

The rank of adjacent matrices

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Singular value decomposition (SVD)



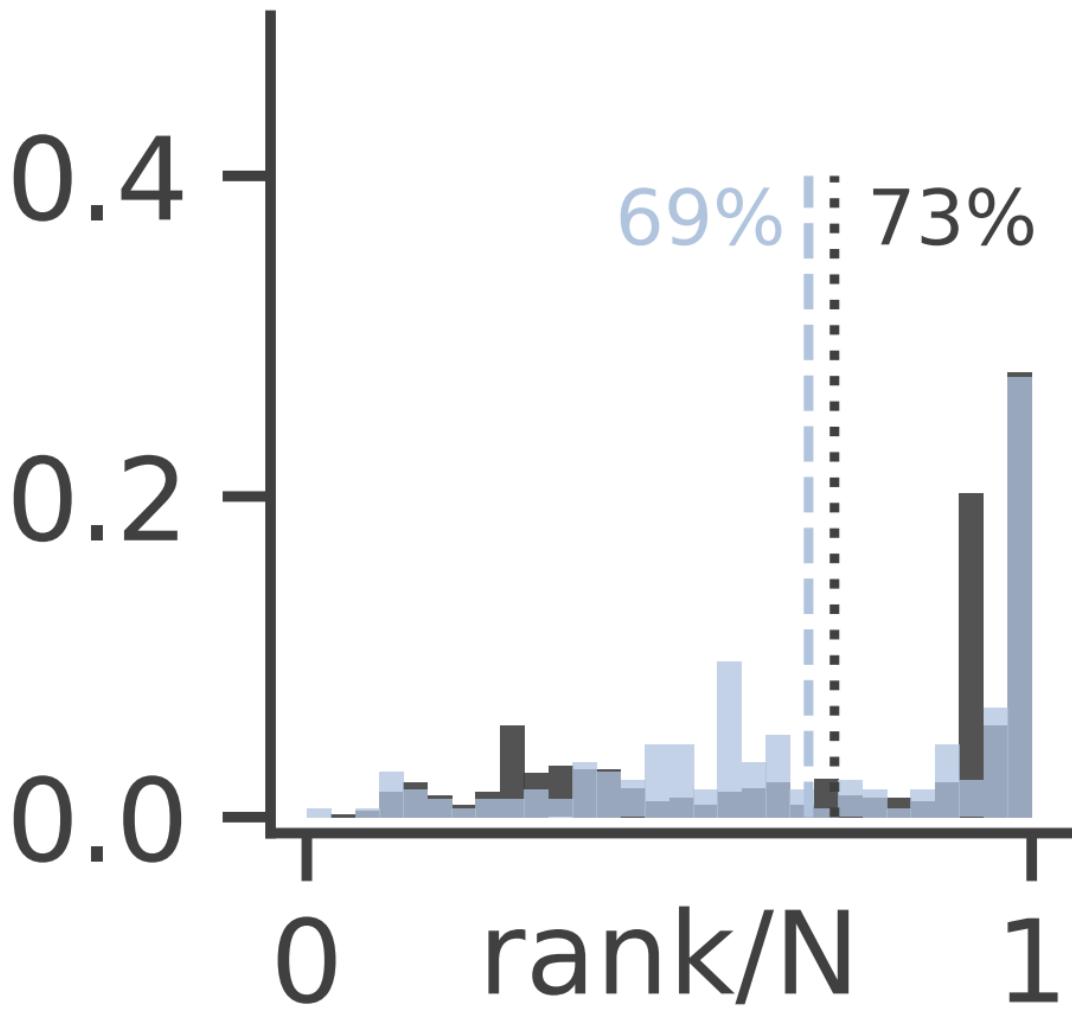
W
Real matrix

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Orthogonal matrix

σ_1
 \dots
 σ_r
0
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 V^T
Diagonal matrix
Orthogonal matrix

Rank r of a matrix

- ▷ number of linearly independent rows/columns
- ▷ dimension of the vector space generated by its rows/columns
- ▷ number of nonzero singular values



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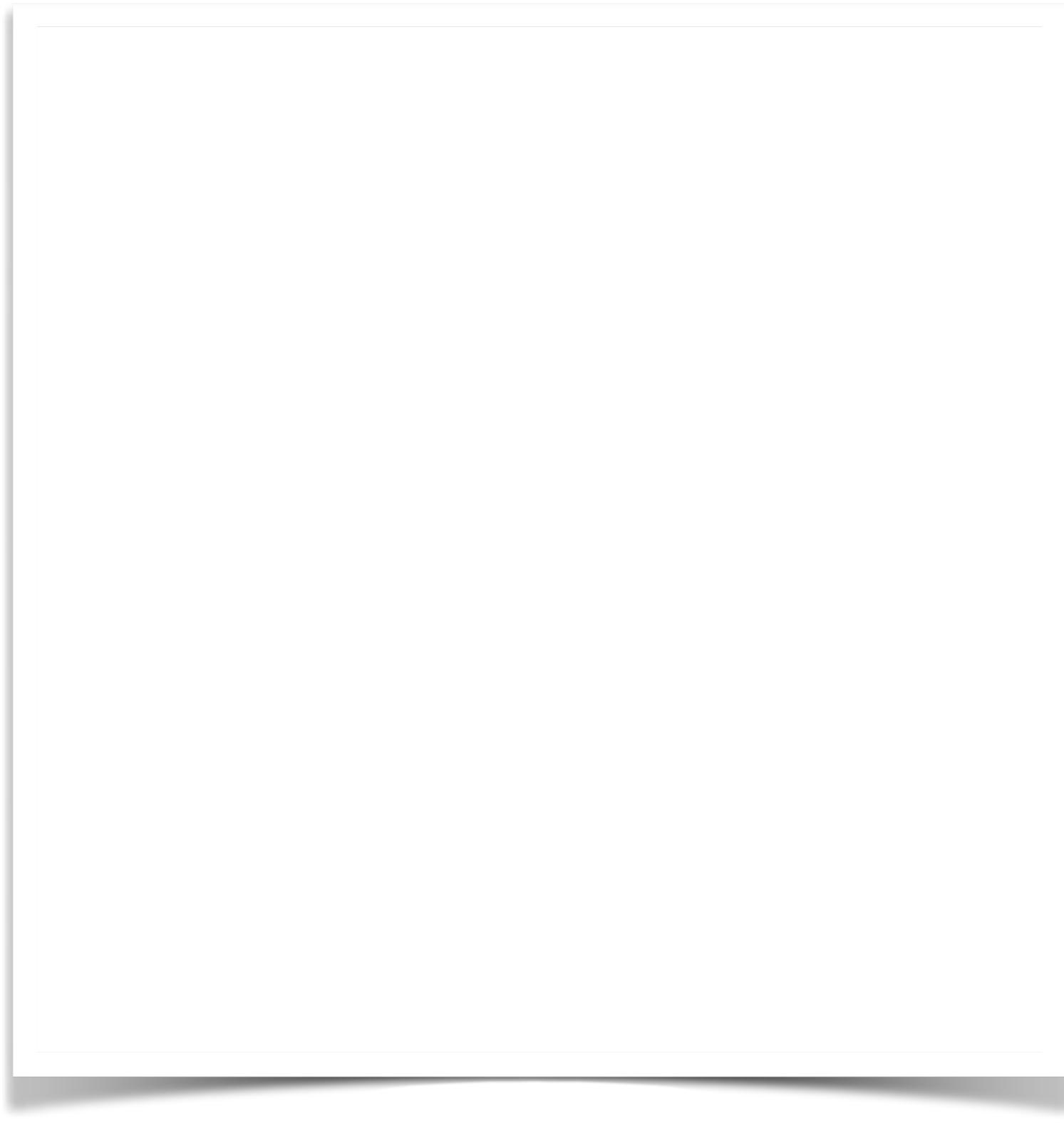
Unweighted networks

Weighted networks

Results for 679 empirical networks (502 unweighted networks and 177 weighted networks) downloaded from Netzschleuder.

Full-rank (or almost full rank) adjacency

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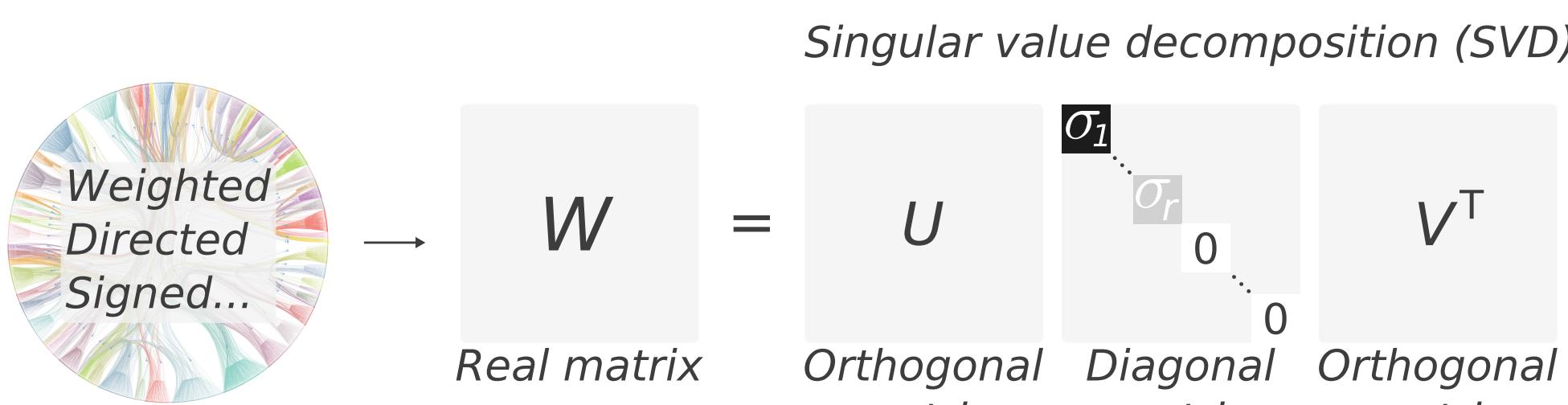




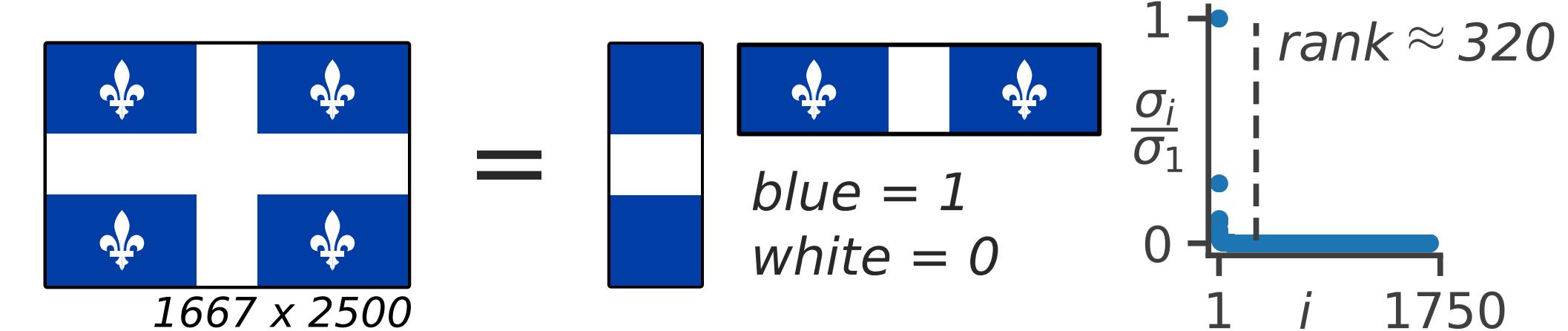
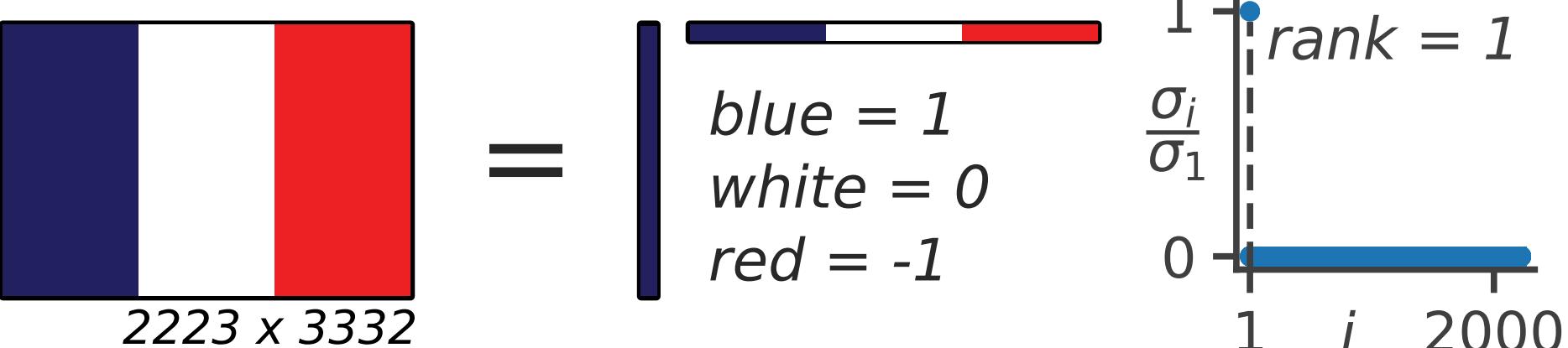
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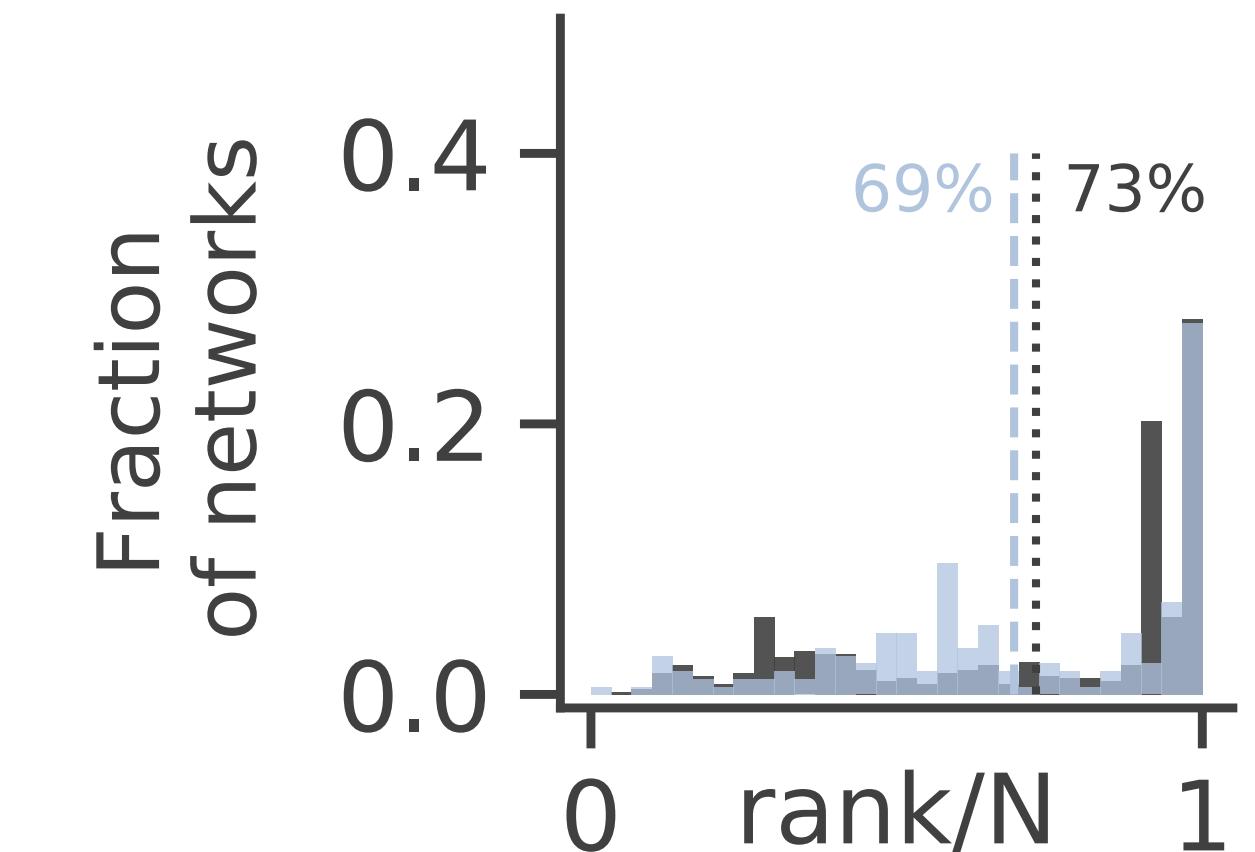


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The effective ranks of adjacency matrices

$$\mathbf{W} = \sum_{i=1}^{\textcolor{red}{r}} \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^\top \simeq \sum_{i=1}^{\textcolor{red}{n}} \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^\top$$