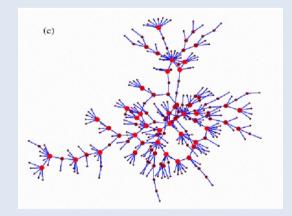
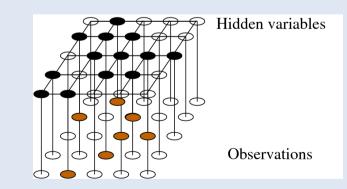
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A graphical model:

Agregation of local functions over state (and decision) variables

- Constraint Satisfaction Problems (and their weighted extensions)
 - Discrete decision variables, local specification of integer-valued cost functions
 - Admissible decision values / minimum cost decision values
- Stochastic graphical models (Bayesian Nets, Gaussian random fields...)
 - Discrete or continuous state variables, local specifications of probability distributions
 - Marginal probabilities, "most-likely" tuples
- Influence Diagrams
 - Discrete state and decision variables, local specifications of probability distributions and utility functions
 - Expected utility maximisation

Stochastic and deterministic graphical models : Questions

- Modeling
 - Providing / extending new mathematical models
 - Modeling new problems (about biological systems, here)
- Learning
- Model parameter estimation, structure learning...
- Reasoning
 - Finding most probable states, solution counting, marginal computation...
- Optimising
 - Exact or approximate optimisation of decisions...
- Etc.

Biological systems applications

- Molecular biology
 - Protein interactions
 - Regulation networks
- C. Barnes "Approximate Bayesian Computation (ABC) to Learn the Structure and Dynamics of Complex Systems"
- Daudin et al. "Properties of variational estimates of a mixture model for random graphs"
- Vandel et al. "Extended Bayesian scores for reconstructing gene regulatory networks"
- Gay et al. "A Graphical Method for Reducing and Relating Models in Systems Biology"

Ecological systems applications

Ecological systems

- Understanding of spatial patterns in ecological systems
- Epidemics dynamics modeling
- Sampling for ecological systems map reconstruction
- J. Illian "Ecological applications of spatial point process theory examples of spatial complexity"
- Bonneau et al. "Solving adaptive sampling problems in graphical models using Markov Decision Processes"
- Crété et al. "Spatiotemporal Modeling of a Spread of Apple Scab"