

# The Information Bottleneck for Optimal Prediction of the Voter Model

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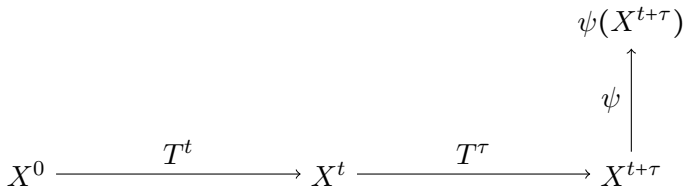
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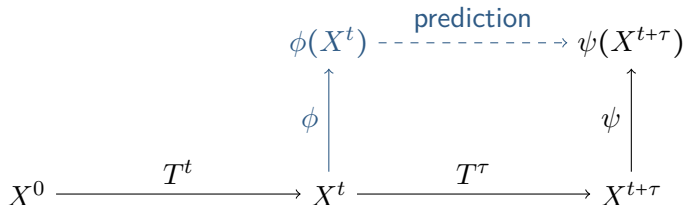


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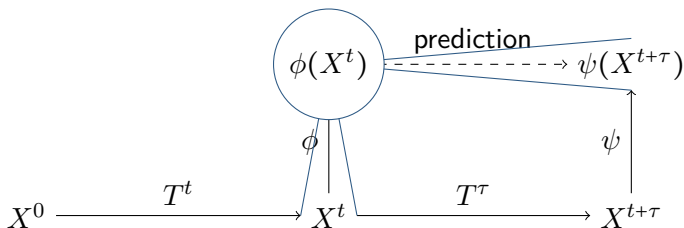
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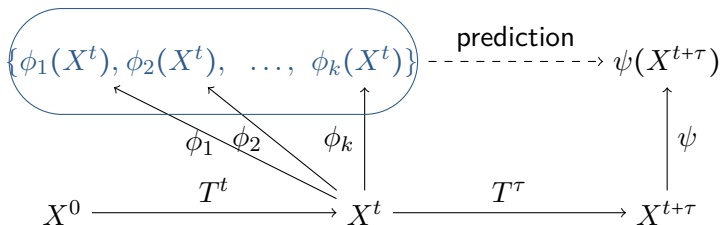
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## The Information Bottleneck Method [Tishby *et al.*, 1999]:

- **Maximize** Predictive Capacity  $\max_{\phi} I(\phi(X^t); \psi(X^{t+\tau}))$
- **Minimize** Measurement Complexity  $\min_{\phi} I(X^t; \phi(X^t))$
- **Minimize** the IB-variational

$$\min_{\text{Pr}(\hat{X}|X)} I(X^t; \phi(X^t)) - \beta I(\phi(X^t); \psi(X^{t+\tau})) \quad \text{with } \beta \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

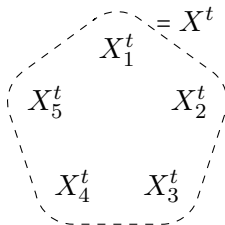


- Given a collection  $\Phi = \{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_k\}$  of *feasible* pre-measurements
- **Minimize** the IB-variational

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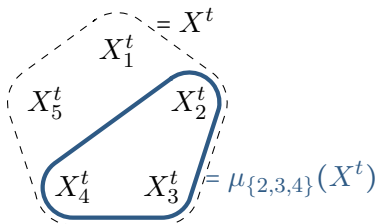


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- Generic Measurement  $\mu$   
a family of measurements  $(\mu_A : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_\mu)$  for any  $A \subset \Omega$   
such that  $\Pr(\mu_A(X)|X) = \Pr(\mu_A(X)|(X_i)_{i \in A})$

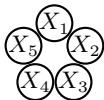
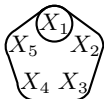
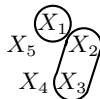
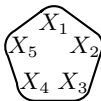
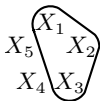
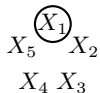




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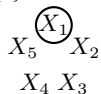
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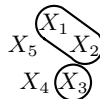
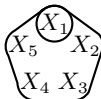
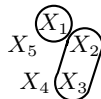
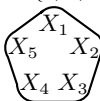
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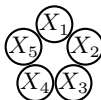
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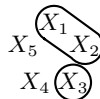
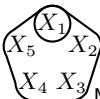
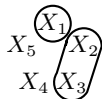
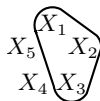
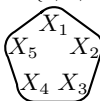
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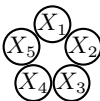


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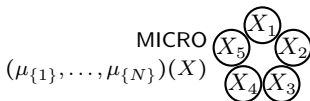
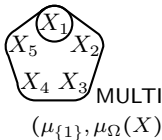
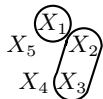
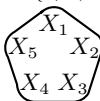


EMPTY  
 $\mu_{\emptyset}(X)$   
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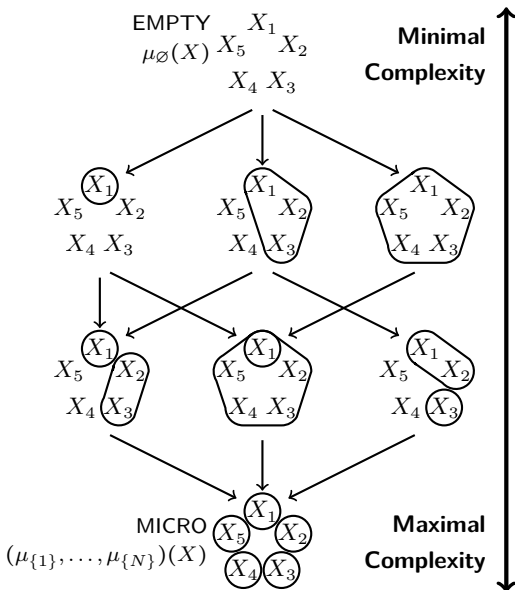
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## Definition 1 (Additivity)

$\mu$  additive iff  $\forall A \cap B = \emptyset$ ,  
 $H(\mu_{A \cup B}(X) \mid \mu_A(X), \mu_B(X)) = 0$   
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## Definition 2 (Refinement)

$\phi_1 < \phi_2$   
 iff  $X \rightarrow \phi_1(X) \rightarrow \phi_2(X)$  is Markovian  
 iff  $I(X; \phi_2(X) \mid \phi_1(X)) = 0$

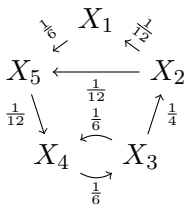
## Theorem 1 (Monotonicity)

$\phi_1 < \phi_2 \Rightarrow$   
 $I(\phi_1(X^t); \psi(X^{t+\tau})) \geq I(\phi_2(X^t); \psi(X^{t+\tau}))$   
 and  $I(X^t; \phi_1(X^t)) \geq I(X^t; \phi_2(X^t))$

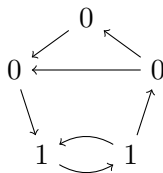


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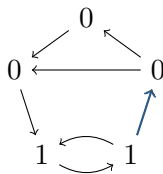
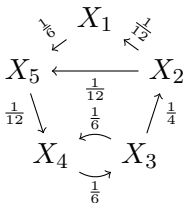




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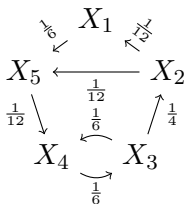


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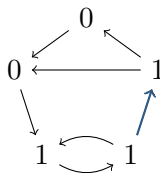


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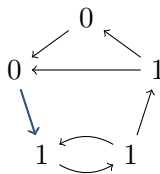
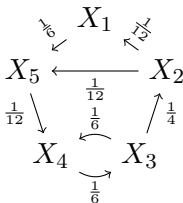
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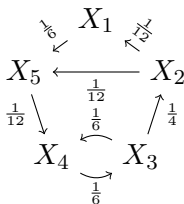


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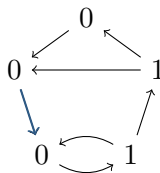


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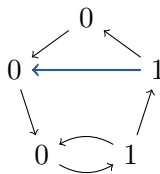
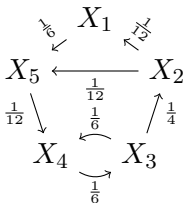
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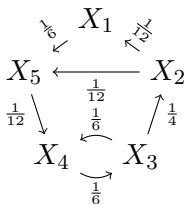


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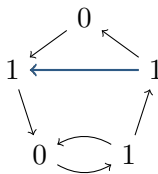


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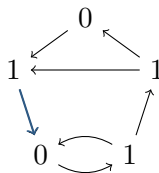
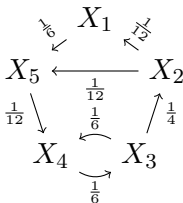
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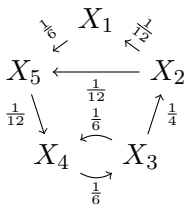


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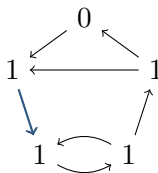


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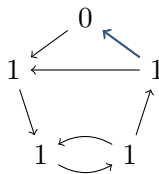
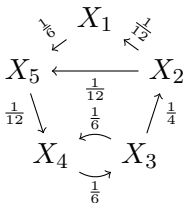




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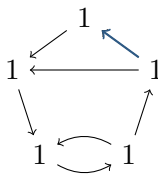
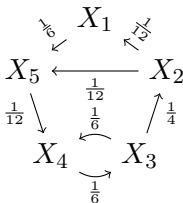
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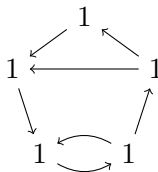
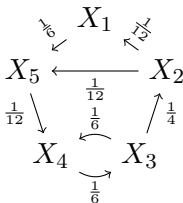
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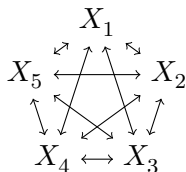
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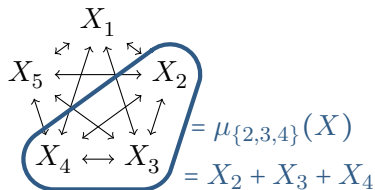
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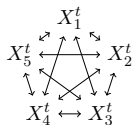
# Aggregated-states in the Complete Graph



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(Aggregated-state Measurement)



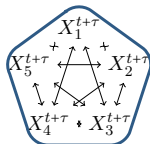
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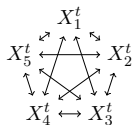


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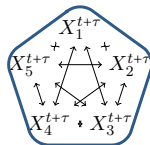
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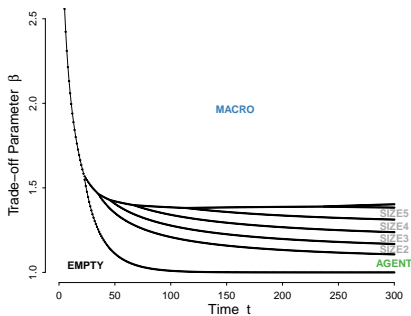


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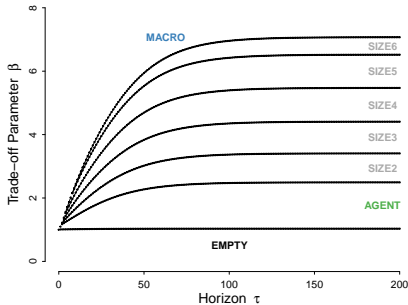


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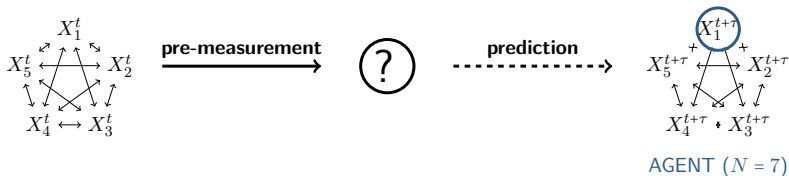
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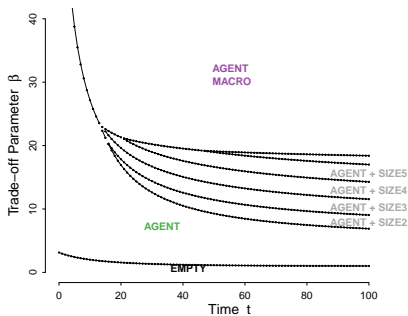
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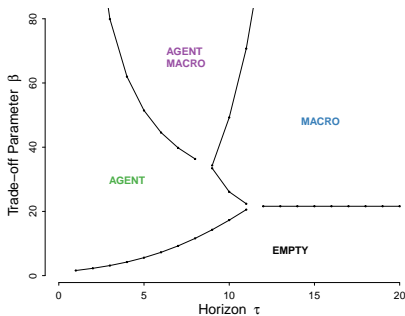
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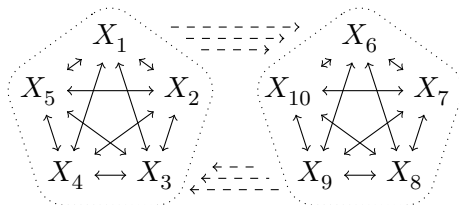


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# The Two-community Graph

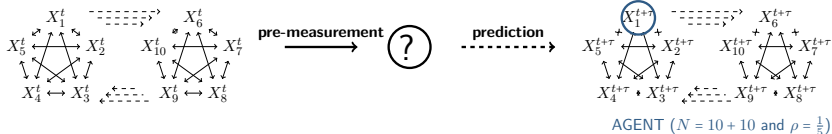


First Community  $\Omega_1$

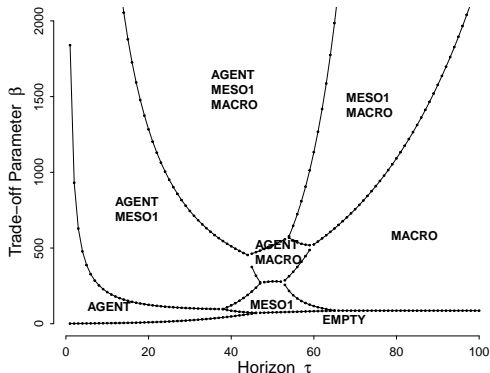
Second Community  $\Omega_2$

Coupling Parameter  $\rho = \frac{\text{Pr}(\text{inter edge})}{\text{Pr}(\text{intra edge})} < 1$

# Predicting the Agent Measurement



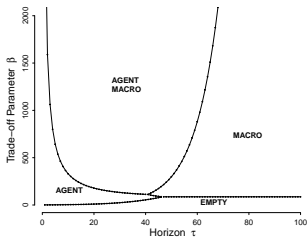
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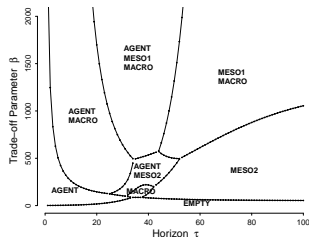
# Some Other Heterogeneous Interaction Graphs



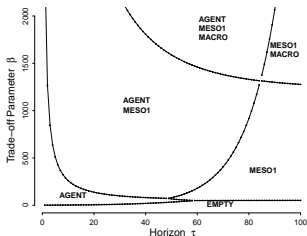
**Homogeneous Case:**  $\rho_{1 \rightarrow 2} = \rho_{2 \rightarrow 1} = 1$



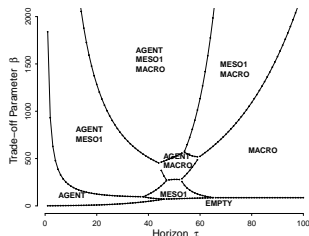
**Follower Case:**  $\rho_{1 \rightarrow 2} = 1/5$  and  $\rho_{2 \rightarrow 1} = 1$



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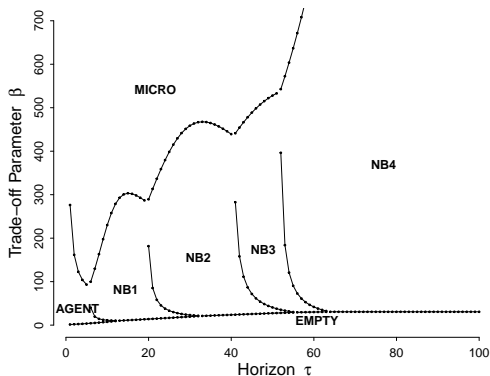
**Symmetrical Case:**  $\rho_{1 \rightarrow 2} = \rho_{2 \rightarrow 1} = 1/5$



# Predicting the Agent Measurement in the Ring



Fixed time  $t = 0$





- Application Perspectives
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  - Taking into account **domain-depend costs and rewards** as practical objective functions to be optimised in real-world scenarios

# Thank you for your attention



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