

Statistical Connectomics Homework #2

The statistical decision theoretical problem statement for clustering vertices of a graph can be described by the following 5 components:

[1] **Sample space** – Collection of all possible observable graphs (directed, simple, attributes)

$$G_n = (V, E, Y)$$

[2] **Model** – Stochastic Block Model defining a probability distribution over networks

$$P = \text{SBM}_n^k(\rho, \beta), \text{ where } \rho \in \Delta_2 \text{ and } \beta \in (0, 1)^{2 \times 2}$$

[3] **Action Space** – Space of possible actions with the given data or cluster assignments

$$A = \{y \in \{0, 1\}^n\}$$

[4] **Loss function** – Function quantifying a loss during parameter estimation

$$L: G_n \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$$

[5] **Risk function** – Expected value of the loss function with respect to the sample space, specifically the Stochastic Block Model

$$R: L \times \mathcal{G} \times P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$$