



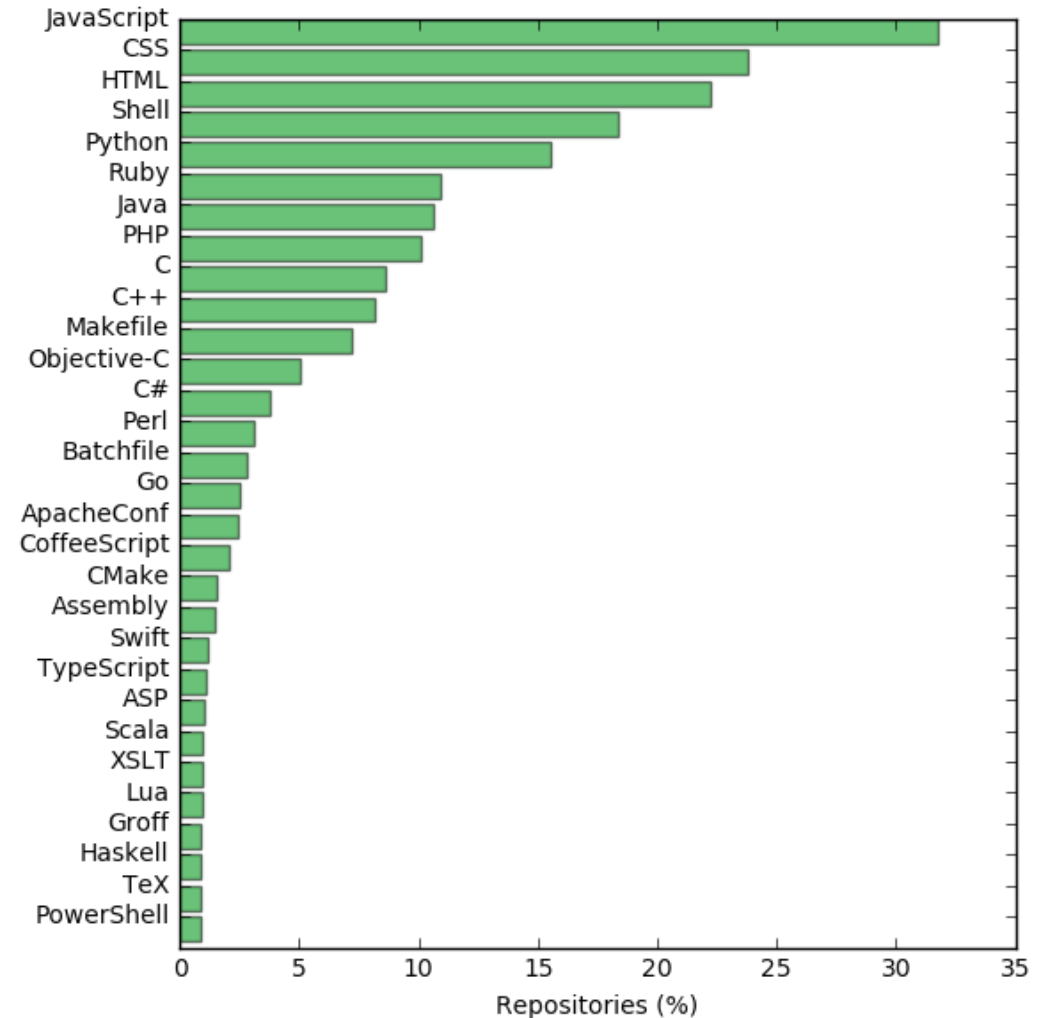
# Matrix Data Visualization

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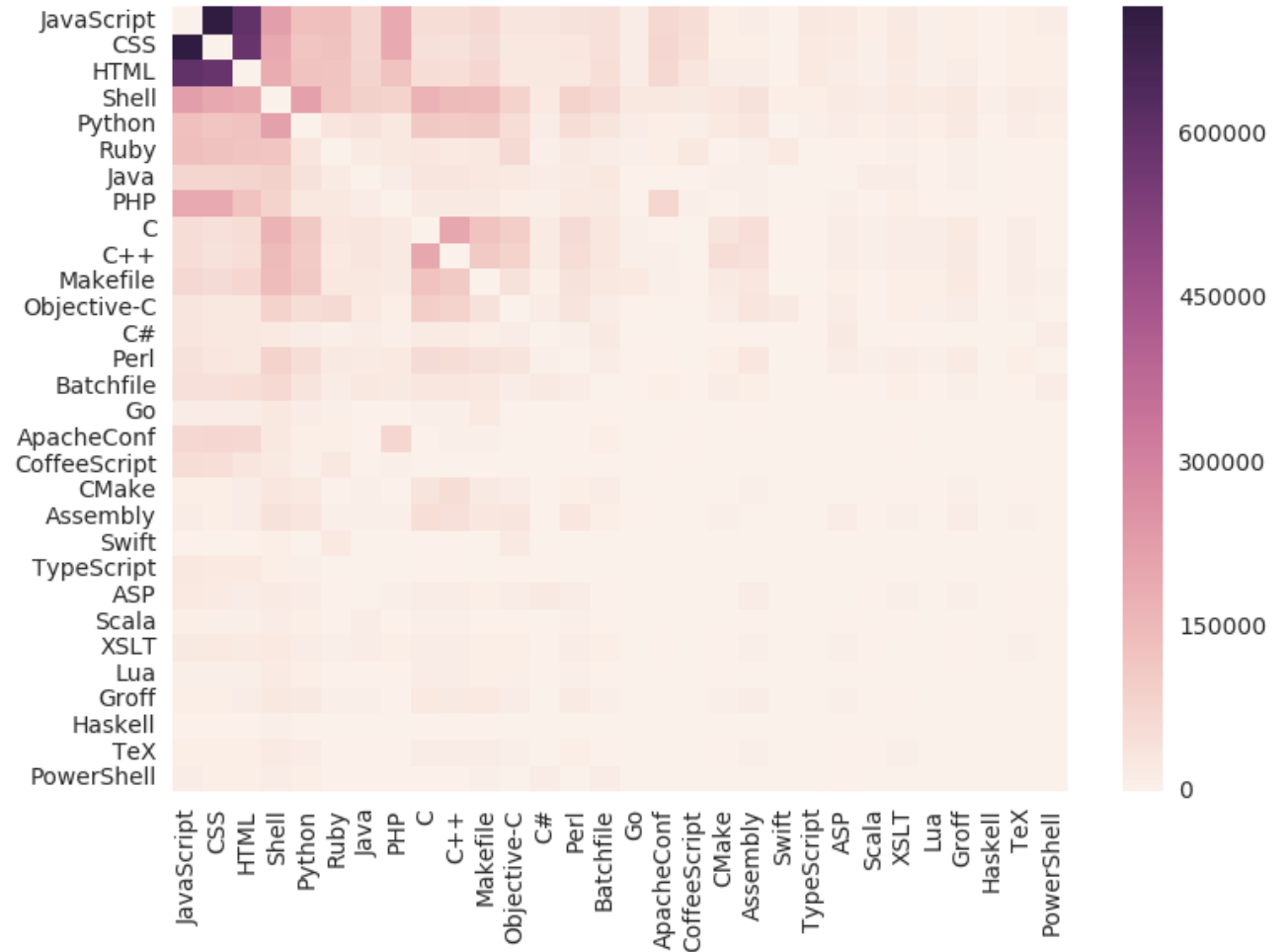
# GitHub archive dataset

- The plot on this slide shows the percentage of repositories that use specific programming languages
- Suppose our goal is to visualize co-occurrence of pairs of programming languages in different repositories



# Heatmap

- Co-occurrence of pairs of programming languages in different repositories can be represented by a heatmap
- It is important how the rows and columns are sorted to visualize any possibly existing clusters
- In this slide, the rows and columns are sorted in decreasing popularity of programming languages
  - A heuristic revealing some clustering structure, but this is not necessary in general

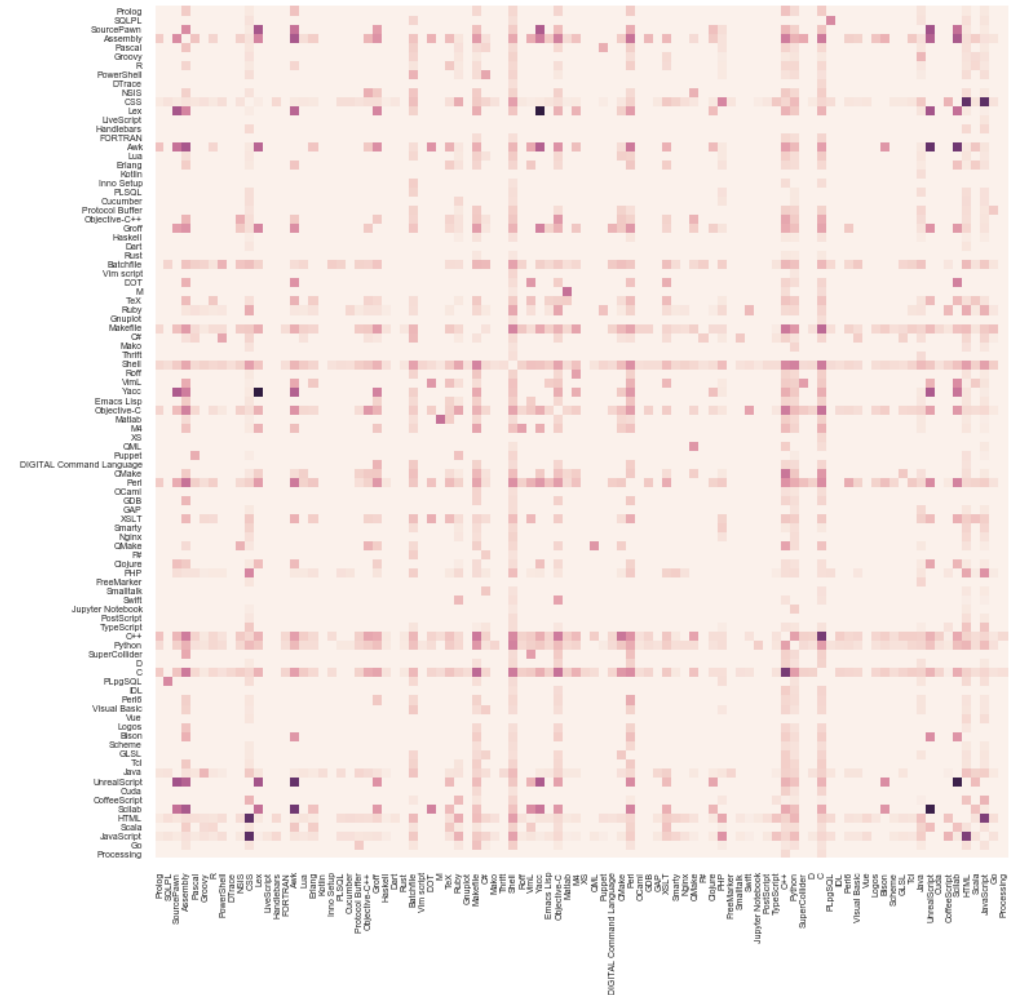


# Use case: similarity matrices

- A similarity matrix quantifies how “similar” pairs of items are
- Similarity may be defined as **cosine similarity** for items associated with feature vectors: for two non-null feature vectors  $a$  and  $b$  in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , the cosine similarity is

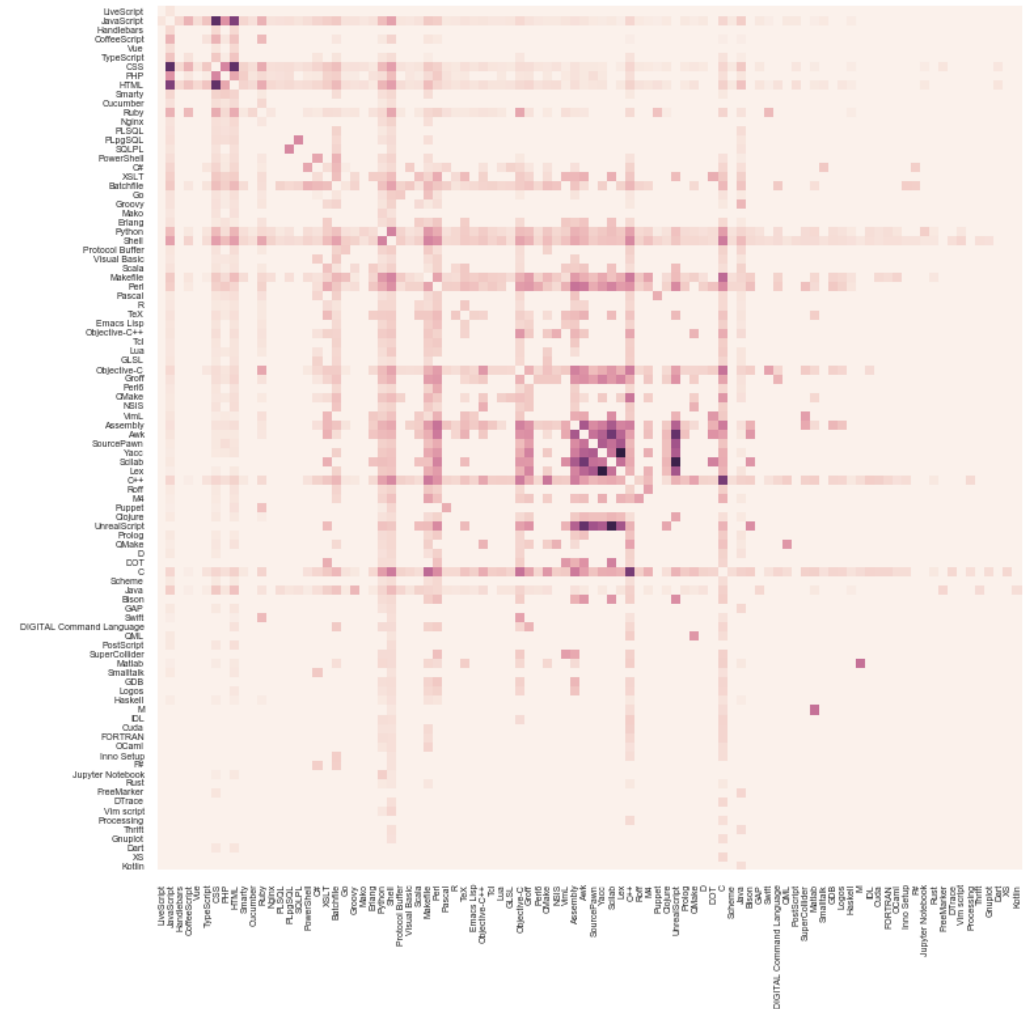
$$\text{sim}(a, b) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2}}$$

- In our example, a feature vector associated with a programming language indicates its usage over different repositories



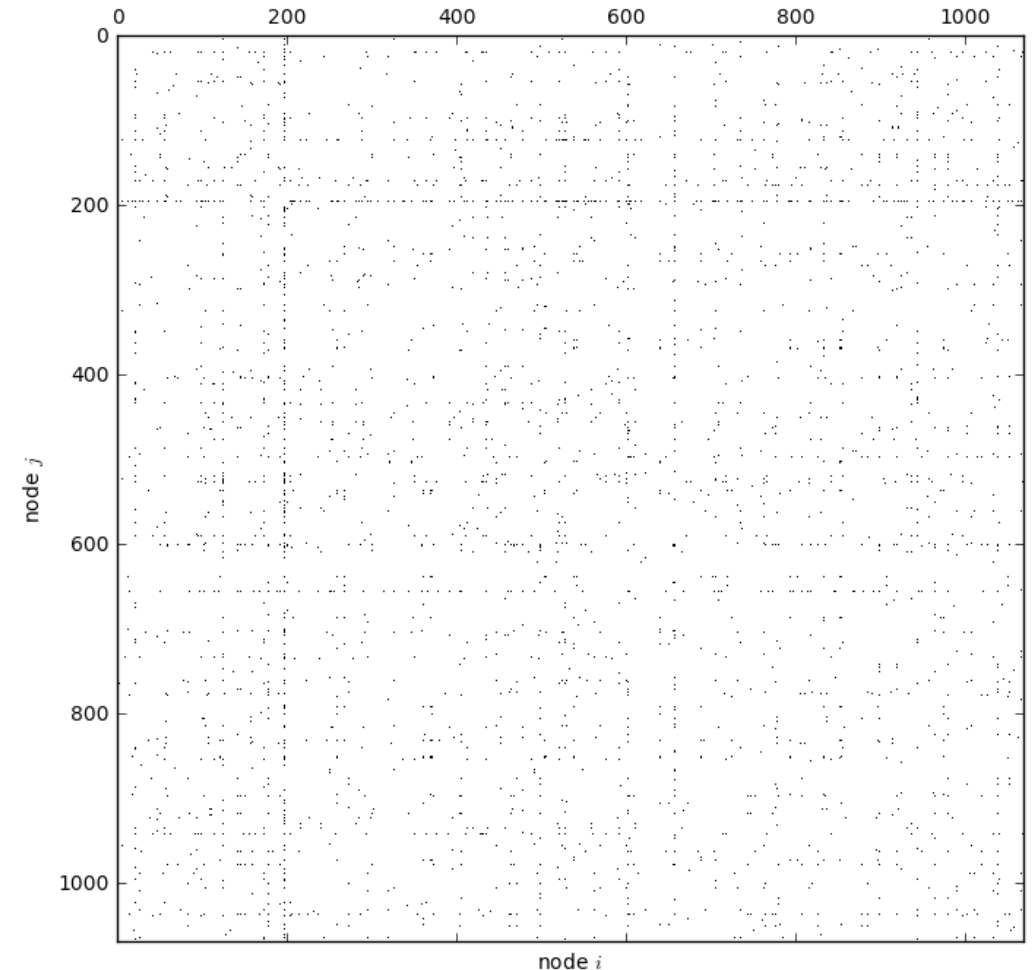
# Use case: similarity matrices (cont'd)

- How can we order rows and columns of a matrix to visualize any possibly existing clusters in matrix data?



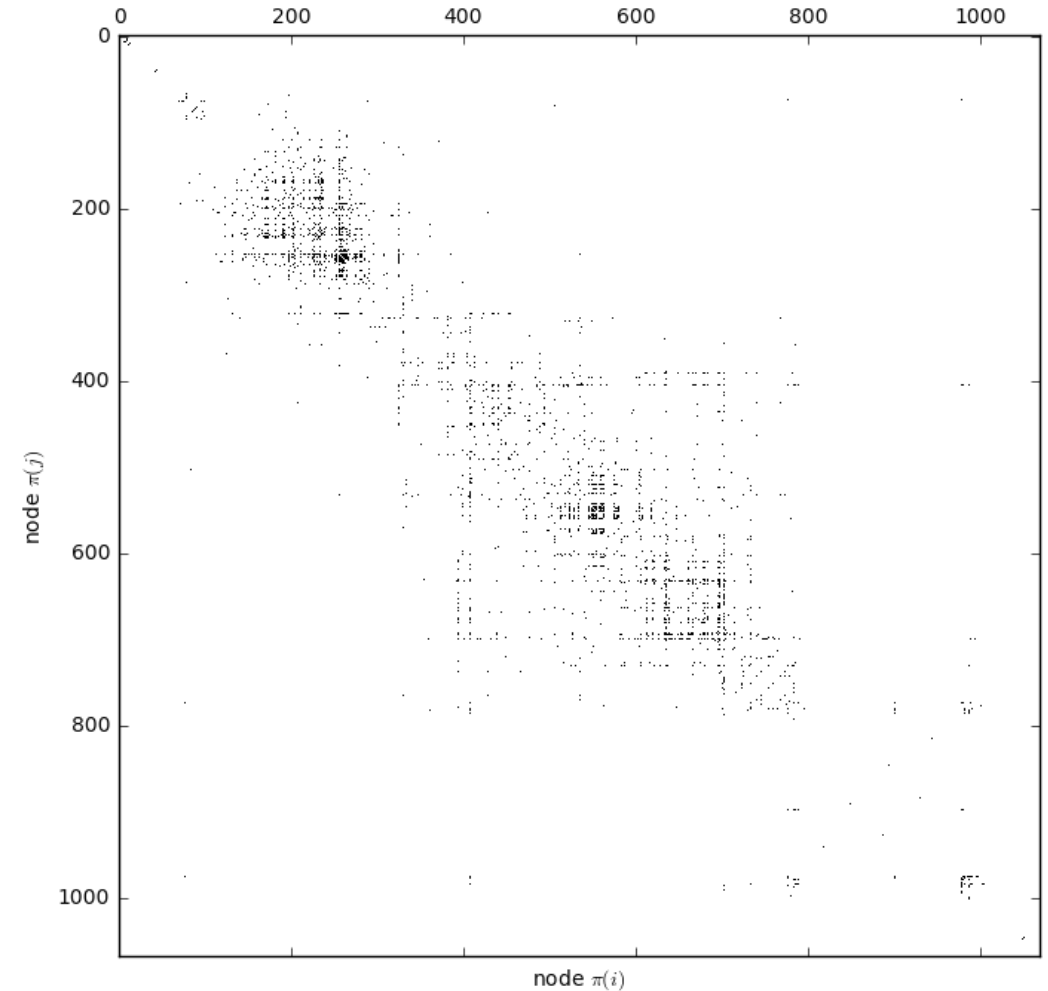
# Use case: adjacency matrices

- Adjacency matrix of a graph indicates whether or not there is an edge between different pairs of nodes of the graph
- The plot in this slide shows the adjacency matrix of a graph that specifies existence of communications between Amazon Mechanical Turk workers
- Dataset source: Yin et al, The Communication Network within the Crowd, WWW 2016



# Use case: adjacency matrices

- Reordered rows and columns  
i.e. rearranged node identifiers
- The adjacency matrix with reordered rows and columns in this slide suggests existence of different communities of workers



# Software modules

- Scikit-learn biclustering module
  - Scikit-learn Section 2.4 Biclustering

<http://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/biclustering.html>

- from sklearn.cluster.bicluster import SpectralCoclustering
- from sklearn.cluster.bicluster import SpectralBiclustering

- R seriation package

- <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/seriation/index.html>



# Some linear algebra concepts

# Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

- $\lambda$  is an **eigenvalue** of matrix  $A$  if for some vector  $x \neq 0$

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

- A corresponding vector  $x$  is called an **eigenvector**

# Laplacian matrix

- Let  $A$  be a real symmetric matrix
- The Laplacian matrix  $L_A$  is defined by

$$L_A = D_A - A$$

where  $D_A$  is a diagonal matrix with  $d_{i,i} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{i,j}$

- $A$  is a real symmetric matrix  $\Rightarrow L_A$  is a real symmetric matrix

# Laplacian matrix (cont'd)

- For any real symmetric matrix  $A \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$ :
  - $A$  has  $n$  eigenvectors
  - All eigenvectors of  $A$  are pairwise orthogonal
  - All eigenvalues of  $A$  are real
- Every Laplacian matrix has all its eigenvalues real and non-negative, which is equivalent to saying that it is **positive definite**
- Every Laplacian matrix has the vector of all ones  $e$  as an eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue zero

# Fiedler value and eigenvector

- For real symmetric matrix  $A \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$ , **Fiedler value** is defined as the minimum eigenvalue of the Laplacian  $L_A$  that has an eigenvector orthogonal to  $e$
- The corresponding eigenvector is called a **Fiedler eigenvector**
- The Fiedler value is the optimum value of the optimization problem:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & x^T L_A x \\ \text{subject to} & x^T e = 0 \\ & x^T x = 1 \end{array}$$

# Historical remarks

- Miroslav Fiedler
- Czech Republic's mathematician
- 1926-2015
- Charles University, Prague



- M. Fiedler, Algebraic connectivity of graphs, Czechoslovak Math. J., 23(98), 1973

# Laplacian matrix (cont'd)

- **Lemma:** For any real, symmetric matrix  $A$ :

$$x^T L_A x = \sum_{i < j} a_{i,j} (x_i - x_j)^2$$

- Laplacian matrices are closely related to **graph cuts**
  - Graph  $G = (V, E)$  with edge weights: edge  $(i, j)$  has weight  $a_{i,j}$
  - $A$  is the adjacency matrix of  $G$
  - Let  $x$  takes value in  $\{-1, 1\}^n$  defining a vertex cut: partitioning vertices into two sets (negative and positive labeled)
  - **Graph cut** is defined as the sum of weights of edges whose end vertices belong to different components of the vertex cut

# Seriation



# Seriation

- Input: a real, symmetric matrix  $A \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$ 
  - $a_{i,j}$  interpreted as the similarity between items  $i$  and  $j$
- Goal: find a linear ordering (permutation) of items such that similar items are placed nearby, specifically, find a permutation  $\pi^*$  that minimizes

$$c(\pi) = \sum_{i < j} a_{i,j} (\pi_i - \pi_j)^2$$

over the set of all possible permutations of  $n$  elements  $\Pi_n$

- This problem is NP hard

# Fractional relaxation

- Find optimal solution to the following problem:

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{minimize} & c(x) \\ \text{subject to} & x^T e = 0 \\ & x^T x = 1 \\ & x \in \mathbf{R}^n\end{array}$$

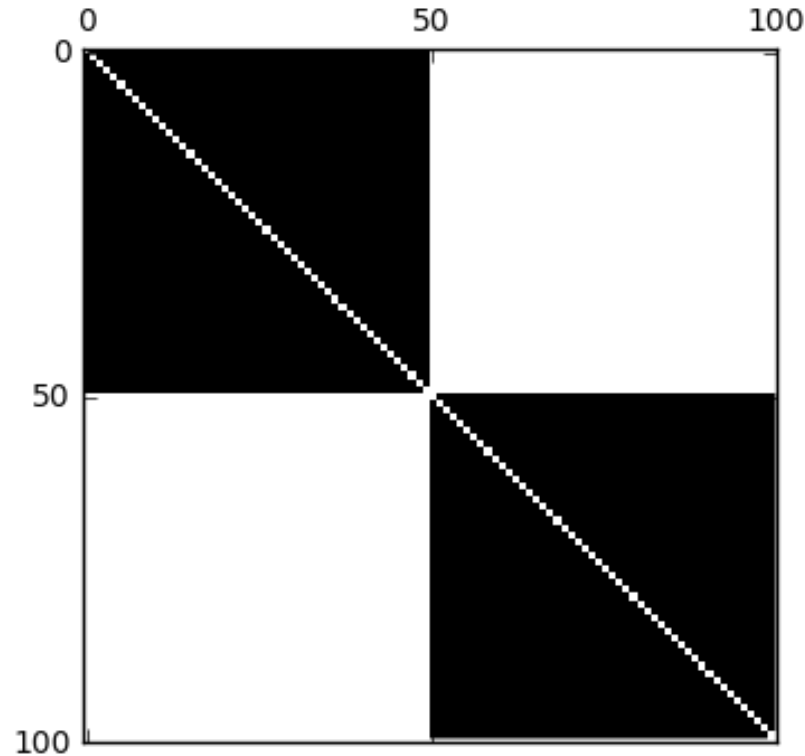
- The first constraint avoids multiplicity of solutions by adding a positive constant to each coordinate of  $x$
- The second constraint avoids vector 0 to be a trivial solution
- The optimum solution is a Fiedler vector of  $A$

# Robinson matrices

- A matrix  $A$  is said to be a **Robinson matrix (R-matrix)** if, and only if,
  - $A$  is symmetric
  - $a_{i,j} \leq a_{i,k}$  for  $j < k < i$  and  $a_{i,j} \geq a_{i,k}$  for  $i < j < k$
- In other words, a matrix is a R-matrix if it is symmetric and it has off-diagonal elements non-decreasing by moving away from the diagonal
- A matrix  $A$  is said to be a **pre-R matrix** if it can be symmetrically permuted (reordering rows and columns by the same permutation) to become an R-matrix

# An example of a R-matrix

$$A = (a_{i,j})$$



- Clearly, a symmetric matrix
- The elements are decreasing as we move away from the diagonal along any row

black point if  $a_{i,j} = 1$   
white point if  $a_{i,j} = 0$

# An example R-matrix: stochastic block model

- Stochastic block model is a random graph model commonly studied in the community detection and graph clustering literature
- A stochastic block model can be defined by
  - Parameters  $0 \leq q \leq p \leq 1$
  - Set of vertices  $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$
  - Hidden bipartition of vertices  $(S, V \setminus S)$
  - Set of edges  $E$ : for every pair of vertices  $(i, j)$  such that  $i < j$  we have

$$(i, j) \in E \text{ independently with probability} = \begin{cases} p & \text{if } i, j \in S \text{ or } i, j \in V \setminus S \\ q & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $A$  is defined as the adjacency matrix of  $G$
- The case  $q = 0$  and  $p = 1$  is trivial when the vertex-set partition is not hidden

# Fiedler vector of R-matrices

- **Theorem:** If  $A$  is a R-matrix then it has a monotone Fiedler vector.
- Proof: Atkins et al (1998)

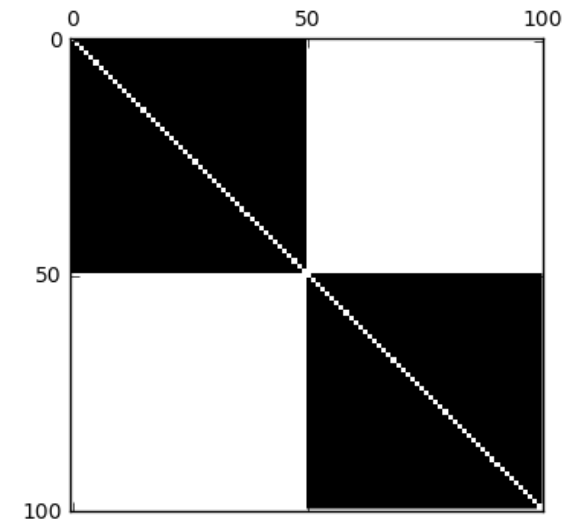
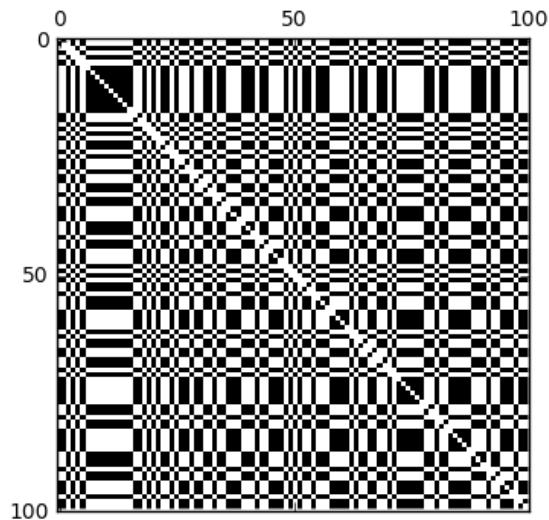
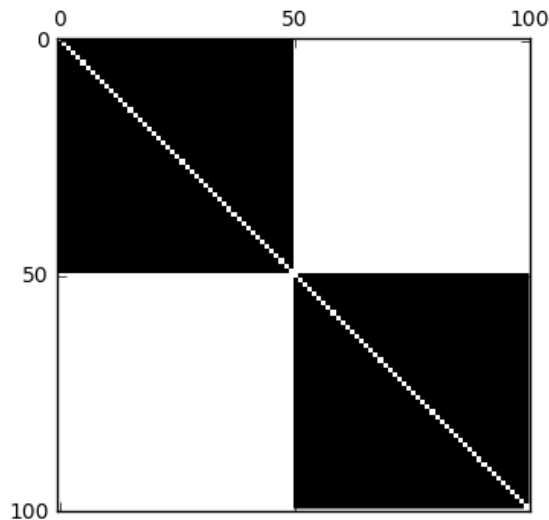
# Fiedler vector of R-matrices

- **Theorem:** Let  $A$  be a pre-R matrix with a simple Fiedler value and a Fiedler vector with no repeated elements. Let  $\pi_1$  be the permutation sorting elements of the Fiedler vector in increasing order. Let  $\pi_2$  be the permutation sorting elements of the Fiedler vector in decreasing order. Let  $\Pi_1$  and  $\Pi_2$  be the corresponding permutation matrices.

Then,  $\Pi_1 A \Pi_1$  and  $\Pi_2 A \Pi_2$  are permutation matrices and not other symmetric permutation of  $A$  produces an R matrix.

- Proof: Atkins et al (1998)

# Example 1: $p = 1, q = 0$



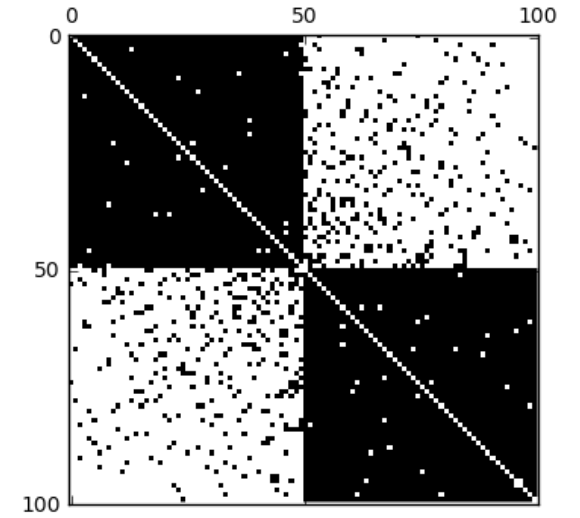
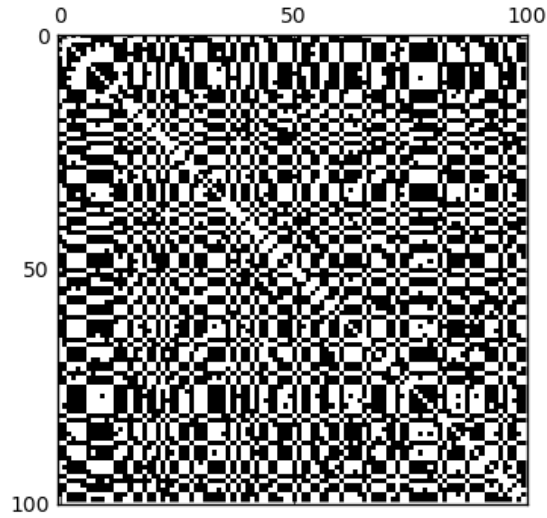
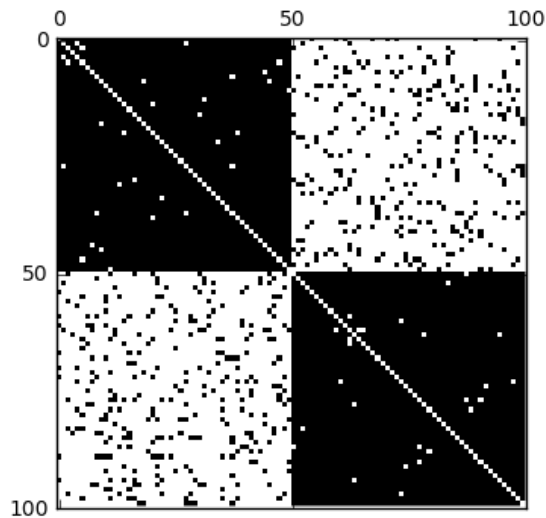
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“symmetric permutation”

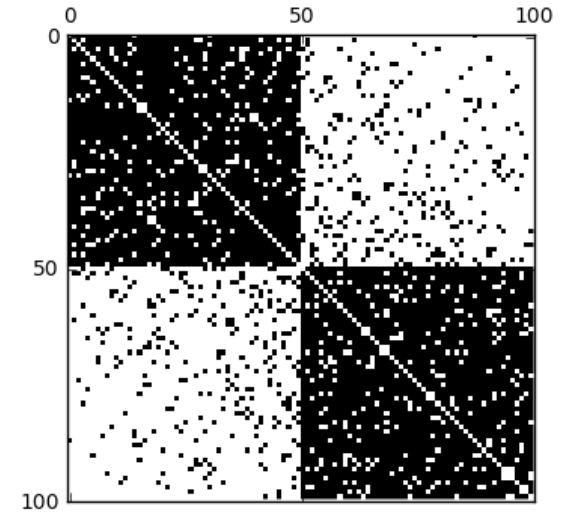
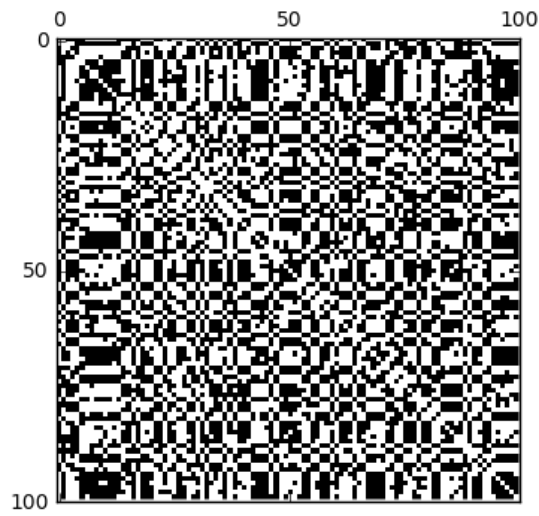
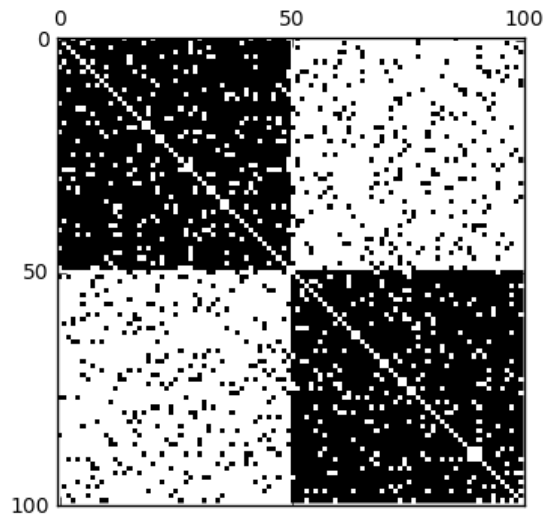
Rows and columns  
sorted in a monotonic  
order of the Fiedler  
vector elements



## Example 2: $p = 0.99$ , $q = 0.01$



# Example 3: $p = 0.9$ , $q = 0.1$



# Spectral co-clustering

# Graph cuts

- Let  $V$  be a set of vertices with weights  $w_{i,j}$  for  $i, j \in V$
- **k-way partition**: let  $P_k(S)$  be the set of all possible partitions of  $S$  in  $k$  components
  - In particular,  $(S_1, S_2) \in P_2(S)$  is referred as a **bipartition**
- The **cut function** is defined as the sum of weights of cut edges:

$$\text{cut}(V_1, V_2) = \sum_{i \in V_1, j \in V_2} w_{i,j}$$

- More generally, we define

$$\text{cut}(V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} \text{cut}(V_i, V_j)$$

# Graph cuts and the Laplacian matrix

- A bipartition  $(V_1, V_2)$  can be represented by a **partition vector**  $x$  defined as

$$x_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \in V_1 \\ -1 & \text{if } i \in V_2 \end{cases}$$

- **Lemma:** Any bipartition  $(V_1, V_2)$  and the corresponding partition vector  $x$  satisfy

$$\frac{x^T L_A x}{x^T x} = \frac{1}{n} 4 \text{ cut}(V_1, V_2)$$

# Normalized cut function

- Define the weight of a set of vertices  $S$ :  $w(S) = \sum_{i \in S} w_i$
- The **normalized cut function** is defined as follows:

$$Q(V_1, V_2) = \frac{\text{cut}(V_1, V_2)}{w(V_1)} + \frac{\text{cut}(V_1, V_2)}{w(V_2)}$$

- This cut function captures *both* **sparsity of edge cuts** and **balancing of the component sizes**
- Optimization problem formulation: minimize  $Q(V_1, V_2)$  over  $P_2(V)$

# Special normalized cut functions

- **Ratio-cut**

- Each vertex has a unit weight
- Amounts to looking at the eigenvalue problem:  $L_A y = \lambda y$

- **Normalized-cut**

- Each vertex weight is equal to the sum of weights of incident edges
- In this case  $w(V_i) = \text{cut}(V_1, V_2) + w^{int}(V_i)$   
where  $w^{int}(V_i) = \sum_{(u,v) \in E: u,v \in V_i} w_{u,v}$
- Amounts to the generalized eigenvalue problem :  $L_A y = \lambda D_A y$

# Normalized-cut function

- Show that

$$Q(V_1, V_2) = 2 - \left( \frac{w^{int}(V_1)}{w(V_1)} + \frac{w^{int}(V_2)}{w(V_2)} \right)$$

- Minimizing the normalized-cut is equivalent to maximizing the proportion of edge weights that lie within each component of a vertex set partition



# Generalized partition-vector representation

- Let  $y$  be a **generalized partition vector** defined as

$$y_i = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{w(V_2)}{w(V_1)}} & \text{if } i \in V_1 \\ -\sqrt{\frac{w(V_1)}{w(V_2)}} & \text{if } i \in V_2 \end{cases}$$

- **Properties:** (a)  $y^T D_w y = w(V)$  and (b)  $y^T D_w e = 0$

- **Lemma:**

$$\frac{y^T L_A y}{y^T D_w y} = \frac{\text{cut}(V_1, V_2)}{w(V_1)} + \frac{\text{cut}(V_1, V_2)}{w(V_2)}$$

# Fractional relaxation

$$\text{minimize } \frac{y^T L_A y}{y^T D_w y}$$

$$\text{subject to } y^T D_w e = 0$$

$$y \neq 0$$

$$y \in \mathbf{R}^n$$

- **Theorem:** The solution is the eigenvector corresponding to the second smallest eigenvalue  $\lambda_2$  of the generalized eigenvalue problem:

$$L_A y = \lambda D_w y$$

- **Corollary:** The optimum value of the min normalized cut is  $\geq \lambda_2$

# Bipartite graph clustering

- Bipartite graph
  - The vertex set consists of disjoint sets of vertices  $L$  and  $R$
  - Each edge has its vertices in  $L$  and  $R$
- Let  $D_L$  and  $D_R$  be diagonal matrices with diagonal elements

$$(D_L)_{i,i} = \sum_{j \in R} w_{i,j} \text{ and } (D_R)_{i,i} = \sum_{j \in L} w_{j,i}$$

- For graph  $G$ :

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & W \\ W^T & 0 \end{pmatrix}, D_A = \begin{pmatrix} D_L & 0 \\ 0 & D_R \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } L_A = \begin{pmatrix} D_L & -W \\ -W^T & D_R \end{pmatrix}$$

# The generalized eigenvalue problem

- The generalized eigenvalue problem can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} D_L x - W y &= \lambda D_L x \\ -A^T x + D_R y &= \lambda D_R y \end{aligned}$$

- **Assumption:**  $W$  has a strictly positive element in each row and column
- Note that we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} D_L^{1/2} x - D_L^{-1/2} W y &= \lambda D_L^{1/2} x \\ -D_R^{-1/2} A^T x + D_R^{1/2} y &= \lambda D_R^{1/2} y \end{aligned}$$

# Change of variables

- Using the change of variables

$$\tilde{W} = D_L^{-1/2} W D_R^{-1/2}$$

$$u = D_L^{1/2} x$$

$$v = D_R^{1/2} y \text{ and}$$

$$\sigma = 1 - \lambda$$

we can write

$$\tilde{W} v = \sigma u \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{W}^T u = \sigma v$$

# Eigenvectors

- The eigenvector  $x_2$  corresponding to the second smallest eigenvalue  $\lambda_2$  of the generalized eigenvalue problem can be written as:

$$x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} D_L^{-1/2} u_2 \\ D_R^{-1/2} v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $u_2$  and  $v_2$  are the left and right singular vectors of  $\tilde{W}$  corresponding to the singular value  $\sigma_2 = 1 - \lambda_2$

- We can think of  $u_2$  to give a partition of the set of left vertices and  $v_2$  to give a partition of the set of right vertices

# Bi-clustering algorithm

- Input:  $W$
- Compute  $\tilde{W} = D_L^{-1/2} W D_R^{-1/2}$
- Compute the left and right singular vectors  $u_2$  and  $v_2$  of  $\tilde{W}$  corresponding to the singular value  $\sigma_2 = 1 - \lambda_2$
- Partition the set of vertices in two components using  $k$ -means algorithm for input data points  $x_2$

# k-way clustering algorithm

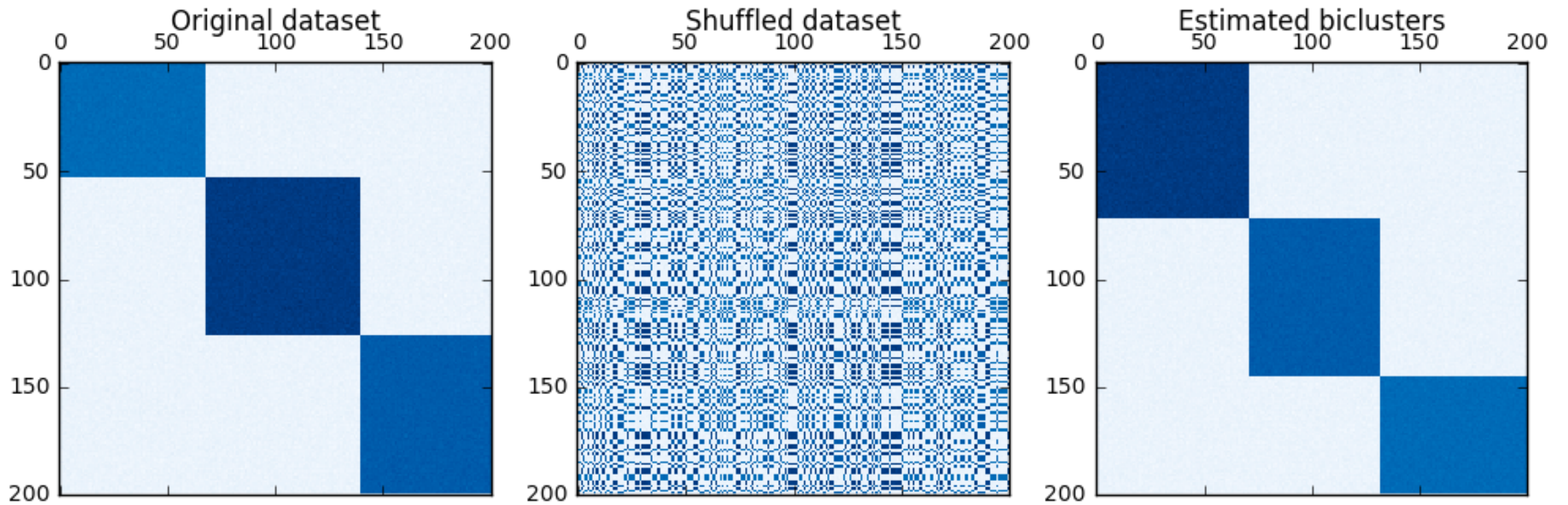
- Given a positive integer  $k \geq 2$  the goal is to partition the set of left vertices and the set of right vertices in  $k$  components
- Let  $U = (u_2, u_3, \dots, u_{\ell+1})$  and  $V = (v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{\ell+1})$  be  $\ell$  the left and right singular vectors
- Let  $(x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{\ell+1}) = \begin{pmatrix} D_L^{-1/2} U \\ D_R^{-1/2} V \end{pmatrix}$
- Apply the k-means algorithm to the input  $\ell$ -dimensional points



# Evaluating a bi-clustering: consensus score

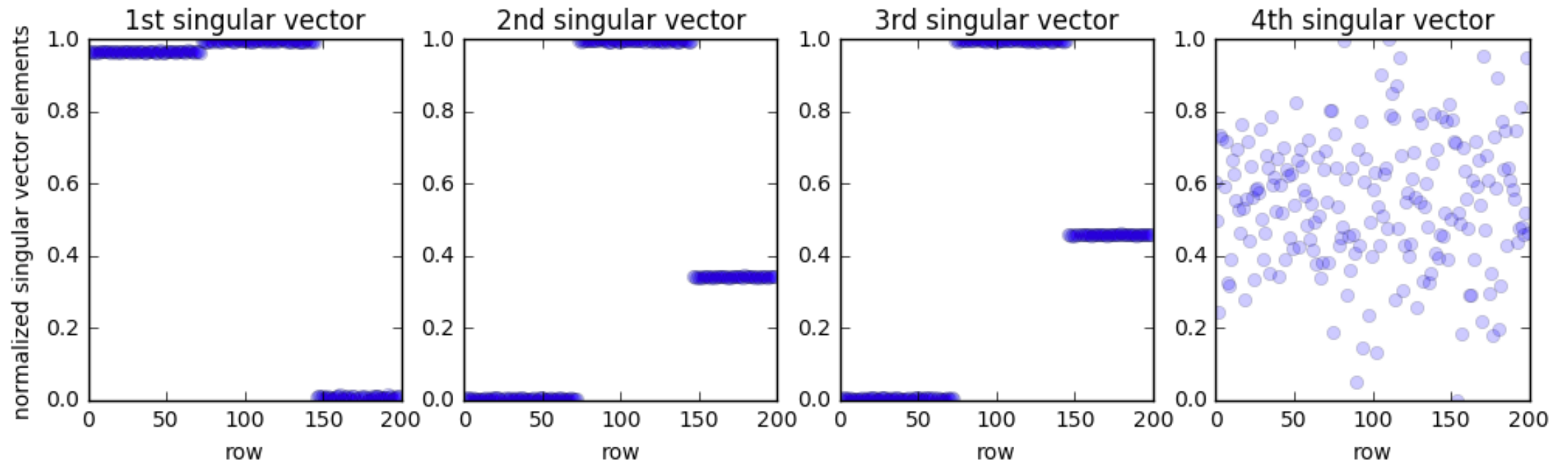
- The definition of the consensus score as implemented in `sklearn.metrics.consensus_score`
- Quantifies the similarity of two sets of bi-clusters
- Similarity between individual bi-clusters is computed
- Then the best matching between sets is found using the Hungarian algorithm
- The final score is the sum of similarities divided by the size of the larger set

# Example



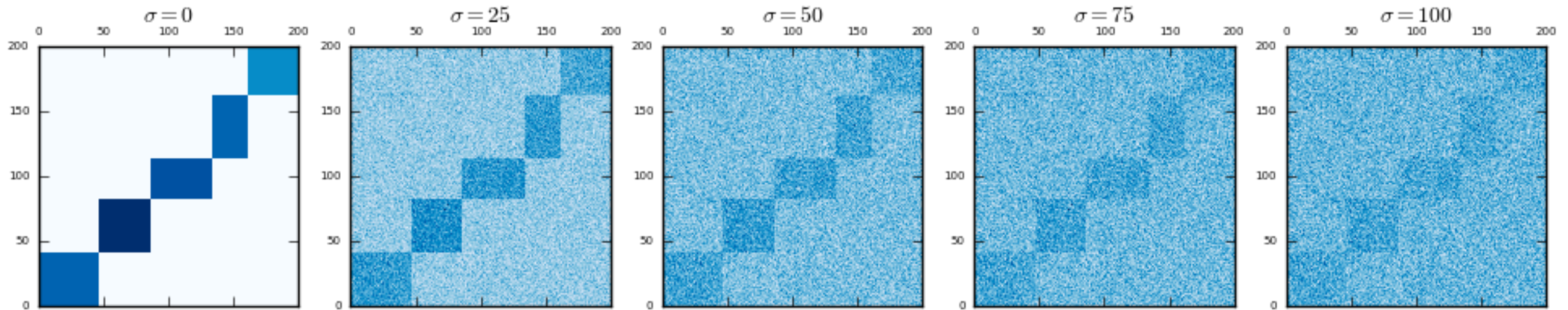
- Recovery of hidden co-clusters by spectral co-clustering

# Example: singular vectors



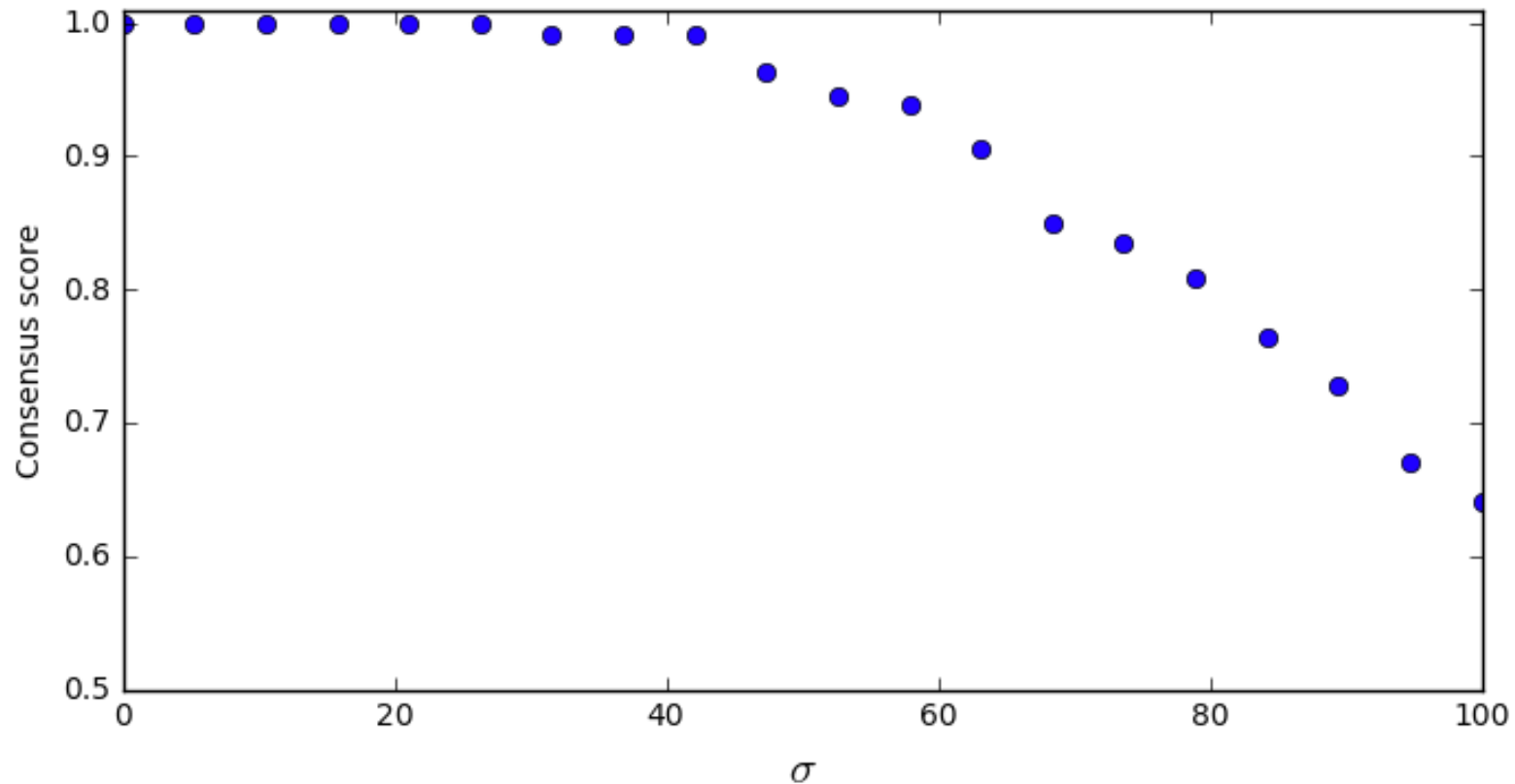
- Clusters are clearly indicated by the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> singular vectors

# Robustness to noise



- Input matrix corrupted by noise with varying variance  $\sigma$

# Robustness to noise (cont'd)



- Consensus score vs standard deviation of noise

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