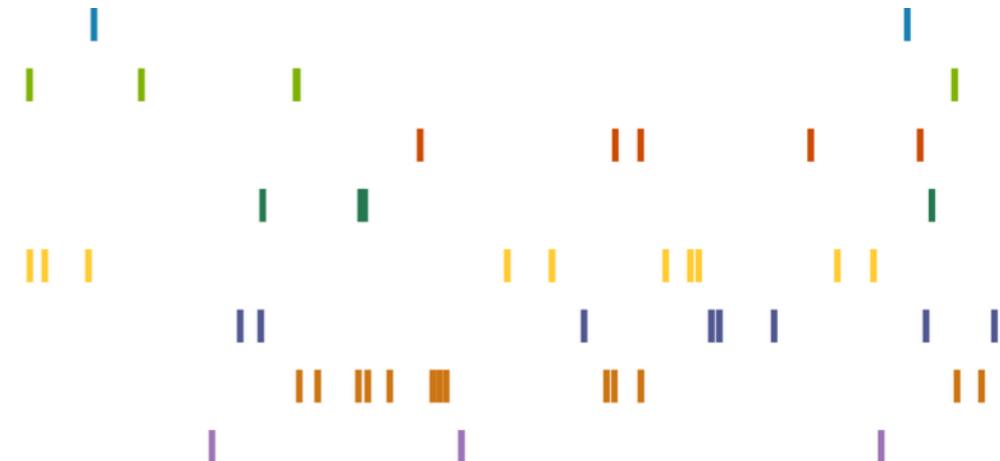
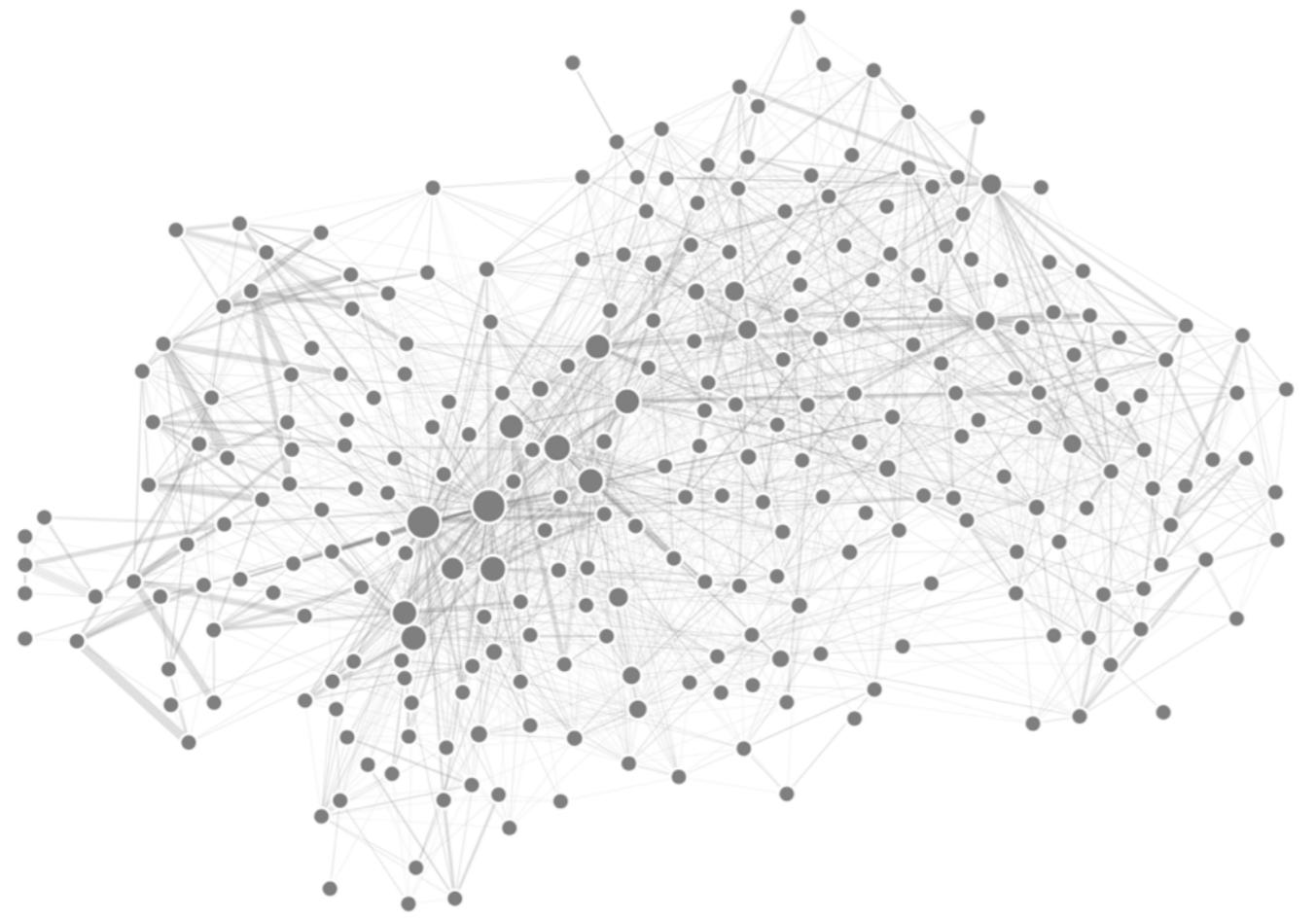


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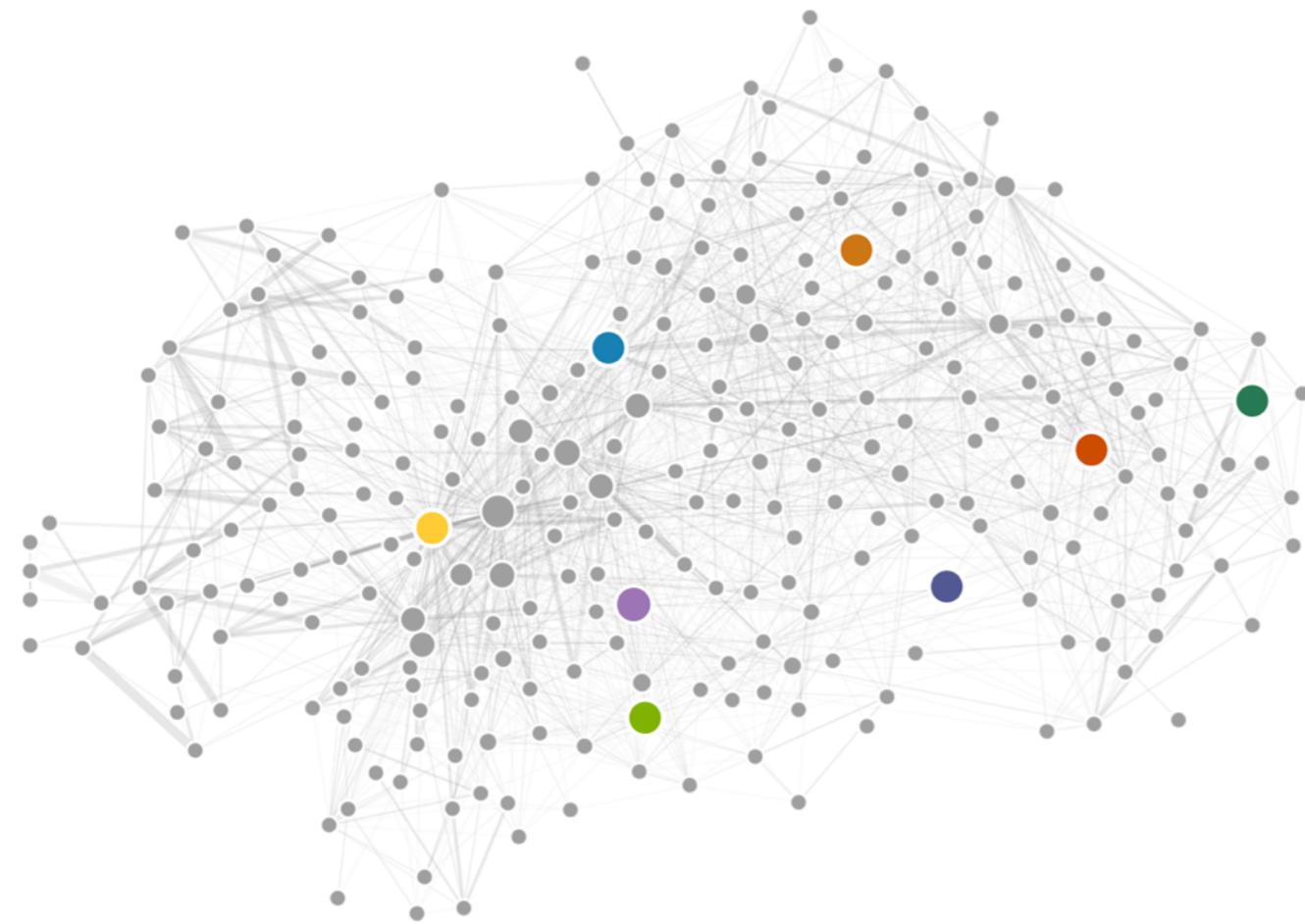


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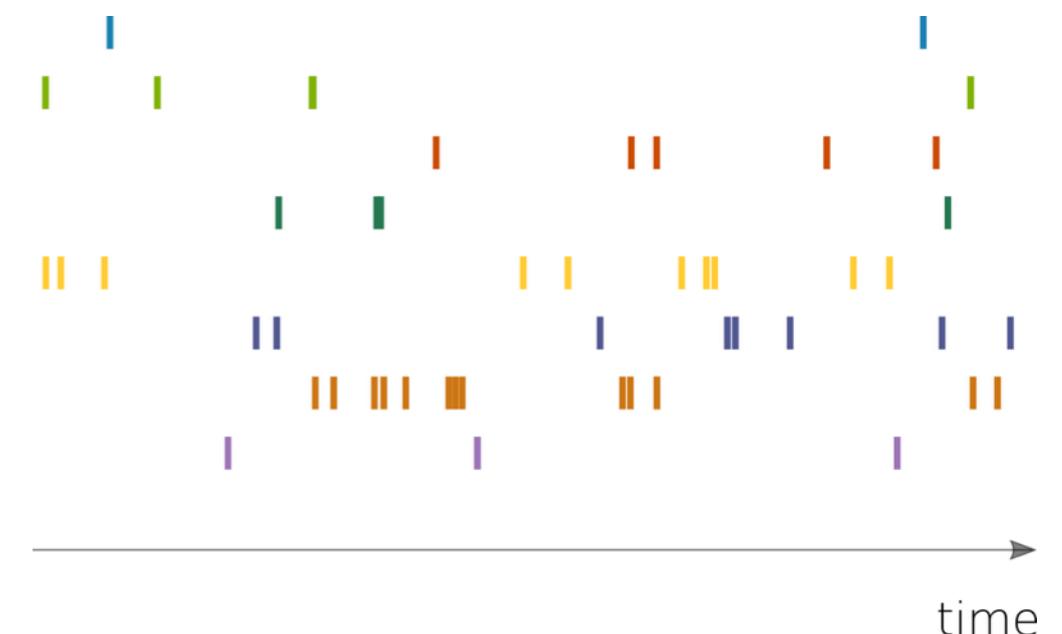
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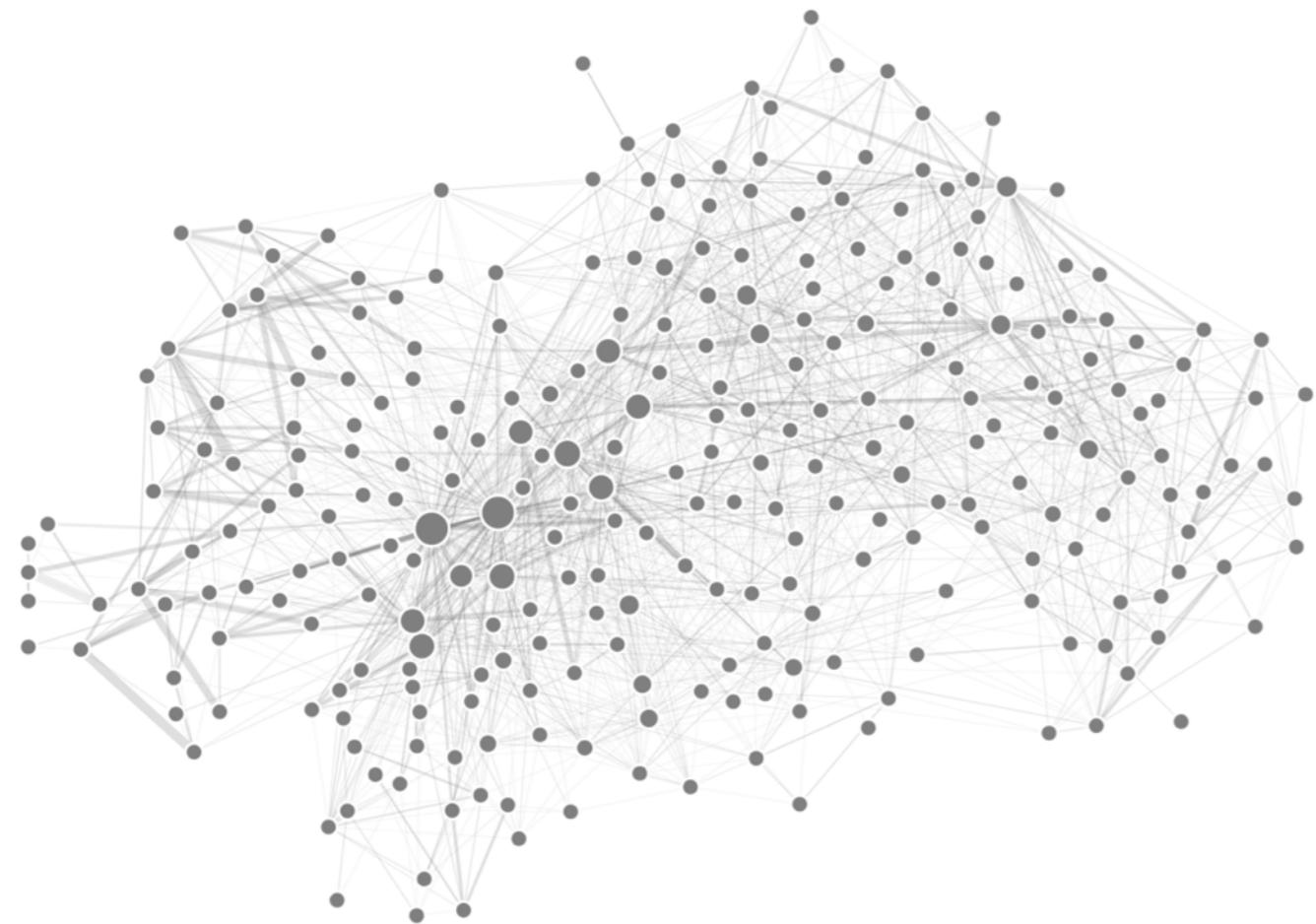
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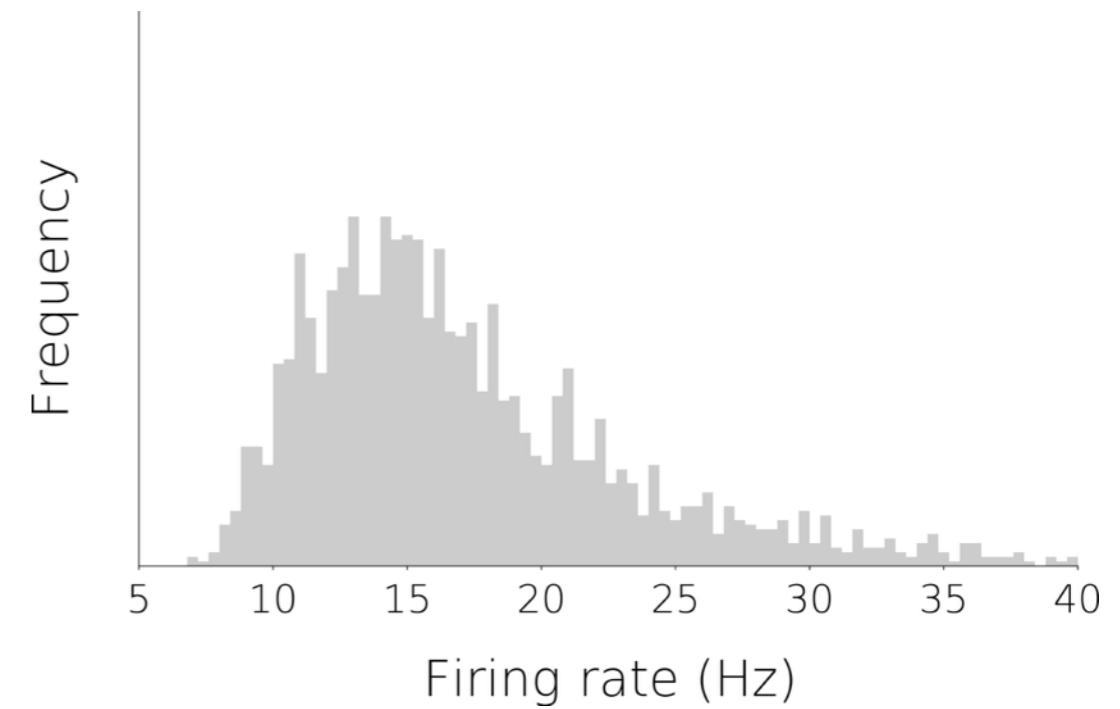
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Neuronal activity



Network structure



Activity distribution

Neuronal dynamics: leaky integrate-and-fire model

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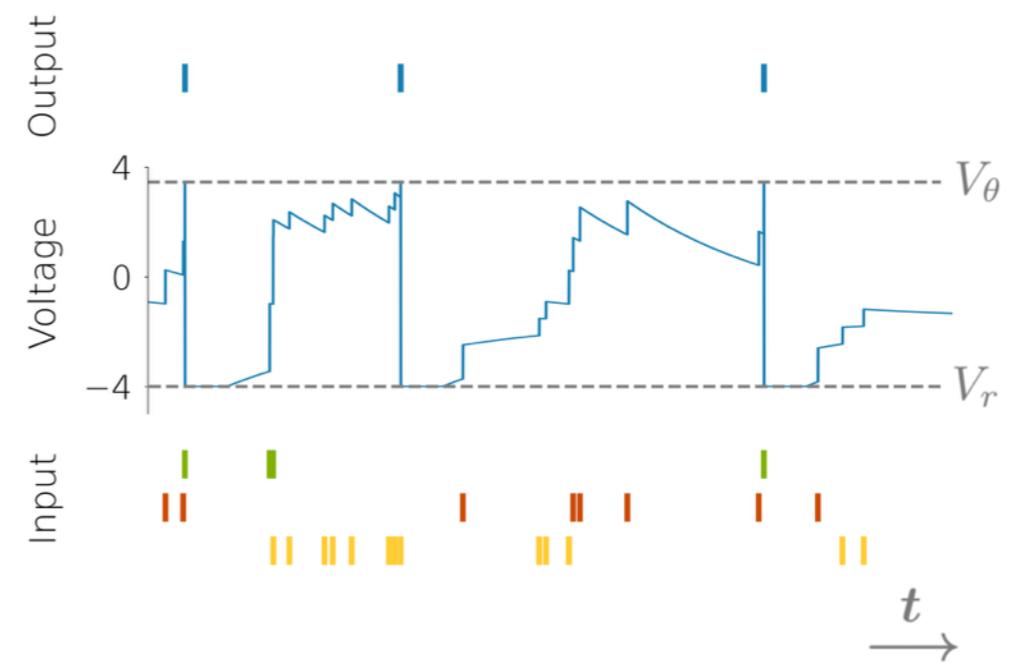
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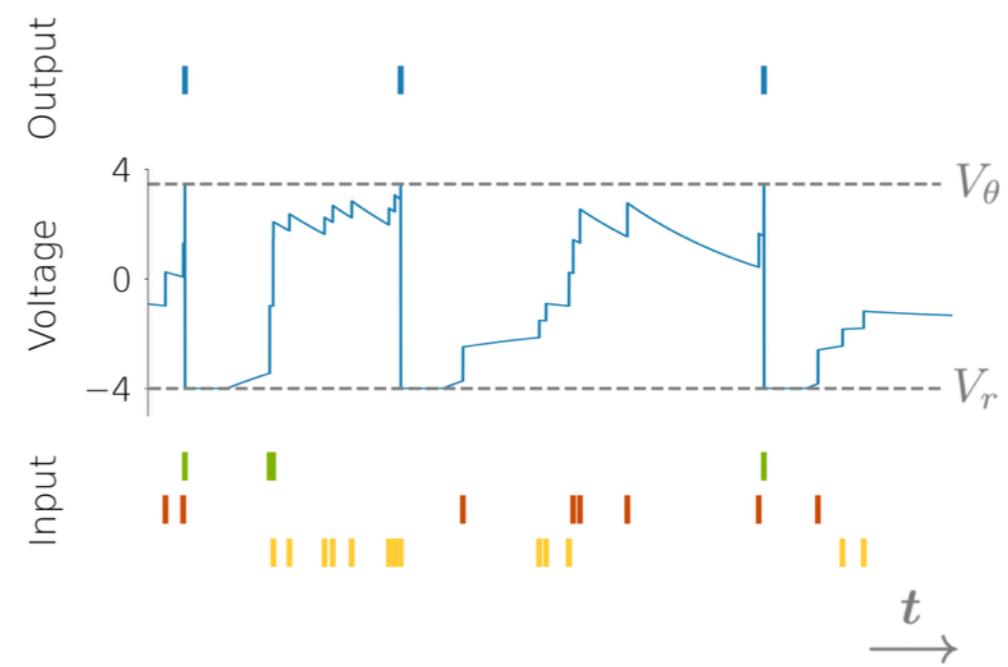
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This problem has been studied* for networks with

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and

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* N. Brunel. *J Comput Neurosci*, 8(3): 183-208, 2000

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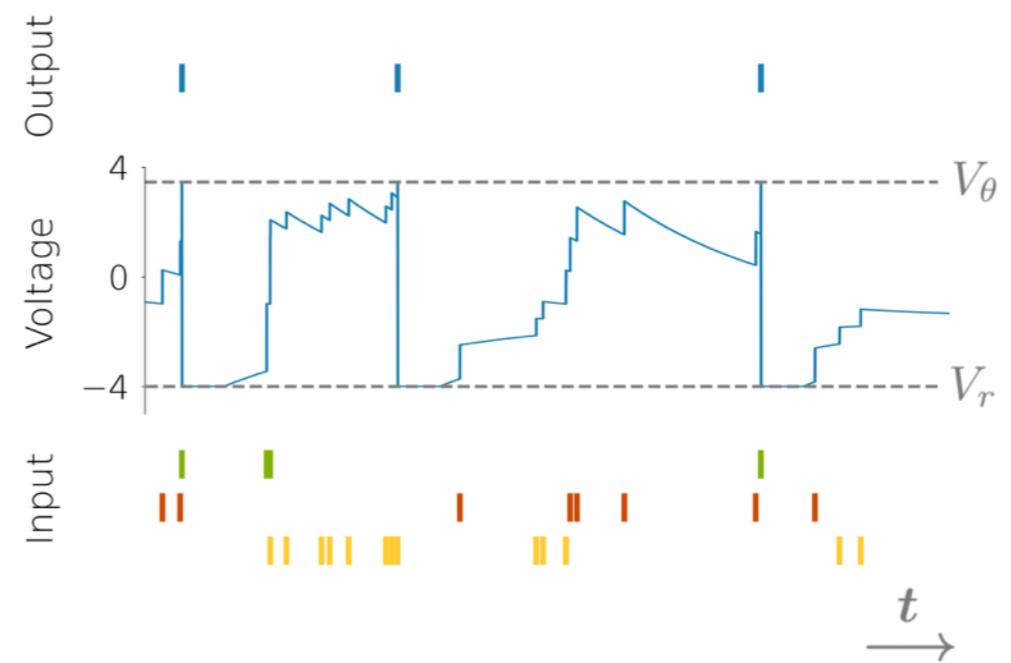
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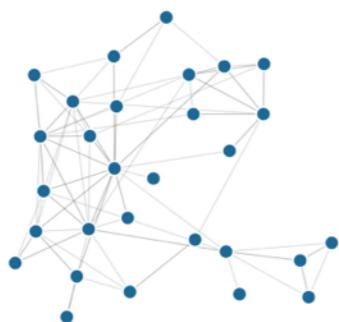
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Synaptic weights



Binary scaffold

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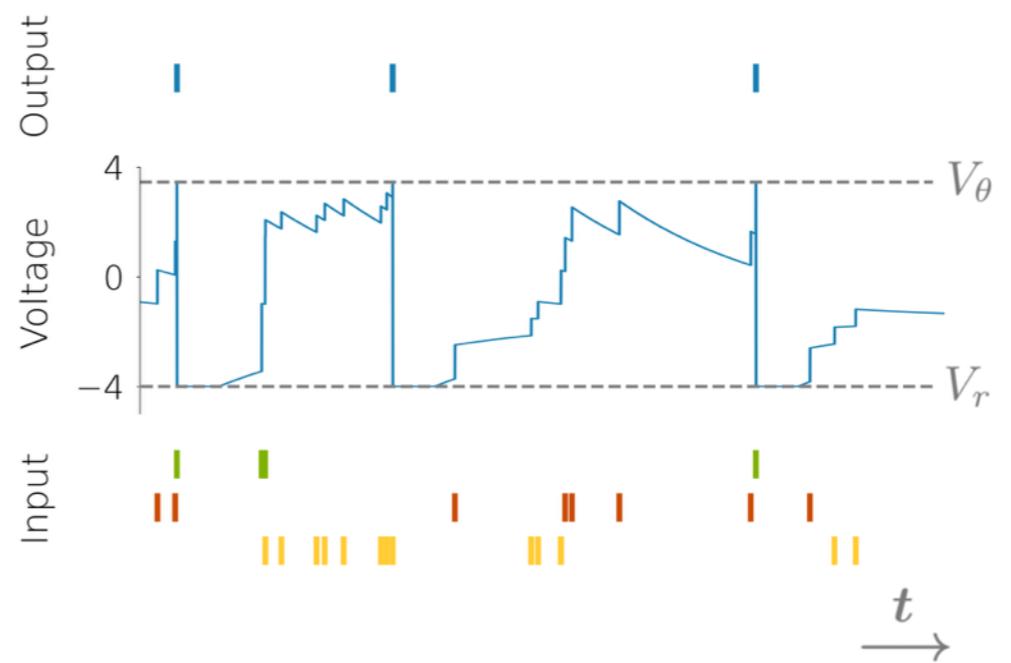
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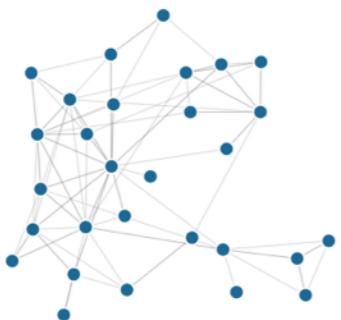
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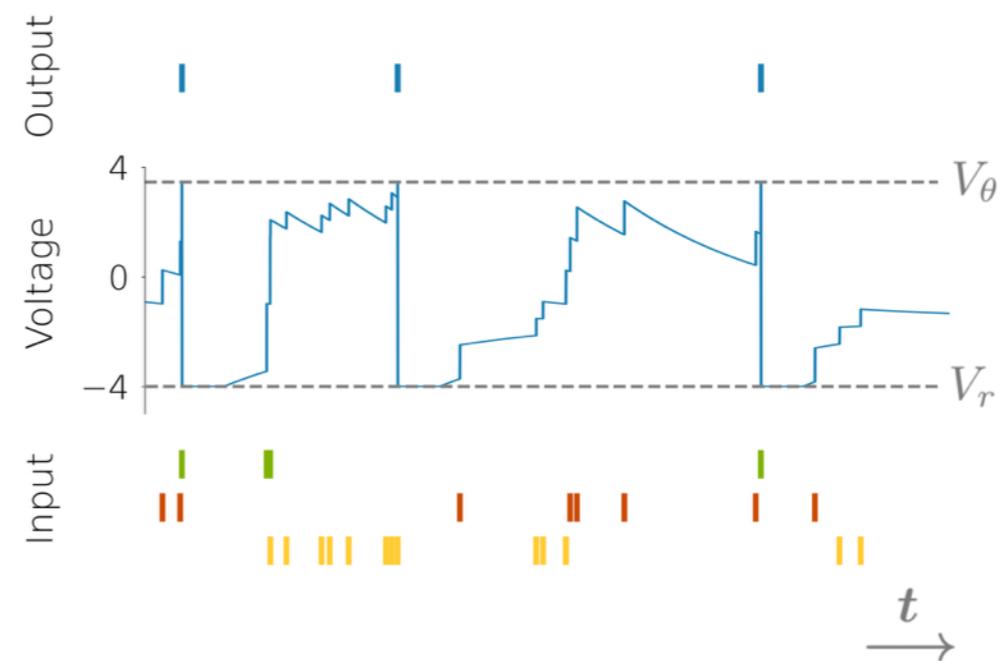
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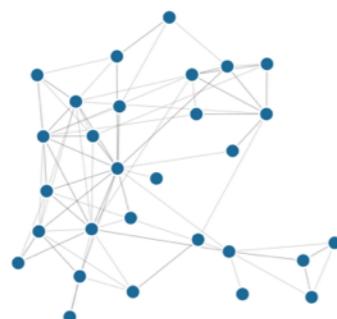
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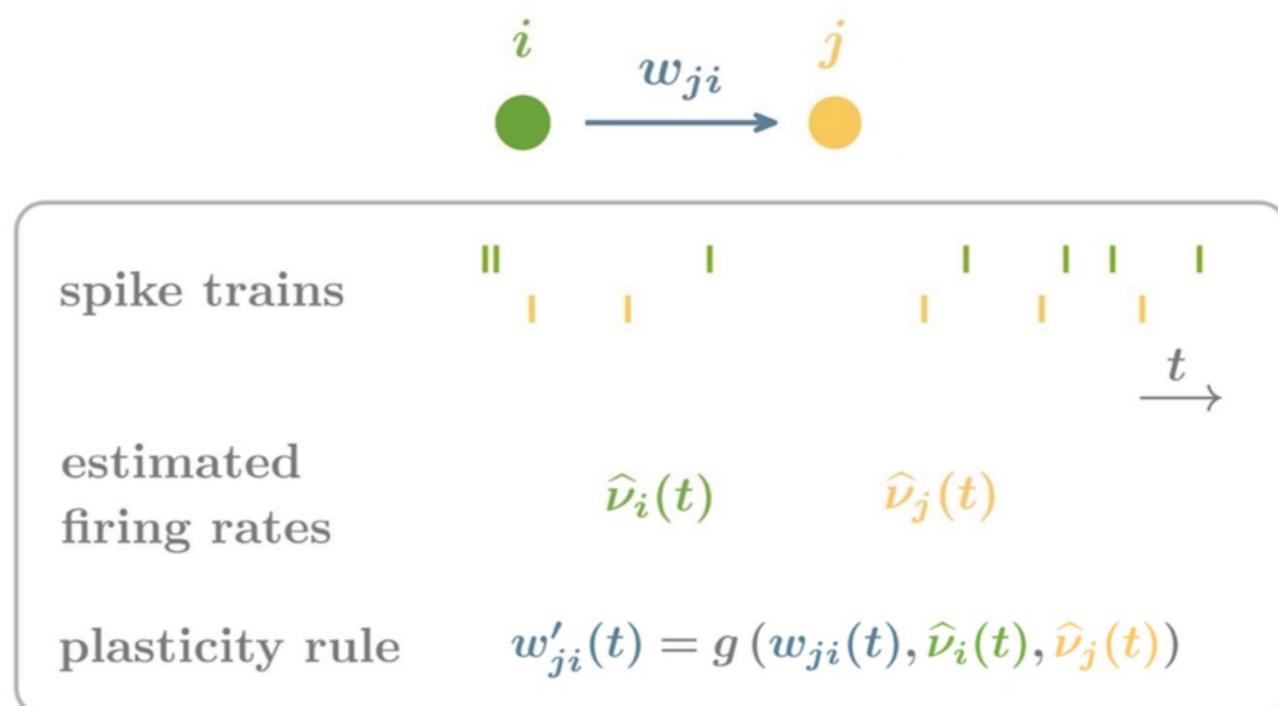
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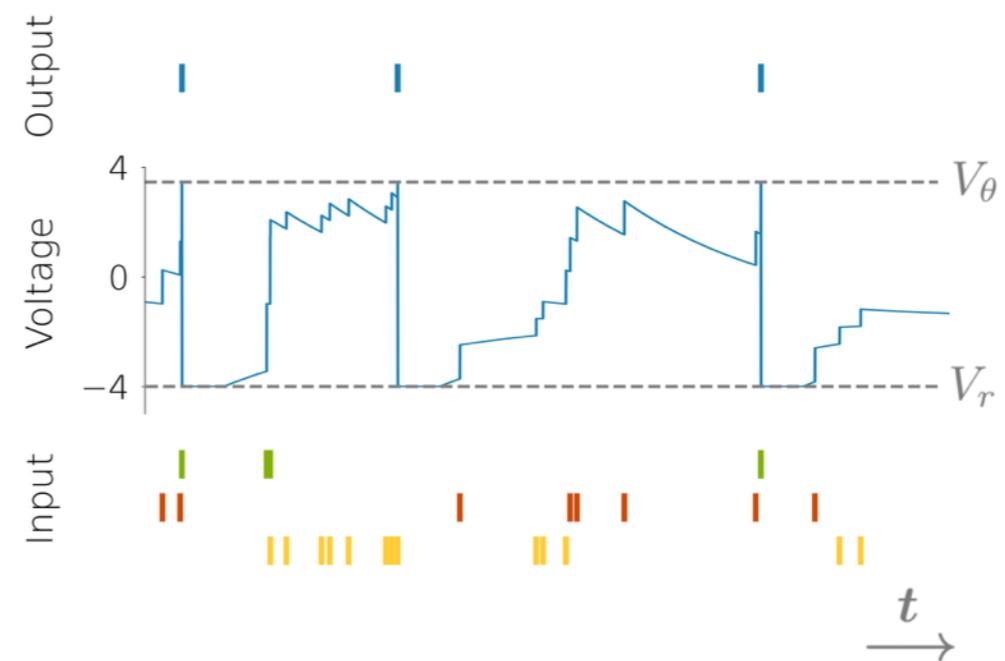
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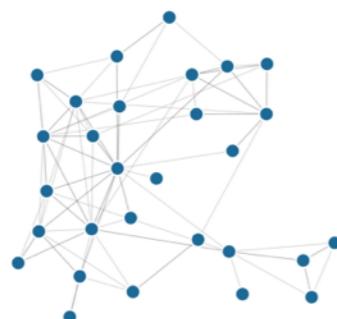
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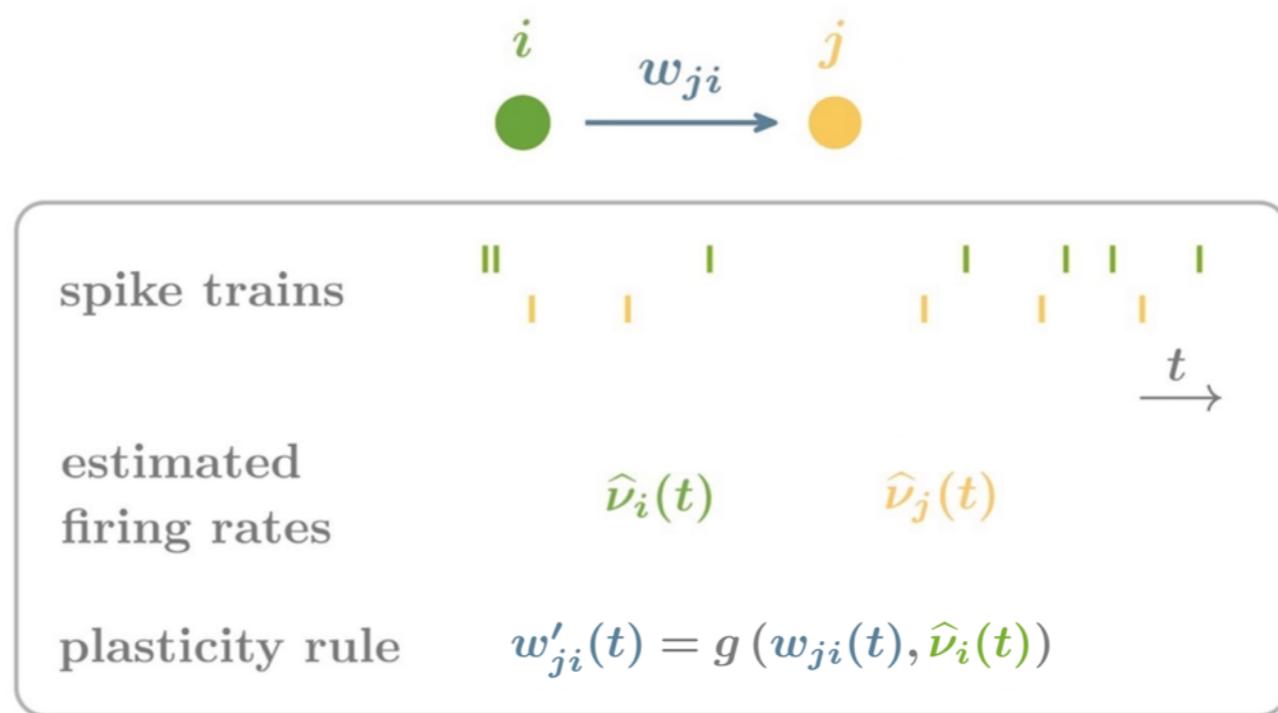
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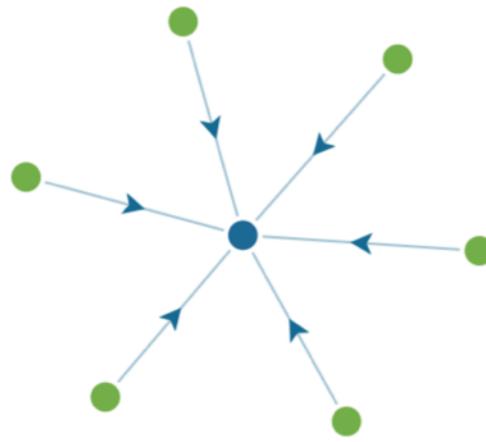
from

the neuronal dynamics
the connectivity structure
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infer

the stationary distribution of firing rates

Isolated neuron



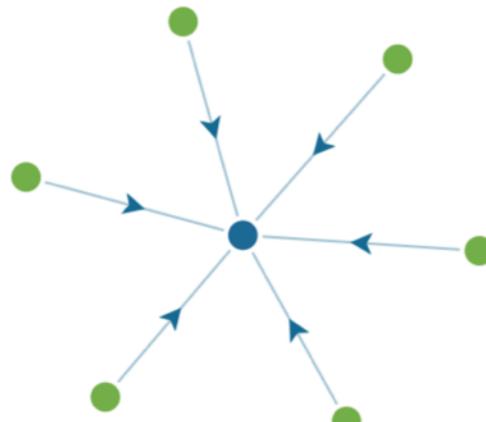
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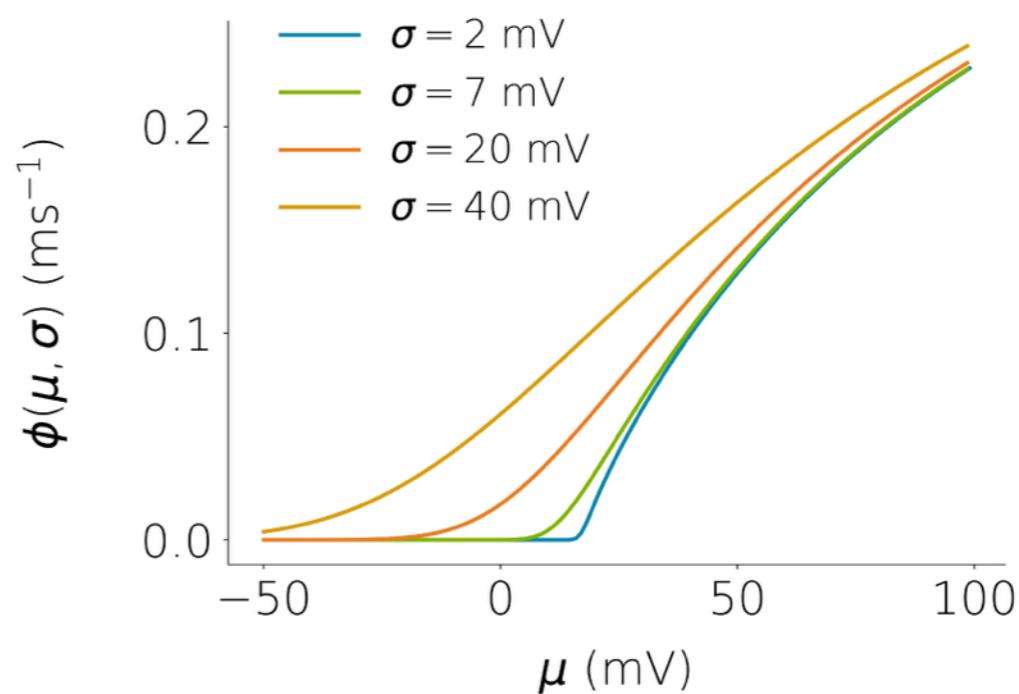
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Neuron in a network



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distribution of K and (W, Z)

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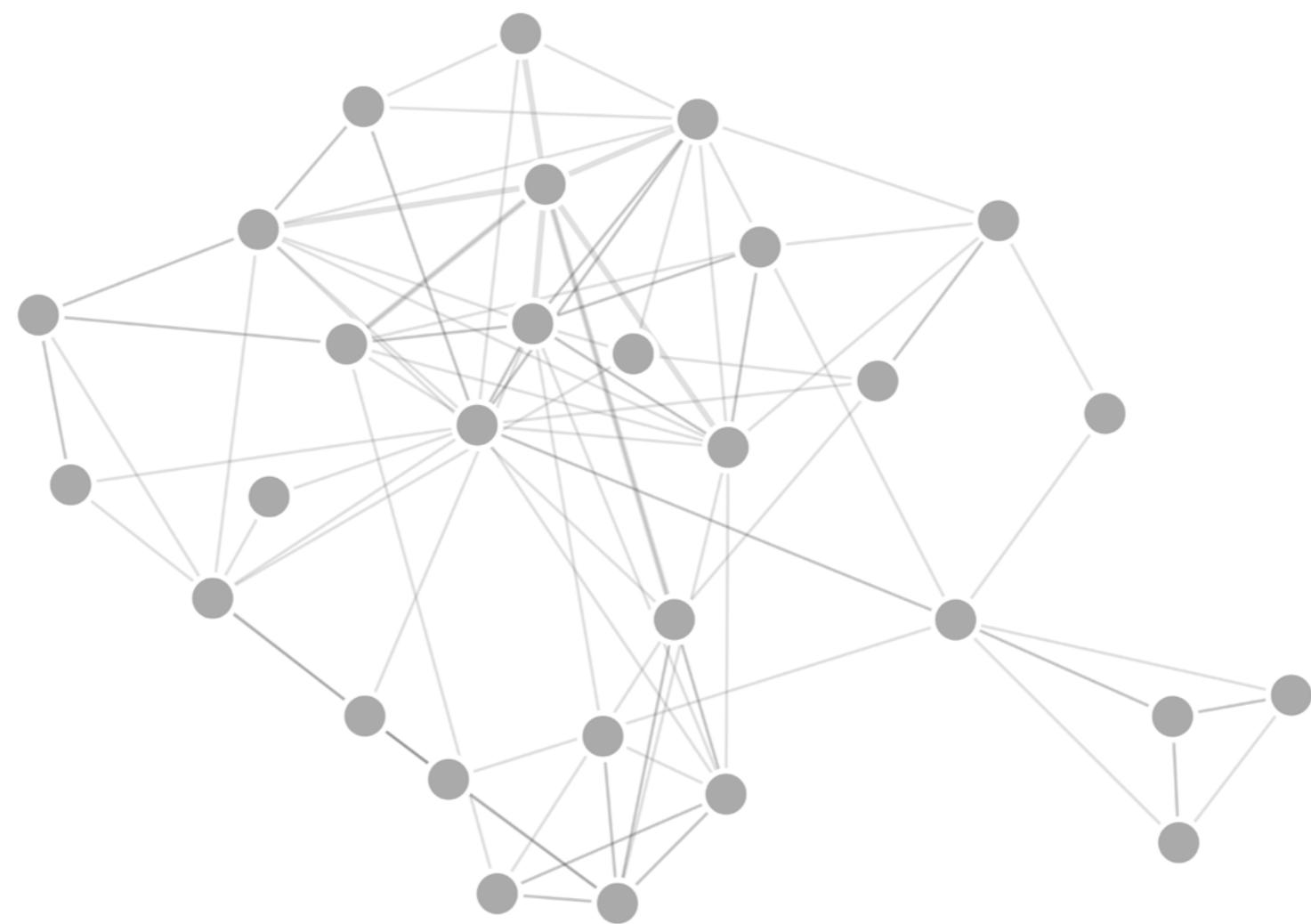


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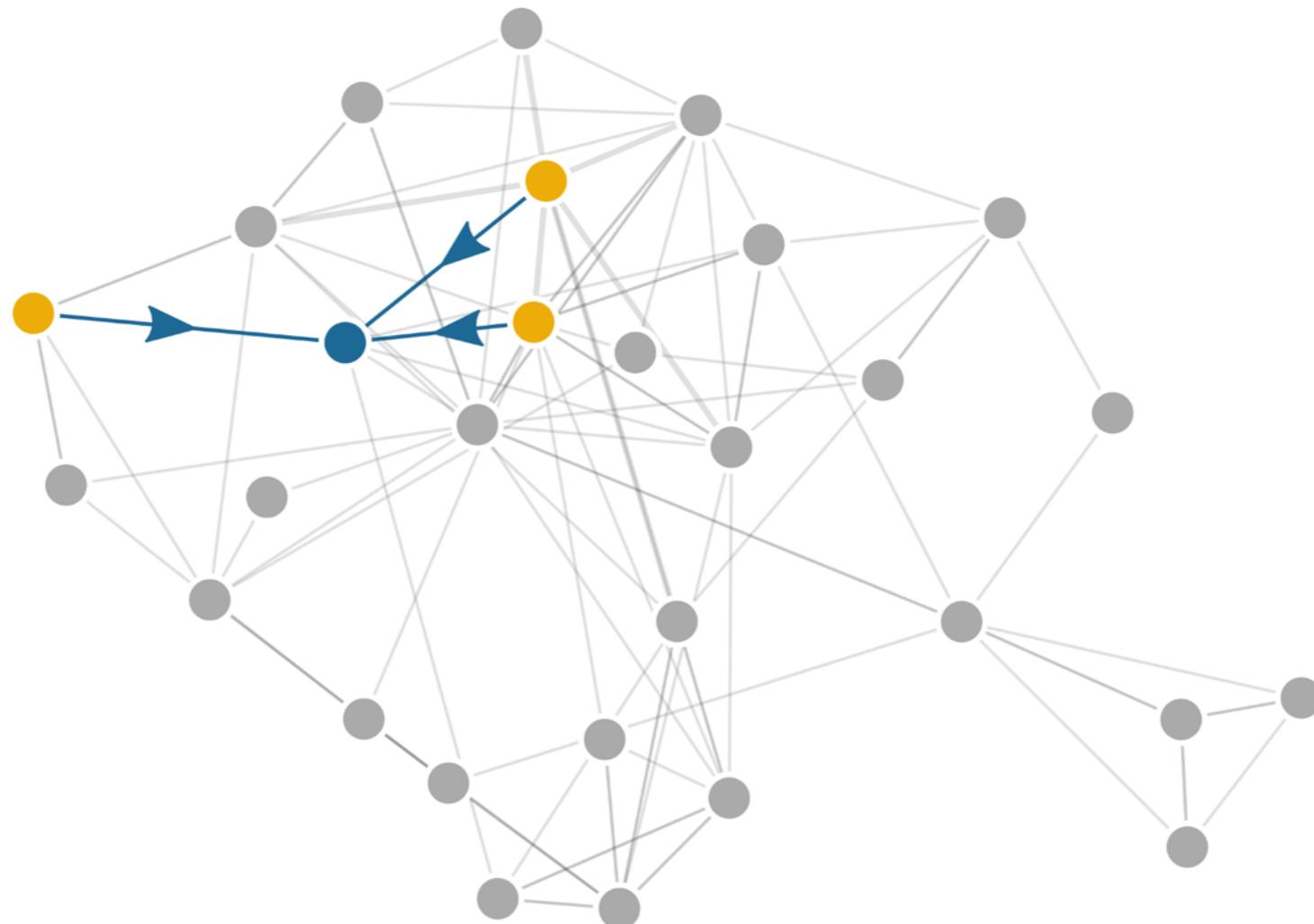
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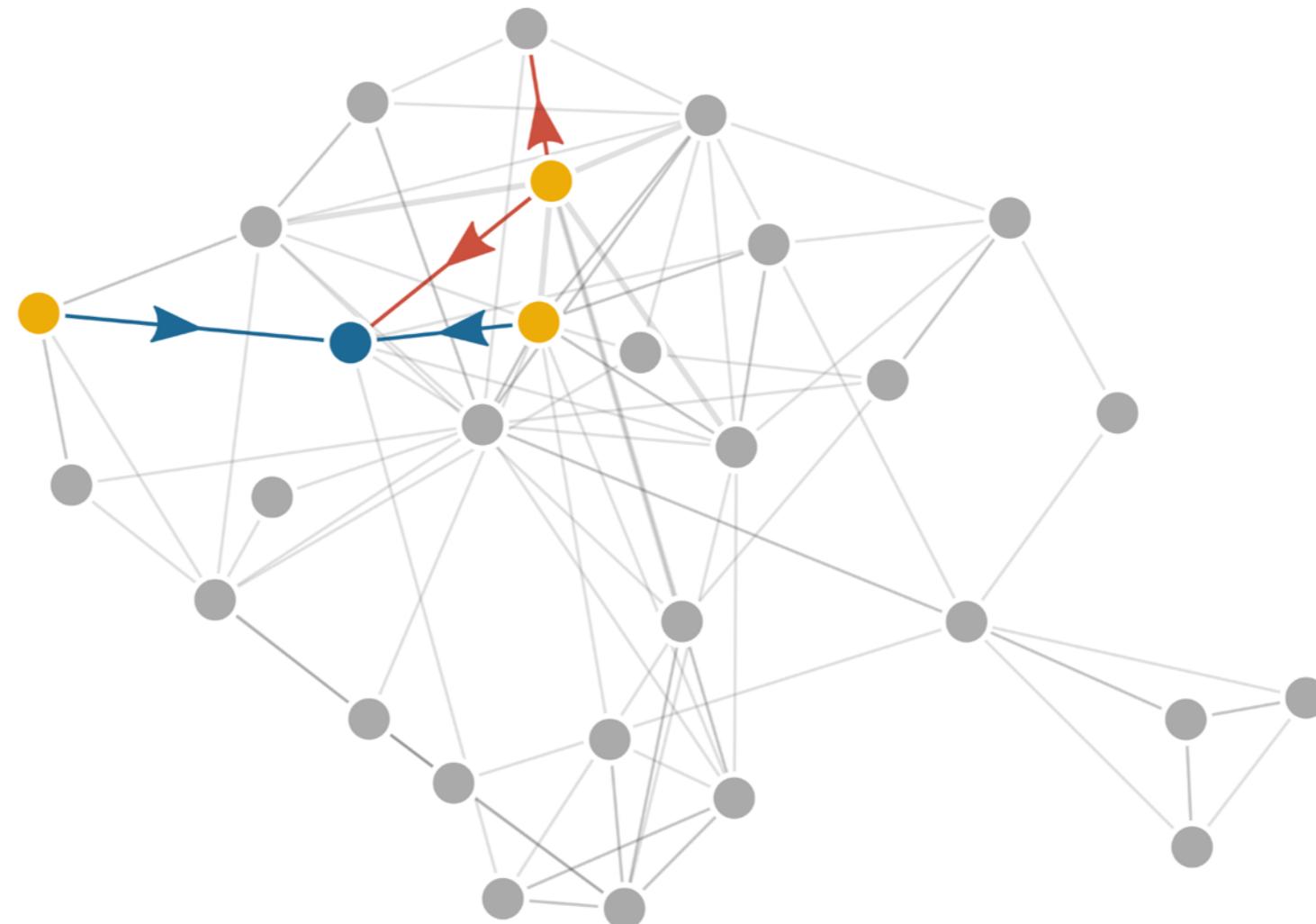


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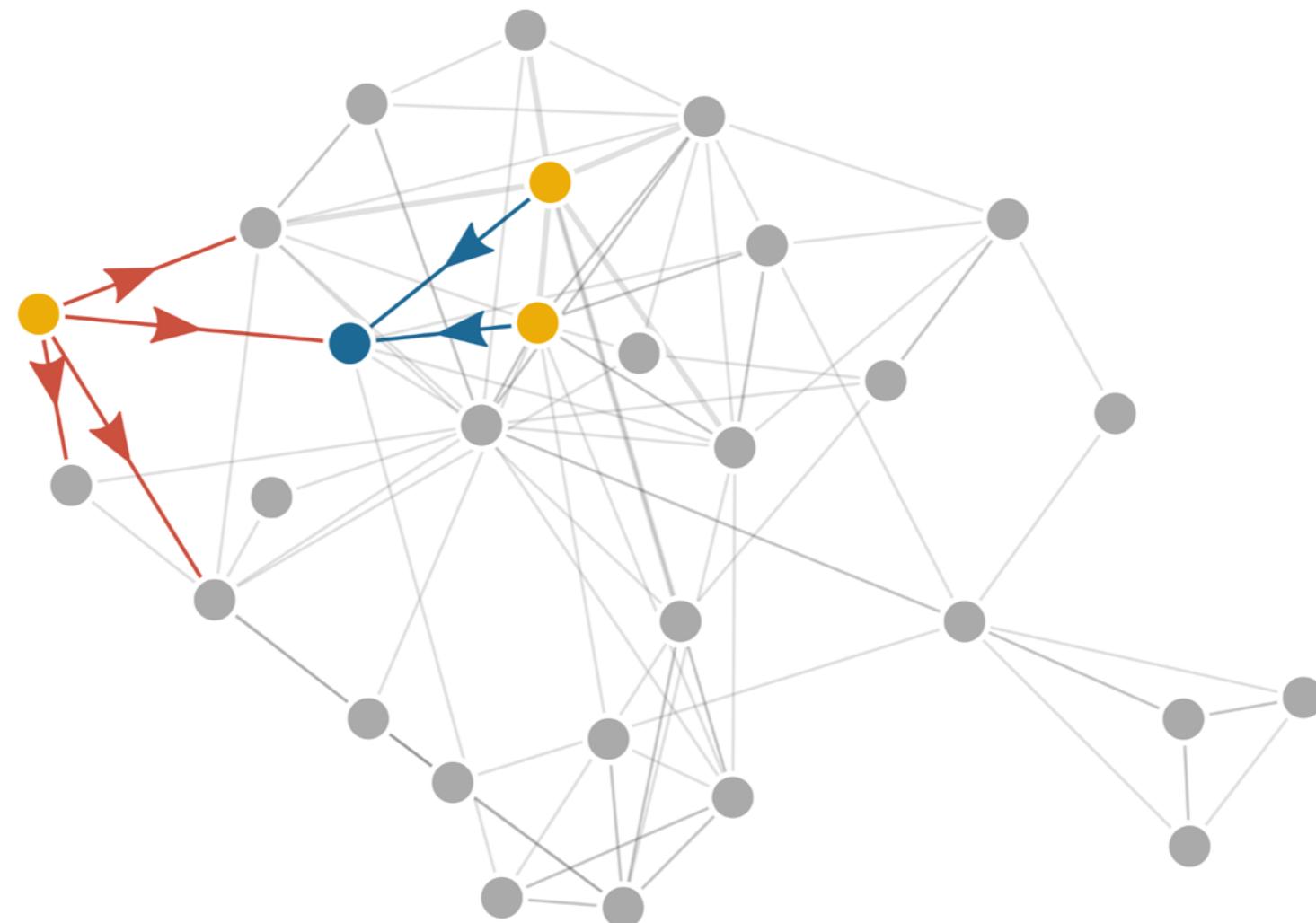
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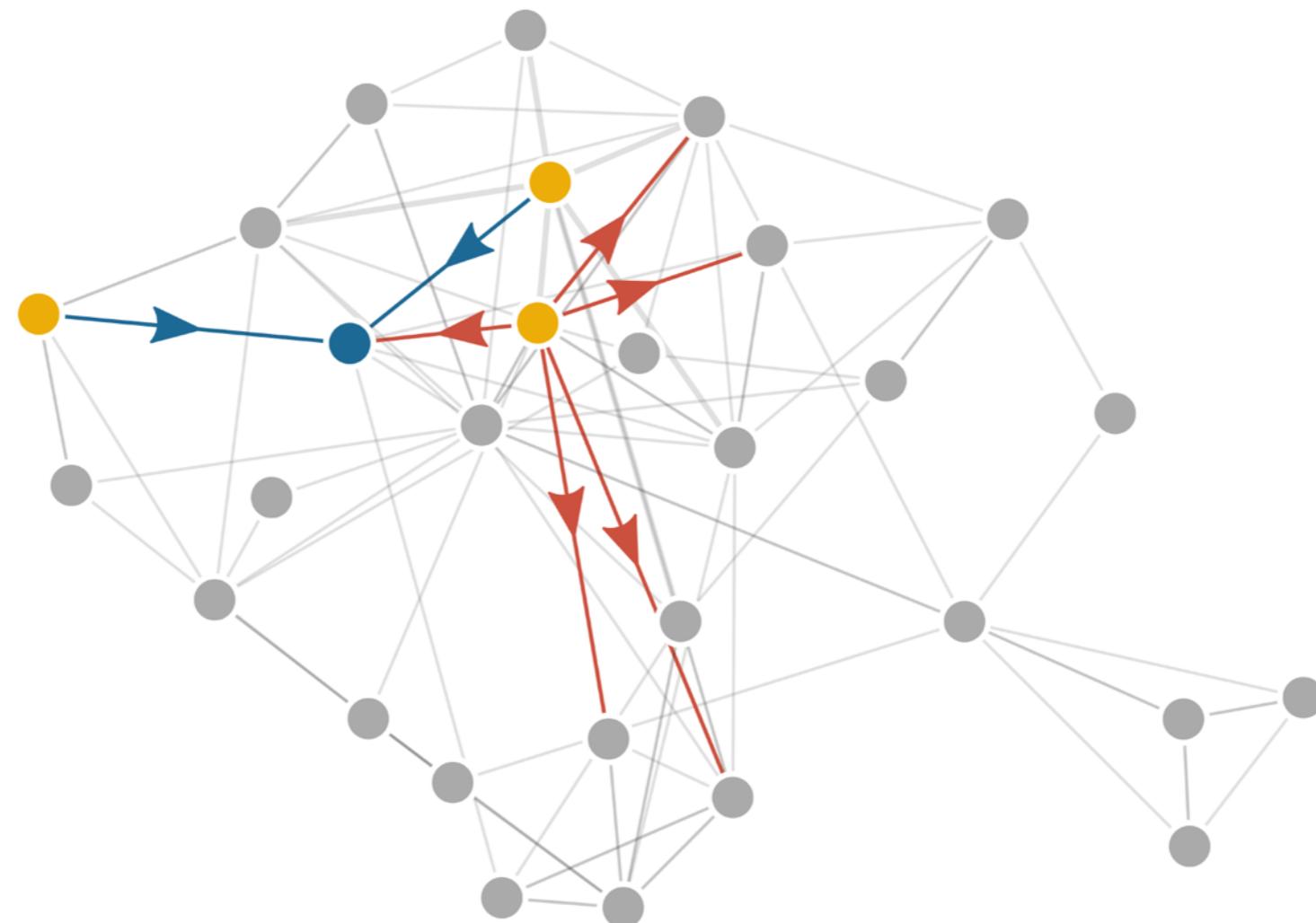
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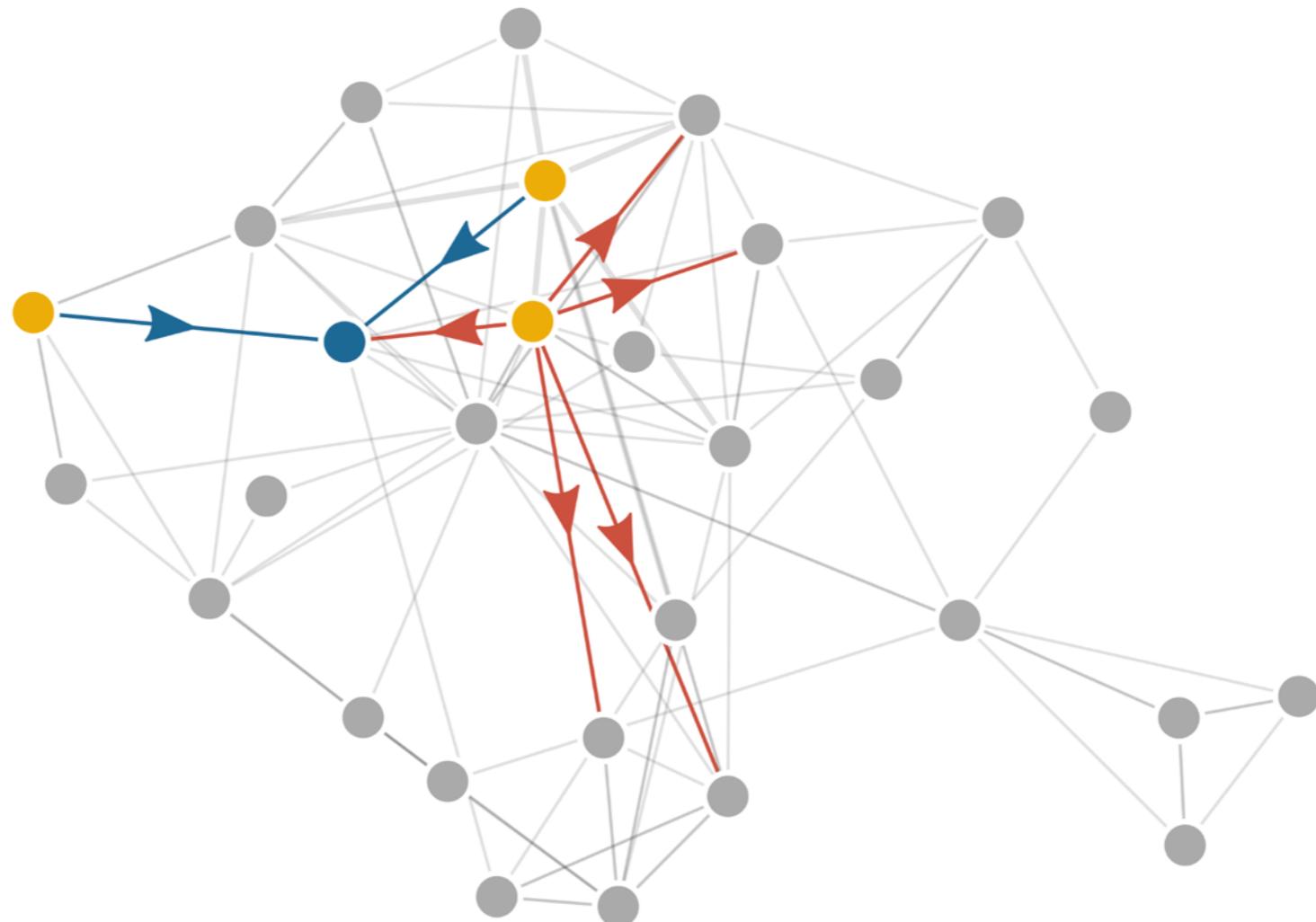


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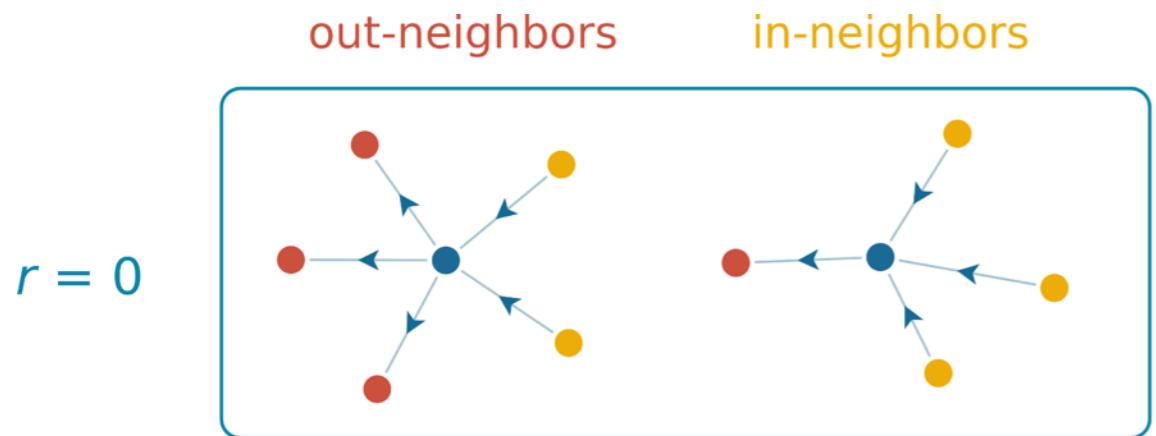
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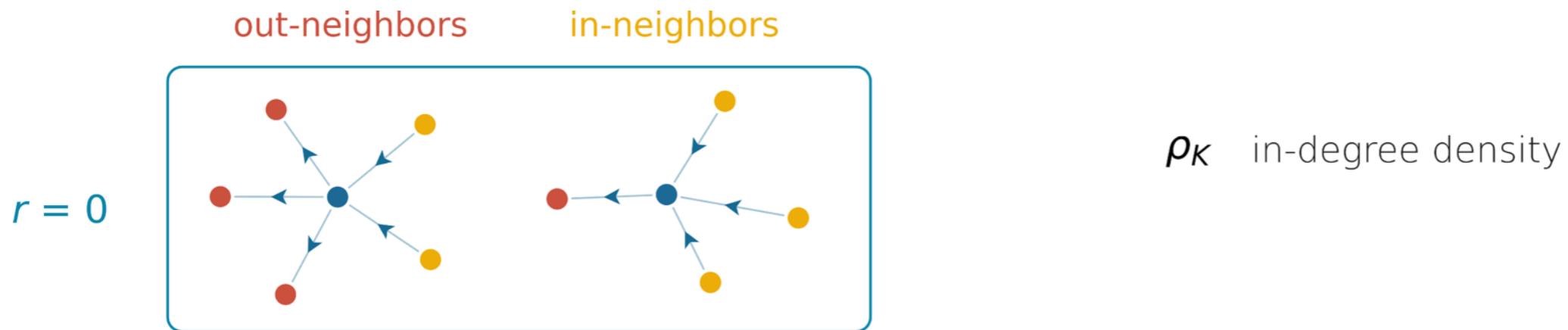
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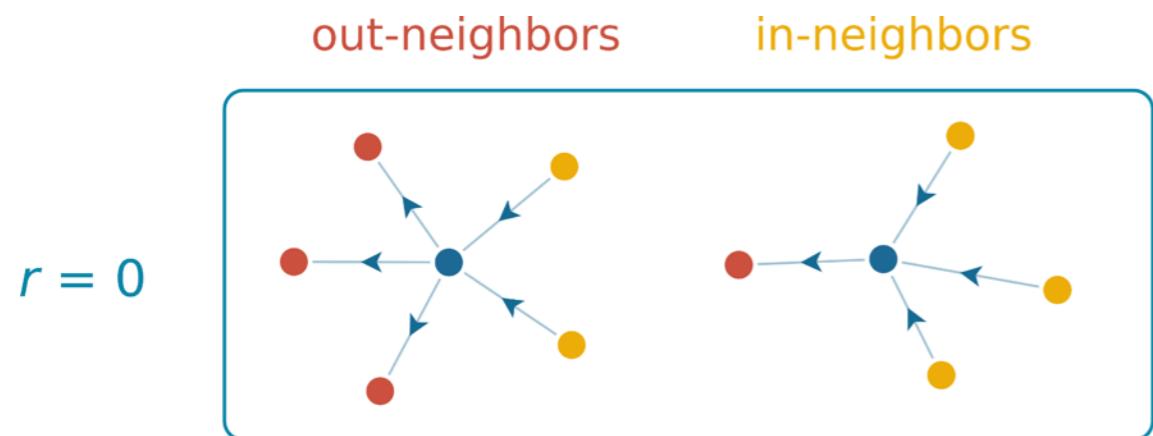
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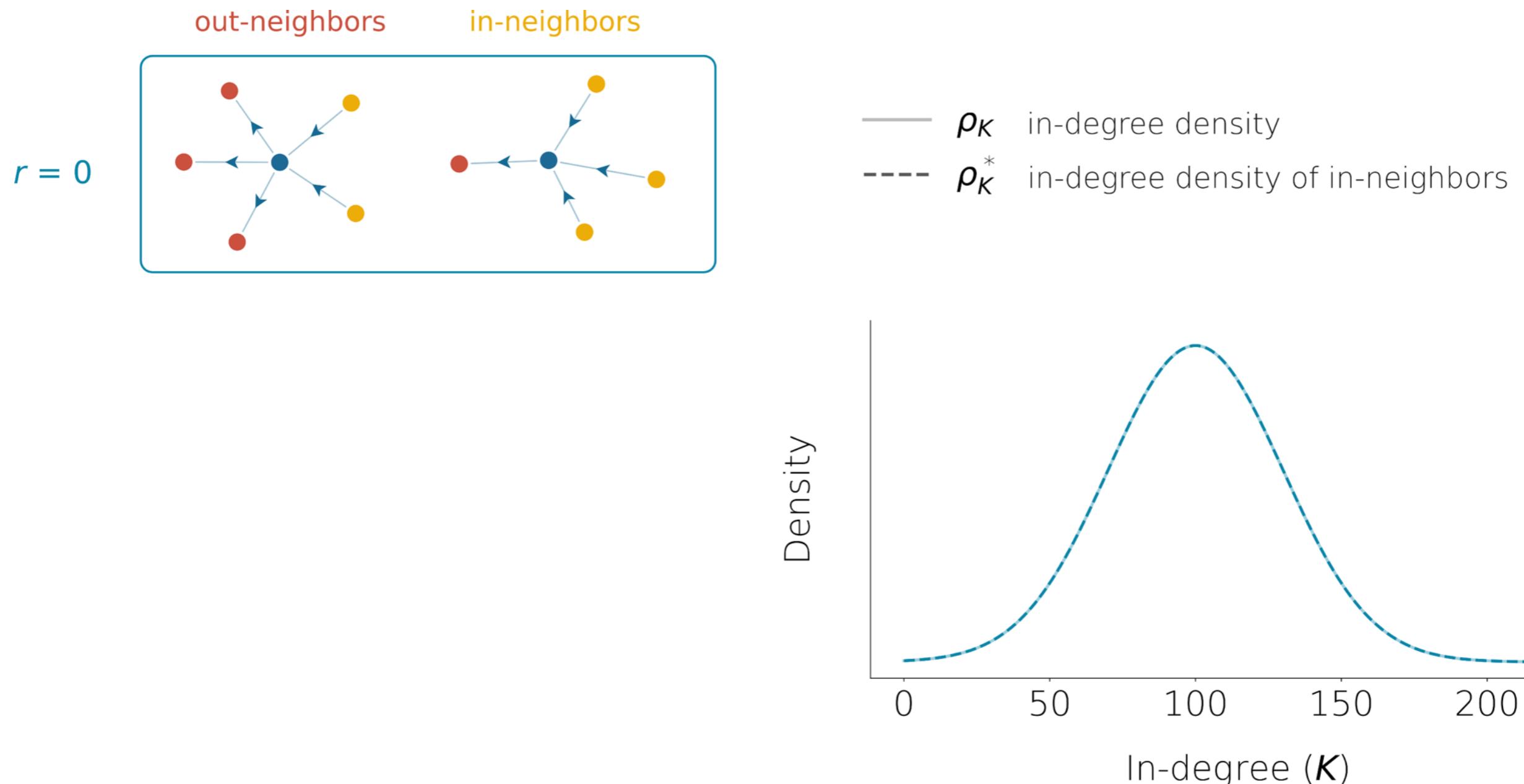
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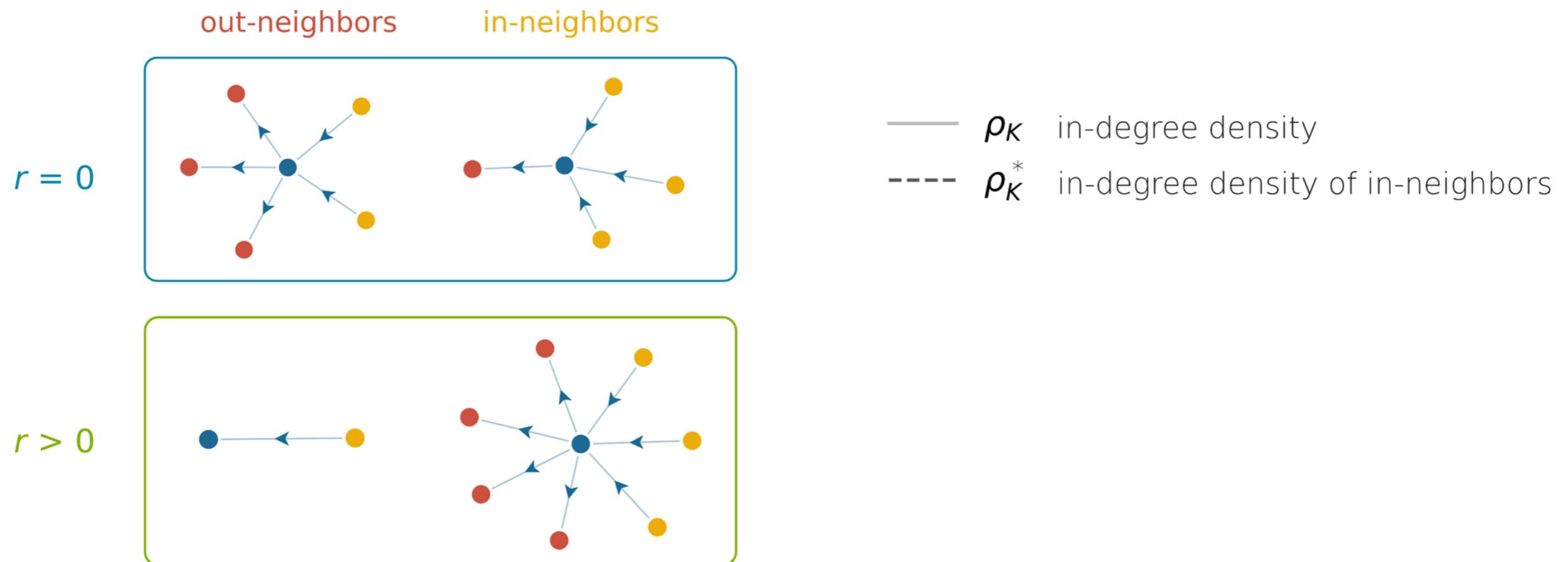
ρ_K in-degree density

ρ_K^* in-degree density of in-neighbors

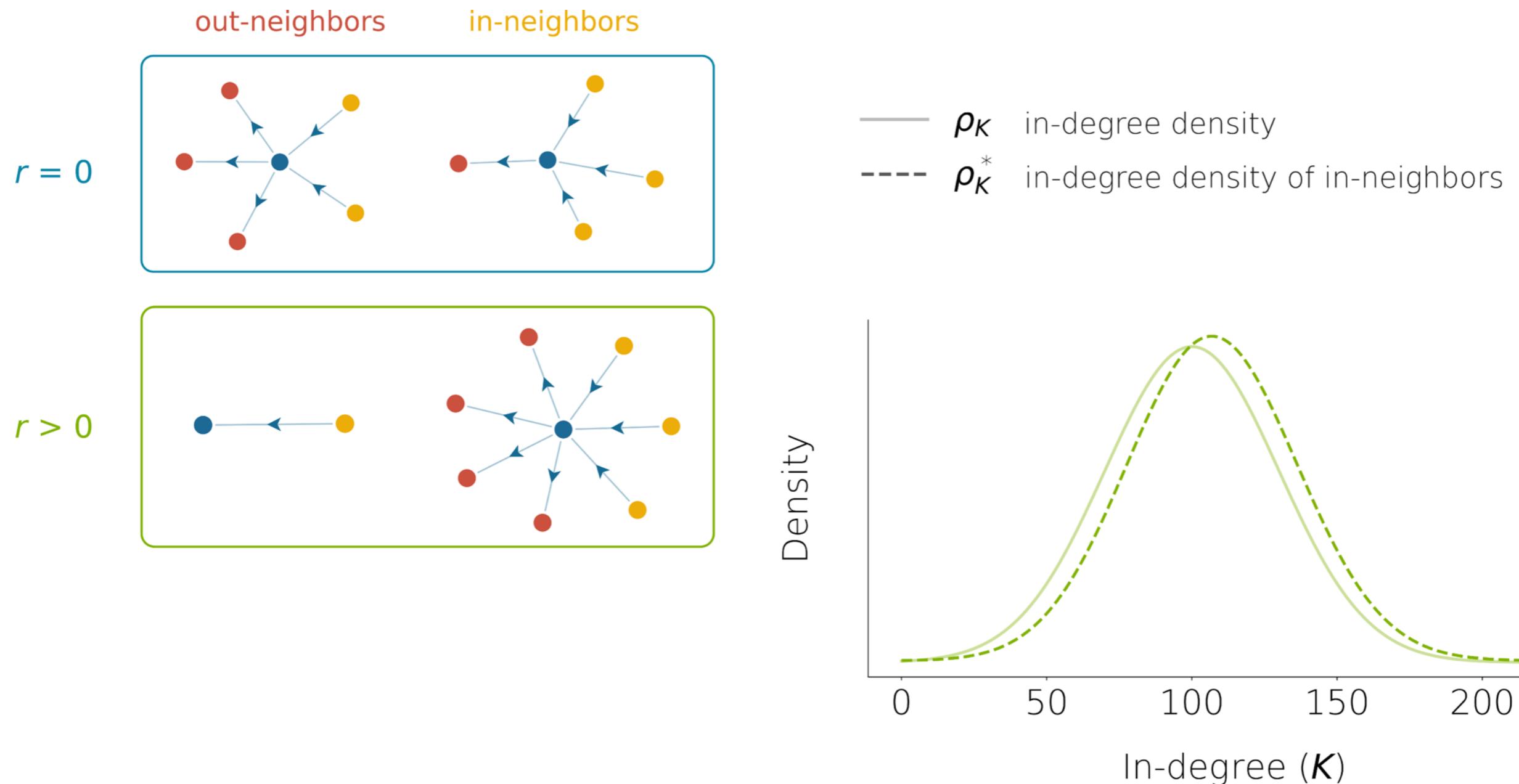
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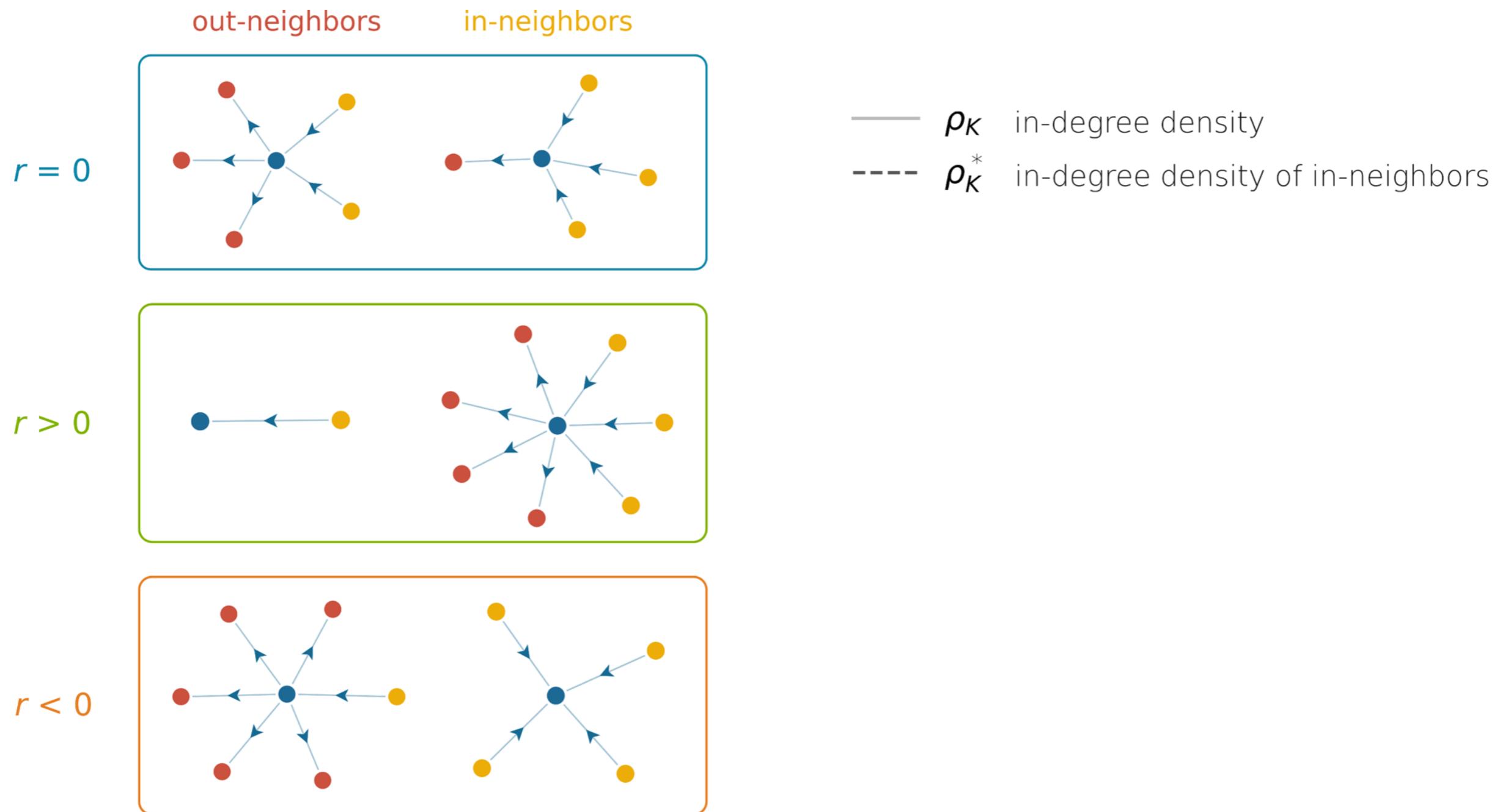
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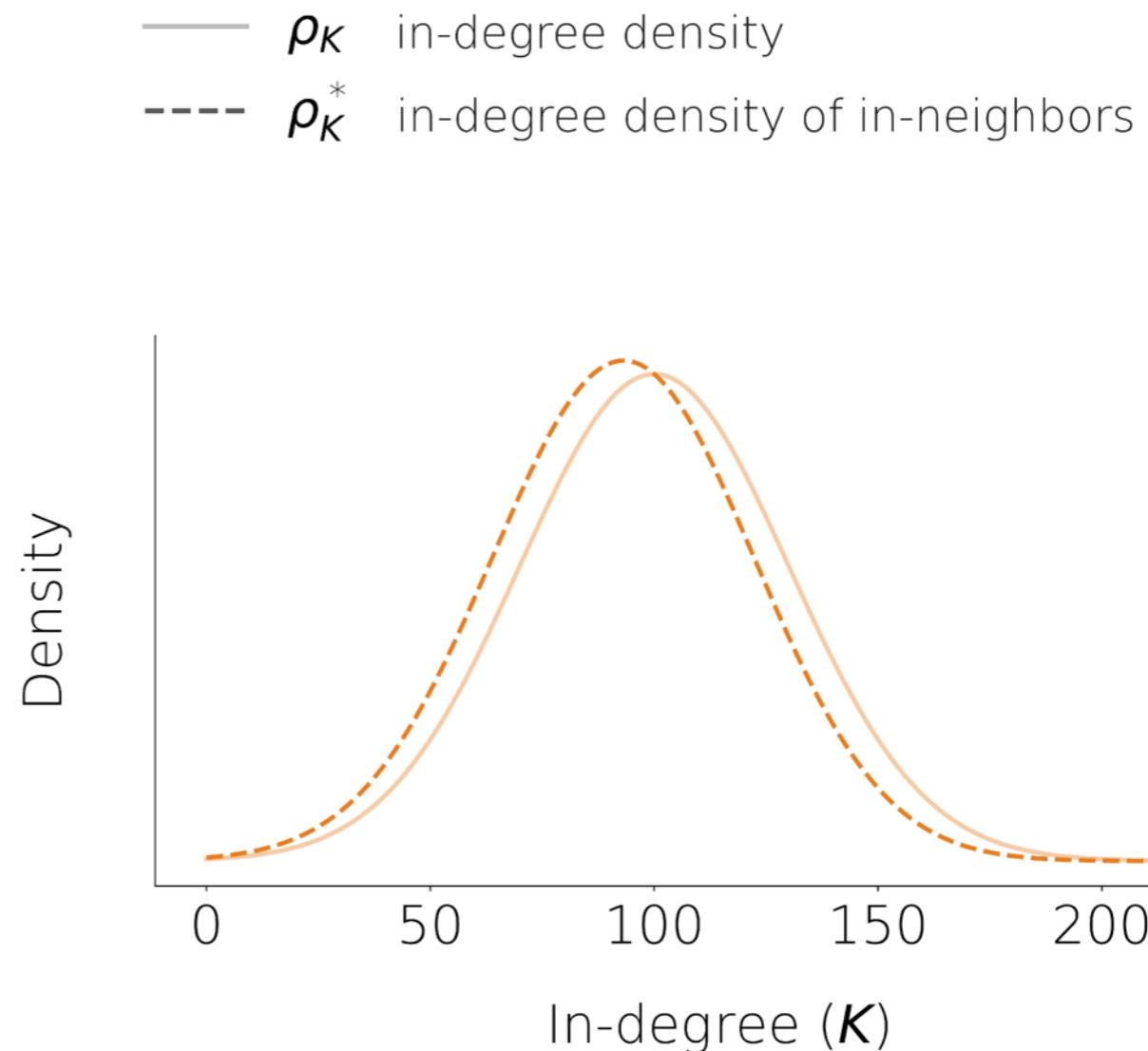
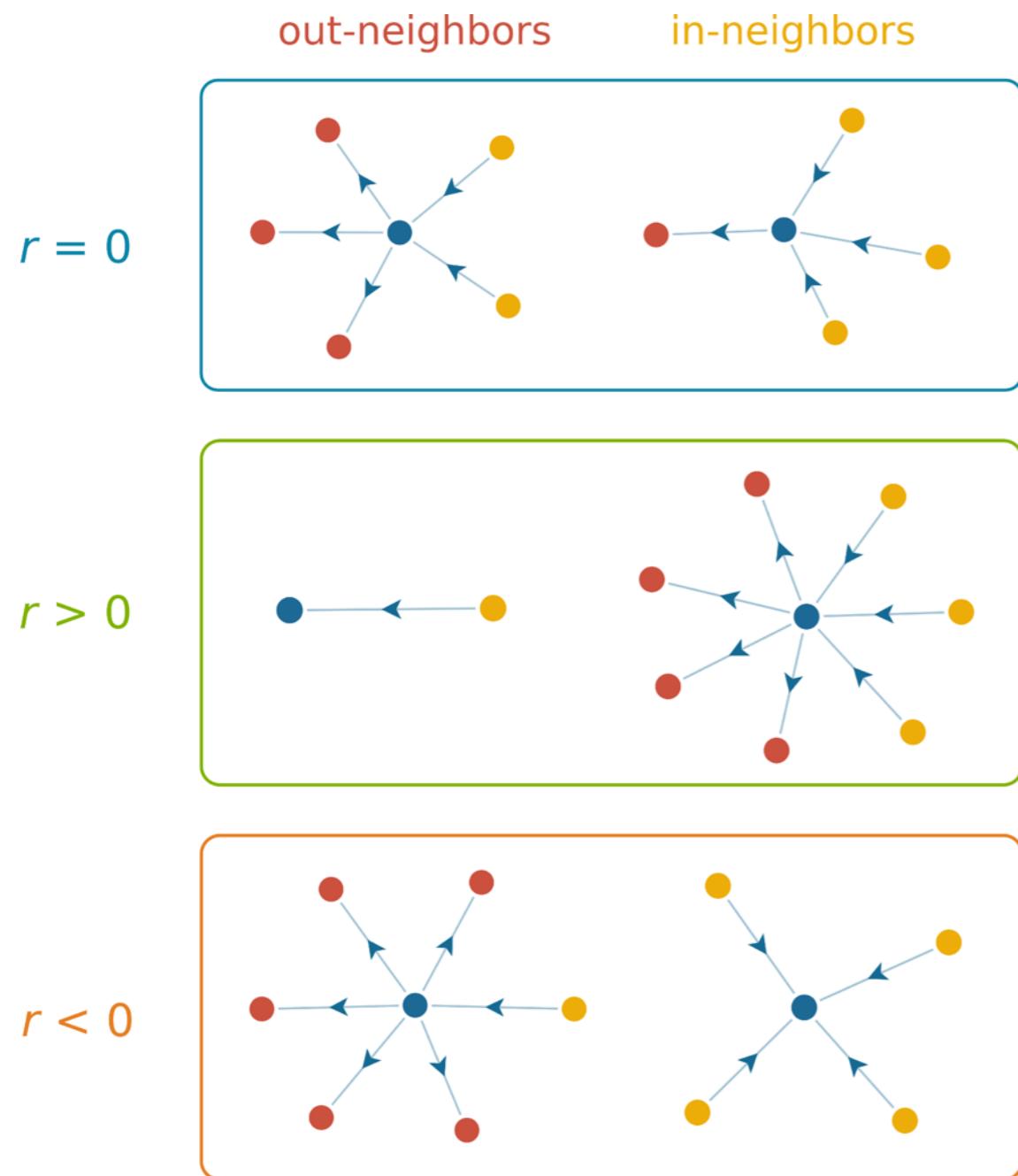
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Closing the loop

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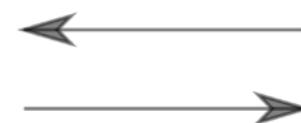
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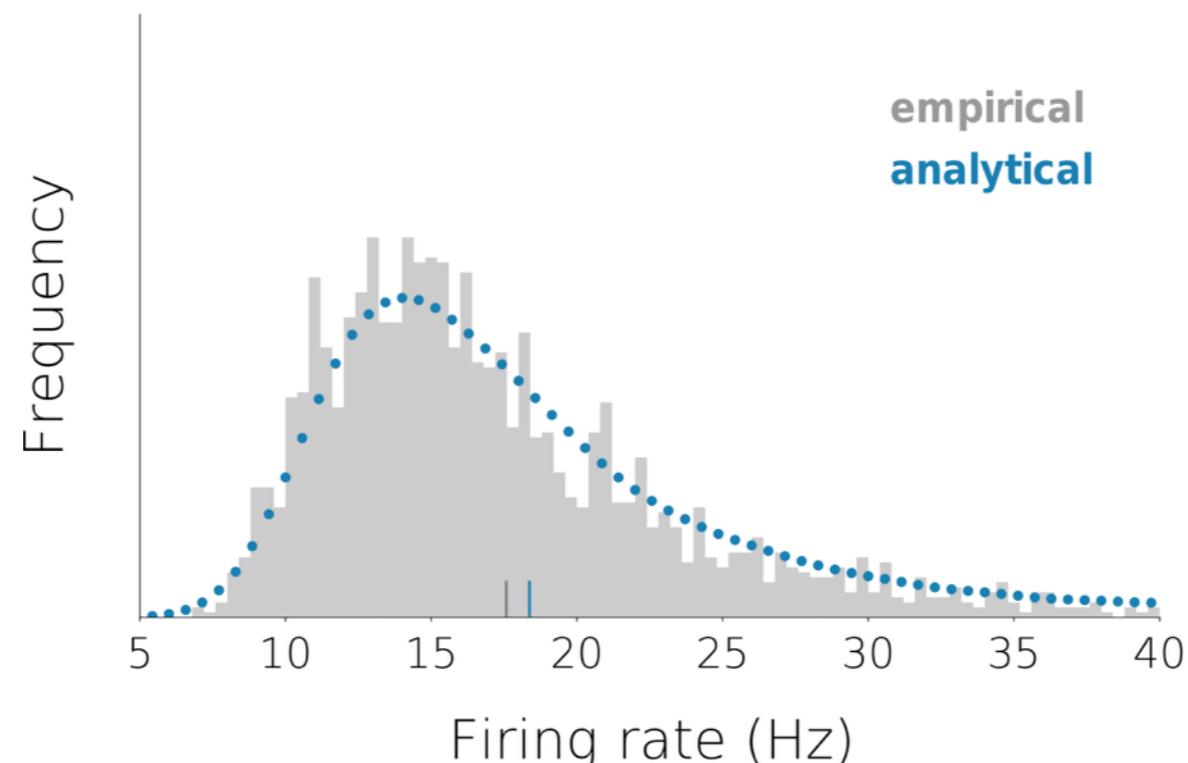
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