

Asymptotics and Statistical Inference in High-Dimensional Low-Rank Matrix Models

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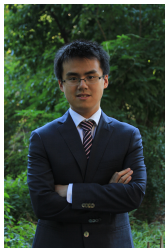
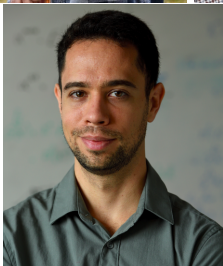


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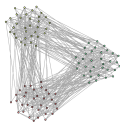
Key Takeaway

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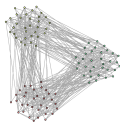
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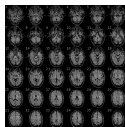
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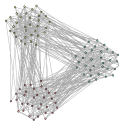
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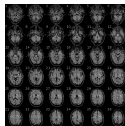
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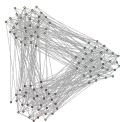
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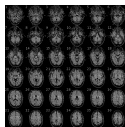
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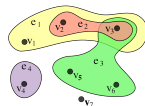
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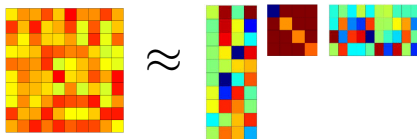
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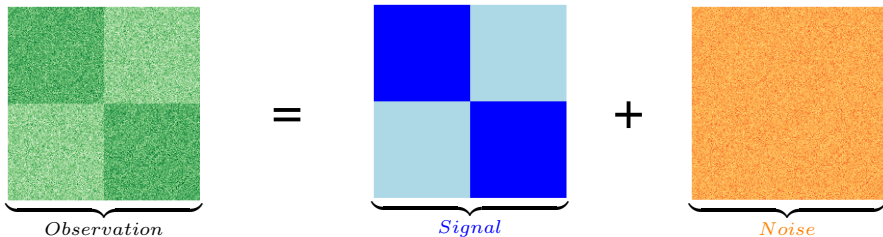
High-Dimensional Low-Rank Matrix Models

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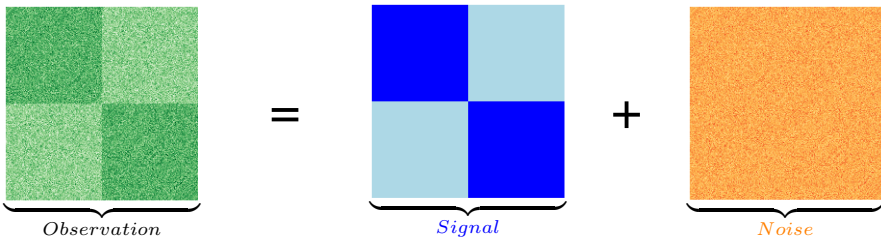
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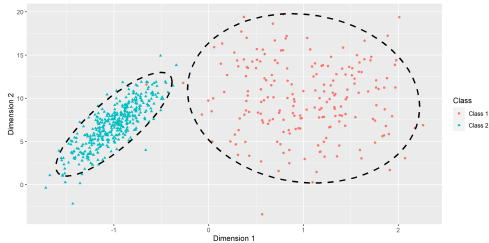
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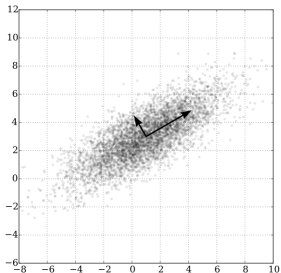
$$X_i = \mu_{z(i)} + Y_i \quad \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n;$$

$z(i)$ is the membership of the i 'th observation;
 μ_k are the K different means;
 $\mathbb{E}Y_i = 0$.

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$$\mathbf{X} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \mu_{z(1)} \\ \vdots \\ \mu_{z(n)} \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Low-Rank Matrix}} + \mathbf{Y}$$

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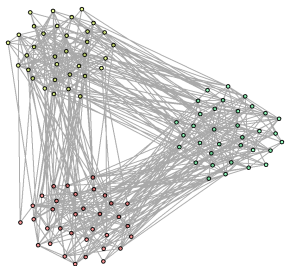
Estimate leading eigenvectors of covariance:

$$X_i = \Sigma^{1/2} Y_i \quad \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n;$$
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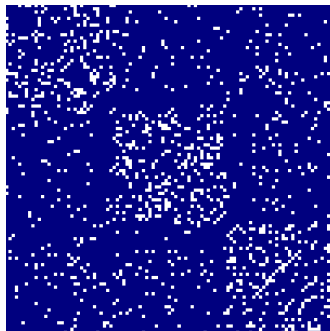
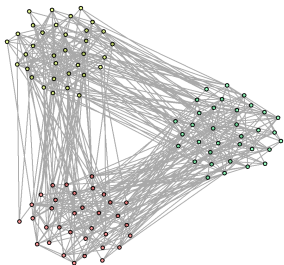
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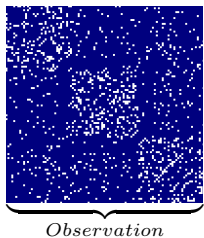
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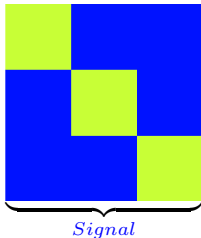
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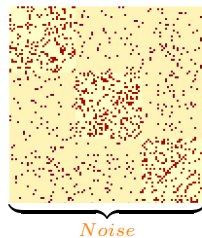
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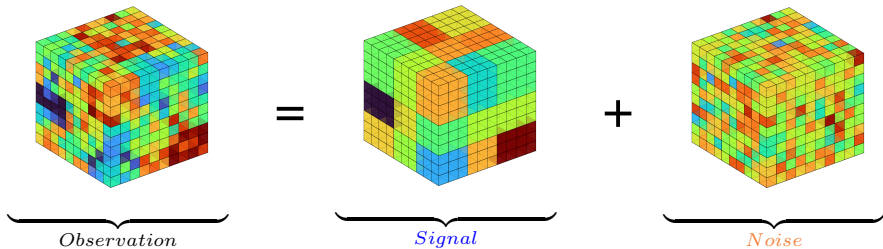
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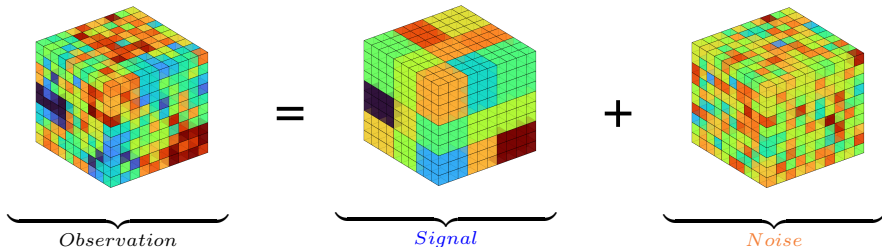
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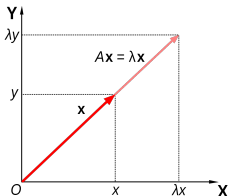
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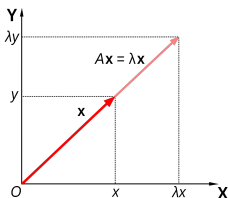


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5.2 CONSISTENCY

5.2.1 Plug-In Estimates and MLEs in Exponential Family Models

Suppose that we have a sample X_1, \dots, X_n from P_θ where $\theta \in \Theta$ and want to estimate a real or vector $q(\theta)$. The least we can ask of our estimate $\hat{q}_n(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is that as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\hat{q}_n \xrightarrow{P_\theta} q(\theta)$ for all θ . That is, in accordance with (A.14.1) and (B.7.1), for all $\theta \in \Theta$, $\epsilon > 0$,

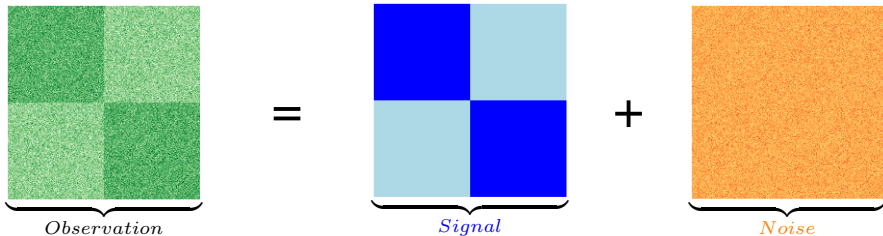
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where $|\cdot|$ denotes Euclidean distance. A stronger requirement is

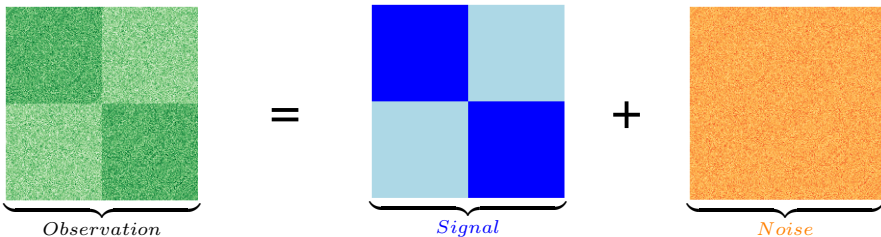
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Bounds $b(n, \epsilon)$ for $\sup_{\theta} P_\theta[|\hat{q}_n - q(\theta)| \geq \epsilon]$ that yield (5.2.2) are preferable and we shall indicate some of qualitative interest when we can. But, with all the caveats of Section 5.1, (5.2.1), which is called *consistency* of \hat{q}_n and can be thought of as 0'th order asymptotics, remains central to all asymptotic theory. The stronger statement (5.2.2) is called *uniform consistency*. If Θ is replaced by a smaller set K , we talk of *uniform consistency over K* .

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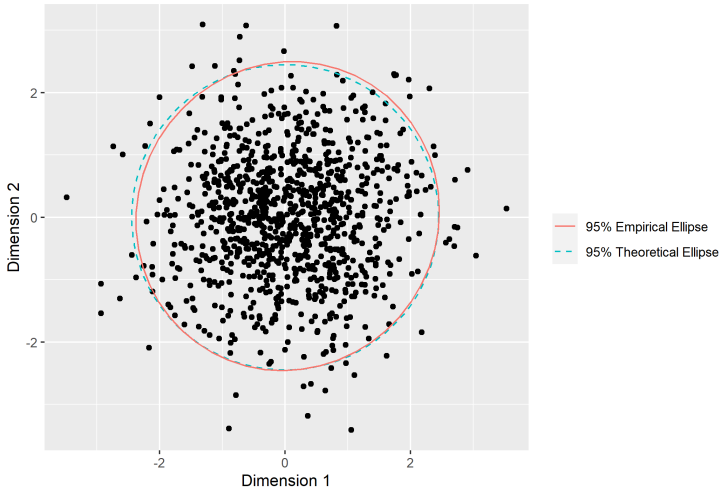
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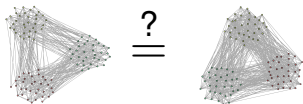
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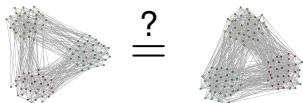
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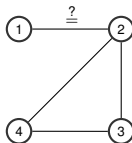
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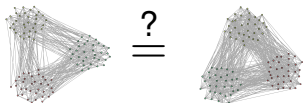
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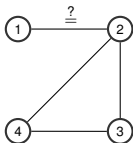
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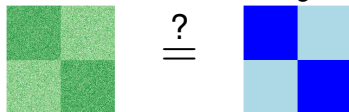
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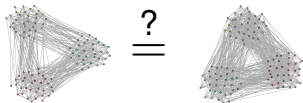
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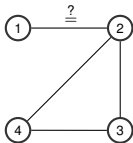
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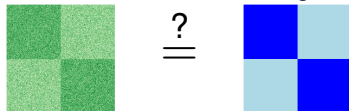
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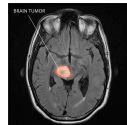
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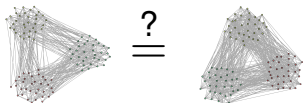
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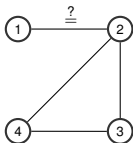
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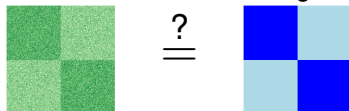
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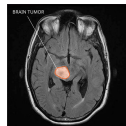
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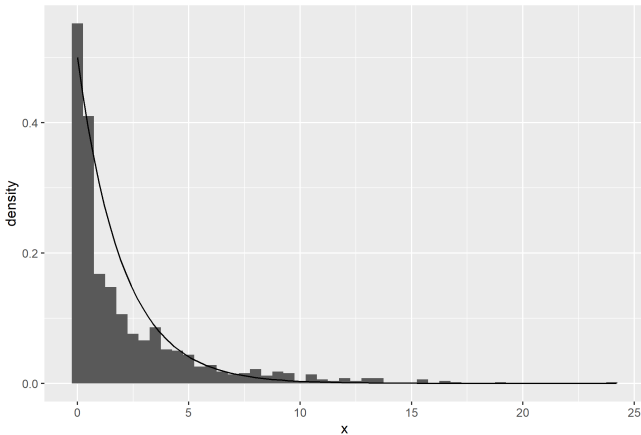
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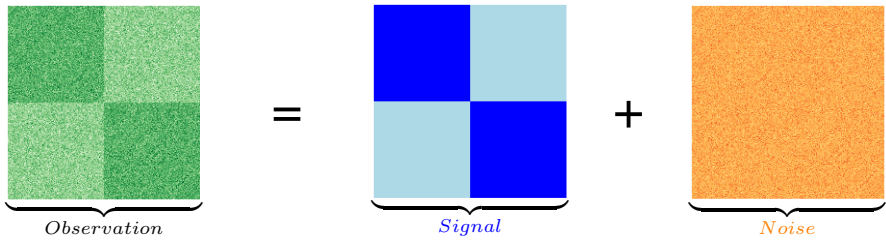
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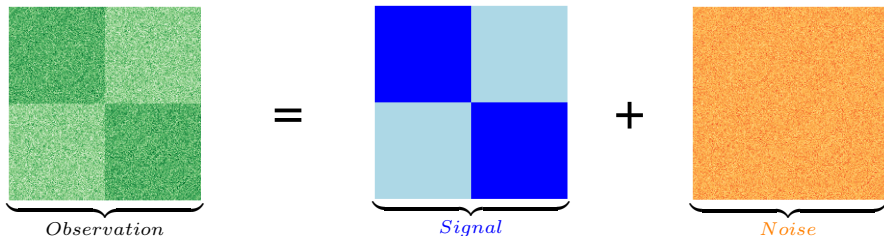
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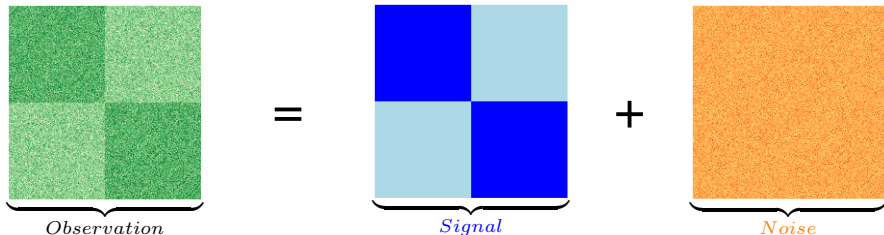


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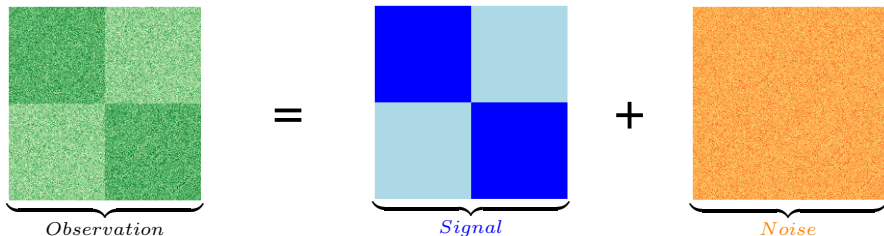
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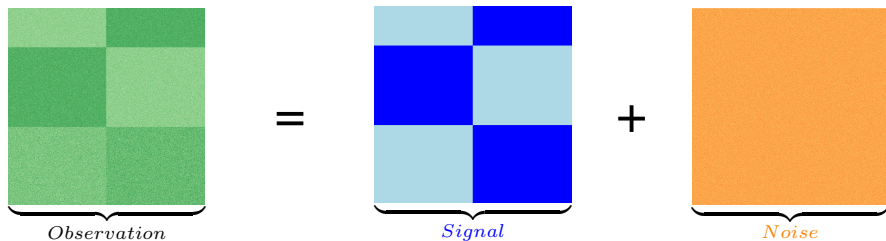
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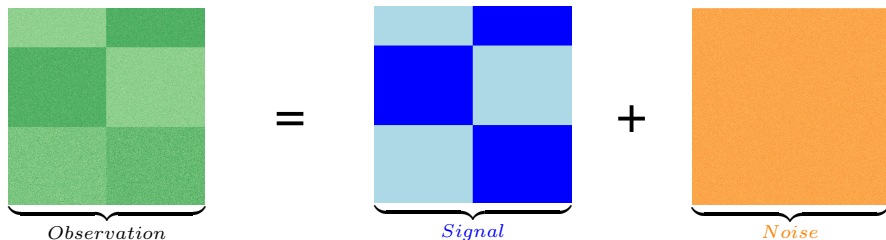


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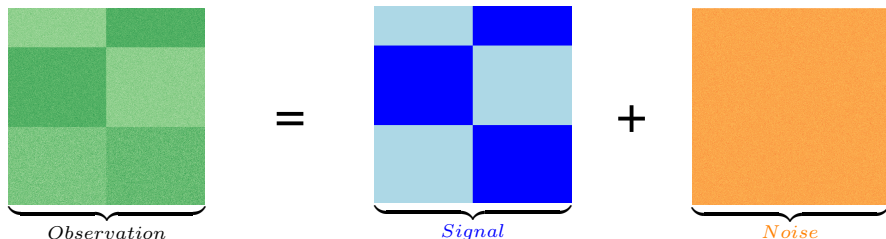


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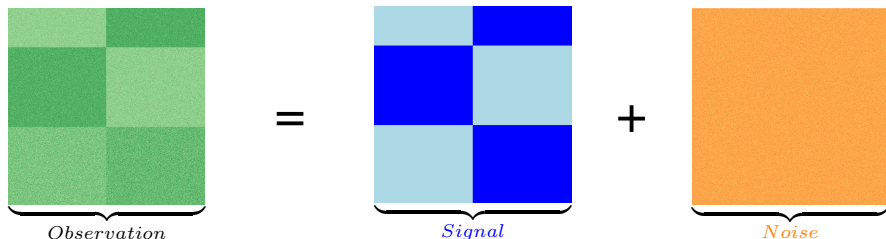
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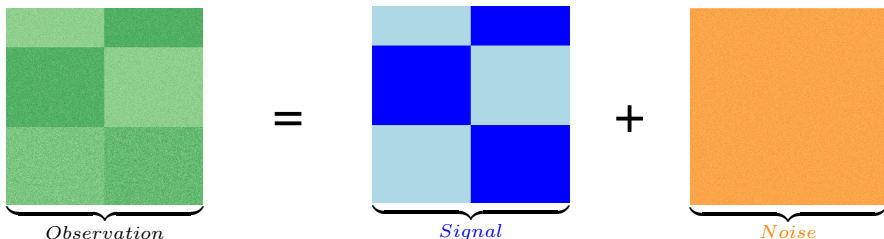
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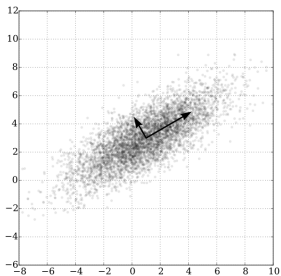
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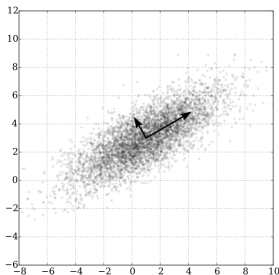


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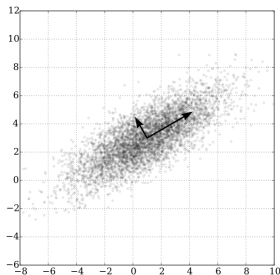


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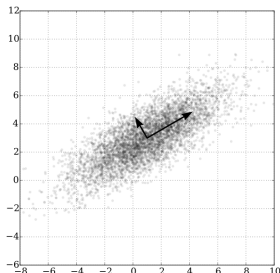
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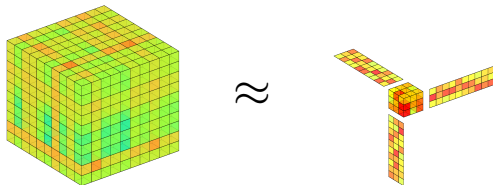
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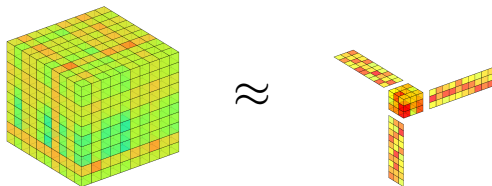


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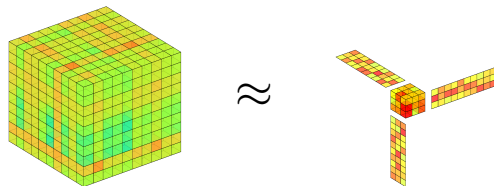


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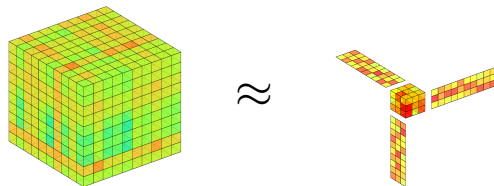
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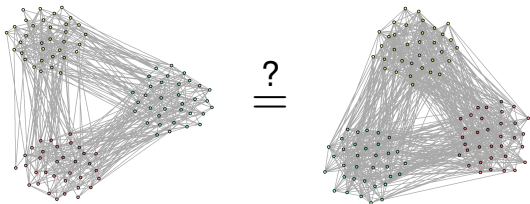
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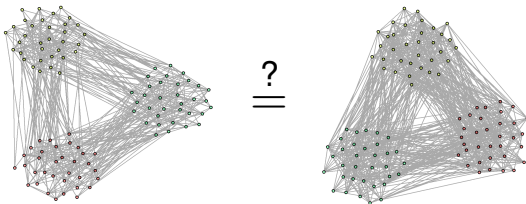


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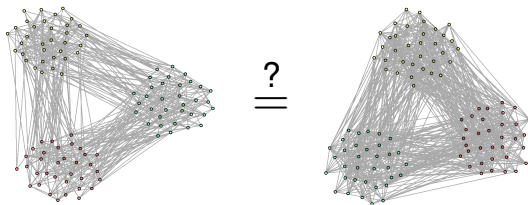


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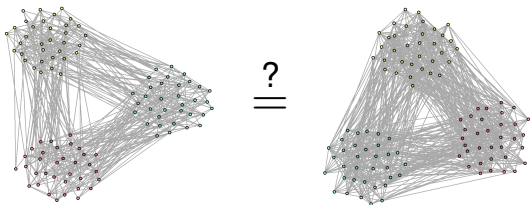
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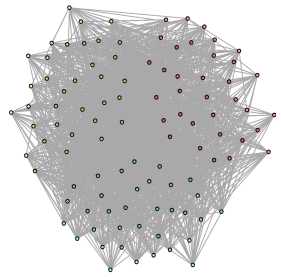
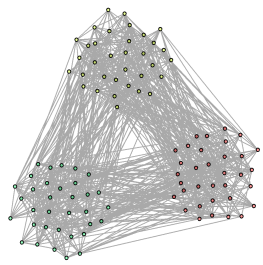
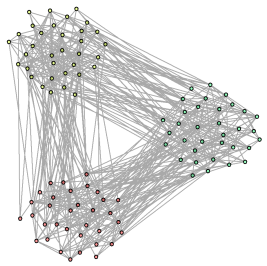
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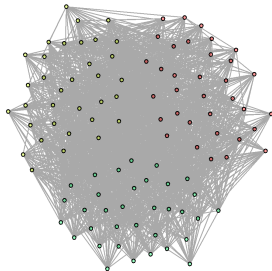
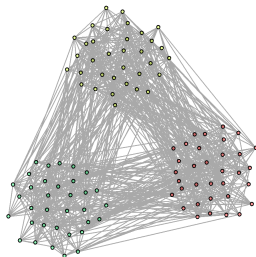
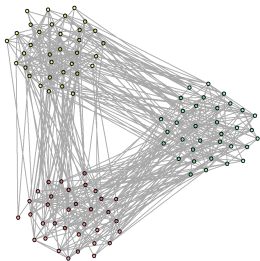


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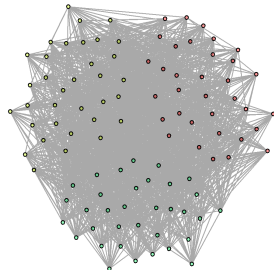
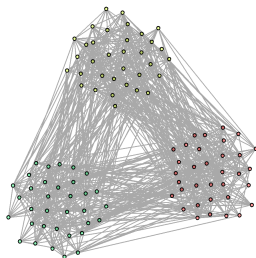
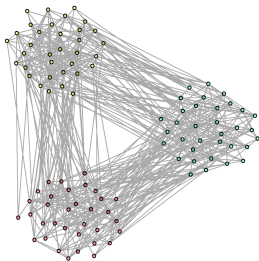


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