

# Stochastic Neighbor Embedding as Graph Coupling

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# Outline

Reminder of the methods

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Conclusion

## Dimension Reduction

$$\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$$

with  $p \gg d$ .

### Spectral methods

Defines a kernel from a similarity, all related to kernel PCA<sup>1</sup>

- Linear : PCA, MDS
- Non-linear : Isomap, Laplacian eigenmaps, LLE, Diffusion maps etc...

### Non-spectral methods

Defines similarities in both input and latent spaces and matches them

- SNE, t-SNE, UMAP, largeVis

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<sup>1</sup>Ham et al. 2004.

# Stochastic Neighbor Embedding<sup>2</sup>

$$\forall(i, j), \quad p_{j|i} = \frac{k_{\sigma_i}(X_i, X_j)}{\sum_j k_{\sigma_i}(X_i, X_j)}, \quad q_{j|i} = \frac{k(Z_i, Z_j)}{\sum_j k(Z_i, Z_j)}$$

$$k_{\sigma_i}(X_i, X_j) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\|X_i - X_j\|^2}{\sigma_i^2}\right) \text{ \& } k(X_i, X_j) = k_{\sigma_i=1}(X_i, X_j)$$

SNE solves the following problem:

$$\min_{Z \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}} \sum_i \text{KL}(p_{\bullet|i} \| q_{\bullet|i})$$

where  $\text{KL}(p_{\bullet|i} \| q_{\bullet|i}) = \sum_{j \neq i} p_{j|i} \log \frac{p_{j|i}}{q_{j|i}}$

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<sup>2</sup>G. E. Hinton and Roweis 2003.

# Symmetric Stochastic Neighbor Embedding<sup>3</sup>

$$\forall(i, j), \quad p_{ij} = \frac{p_{j|i} + p_{i|j}}{2}, \quad q_{ij} = \frac{k(Z_i, Z_j)}{\sum_{k, \ell} k(Z_k, Z_\ell)}$$

$p_{i|j}$  as in SNE &  $k(Z_i, Z_j) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\|Z_i - Z_j\|_2^2\right)$

Symmetric SNE solves the following problem:

$$\min_{Z \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}} \sum_{j < i} p_{ij} \log \frac{p_{ij}}{q_{ij}}$$

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<sup>3</sup>Cook et al. 2007.

# t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding<sup>4</sup>

$$\forall(i, j), \quad p_{ij} = \frac{p_{j|i} + p_{i|j}}{2}, \quad q_{ij} = \frac{k(Z_i, Z_j)}{\sum_{k, \ell} k(Z_k, Z_\ell)}$$

$p_{i|j}$  as in SNE &  $k(\mathbf{Z}_i, \mathbf{Z}_j) = (1 + \|\mathbf{Z}_i - \mathbf{Z}_j\|_2^2)^{-1}$  (crowding problem)

t-SNE solves the following problem:

$$\min_{\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}} \sum_{i < j} p_{ij} \log \frac{p_{ij}}{q_{ij}}$$

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<sup>4</sup>van der Maaten and G. Hinton 2008.

# Uniform Manifold Approximation and Projection<sup>5</sup>

$$\forall(i, j), \quad p_{j|i} = \exp \left( -\frac{\|X_i - X_j\|_2^2 - \rho_i}{\sigma_i} \right)$$

with  $\rho_i = \min_{j \neq i} \|X_i - X_j\|^2$ . Let us define

$$p_{ij} = p_{j|i} + p_{i|j} - p_{j|i}p_{i|j}$$

and:

$$\forall(i, j), \quad q_{ij} = \left( 1 + a\|X_i - X_j\|_2^{2b} \right)^{-1}$$

UMAP solves the following problem:

$$\min_{Z \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}} \quad - \sum_{i < j} p_{ij} \log q_{ij} + (1 - p_{ij}) \log(1 - q_{ij})$$

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<sup>5</sup>McInnes, Healy, and Melville 2018.

## How t-SNE and UMAP perform<sup>6</sup>

- t-SNE and UMAP have an outstanding performance in cluster identification.
- but distance between clusters can't be interpreted.

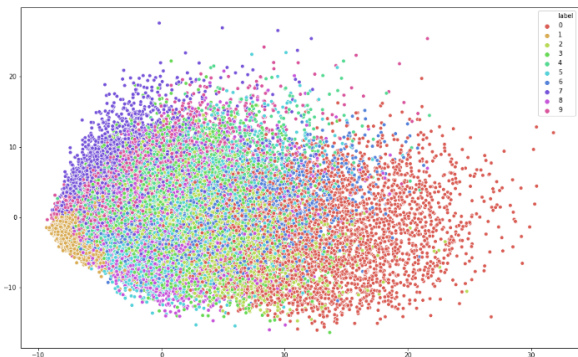


Figure 1: PCA on mnist

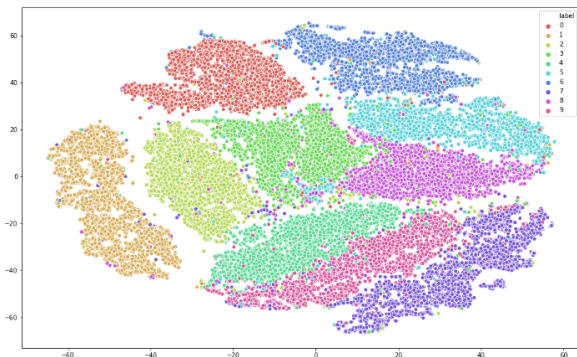


Figure 2: t-SNE on mnist

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<sup>6</sup>Xia et al. 2021.

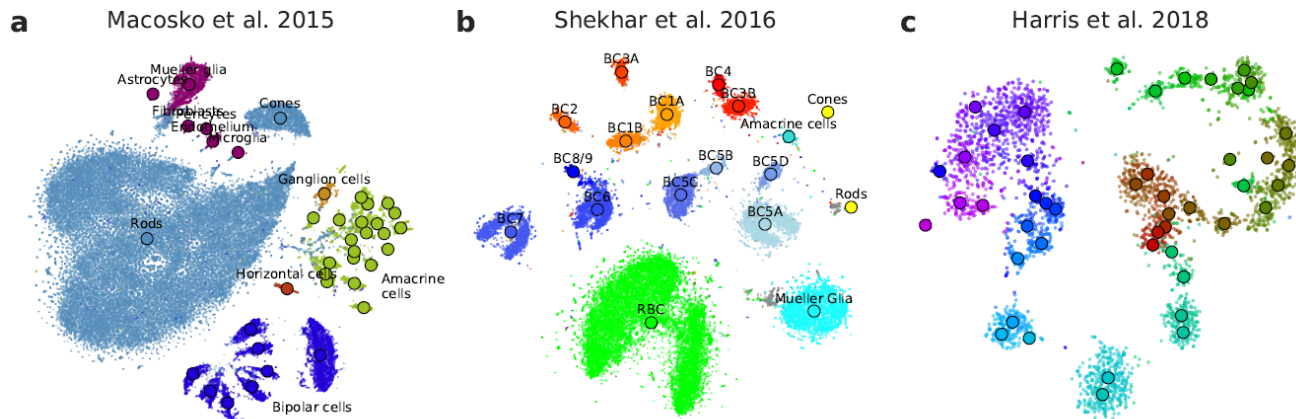


# In practice

Table 1: Google scholar citations

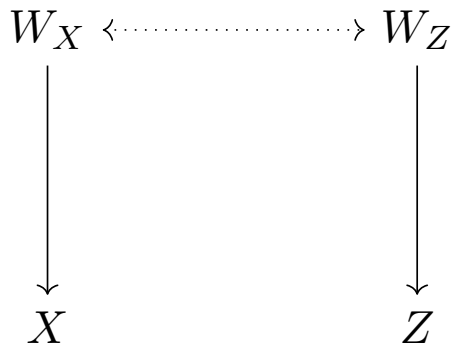
SNE	t-SNE	UMAP
1672	22583	3287

Table 2: t-SNE on RNASeq data<sup>7</sup>



<sup>7</sup>Kobak and Berens 2019.

## A graph coupling perspective



**Similarity matching  $\iff$  Graph coupling**

$$\mathcal{S}_W = \{ \mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{N}^{n \times n} \text{ s.t. } \forall i, W_{ii} = 0 \}$$

## Pairwise Markov random field

We will consider likelihoods of the form, where  $k$  is symmetric and takes positive values:

$$\mathbb{P}_k(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{W}) \propto \prod_{ij} k(X_i, X_j)^{W_{ij}}$$

The above is a pairwise Markov random field associated to  $\frac{\mathbf{W} + \mathbf{W}^T}{2}$ , indeed since  $k$  is symmetric:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}_k(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{W}) &= \mathcal{Z}_k(\mathbf{W})^{-1} \exp \left( \sum_{i,j} W_{ij} \log k(X_i, X_j) \right) \\ &= \mathcal{Z}_k(\mathbf{W})^{-1} \exp \left( \sum_{i,j} \frac{W_{ij} + W_{ji}}{2} \log k(X_i, X_j) \right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{Z}_k(\mathbf{W}) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \prod_{i \neq j} k(X_i, X_j)^{W_{ij}} dx$

## Conditional Independence properties

$\overline{\mathbf{W}} = \frac{\mathbf{W} + \mathbf{W}^T}{2}$  encodes conditional independence properties (Hammersley - Clifford)<sup>8</sup>:

- two nodes that are not connected are conditionally independent given all other nodes.
- a node is conditionally independent of every other node in the network given its neighbors.
- if  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are disjoint subsets of nodes such that  $C$  separates  $A$  from  $B$ , then the distribution satisfies :  
 $A \perp\!\!\!\perp B | C$ .

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<sup>8</sup>Besag 1974.

# Gaussian Markov random field

Let us consider the Gaussian kernel with point specific width  $\sigma_i$ :

$$k_{\sigma_i}(X_i, X_j) = \exp \left( -\frac{\|X_i - X_j\|_2^2}{2\sigma_i^2} \right)$$

Introducing the unnormalized graph Laplacian:

$$\phi_L(\mathbf{W})_{ij} = \begin{cases} -W_{ij} & \text{if } i \neq j \\ \sum_j W_{ij} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

one has,  $\forall \mathbf{W} \in S_W$ :

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n W_{ij} \|X_i - X_j\|_2^2 = \text{tr} (\mathbf{X}^T \phi_L(\mathbf{W} + \mathbf{W}^T) \mathbf{X})$$

# Gaussian Markov random field

We recover an improper multivariate Gaussian:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}_k(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{W}) &\propto \prod_{ij} k_{\sigma_i}(X_i, X_j)^{W_{ij}} \\ &\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n W_{ij} \frac{\|X_i - X_j\|_2^2}{\sigma_i^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{\text{gdet } |\mathbf{L}|^{p/2}}{(2\pi)^{\frac{\text{pr}(\mathbf{L})}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{X})\right)\end{aligned}$$

where  $L = \phi_L(\Sigma^{-1}\mathbf{W} + \mathbf{W}^T\Sigma^{-1})$  and  $\Sigma = \text{diag}((\sigma_i^2)_{1 \leq i \leq n})$ .  
Hence  $\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{W} \sim \mathcal{MN}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{L}^{-1}, \mathbf{I}_p)$

## Limit of proper distributions

Let  $\mathbf{W} \in \mathcal{S}_W$ ,  $\tilde{\mathbf{W}} = \Sigma^{-1}\mathbf{W} + \mathbf{W}^T\Sigma^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{L} = \phi_L(\tilde{\mathbf{W}})$ , let  $C$  be the number of connected components of  $\tilde{\mathbf{W}}$ . Consider the hierarchical model:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M} &\sim \mathcal{MN}(0, \gamma^{-2}\mathbf{I}_{\#C}, \mathbf{I}_p) \\ \tilde{M}_i &= M_i \text{ if } X_i \in C_i \\ \mathbf{X} &\sim \underbrace{\mathcal{MN}(\tilde{\mathbf{M}}, \mathbf{L}^{-1}, \mathbf{I}_p)}_{\mathbb{P}_k^\gamma(\bullet|\mathbf{W})} \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbb{P}_k^\gamma(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{W})$  is a proper multivariate Gaussian and one has: if  $\mathbf{X}^\gamma \sim \mathbb{P}_k^\gamma(\bullet|\mathbf{W})$  and  $\mathbf{X} \sim \mathbb{P}_k(\bullet|\mathbf{W})$ :

$$\mathbf{X}^\gamma \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \mathbf{X} \text{ when } \gamma \rightarrow 0$$

## Posterior graph coupling

Applying Bayes rule:

$$\mathbb{P}_k(\mathbf{W}|\mathbf{X}) \propto \mathbb{P}_k(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{W})\mathbb{P}_k(\mathbf{W})$$

where  $\mathbb{P}_k(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{W}) = \mathcal{Z}_k(\mathbf{W})^{-1} \prod_{ij} k(X_i, X_j)^{W_{ij}}$ .

We will focus on coupling the posteriors:

$$\min_{Z \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}} \text{KL}(\mathbf{W}_X | \mathbf{X} \| \mathbf{W}_Z | \mathbf{Z}) = \min_{Z \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}} H_{\mathbf{W}_X | \mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{W}_Z | \mathbf{Z})$$

where  $H_{\mathbf{W}_X | \mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{W}_Z | \mathbf{Z}) = -\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{W} \sim \mathbb{P}(\bullet | \mathbf{X})} [\log \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{W}_Z = \mathbf{W} | \mathbf{Z})]$ .

Let  $\mathbf{K}_X = (k(X_i, X_j))_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$  and  $\mathbf{K}_Z = (k(Z_i, Z_j))_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$ .



## Heterogeneous multivariate Bernoulli

$\mathbf{W} \in \mathcal{S}_W$  is said to follow a heterogeneous multivariate Bernoulli distribution, with parameters  $\boldsymbol{\pi} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times n}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  if  $\mathbf{W} \sim \mathbb{P}_k^{\mathcal{B}}(\bullet; \boldsymbol{\pi}, \alpha)$  with :

$$\mathbb{P}_k^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{W}; \boldsymbol{\pi}, \alpha) \propto \mathcal{Z}_k(\mathbf{W})^\alpha \prod_{i,j} \pi_{ij}^{W_{ij}} \mathbb{1}_{\sum_k W_{ij} \leq 1}$$

### Remark

Taking  $\alpha = 0$  leads to independence between the edges:

$$\forall(i, j), \quad W_{ij} \sim \mathcal{B}\left(\frac{\pi_{ij}}{1 + \pi_{ij}}\right)$$

### Posterior

If  $\mathbf{W} \sim \mathbb{P}_k^{\mathcal{B}}(\bullet; \boldsymbol{\pi}, \alpha)$ , then  $\mathbf{W} | \mathbf{X} \sim \mathbb{P}_k^{\mathcal{B}}(\bullet; \boldsymbol{\pi} \odot \mathbf{K}_X, \alpha - 1)$

## Cross Entropy Bernoulli priors

Let  $k_X$  and  $k_Z$  be two valid pairwise potentials, let  $\pi_X \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times n}$  and  $\pi_Z \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times n}$ .

Let  $\mathbf{W}_X \sim \mathbb{P}_{k_X}^{\mathcal{B}}(\bullet; \pi_X, \alpha = 1)$  and  $\mathbf{W}_Z \sim \mathbb{P}_{k_Z}^{\mathcal{B}}(\bullet; \pi_Z, \alpha = 1)$ .

Then the cross entropy  $H_{\mathbf{W}_X|\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{W}_Z|\mathbf{Z})$  writes:

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\mathbf{W}_X|\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{W}_Z|\mathbf{Z}) &= - \sum_{i \neq j} P_{\pi_X, k_X}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{X})_{ij} \log Q_{\pi_Z, k_Z}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{Z})_{ij} \\ &\quad + (1 - P_{\pi_X, k_X}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{X})_{ij}) \log (1 - Q_{\pi_Z, k_Z}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{Z})_{ij}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $P_{\pi_X, k_X}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{X})_{ij} = \frac{\pi_{X,ij} k_X(X_i, X_j)}{1 + \pi_{X,ij} k_X(X_i, X_j)}$  and

$$Q_{\pi_Z, k_Z}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{Z})_{ij} = \frac{\pi_{Z,ij} k_Z(Z_i, Z_j)}{1 + \pi_{Z,ij} k_Z(Z_i, Z_j)}.$$

## Probabilistic model of UMAP

UMAP can be recovered with:

- $\pi_{\mathbf{X}} = \pi_{\mathbf{Z}} = \mathbf{1}$
- $k_X(X_i, X_j) = \left( \exp \left( \frac{\|X_i - X_j\|_2^2 - \rho_i}{2\sigma_i^2} \right) - 1 \right)^{-1}$   
 $\implies P_{\pi_X, k_X}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{X})_{ij} = \exp \left( -\frac{\|X_i - X_j\|_2^2 - \rho_i}{2\sigma_i^2} \right)$
- $k_Z(Z_i, Z_j) = a^{-1} \|Z_i - Z_j\|_2^{-2b}$   
 $\implies Q_{\pi_Z, k_Z}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{Z})_{ij} = (1 + a \|Z_i - Z_j\|_2^{2b})^{-1}$
- Considering the coupling with the graph  $\overline{\mathbf{W}} = \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{W} + \mathbf{W}^T \geq 1}$ ,  
 one has:  $\overline{P_{\pi_X, k_X}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{X})_{ij}} =$   
 $P_{\pi_X, k_X}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{X})_{ij} + P_{\pi_X, k_X}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{X})_{ji} - P_{\pi_X, k_X}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{X})_{ij} P_{\pi_X, k_X}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{X})_{ji}$   
 by independence between the edges in the posterior.

## Heterogeneous multivariate unitary outdegree

$\mathbf{W} \in \mathcal{S}_W$  is said to follow a heterogeneous multivariate unitary outdegree distribution, with parameters  $\boldsymbol{\pi} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times n}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  if  $\mathbf{W} \sim \mathbb{P}_k^{\mathcal{D}}(\bullet; \boldsymbol{\pi}, \alpha)$  with:

$$\mathbb{P}_k^{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{W}; \boldsymbol{\pi}, \alpha) \propto \mathcal{Z}_k(\mathbf{W})^\alpha \prod_{i \neq j} \pi_{ij}^{W_{ij}} \mathbb{1}_{\sum_k W_{ik}=1}$$

### Remark

Taking  $\alpha = 0$  leads to independence between the rows:

$$\forall i, \quad W_{i\bullet} \sim \mathcal{M} \left( 1; \left( \frac{\pi_{ij}}{\sum_{\ell} \pi_{i\ell}} \right)_{1 \leq j \leq n} \right)$$

### Posterior

If  $\mathbf{W} \sim \mathbb{P}_k^{\mathcal{D}}(\bullet; \boldsymbol{\pi}, \alpha)$ , then  $\mathbf{W} | \mathbf{X} \sim \mathbb{P}_k^{\mathcal{D}}(\bullet; \boldsymbol{\pi} \odot \mathbf{K}_X, \alpha - 1)$

## Cross Entropy unitary outdegree priors

Let  $k_X$  and  $k_Z$  be two valid pairwise potentials, let  $\pi_X \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times n}$  and  $\pi_Z \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times n}$ .

Let  $\mathbf{W}_X \sim \mathbb{P}_{k_X}^{\mathcal{D}}(\bullet; \pi_X, \alpha = 1)$  and  $\mathbf{W}_Z \sim \mathbb{P}_{k_Z}^{\mathcal{D}}(\bullet; \pi_Z, \alpha = 1)$ .

Then the cross entropy  $H_{\mathbf{W}_X|\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{W}_Z|\mathbf{Z})$  writes:

$$H_{\mathbf{W}_X|\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{W}_Z|\mathbf{Z}) = - \sum_{i \neq j} P_{\pi_X, k_X}^{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{X})_{ij} \log Q_{\pi_Z, k_Z}^{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{Z})_{ij}$$

where  $P_{\pi_X, k_X}^{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{X})_{ij} = \frac{\pi_{X,ij} k_X(X_i, X_j)}{\sum_{\ell} \pi_{X,i\ell} k_X(X_i, X_{\ell})}$  and

$$Q_{\pi_Z, k_Z}^{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{Z})_{ij} = \frac{\pi_{Z,ij} k_Z(Z_i, Z_j)}{\sum_{\ell} \pi_{Z,i\ell} k_Z(Z_i, Z_{\ell})}.$$

# Probabilistic model of SNE

SNE can be recovered with:

- $\pi_{\mathbf{X}} = \pi_{\mathbf{Z}} = \mathbf{1}$

- $k_X(X_i, X_j) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\|X_i - X_j\|_2^2}{\sigma_i^2}\right)$

$$\implies P_{\pi_X, k_X}^{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{X})_{ij} = \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{\|X_i - X_j\|_2^2}{2\sigma_i^2}\right)}{\sum_{\ell} \exp\left(-\frac{\|X_i - X_{\ell}\|_2^2}{2\sigma_i^2}\right)}$$

- $k_Z(Z_i, Z_j) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \|Z_i - Z_j\|_2^2\right)$

$$\implies Q_{\pi_Z, k_Z}^{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{Z})_{ij} = \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \|Z_i - Z_j\|_2^2\right)}{\sum_{\ell} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \|Z_i - Z_{\ell}\|_2^2\right)}$$

## Heterogeneous multivariate fixed number of edges

$\mathbf{W} \in \mathcal{S}_W$  is said to follow a heterogeneous multivariate fixed number of edges distribution, with parameters  $\boldsymbol{\pi} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times n}$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $N_e \in \mathbb{N}$  if  $\mathbf{W} \sim \mathbb{P}_k^{N_e}(\bullet; \boldsymbol{\pi}, \alpha)$  with:

$$\mathbb{P}_k^{N_e}(\mathbf{W}; \boldsymbol{\pi}, \alpha) \propto \mathcal{Z}_k(\mathbf{W})^\alpha \frac{N_e!}{\prod_{i \neq j} W_{ij}!} \prod_{i \neq j} \pi_{ij}^{W_{ij}} \mathbb{1}_{\sum_{k,\ell} W_{k,\ell} = N_e}$$

### Remark

Taking  $\alpha = 0$  leads to the multinomial distribution:

$$\mathbf{W} \sim \mathcal{M} \left( N_e; \text{Vect} \left( \left( \frac{\pi_{ij}}{\sum_{k,\ell} \pi_{k\ell}} \right)_{1 \leq i,j \leq n} \right) \right)$$

### Posterior

If  $\mathbf{W} \sim \mathbb{P}_k^{N_e}(\bullet; \boldsymbol{\pi}, \alpha)$ , then  $\mathbf{W} | \mathbf{X} \sim \mathbb{P}_k^{N_e}(\bullet; \boldsymbol{\pi} \odot \mathbf{K}_X, \alpha - 1)$

## Cross Entropy between unitary outdegree prior and n edges prior

Let  $k_X$  and  $k_Z$  be two valid pairwise potentials, let  $\pi_X \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times n}$  and  $\pi_Z \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times n}$ .

Let  $\mathbf{W}_X \sim \mathbb{P}_{k_X}^{\mathcal{D}}(\bullet; \pi_X, \alpha = 1)$  and  $\mathbf{W}_Z \sim \mathbb{P}_{k_Z}^{N_e=n}(\bullet; \pi_Z, \alpha = 1)$ .

Then the cross entropy  $H_{\mathbf{W}_X|\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{W}_Z|\mathbf{Z})$  writes:

$$H_{\mathbf{W}_X|\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{W}_Z|\mathbf{Z}) = - \sum_{i < j} \overline{P_{\pi_X, k_X}^{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{X})}_{ij} \log Q_{\pi_Z, k_Z}^{N_e}(\mathbf{Z})_{ij}$$

where  $\overline{P_{\pi_X, k_X}^{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{X})}_{ij} = \frac{P_{\pi_X, k_X}^{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{X})_{ij} + P_{\pi_X, k_X}^{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{X})_{ji}}{2}$  and

$$Q_{\pi_Z, k_Z}^{N_e}(\mathbf{Z})_{ij} = \frac{\pi_{Z, ij} k_Z(Z_i, Z_j)}{\sum_{k, \ell} \pi_{Z, k\ell} k_Z(Z_k, Z_\ell)}.$$



# Probabilistic model of Symmetric SNE

Symmetric SNE can be recovered with:

- $\pi_{\mathbf{X}} = \pi_{\mathbf{Z}} = \mathbf{1}$
- $k_X(X_i, X_j) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\|X_i - X_j\|_2^2}{\sigma_i^2}\right)$
- for Gaussian symmetric SNE:  
 $k_Z(Z_i, Z_j) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \|Z_i - Z_j\|_2^2\right)$   
 $\implies Q_{\pi_X, k_X}^{N_e}(\mathbf{X})_{ij} = \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \|Z_i - Z_j\|_2^2\right)}{\sum_{k, \ell} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \|Z_k - Z_\ell\|_2^2\right)}$
- for t-SNE:  
 $k_Z(Z_i, Z_j) = \left(1 + \|Z_i - Z_j\|_2^2\right)^{-1}$   
 $\implies Q_{\pi_Z, k_Z}^{N_e}(\mathbf{Z})_{ij} = \frac{\left(1 + \|Z_i - Z_j\|_2^2\right)^{-1}}{\sum_{k, \ell} \left(1 + \|Z_k - Z_\ell\|_2^2\right)^{-1}}$

## Future directions

How to leverage our probabilistic model?

- Better understanding of the methods:
  - Model selection
  - Clearly state the limits in terms of between-clusters variance
  - Properties of the embedding found by graph coupling
- Towards a better algorithm:
  - Position the connected components
  - Extension to other graph models and Monte Carlo or variational estimation
  - Improved kernel width estimation