

# 1 4-component graph

An experiment with synthetic data generated by a 4-component graph was conducted. We consider the following model:

$$\mathbf{L}_{\text{noisy}} = (1 - \kappa)\mathbf{L}_{\text{true}} + \kappa\mathbf{L}_{\text{ER}}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{L}_{\text{true}}$  represents the Laplacian matrix of a  $K$ -component graph (for this example,  $K = 4$ ) denoted as  $\mathcal{G}_K^{(p_1, p_2)}$ , in which  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  represent the probabilities of node connections across components and within components, respectively;  $\mathbf{L}_{\text{ER}}$  represents the Laplacian of an Erdos-Renyi graph  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{ER}}^{(p)}$ , in which  $p$  is the probability of a node connecting to any other node; and  $\kappa \in (0, 1)$  controls how much noise is added into  $\mathbf{L}_{\text{true}}$  by the Erdos-Renyi model. Additionally, the weighted edges of both  $\mathcal{G}_K^{(p_1, p_2)}$  and  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{ER}}^{(p)}$  were drawn from  $\text{Uniform}(0, 1)$ . Finally, we set  $p_1 = 0$ ,  $p_2 = 1$ ,  $p = 0.35$ , and  $\kappa = 0.2$ .

Then, data were sampled in the form of  $\mathbf{Y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{L}_{\text{noisy}}^\dagger)$ , where  $\mathbf{A}^\dagger$  denotes the generalized inverse of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . The total number of nodes  $N$  and the number of drawn samples  $T$  were set to  $N = 64$  (16 nodes per component) and  $T/N = 30$ .

Figure 1 illustrates the ground truth model, its noisy version, and the model learned by our spectral topology algorithm with  $\beta = 10$ . We compute the performance of the learning process by means of the relative error (RE) and the F-score (FS). For this example, our algorithm achieves  $(\text{RE}, \text{FS}) = (0.131, 0.993)$  which means almost perfect clustering accuracy even in a noisy model that heavily suppress the ground truth weights when  $\kappa$  is much larger than zero.

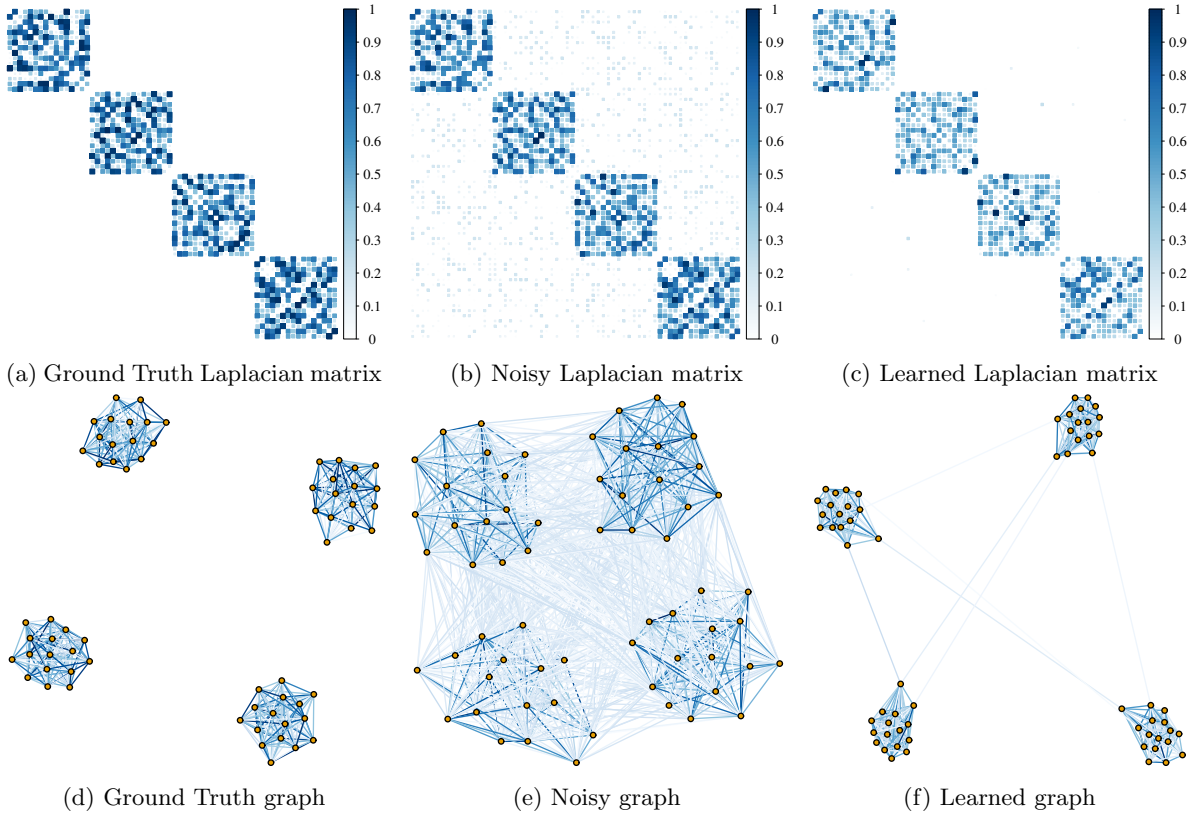


Figure 1: An example of estimating a 4-component graph. (a) the ground truth graph Laplacian matrix ( $\mathbf{L}_{\text{true}}$ ), (b)  $\mathbf{L}_{\text{true}}$  after being corrupted by noise, (c) the learned graph Laplacian with a performance of  $(\text{RE}, \text{FS}) = (0.131, 0.993)$ . The panels (d), (e), and (f) correspond to the graphs represented by the Laplacian matrices in (a), (b), and (c), respectively.