Graph Foldings and Markov Random Fields

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Outline

- Markov random fields and Gibbs measures with nearest neighbour interactions
- Review of previous results
- The pivot property
- Graph folding and Hammersly-Clifford spaces

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Question: Under what conditions on the support is a Markov random field Gibbs with some nearest neighbour interaction?

Positive results:(*Instances where every Markov random field is Gibbs*)

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