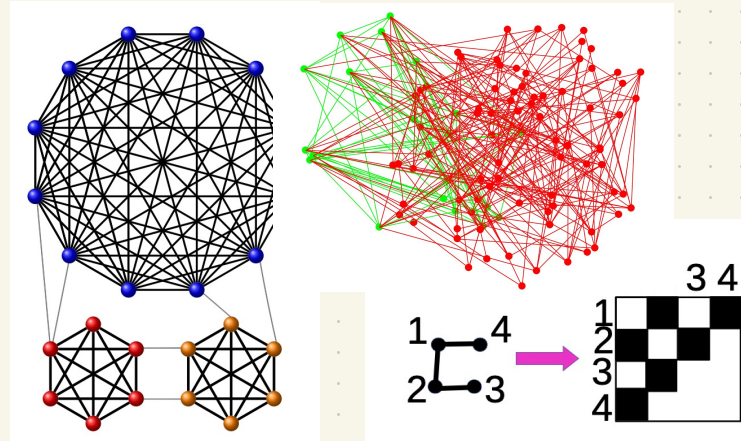
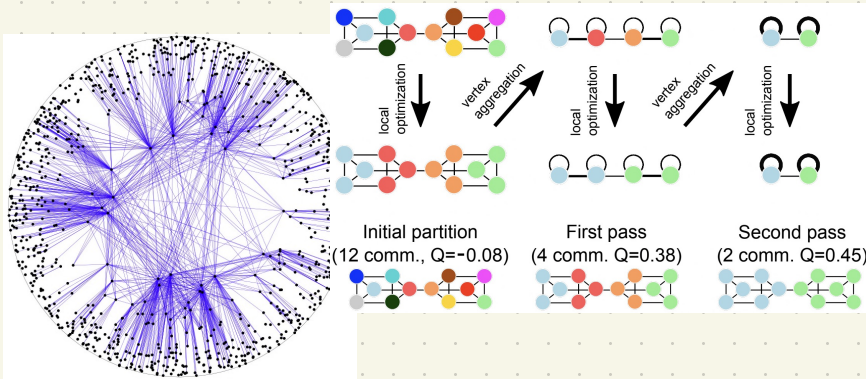


STRUCTURE IN NOISY NETWORKS

Fiona Skerman

I: Modularity based clustering

II: Fundamental limits of learning



I: Modularity-based clustering

- louvain: most commonly used method of community detection
- modularity: definitions + properties.

Example : Linguistics

$V \approx 3000$ climate change blogs

$E \sim$ based on links between blogs

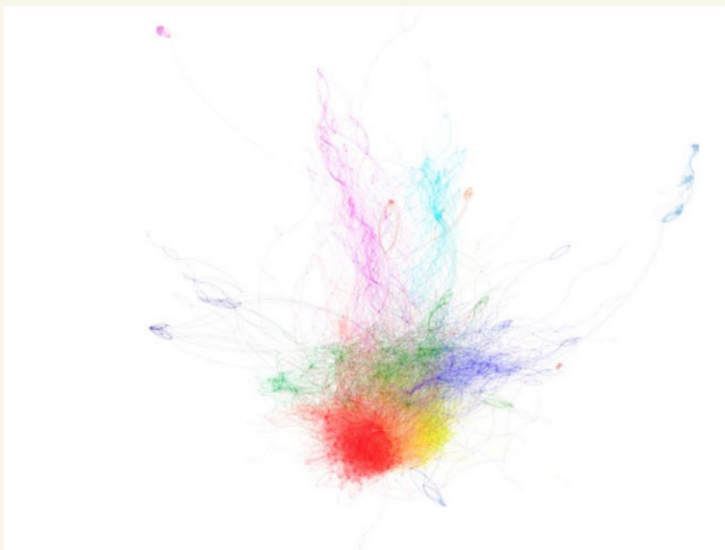


Figure 1. The network of climate change blogs, colored by community.

Elgesam D , Steskal L. + Diakopoulos

"Structure and content of the discourse on climate change in the blogosphere"

Environmental Communication '2015.

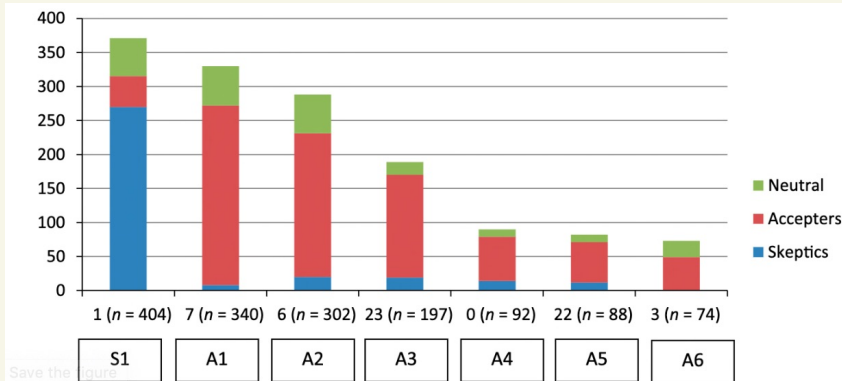


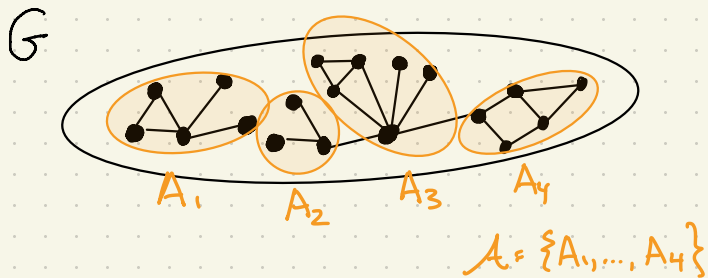
Figure 3. The distribution of skeptical, accepting, and neutral blogs in the seven largest among the central groups of blogs concerned with climate change.

Table 5. The top 15 collocates around "climate" in communities 1 (skeptical), 23 (accepter), and 7 (accepter) computed with the point-wise mutual information metric.

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2 SKEPTICS	2 SKEPTICS	2 DENIERS
3 ALARMISM	3 CLIMAT	3 SKEPTICS
4 DENIERS	4 DECADAL	4 OBAMA
5 IPCC	5 CONTRARIANS	5 WWW
6 DECADAL	6 OBAMA	6 EU'S
7 ALARMISTS	7 NOAA'S	7 CLIMATE
8 CLIMAT	8 AGW	8 YVO
9 CHANGE	9 WWW	9 NOAA'S
10 INTERGOVERNMENTAL	10 DENIER	10 WILDFIRES
11 OBAMA	11 CLIMATE	11 CHANGE'S
12 ANTHROPOGENIC	12 VAPOR	12 IPCC
13 AGW	13 ANTHROPOGENIC	13 ALARMISM
14 IPCC'S	14 ALARMISM	14 PACHAURI
15 WARMING	15 CONTRARIAN	15 DENIER

Reference corpus: The British National Corpus, approximately 100 million words.

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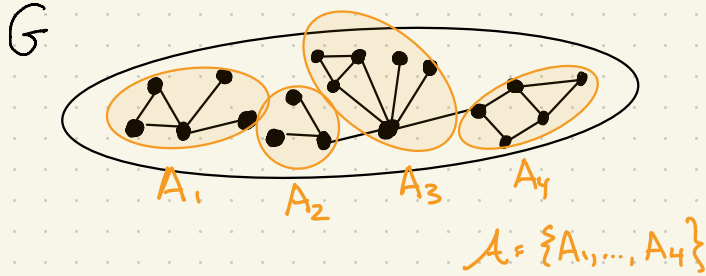
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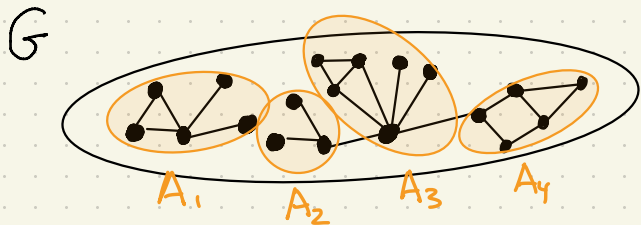
input graph $G = (V, E)$
vertices nodes edges (weighted)

output vertex partition A
'community division'

- modularity score NP-hard to opt.
- & Louvain ~ modularity based
Leiden ~ iteratively build a partition
local choices - maximise mod.
- most popular methods use modularity

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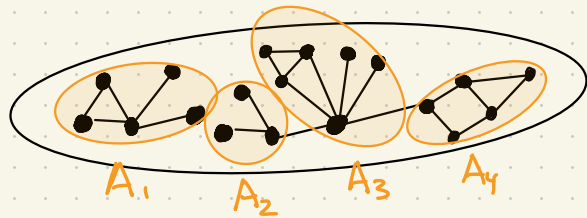
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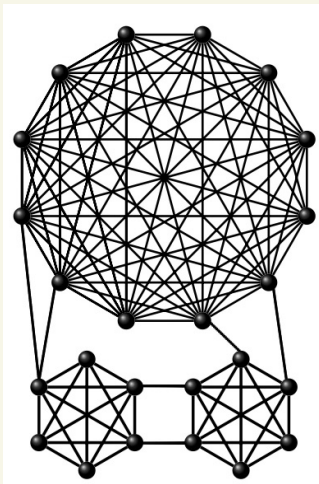
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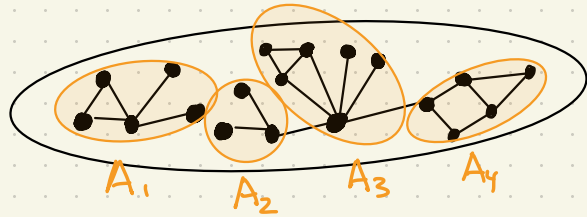
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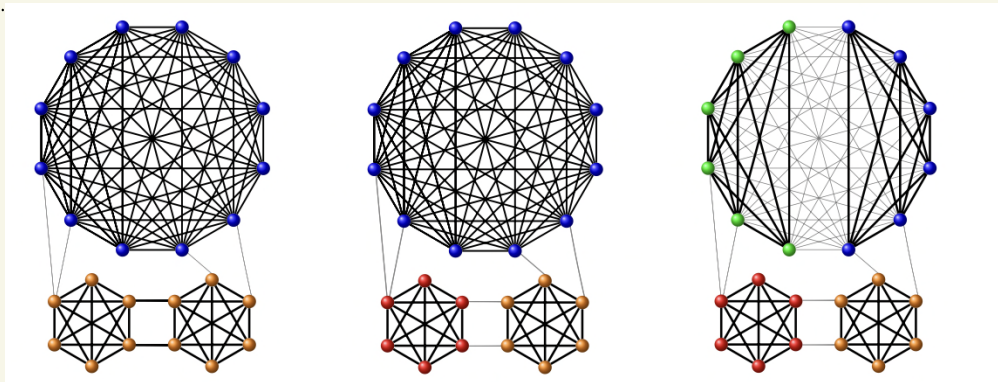
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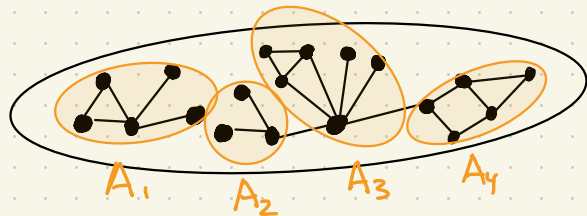
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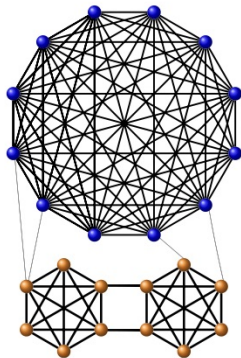
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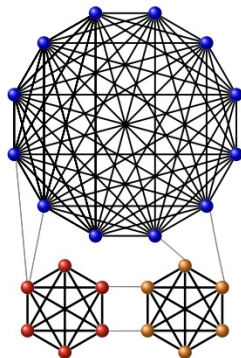
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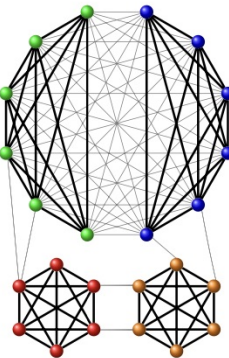
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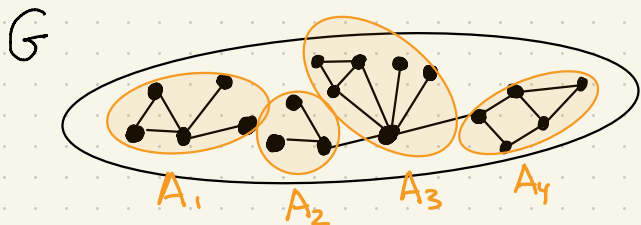
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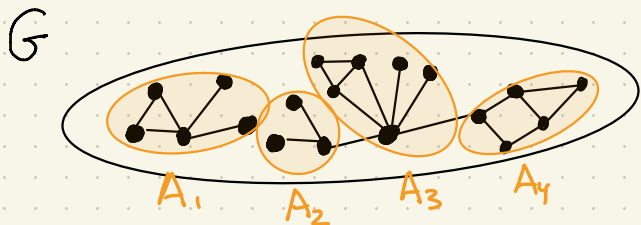
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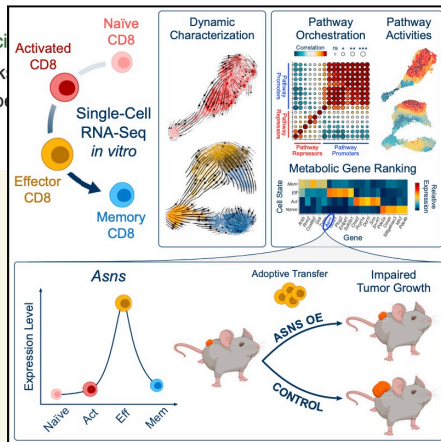
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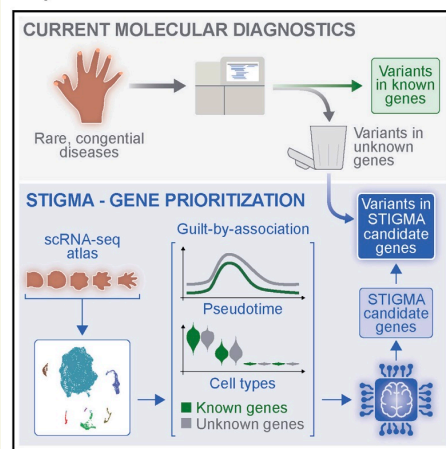
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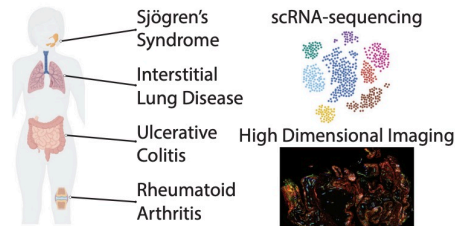
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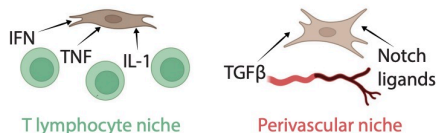
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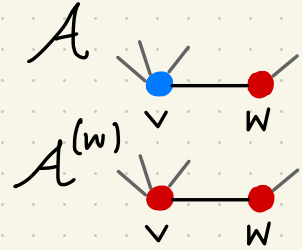
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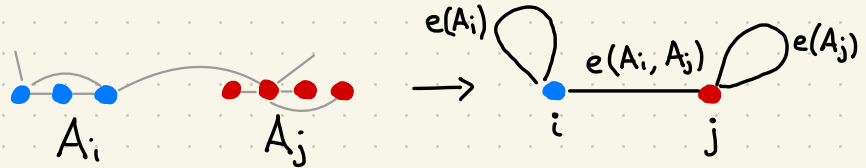
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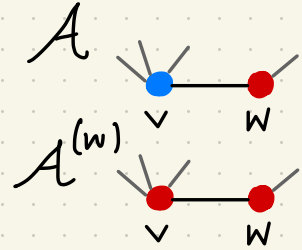
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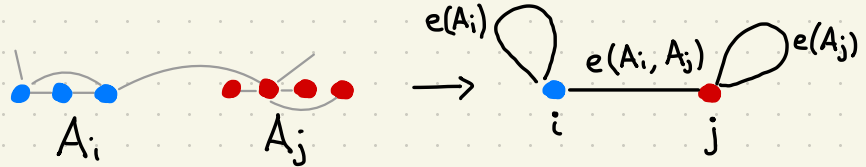
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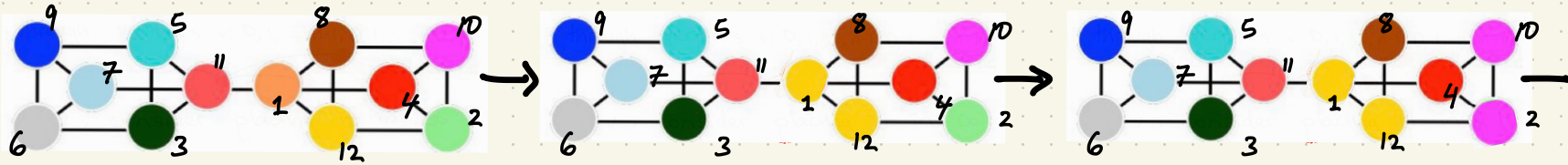
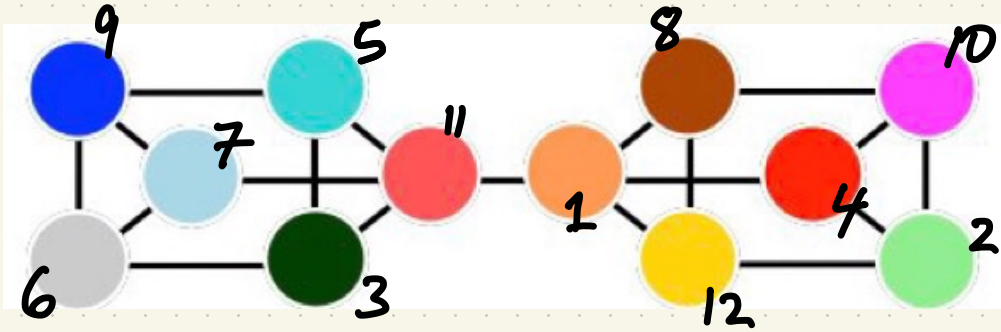
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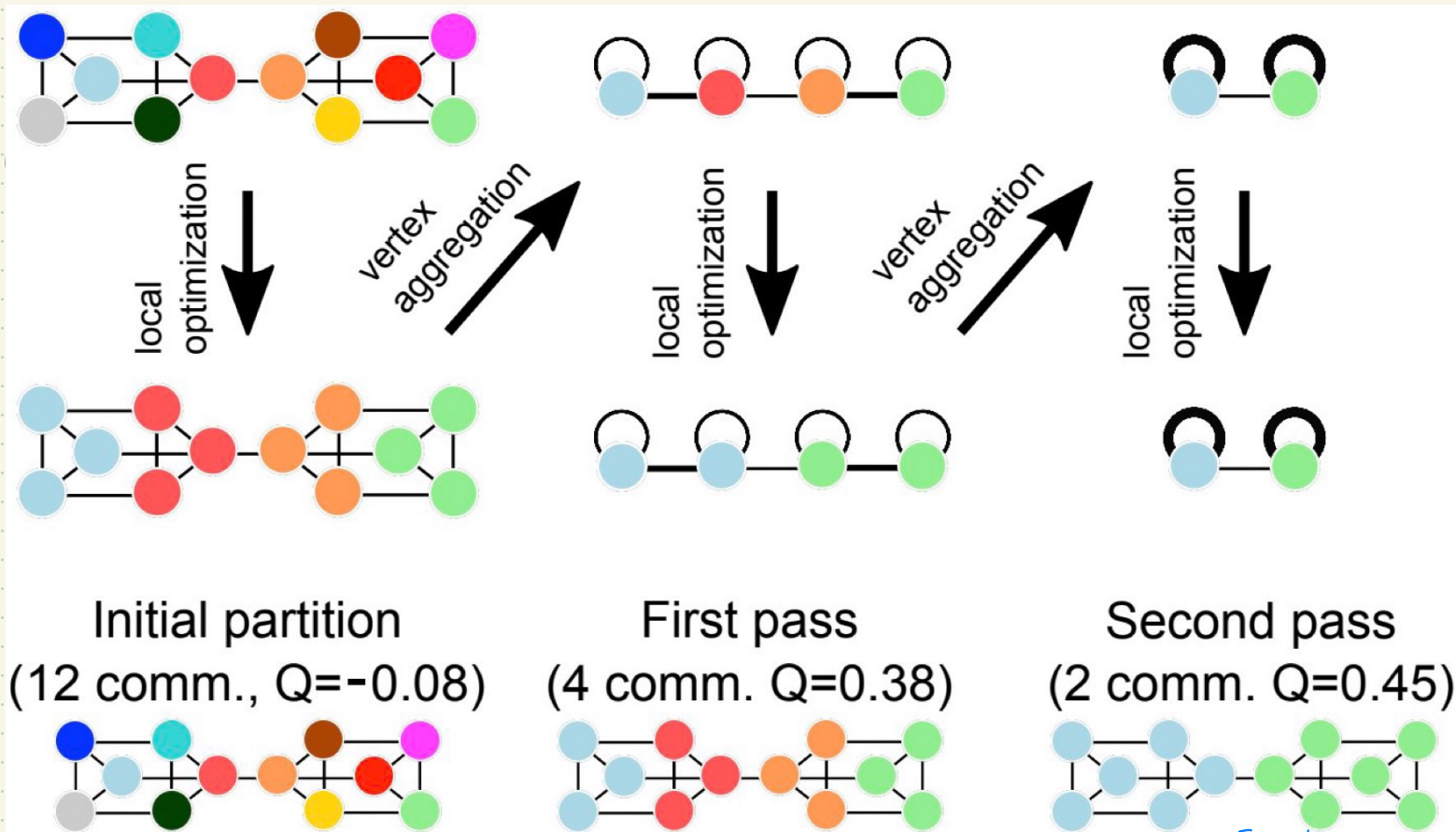
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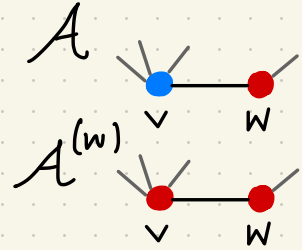
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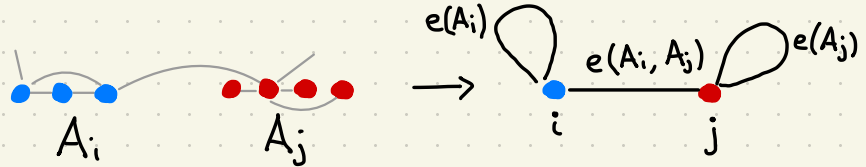
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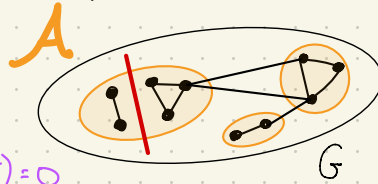
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Modularity Properties

$$A \in \text{OPT}(G) \quad \text{i.e.} \quad q_A(G) = q^*(G)$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall A \in \mathcal{A} \quad G[A] \text{ conn.} \quad (+ \text{ isolated vert})$$

$\Rightarrow$ pendant vertex 
in same part $\Rightarrow q^*(\text{star}) = 0$



Modularity value:

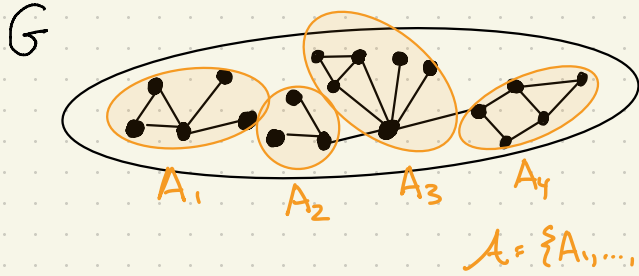
Robust to small perturbations in edge set

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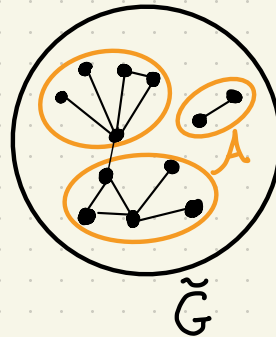
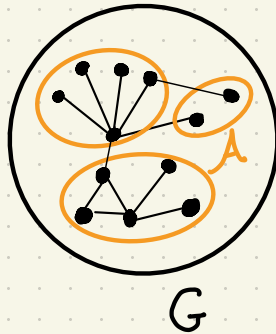
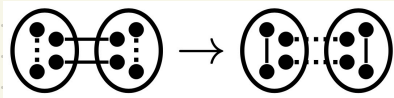
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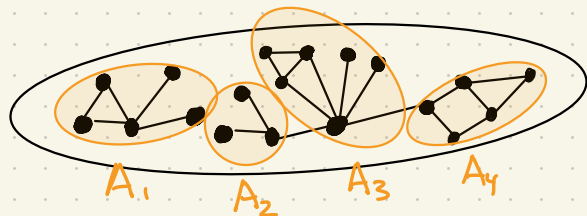
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G



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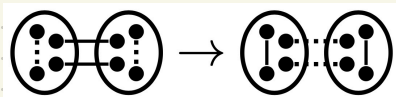
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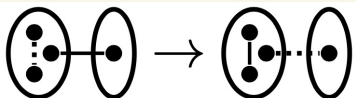
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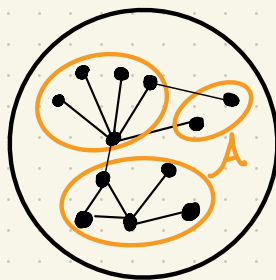
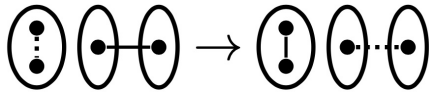
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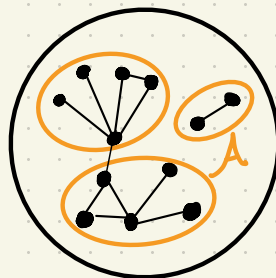
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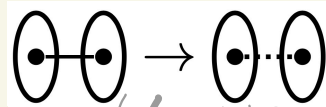
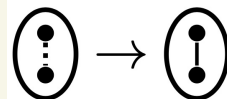
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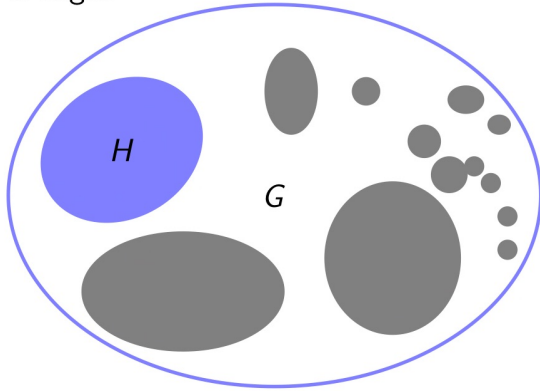
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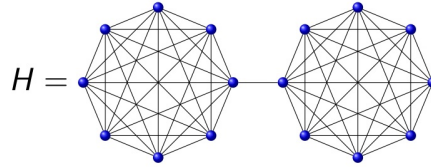
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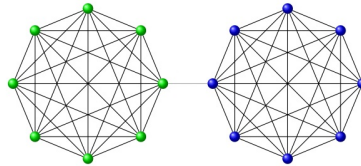


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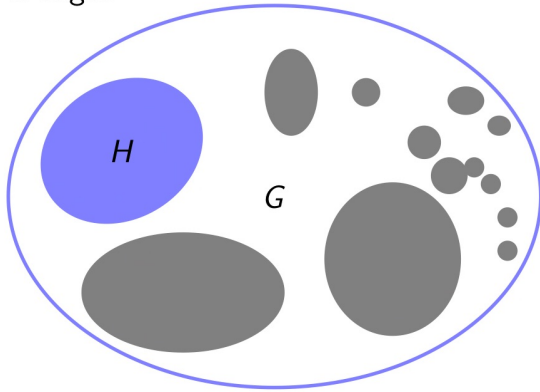
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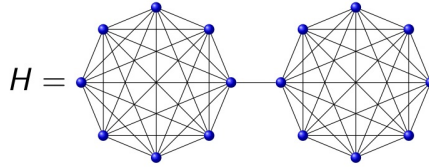
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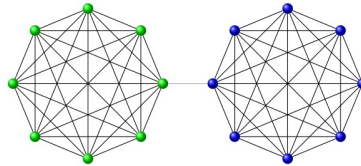
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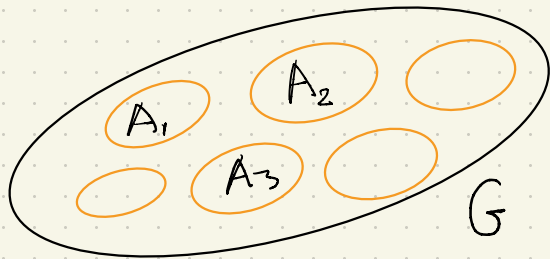


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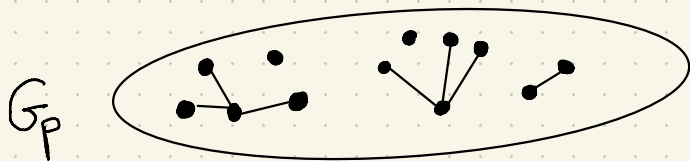
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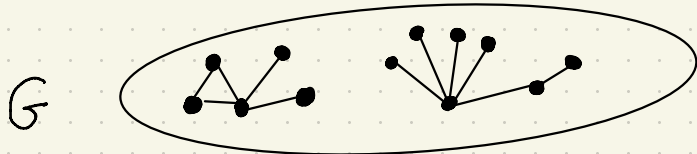
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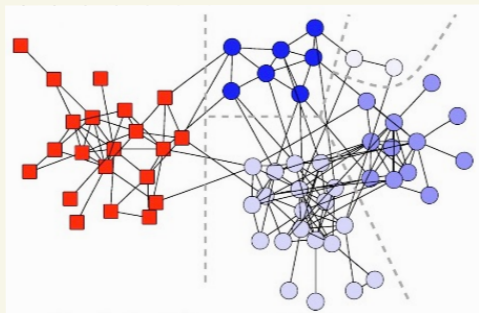
E_p each edge kept indep. prob. p



$G = (V, E)$ fixed graph

Simulations

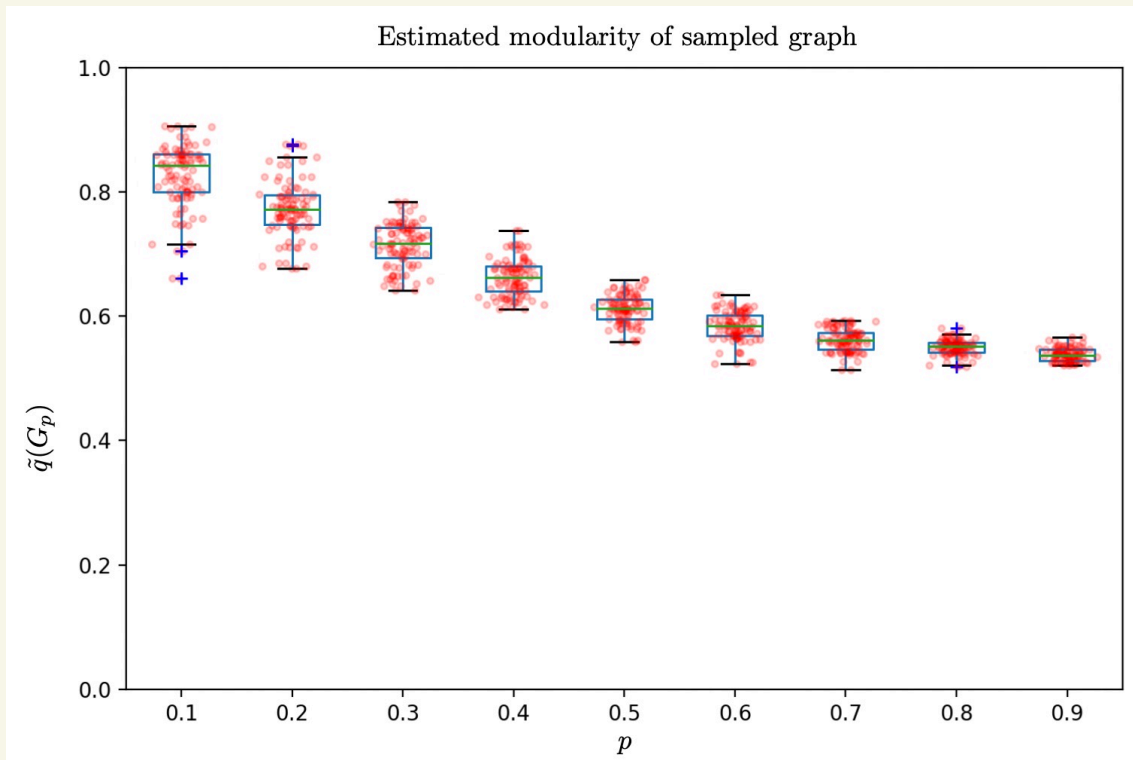
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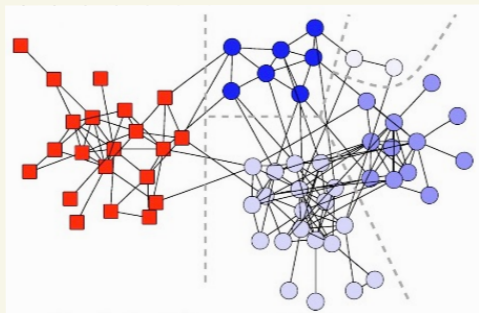
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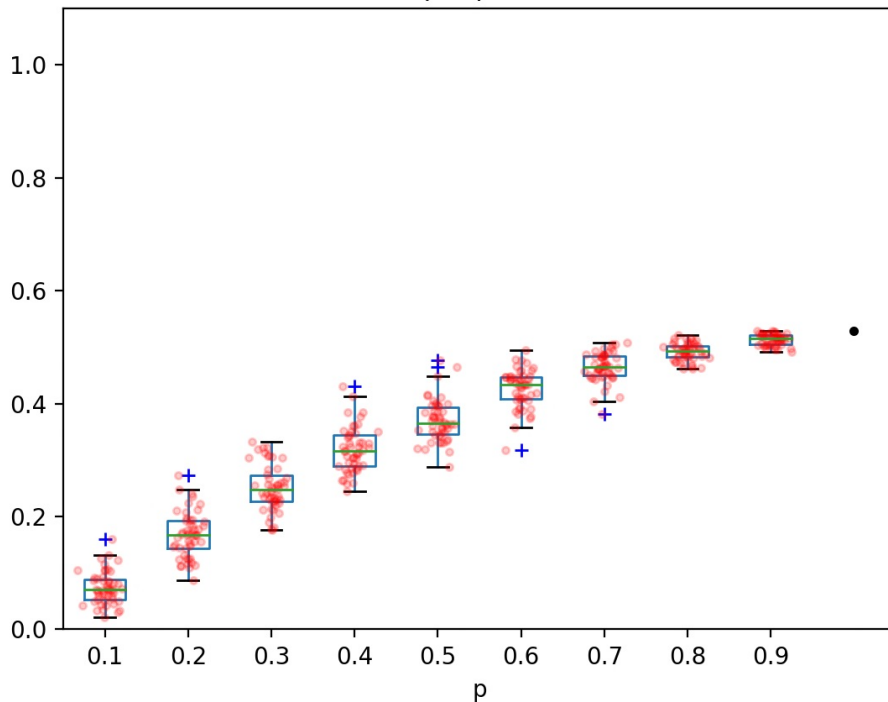


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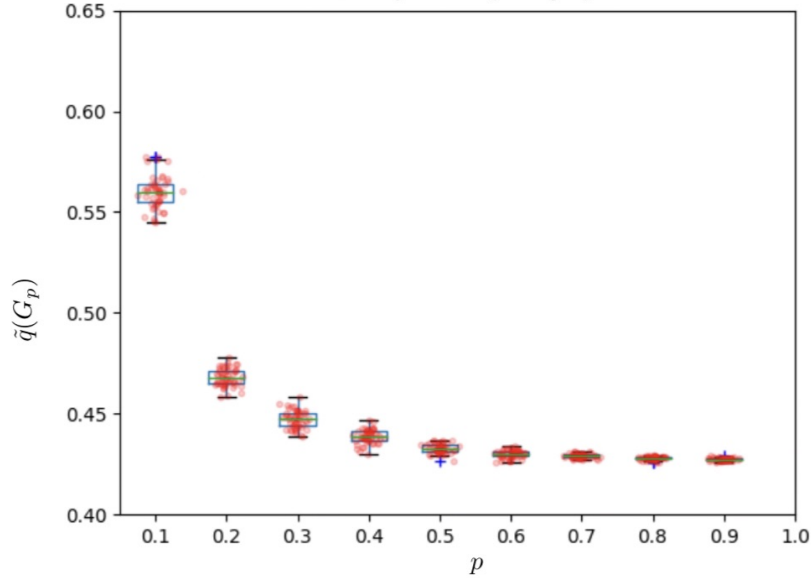


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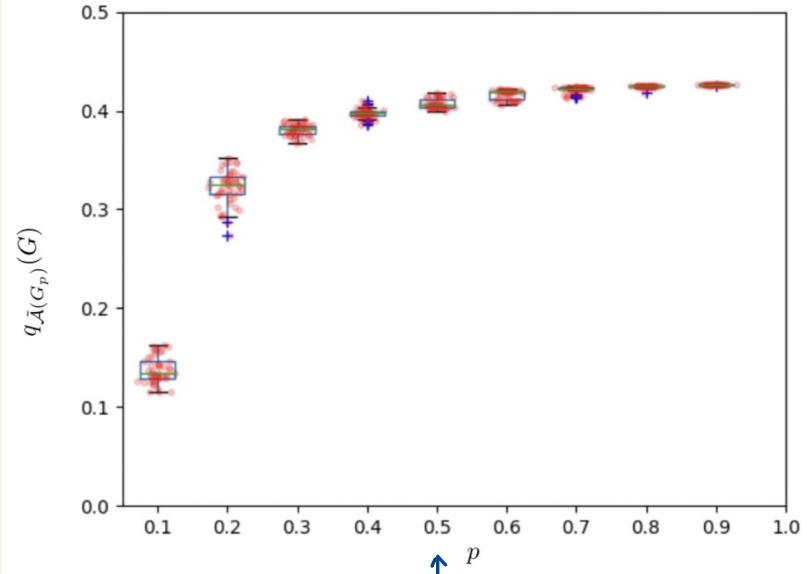
US Political Blogs [ADAMIC, GLANCE '2005]

Graph $V \sim 1500$ $E \sim 16000$

Estimated modularity of sampled graph



Modularity score of underlying graph using partition estimated from sampled graph



seeing half the edges
 $\approx$ " all " " " " 'how good the partition is'

II: Fundamental limits of learning

- when can we detect / recover planted communities?
- when can we do this fast?

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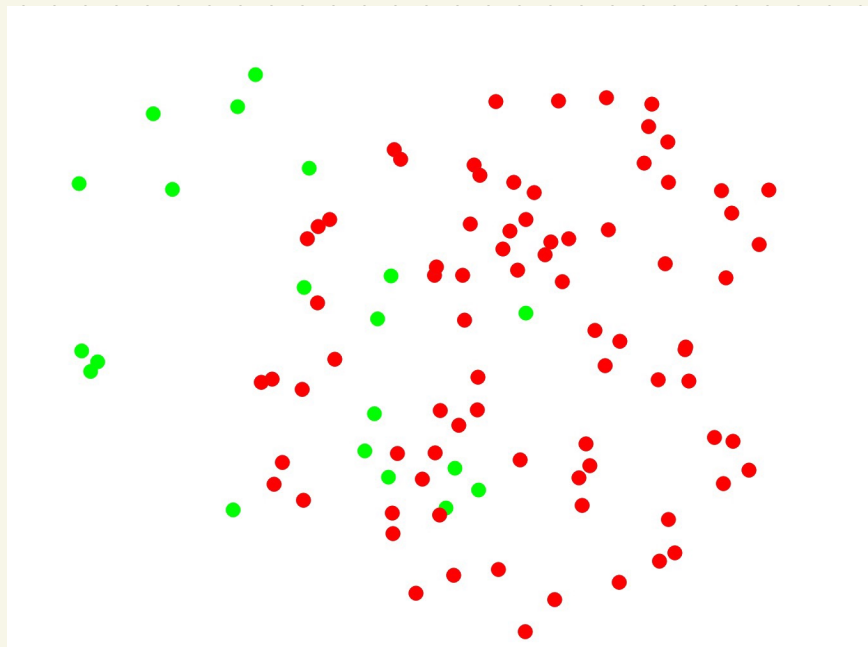
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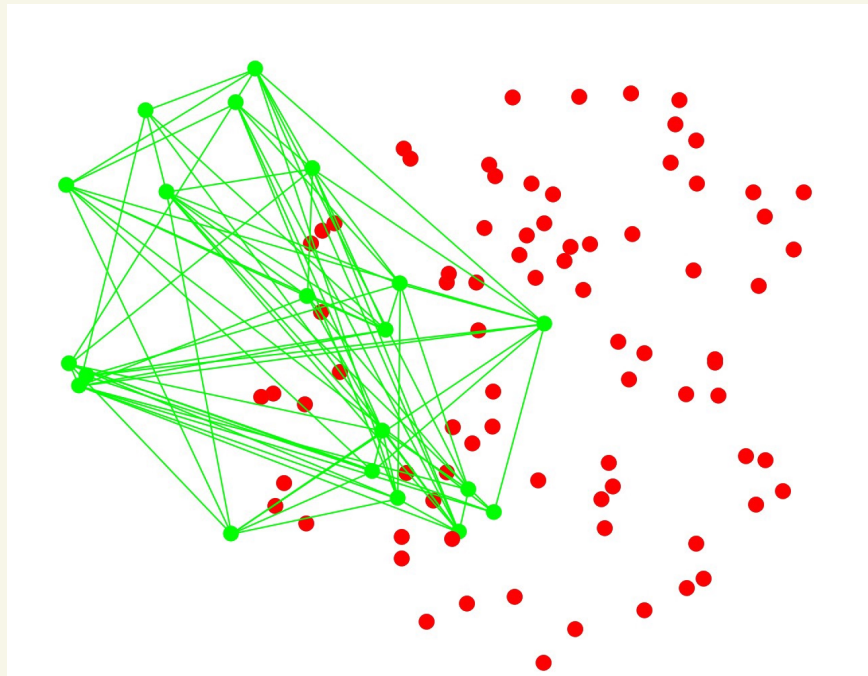
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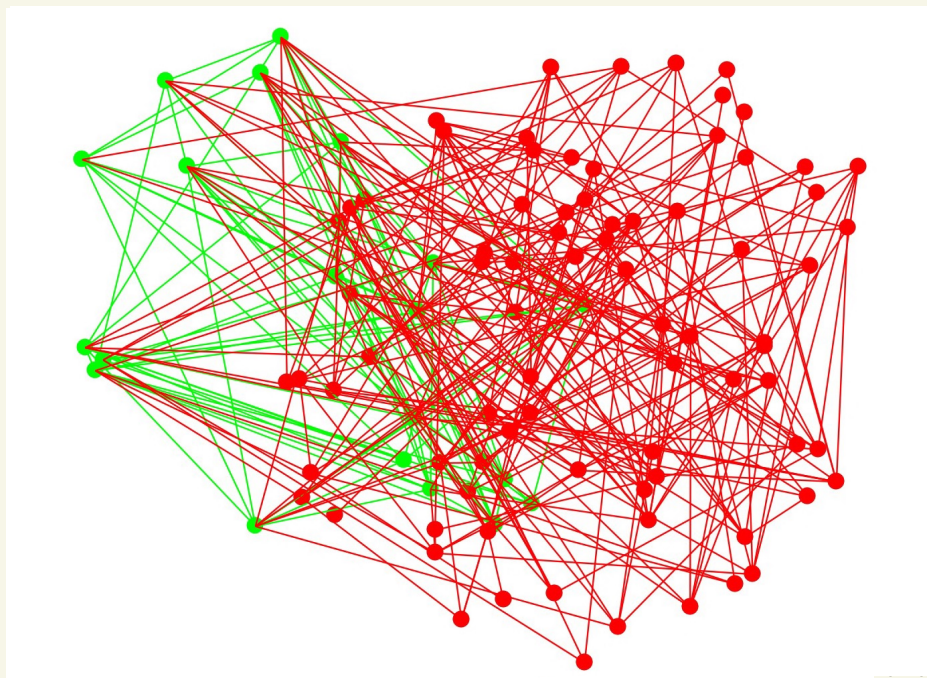
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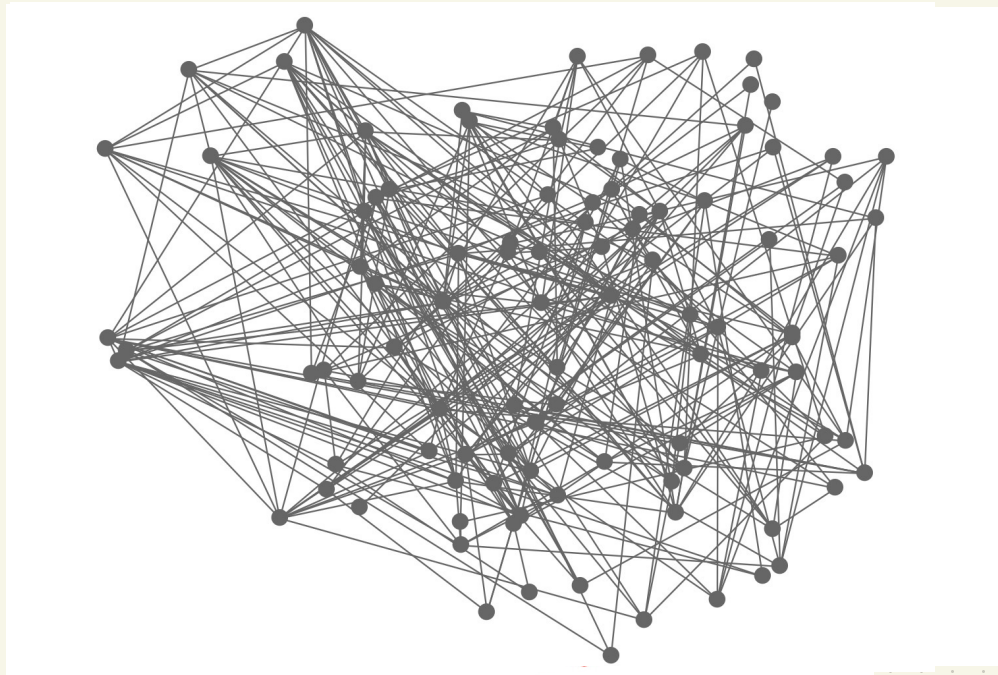
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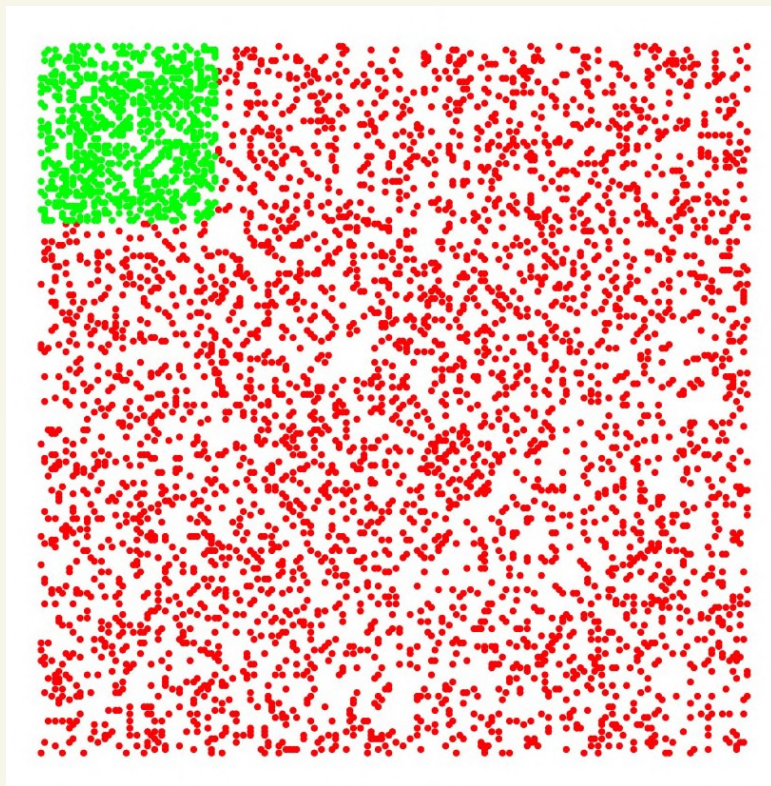
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Fig: Jianming Xu, Duke

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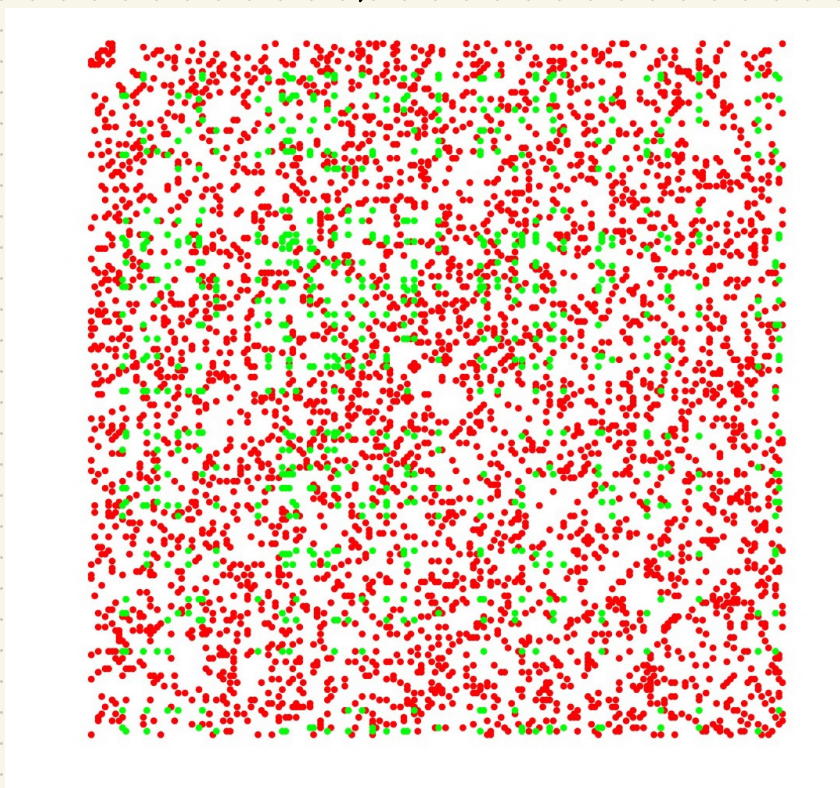
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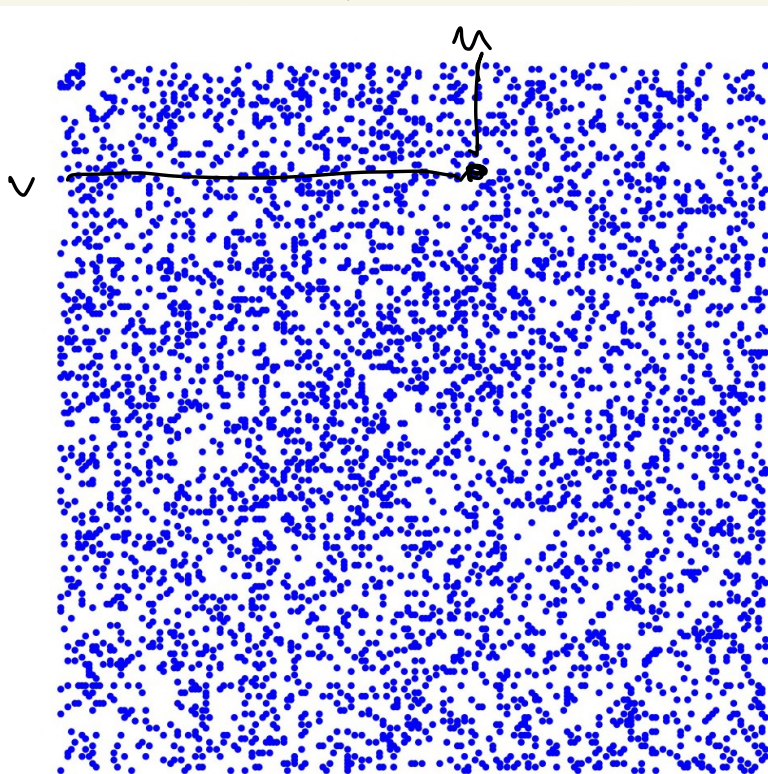
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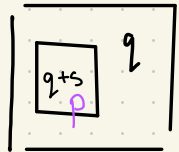
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Planted Dense subgraph / Submatrix

Hypothesis Testing : asymptotics

$$H_0: G(n, q)$$

$$H_1: G(n, k, s, q) \leftarrow$$



$$\lambda = \frac{s}{\sqrt{q}}$$

$$\bullet n \rightarrow \infty$$

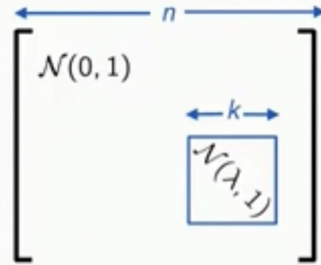
• for what - $k(n)$ size of planted structure

- $\lambda(n)$ strength of signal

• can we find test ϕ

$$P_0(\phi(Y) = 1) + P_1(\phi(Y) = 0) \rightarrow 0$$

• when is there a fast test?



$$H_0: \text{i.i.d. } \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$H_1: \text{submatrix of } \mathcal{N}(\lambda, 1) \leftarrow$$

Planted Clique

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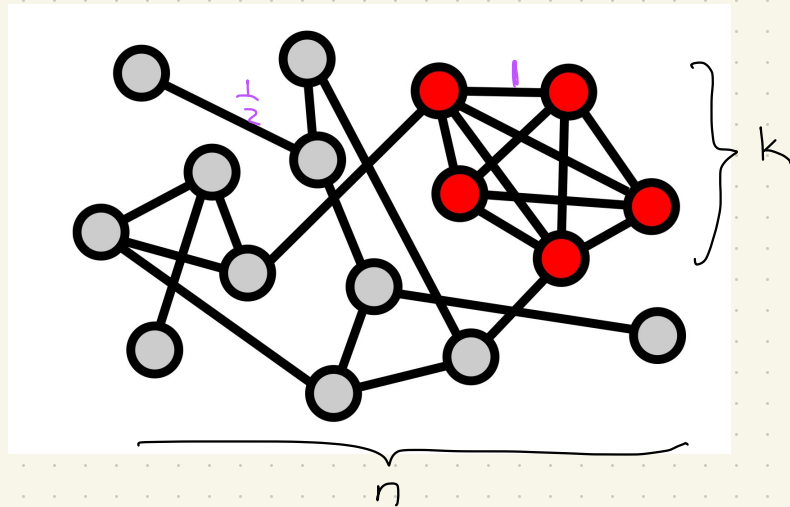
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Two parameters

- size of planted structure

- size of entire network

Q: When can we find planted clique?

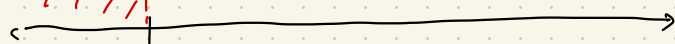


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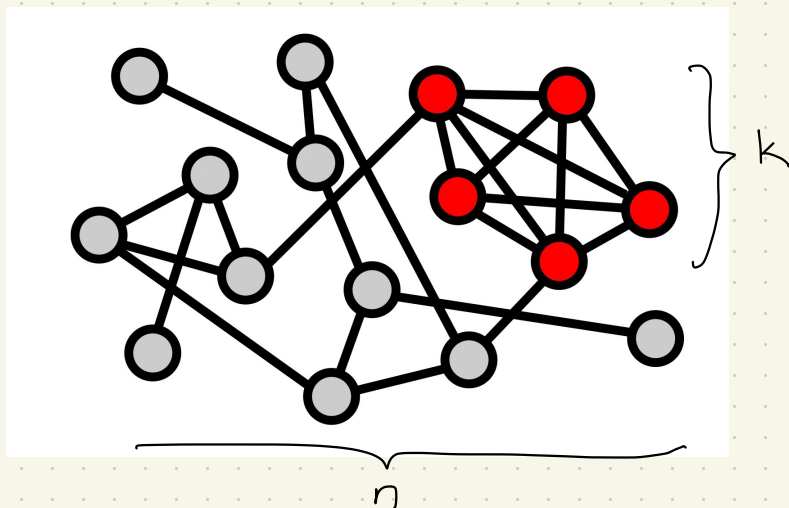


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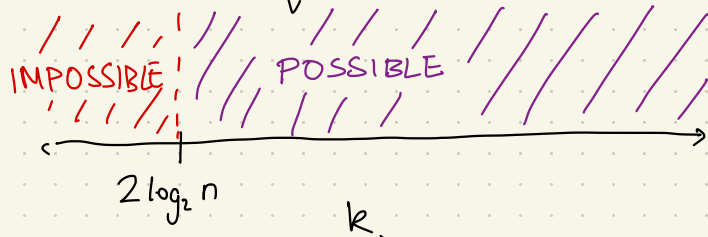
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① BRUTE-FORCE

Search all k -vertex subsets
 $\hat{K}$ first clique found.

if $k \geq (2+\epsilon) \log n$ $P(\hat{K} = K) \rightarrow 1$

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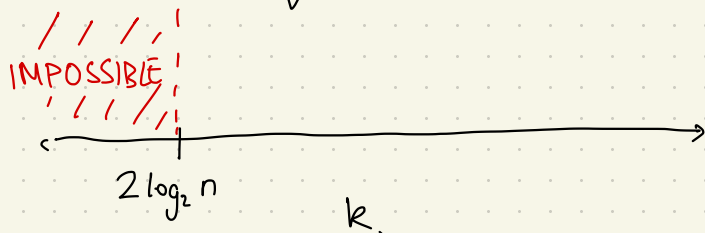
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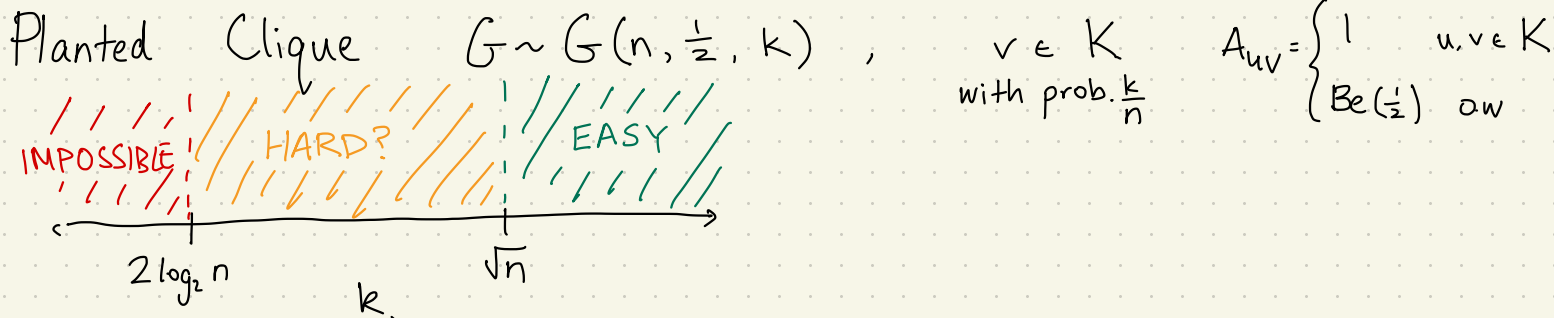
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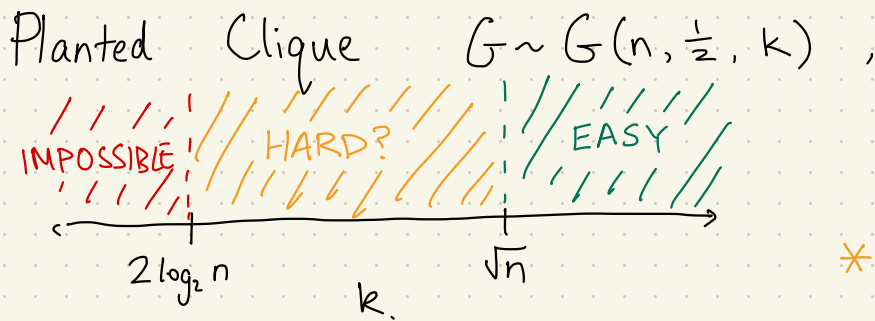
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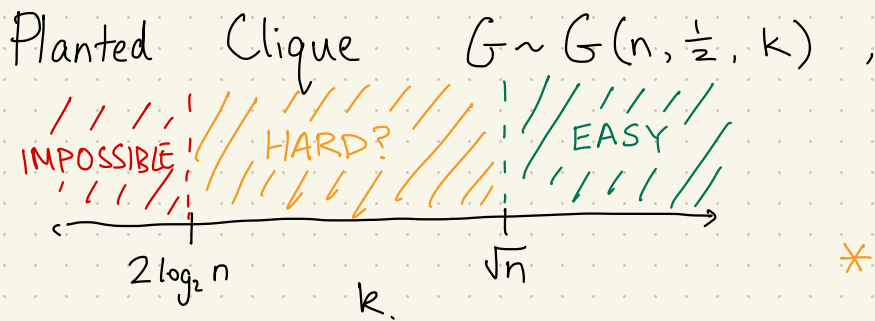
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low deg poly

- subgraph tests

- # edges, #A's, ...

- spectral methods.



$$v \in K \quad \text{with prob. } \frac{k}{n}$$

$$A_{uv} = \begin{cases} 1 & u, v \in K \\ \text{Be}(\frac{1}{2}) & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$G' \sim G(n, \frac{1}{2})$: largest clique whp $\sim 2 \log_2 n$.

Methods to find clique

① DEGREE TEST

$\hat{K}$ = set of k vertices of highest degree
 $k \gg \sqrt{n} \log n \Rightarrow P(\hat{K} = K) \rightarrow 1$.

② SPECTRAL METHOD

$$W_{ij} = \begin{cases} 2A_{ij} - 1 & i \neq j \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

(i) u top eigenvector of W

(ii) (threshold) $\hat{K}$ index vector of k largest $|u_i|$

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③ SDP METHOD Yes. If $k = \Omega(\sqrt{n})$.

* Rigorous Evidence

suggesting no poly-time alg

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PLANTED DENSE SUBGRAPH

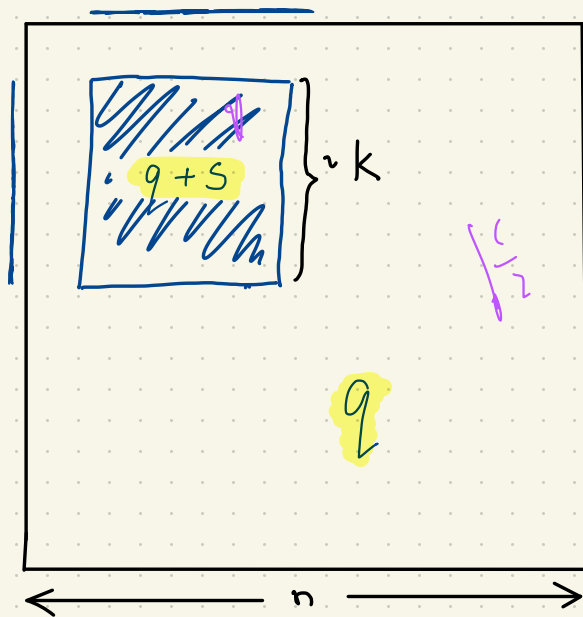
Vertex labels: $\sigma_v = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{w. prob } \frac{k}{n} \\ \emptyset & \text{w. prob } 1 - \frac{k}{n} \end{cases}$

Observe $Y_{uv} \sim \begin{cases} \text{Ber}(q+s) & \sigma_u = \sigma_v = 1 \\ \text{Ber}(q) & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

ALGORITHMIC QNS

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$G(n, k, q, s)$

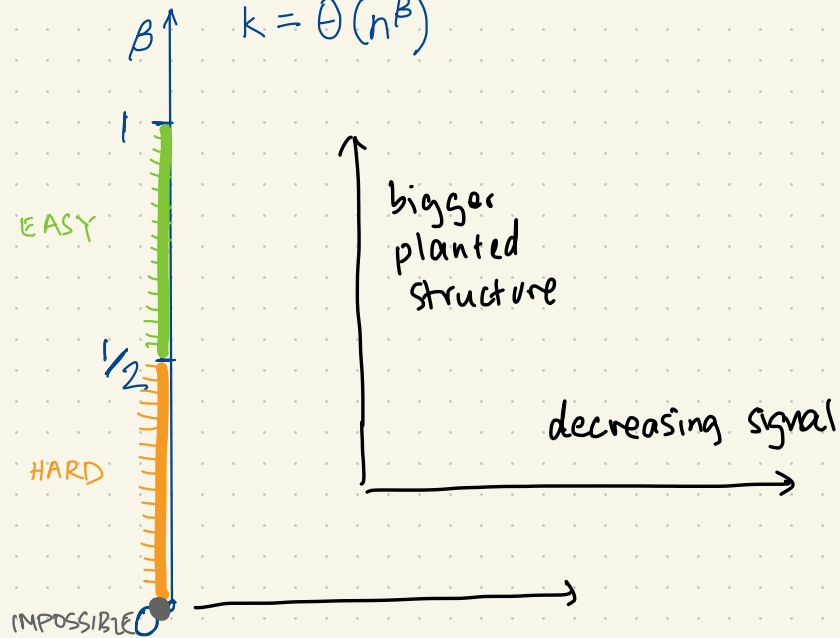


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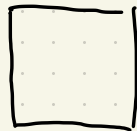
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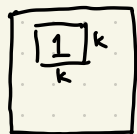
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H_0

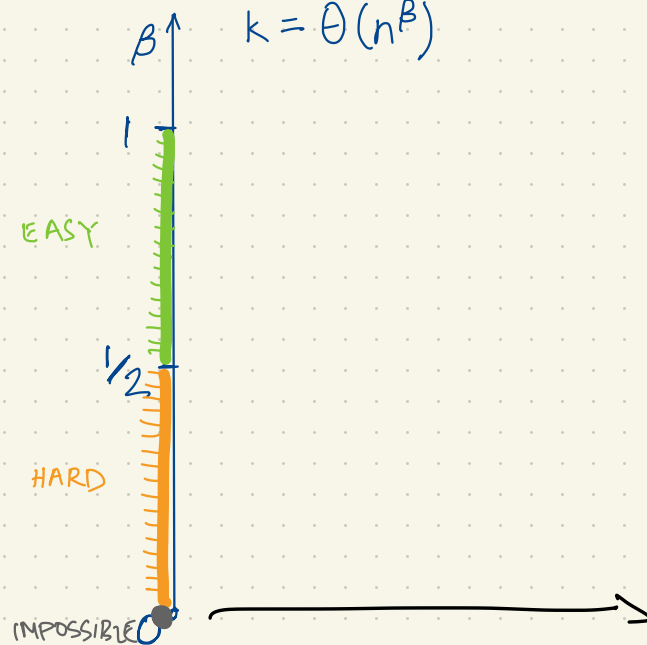


vs. H_1



Recovery

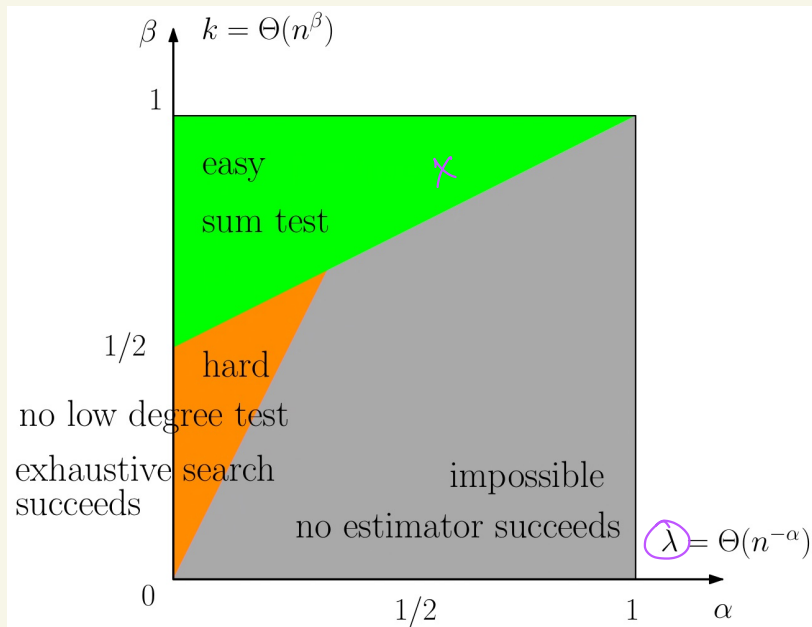
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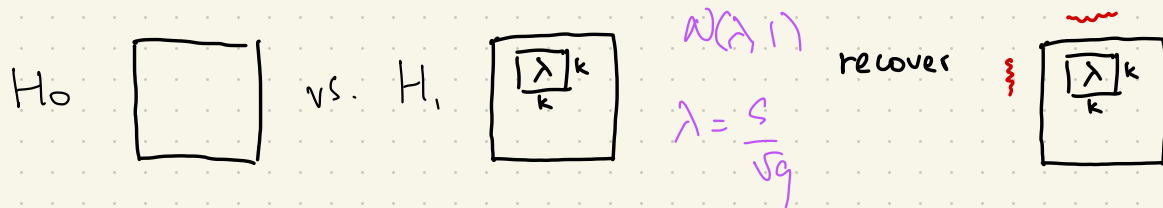
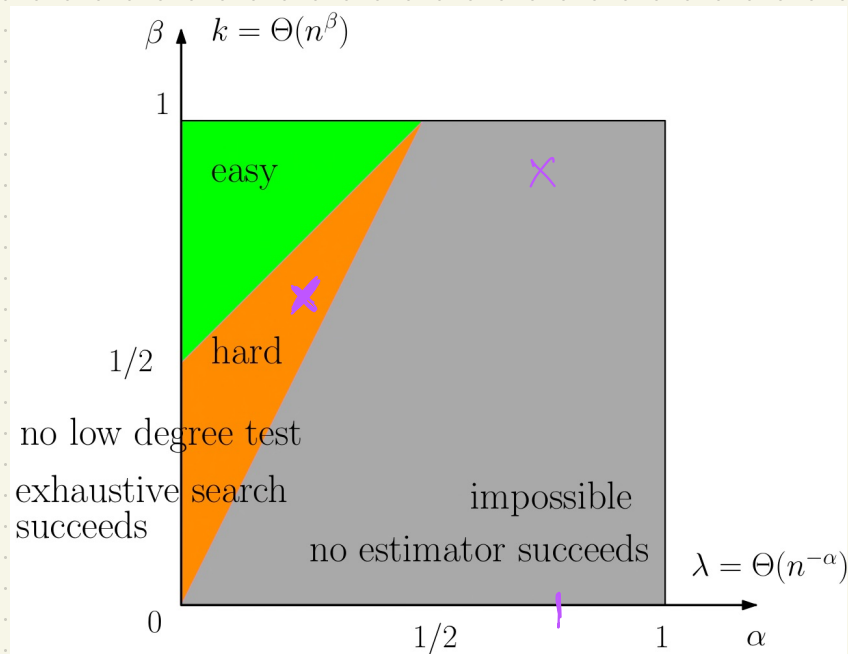
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Detection



Recovery



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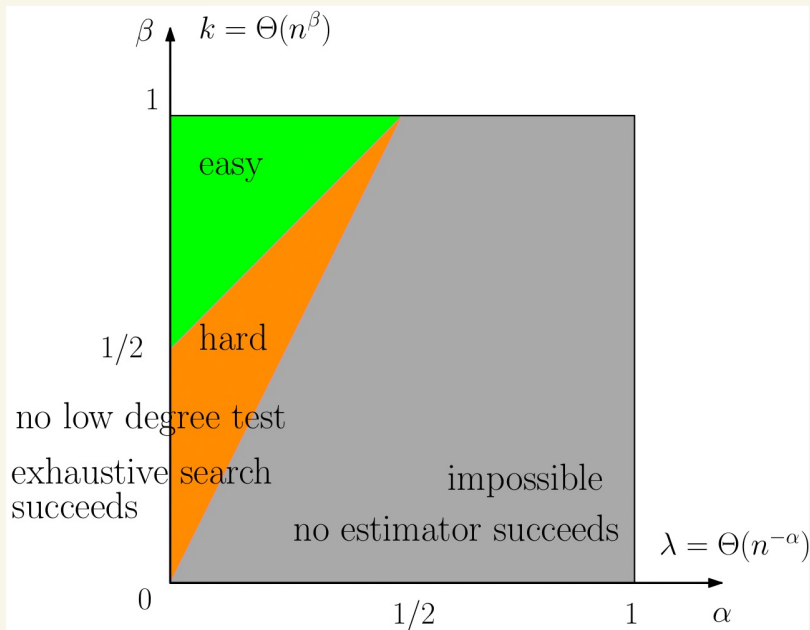
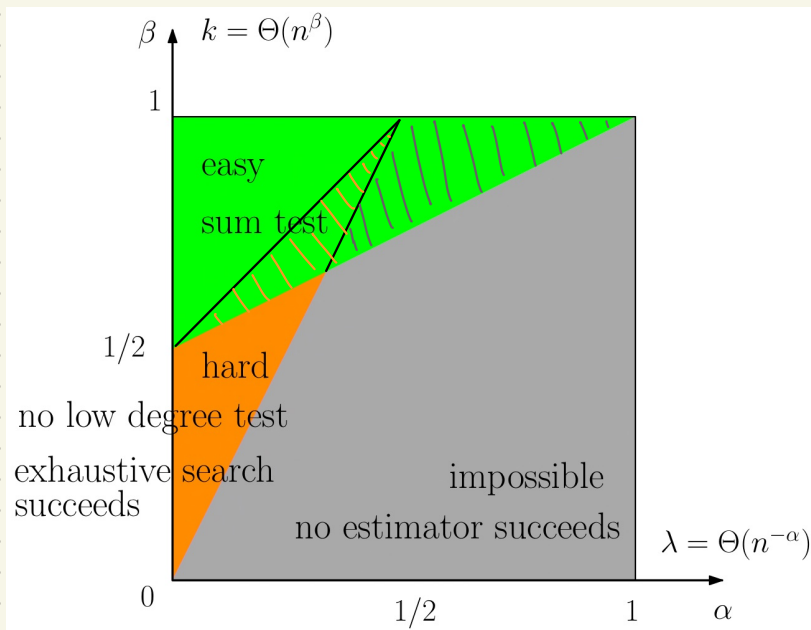
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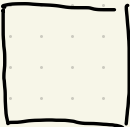
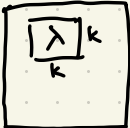
CONTEXT

Detection

'Easier to detect than recover'.

Recovery



H_0  vs. H_1 

recover



Hypothesis Testing

$H_0: G \sim P_n = G(n, \frac{1}{2})$

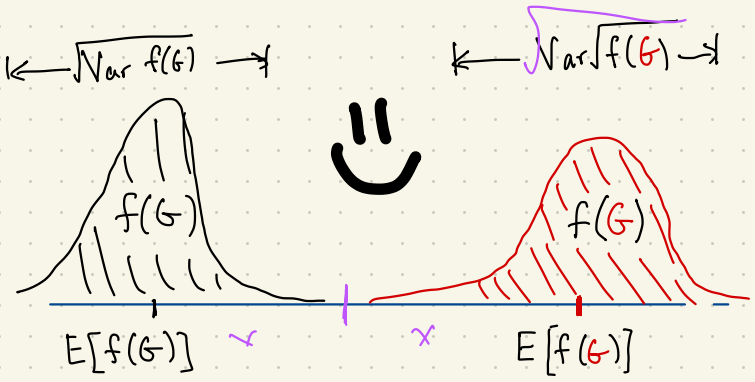
$H_1: G \sim Q_n = G(n, \frac{1}{2}, k)$



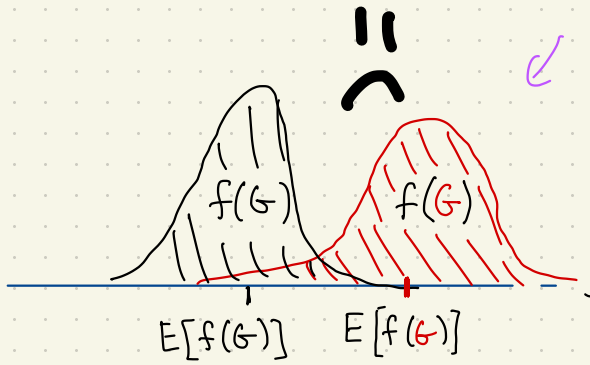
distributions on $\{0,1\}^{\binom{n}{2}}$ or $\mathbb{R}^{\binom{n}{2}}$



f detects



f doesn't detect



A 'degree D test' $f_n: \mathbb{R}^{\binom{n}{2}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ $\deg \leq D$.

strongly separates if

$$E_{P_n}[f] - E_{Q_n}[f] \gg \sqrt{\max\{Var_{Q_n}[f], Var_{P_n}[f]\}}$$

"difference in means" $\gg$ "fluctuations".

Low DEG POLY fail if
no $\Theta(\log(n))$ -degree test.

Hypothesis Testing

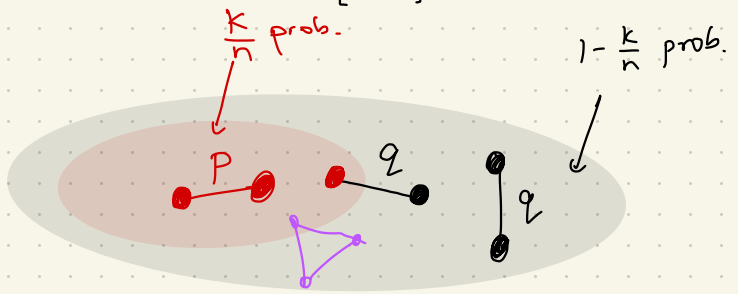
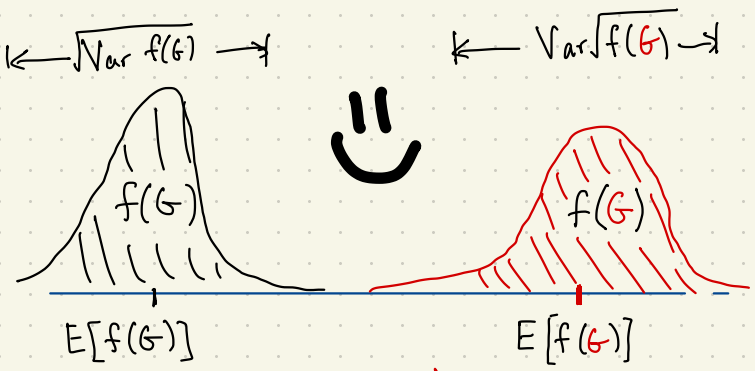
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$$E_{P_n}[f] - E_{Q_n}[f] \gg \sqrt{\max\{\text{Var}_{Q_n}[f], \text{Var}_{P_n}[f]\}}$$

$$E_x: f = \sum_{u,v,w} \mathbb{1}[uv \in E] \mathbb{1}[uw \in E] \mathbb{1}[vw \in E]$$

$$f(G) = 3! \cdot \# \Delta's = \sum_{u,v,w} A_{uv} A_{uw} A_{vw}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{Q_n}[f] &= \sum_{u,v,w} P[uv, uw, vw \in E] q^3 \cdot (1 - \frac{k}{n})^3 \\ &= \sum_{u,v,w} P[uv, uw, vw \in E \mid \begin{smallmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{smallmatrix} \begin{smallmatrix} \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \end{smallmatrix}] \cdot P[\begin{smallmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{smallmatrix} \begin{smallmatrix} \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \end{smallmatrix}] \\ &\quad + P[uv, uw, vw \in E \mid \begin{smallmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{smallmatrix} \begin{smallmatrix} \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \end{smallmatrix}] \cdot P[\begin{smallmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{smallmatrix} \begin{smallmatrix} \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \end{smallmatrix}] \\ &\quad + P[uv, uw, vw \in E \mid \begin{smallmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{smallmatrix} \begin{smallmatrix} \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \end{smallmatrix}] \cdot P[\begin{smallmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{smallmatrix} \begin{smallmatrix} \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \end{smallmatrix}] \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\quad + P[uv, uw, vw \in E \mid \begin{smallmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{smallmatrix} \begin{smallmatrix} \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \end{smallmatrix}] \cdot P[\begin{smallmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{smallmatrix} \begin{smallmatrix} \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \end{smallmatrix}] \\ &= p^3 \cdot (\frac{k}{n})^3 \end{aligned}$$

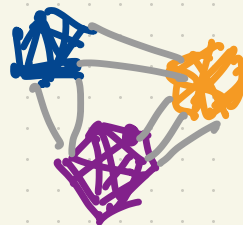
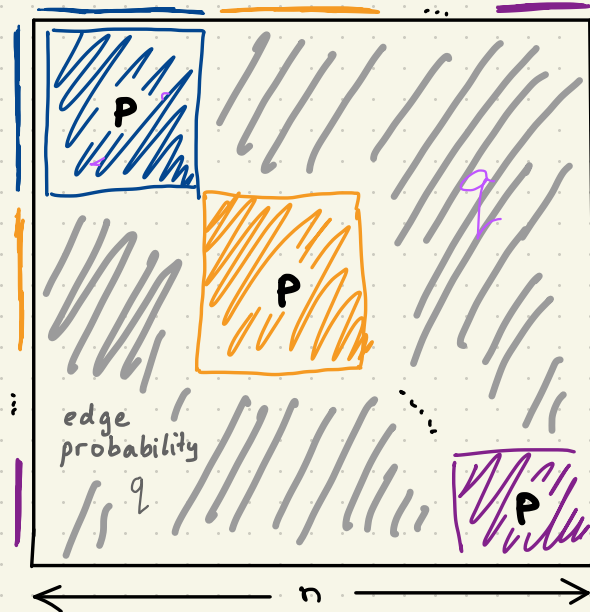
PLANTED PARTITION / STOCHASTIC Block model: M COMMUNITIES

Vertex labels: $\sigma_v = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{blue} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ M & \text{purple} \end{cases}$ w. prob $\frac{1}{M}$

Edges for $u < v$: $A_{uv} \sim \begin{cases} \text{Ber}(p) & \text{if } \sigma_u = \sigma_v \\ \text{Ber}(q) & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

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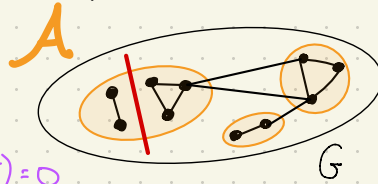


Modularity Properties

$$A \in \text{OPT}(G) \text{ i.e. } q_A(G) = q^*(G)$$

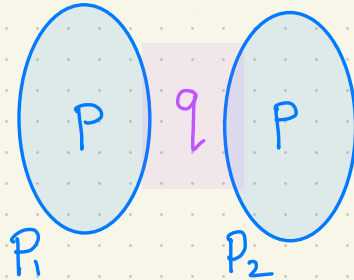
$$\Rightarrow \forall A \in \mathcal{A} \quad G[A] \text{ conn. (+ isolated vert.)}$$

$\Rightarrow$ pendant vertex in same part $\Rightarrow q^*(\text{star}) = 0$



SBM $p = \frac{a}{n} \cdot w(n)$
 $a > b \quad q = \frac{b}{n} \cdot w(n)$

$\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, P_2\}$
 'planted partition'



Thm [BICKEL CHEN] $G \sim G_{n,p,q}$, let $A \in \text{OPT}(G)$

- $w(n) \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow$ whp A is $o(n)$ away $\mathcal{P}$
- $\frac{w(n)}{\log n} \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow " \quad A = \mathcal{P}$

Modularity value:

Robust to small perturbations in edge set

$$|q^*(G) - q^*(G \setminus E)| < \frac{2|E|}{e(G)}$$

$$\forall \mathcal{A}: |q_{\mathcal{A}}(G) - q_{\mathcal{A}}(G \setminus E)| < \frac{2|E|}{e(G)}$$

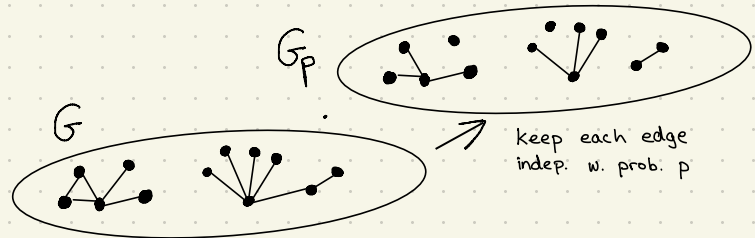
Percolated random graph G_p

G, G_p similar mod values + partitions

if $\frac{e(G)p}{n} \rightarrow \infty$ whp

$$|q^*(G) - q^*(G_p)| = o(1)$$

$$\forall \mathcal{A} \exists \mathcal{A}': \text{(similar)} \quad |q_{\mathcal{A}}(G) - q_{\mathcal{A}'}(G_p)| = o(1)$$



III Group Exercises

- modularity-based + planted structure
- graph theory, random graphs, theory of algs, simulations