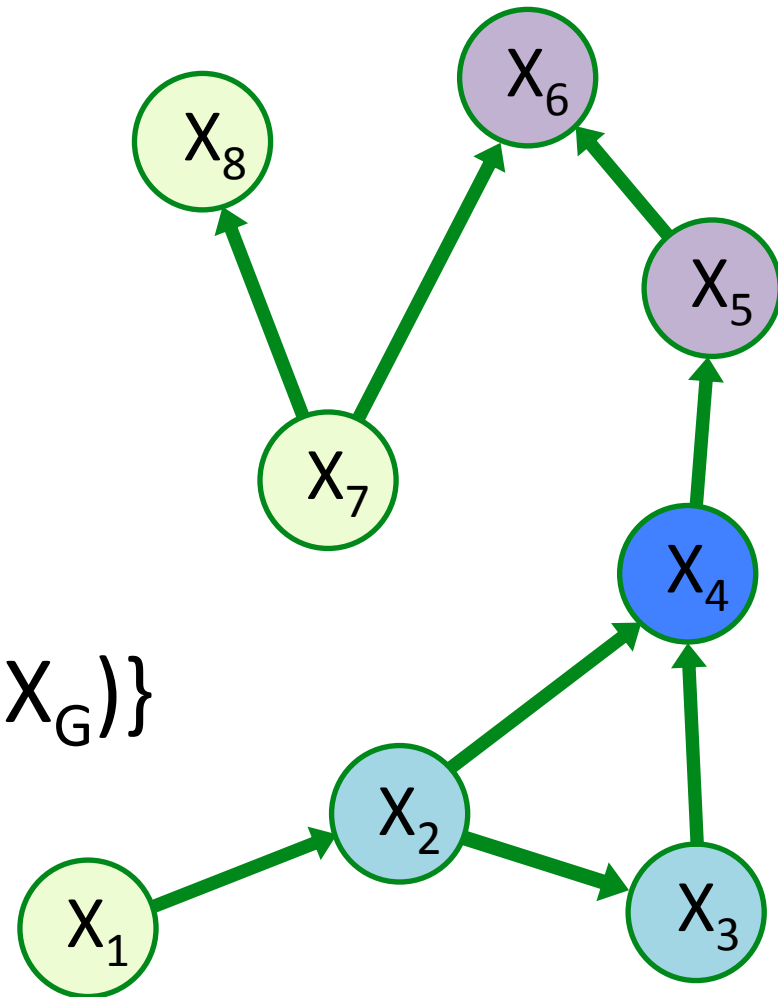
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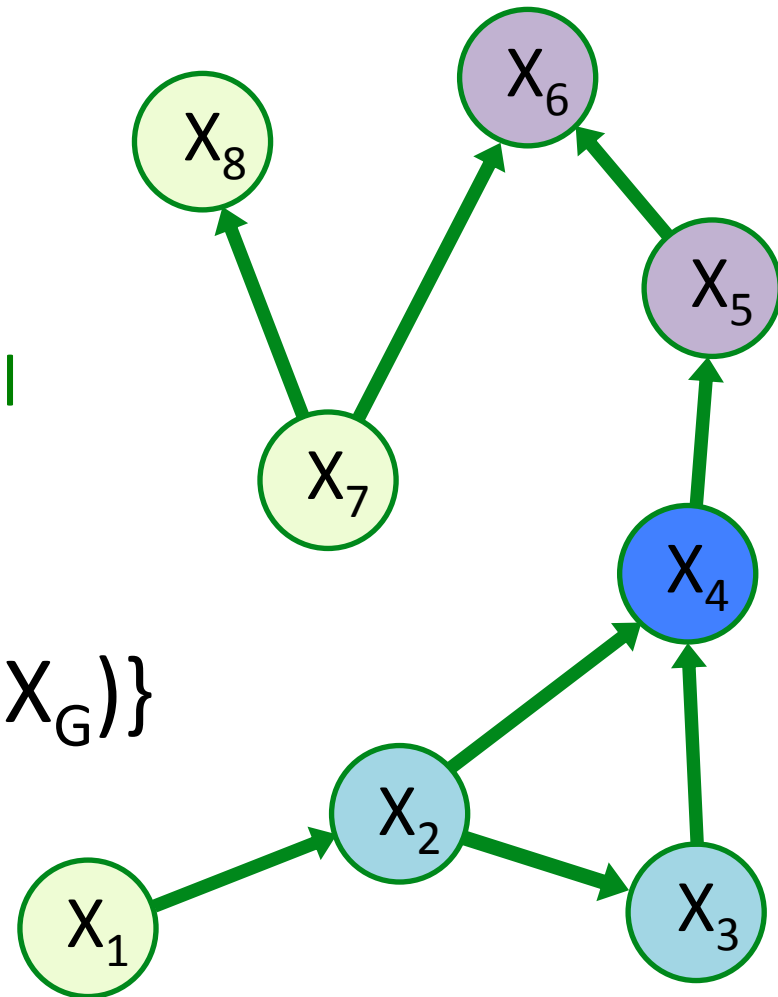


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Given local credal set

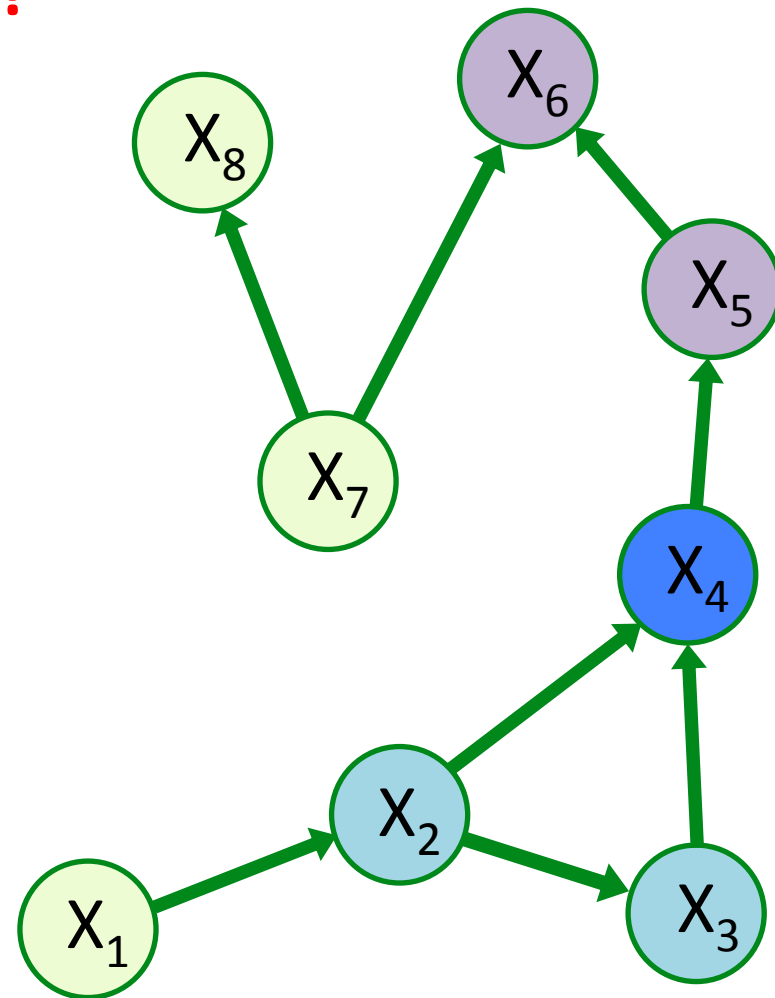
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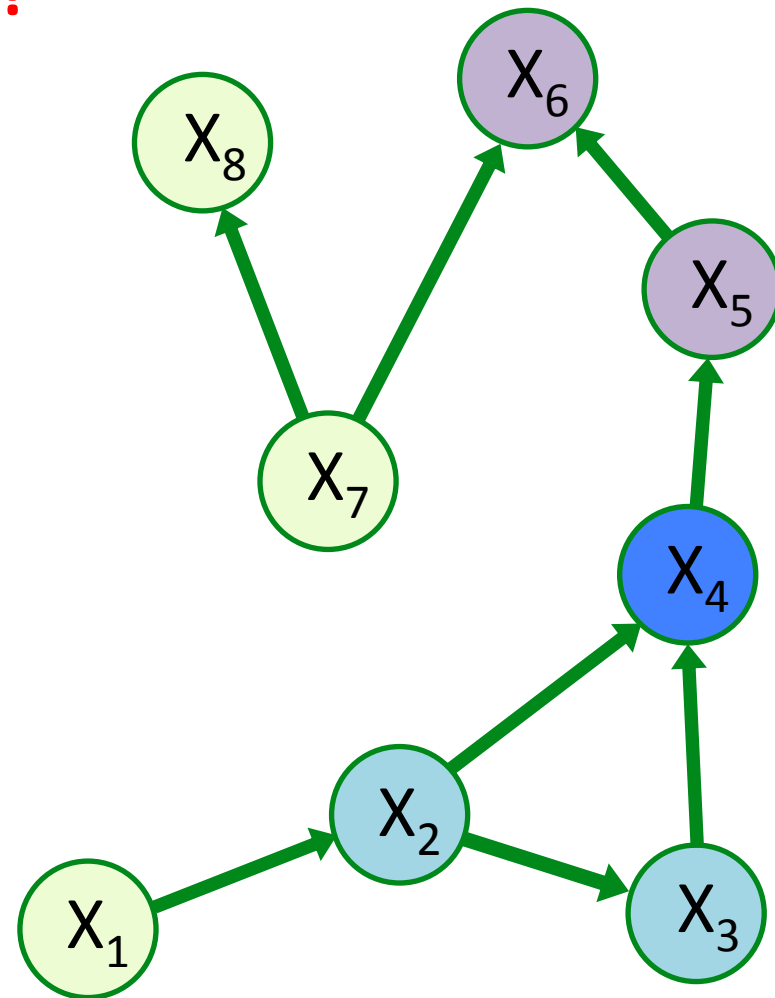
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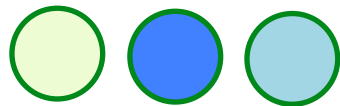




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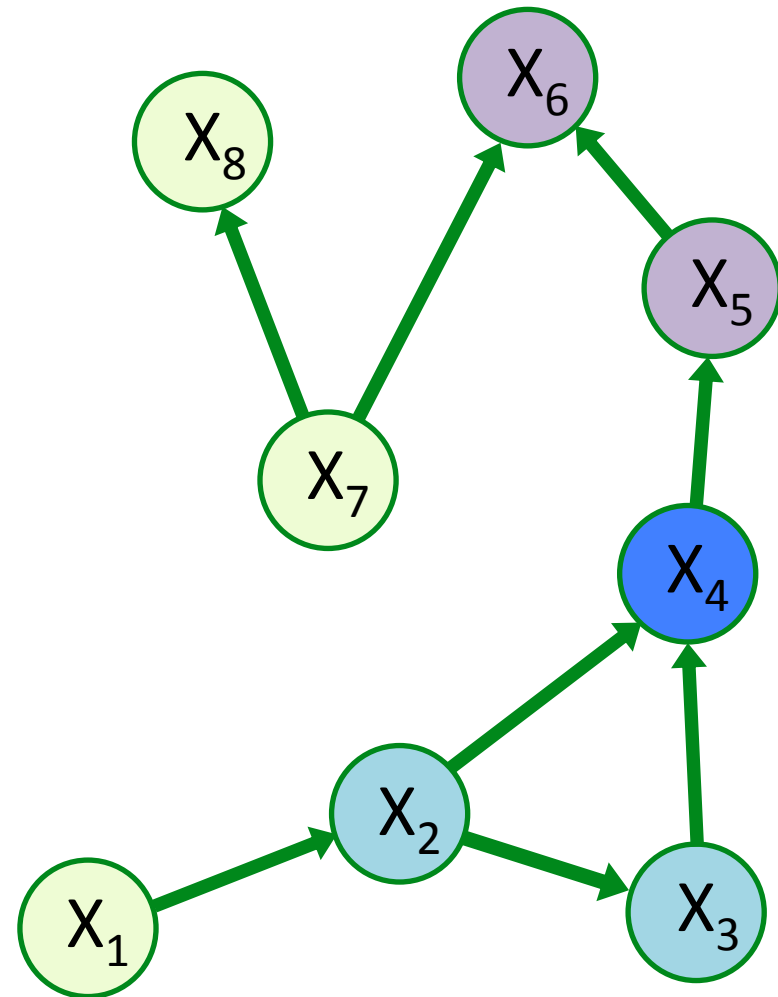
## Strong independence

$$\forall s \in G: \mathbf{SI}(N(s), s | P(s))$$



$\mathcal{M}(X_G)$  is the convex hull of a set of mass functions  $p(X_G)$  that satisfy the usual independence assumption:

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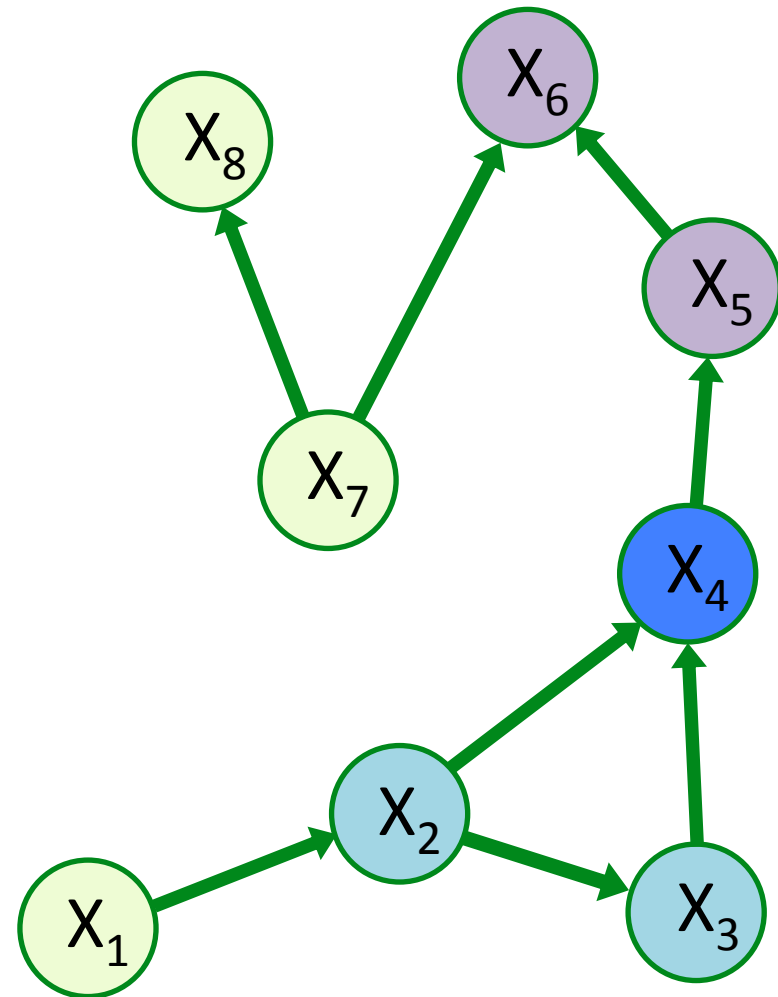
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Local models  $\mathcal{M}(X_s | x_{P(s)})$



not unique!

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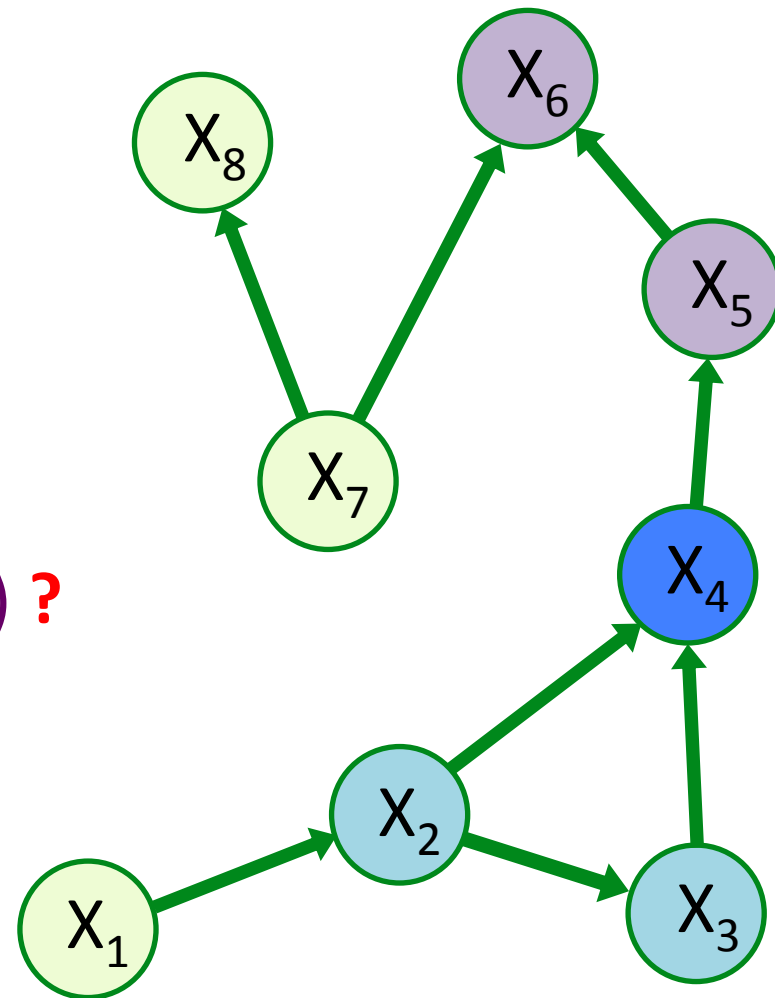
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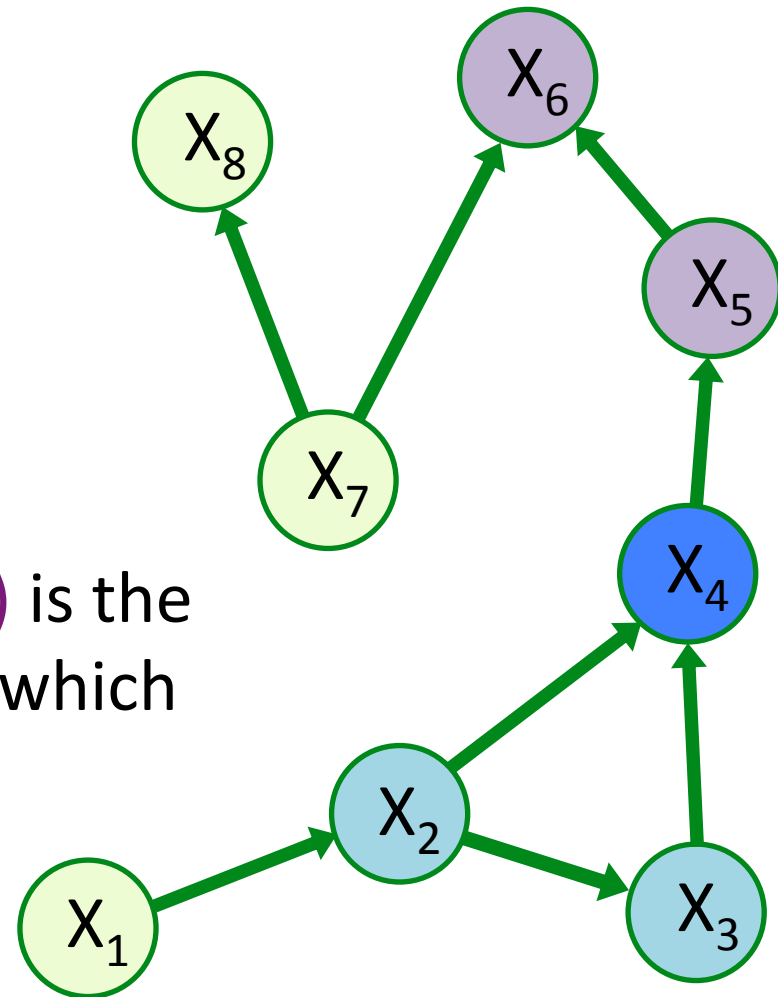
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The strong extension  $\mathcal{M}^{\text{str}}(X_G)$  is the convex hull of those  $p(X_G)$  for which

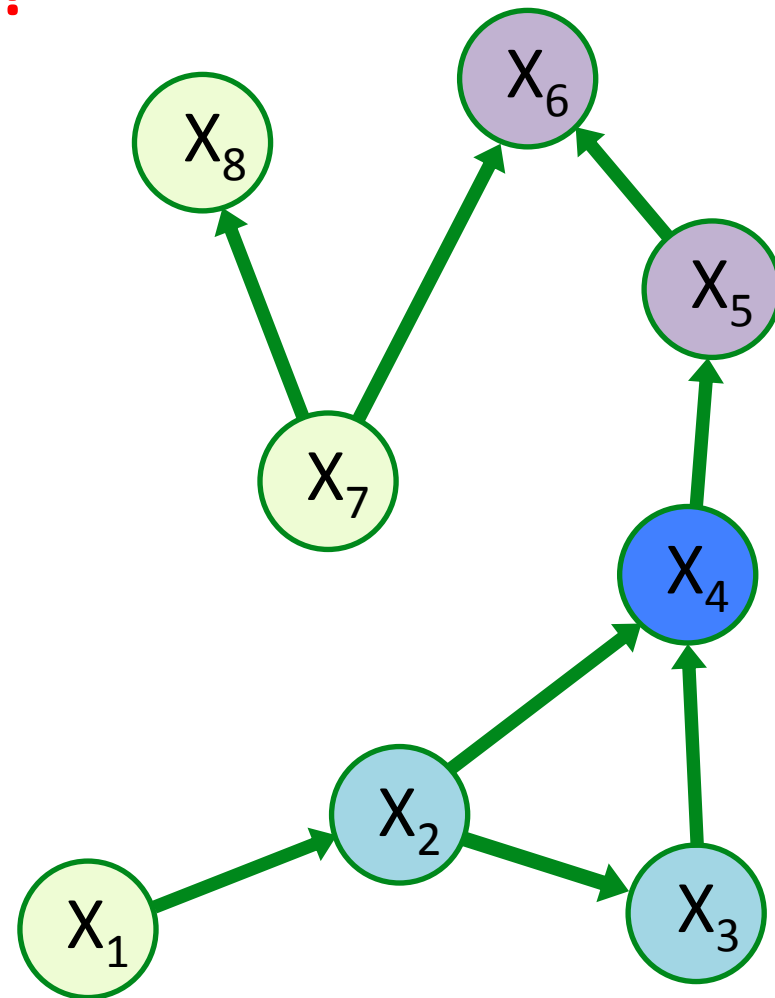
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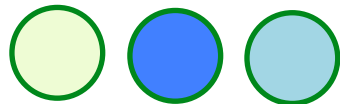
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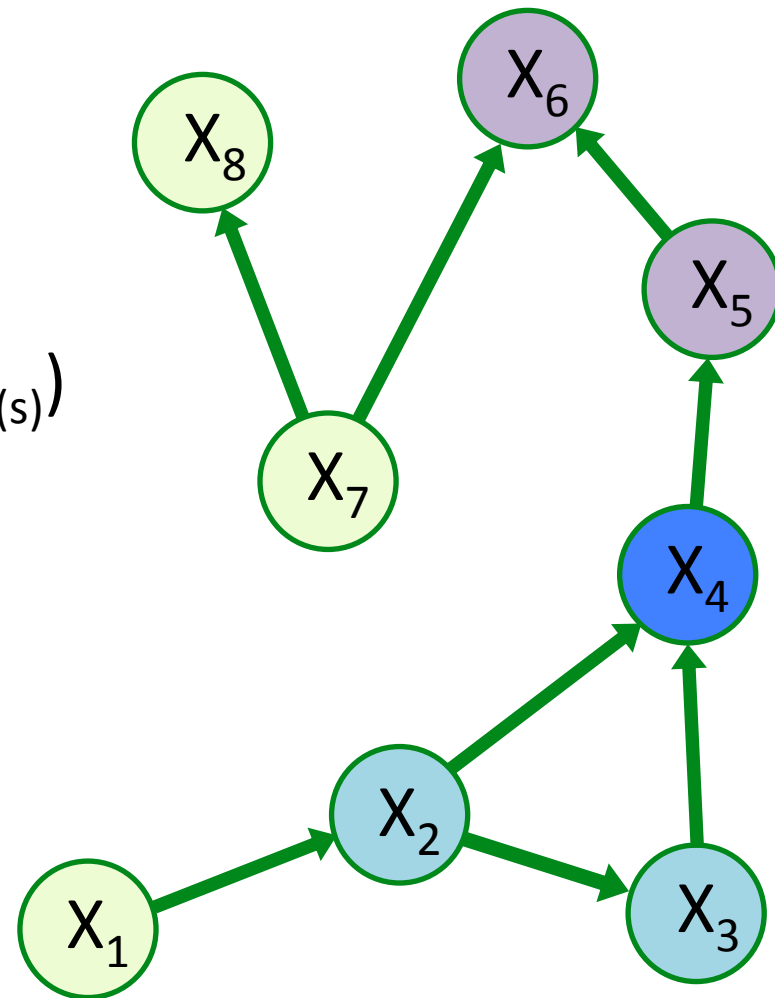
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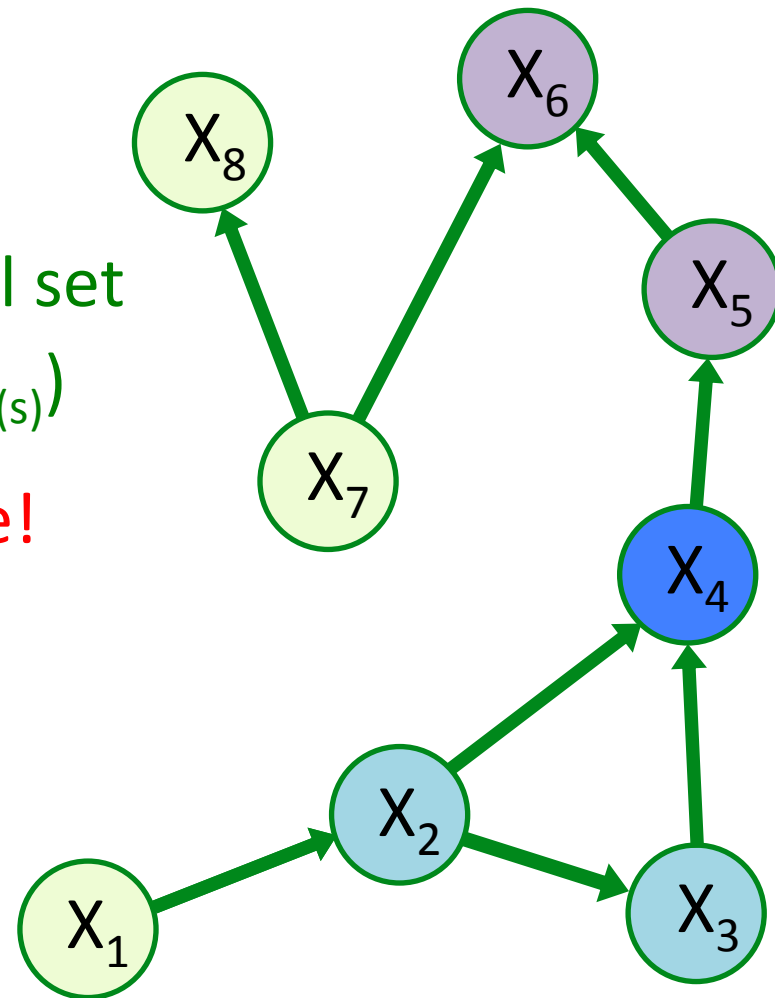
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+ local credal set

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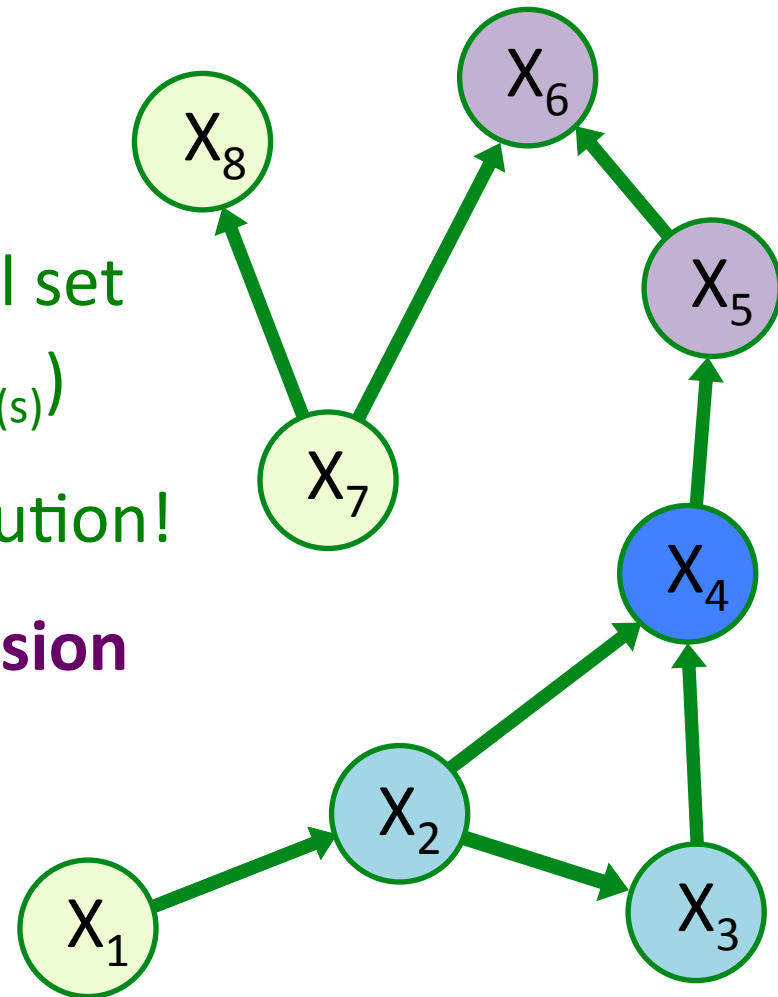
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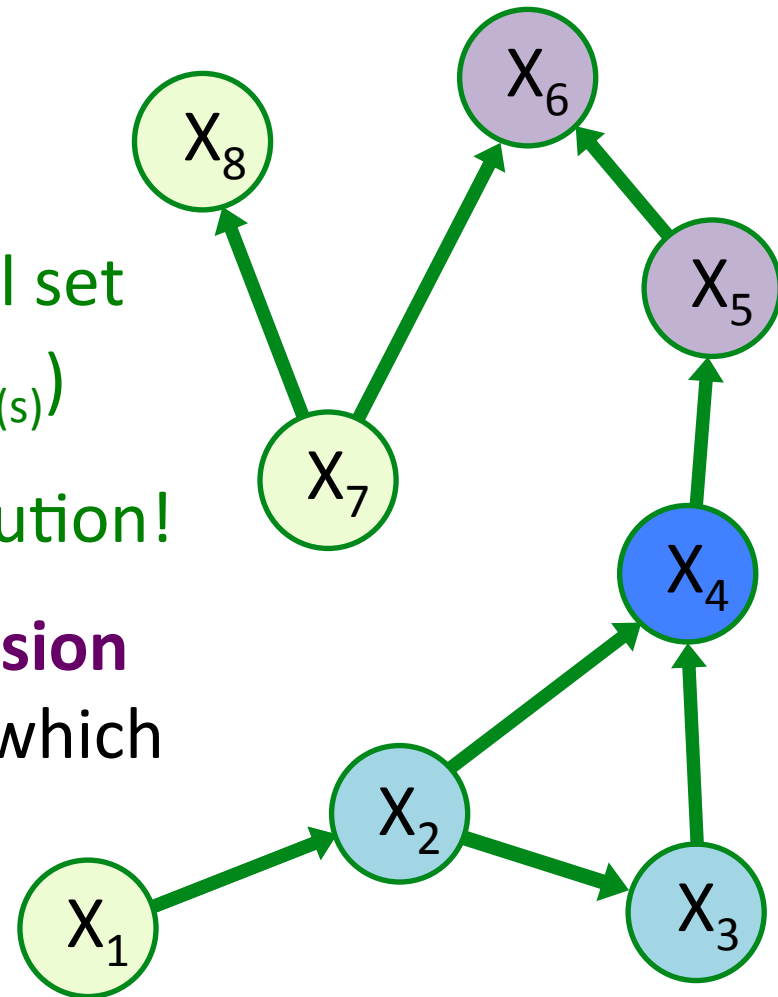
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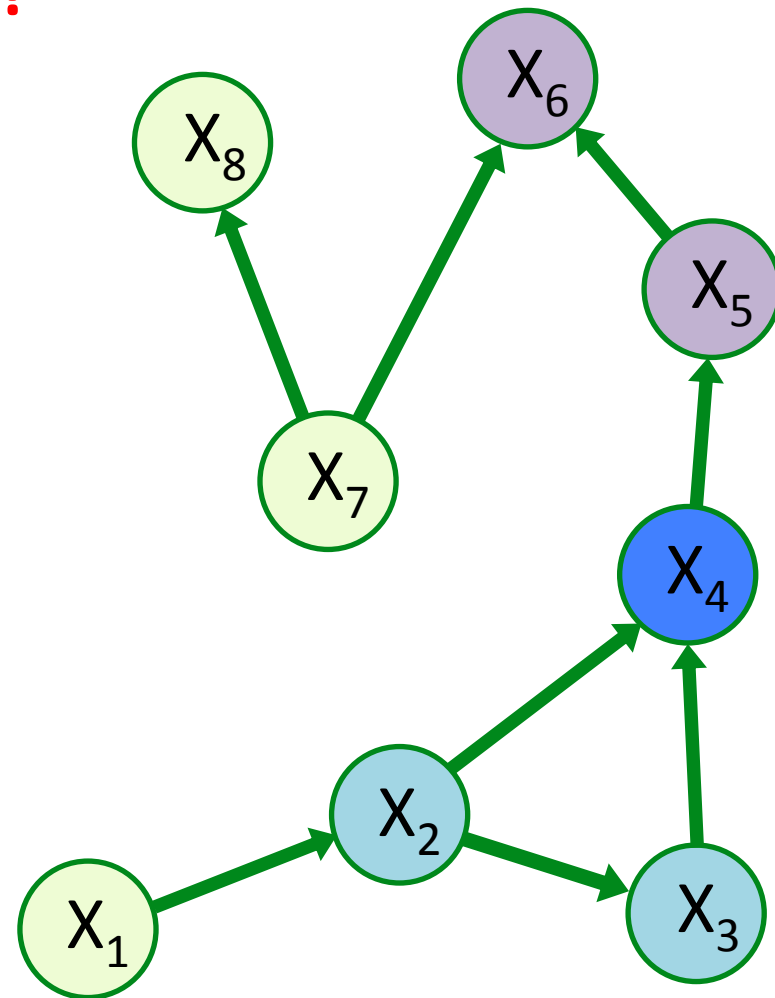
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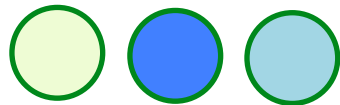
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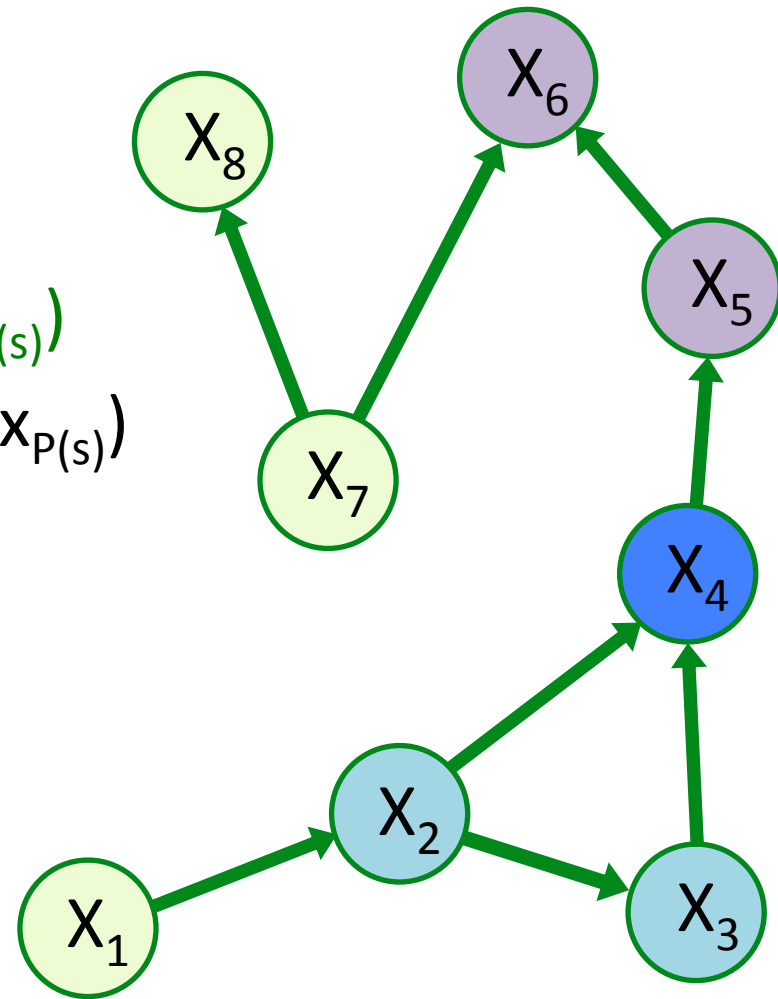
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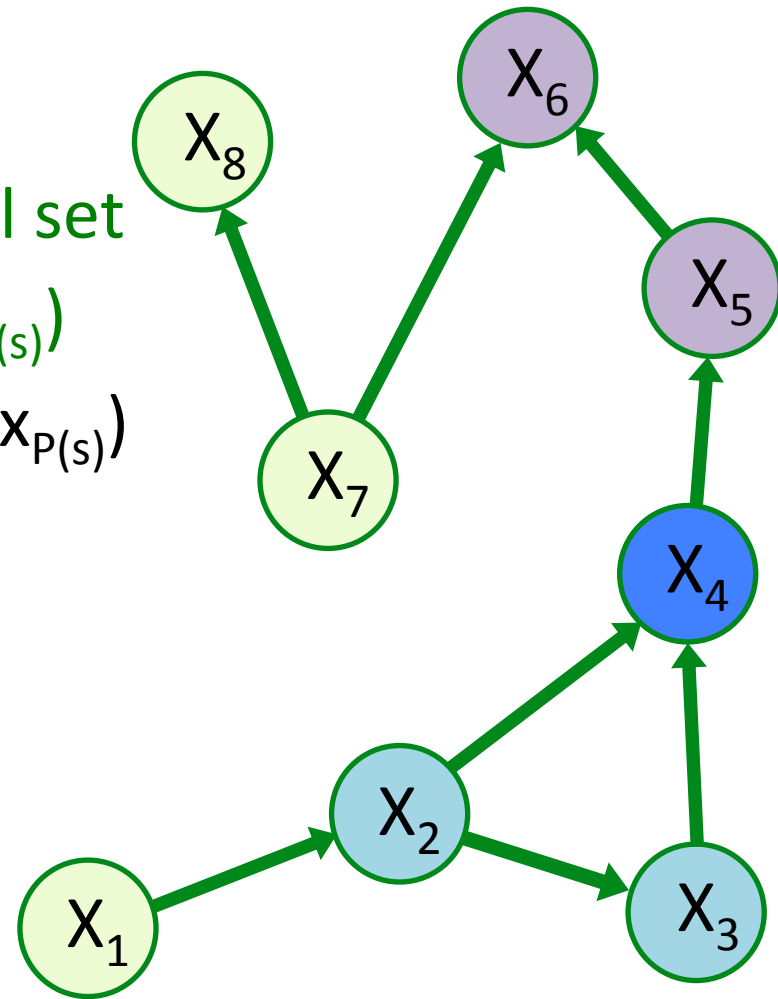
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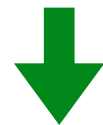
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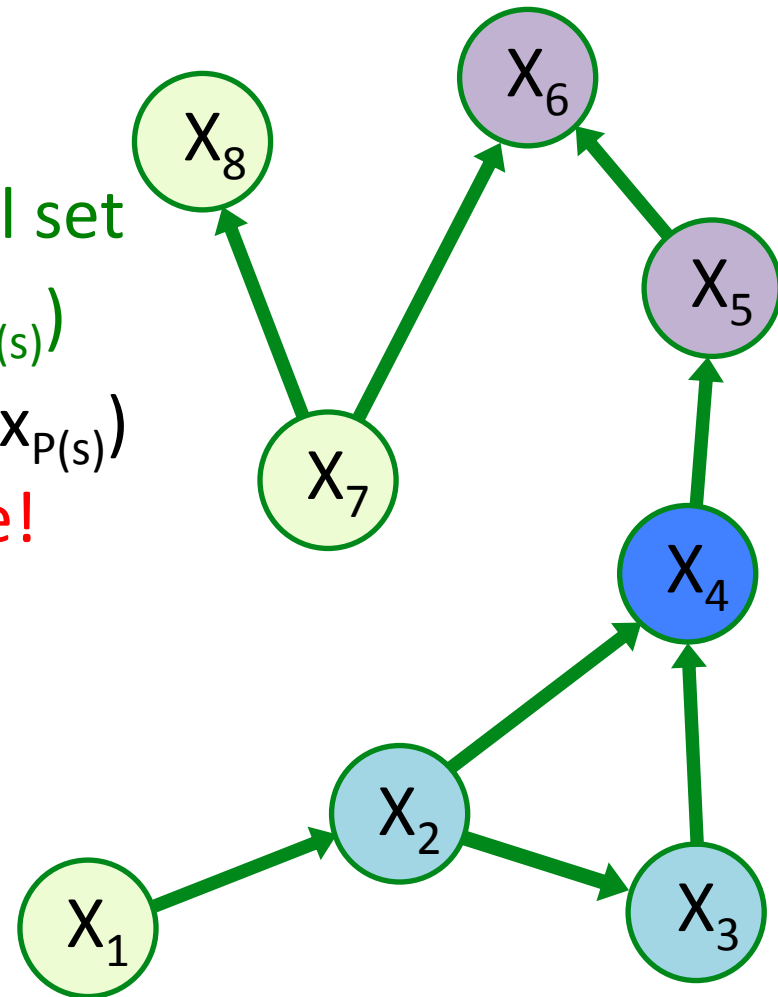
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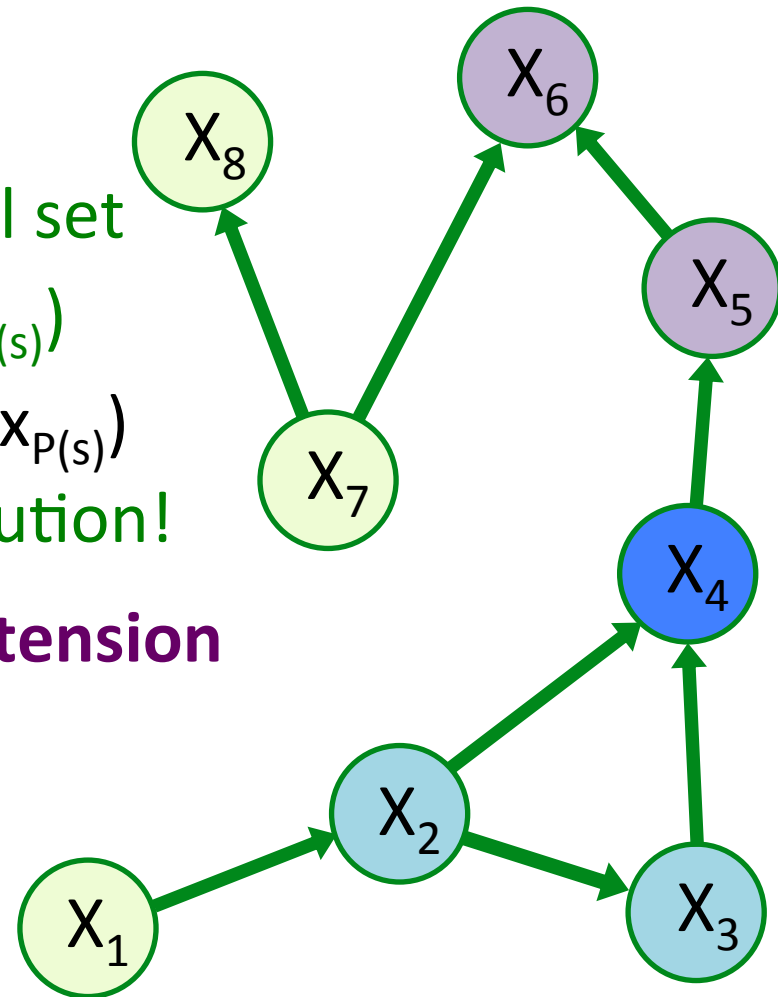
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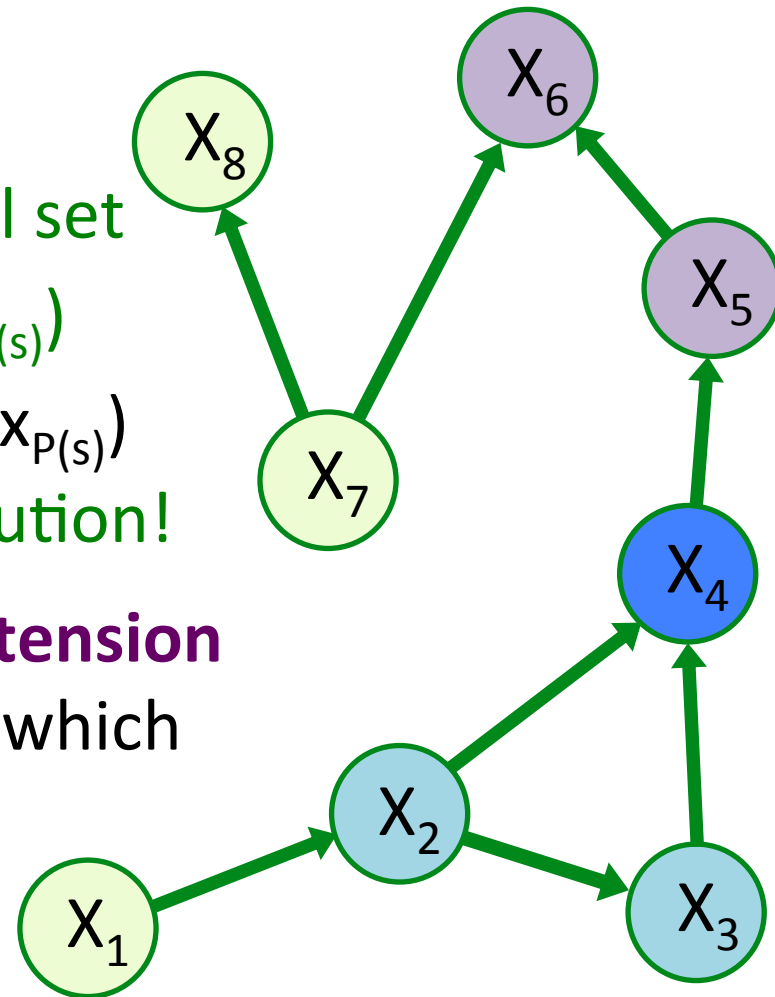
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and ... (no easy description!)



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Questions?

