

Asymptotics and Statistical Inference in High-Dimensional Low-Rank Matrix Models

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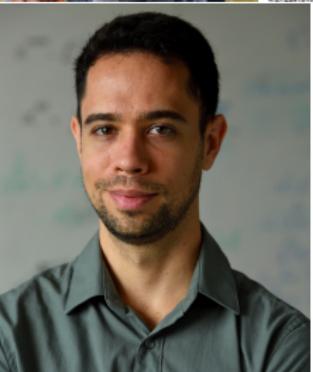
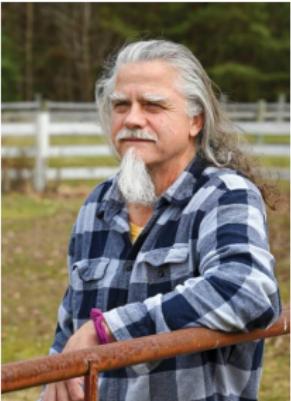


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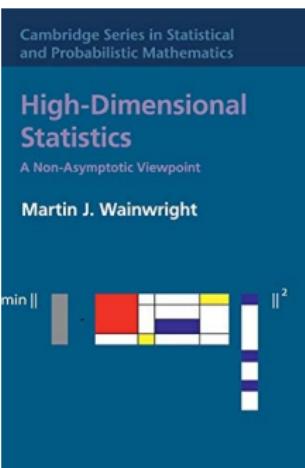
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Given these “no free lunch” guarantees, what can help us in the high-dimensional setting? Essentially, our only hope is that the data is endowed with some form of *low-dimensional structure*, one which makes it simpler than the high-dimensional view might suggest. Much of high-dimensional statistics involves constructing models of high-dimensional phenomena that involve some implicit form of low-dimensional structure, and then studying the statistical and computational gains afforded by exploiting this structure. In order to illustrate, let us

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Key Takeaway

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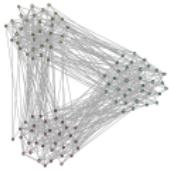
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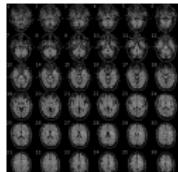
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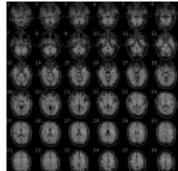
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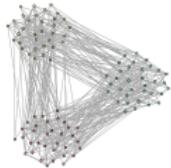
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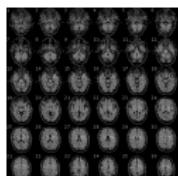
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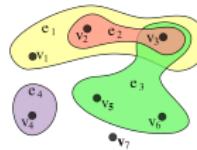
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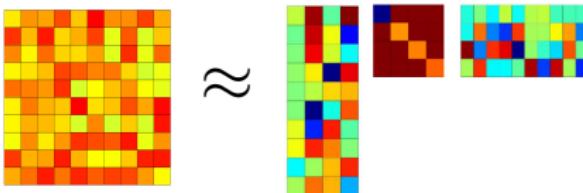
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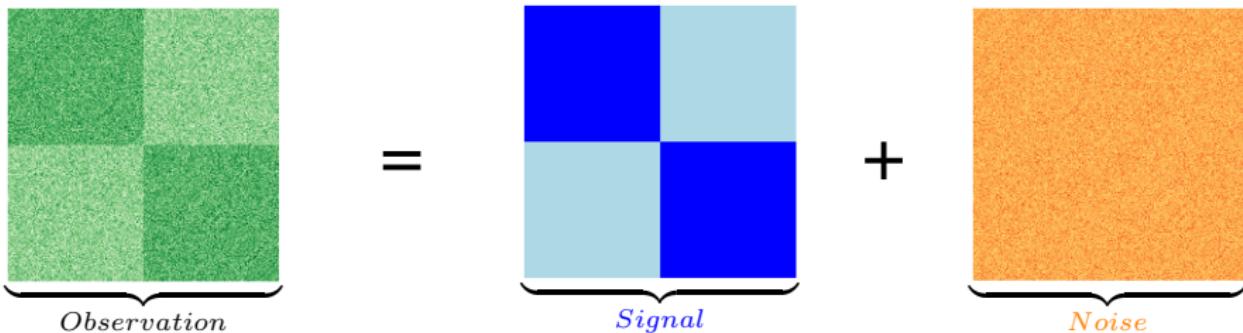
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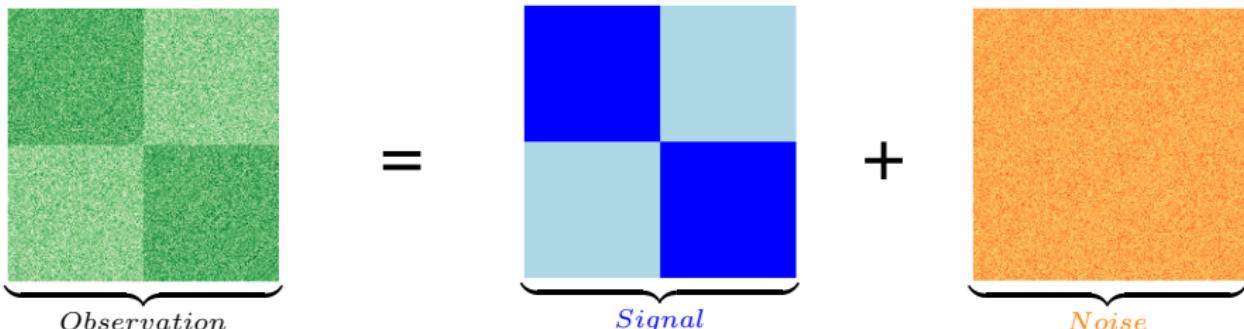
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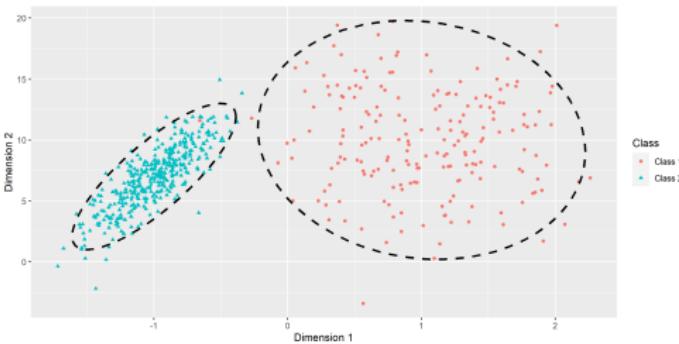
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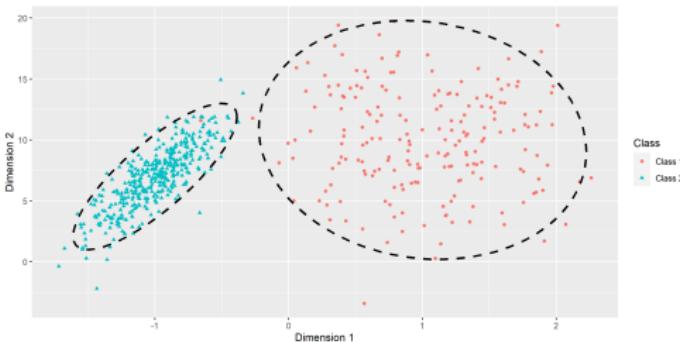
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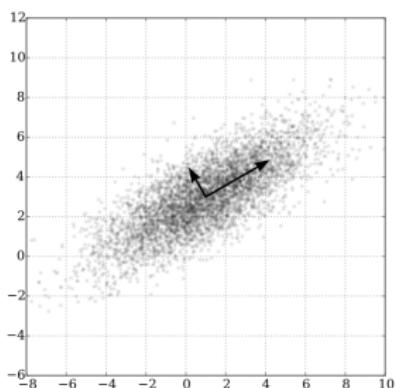
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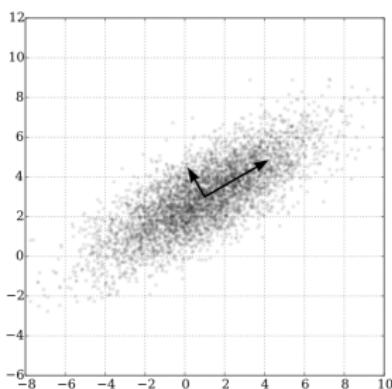
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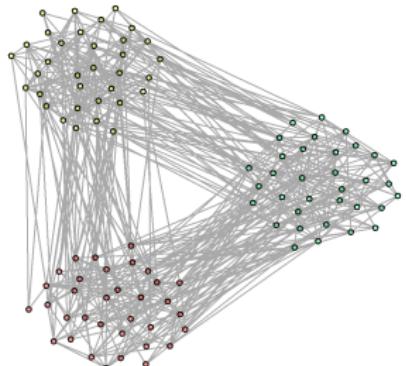
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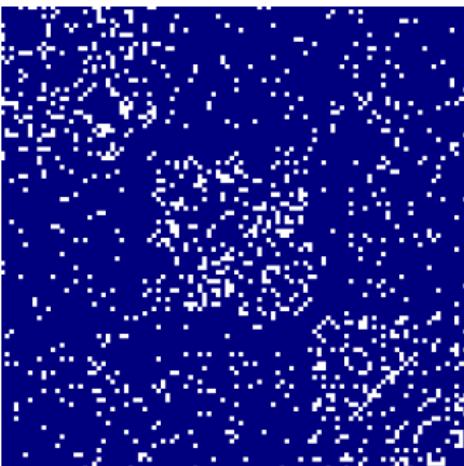
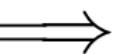
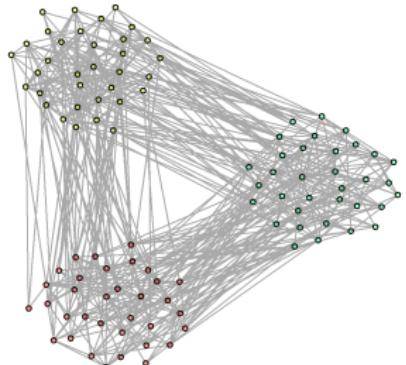
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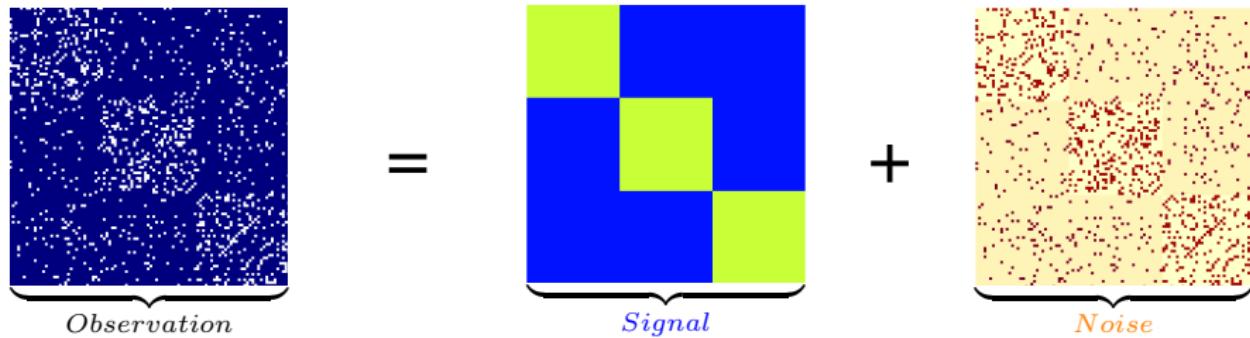
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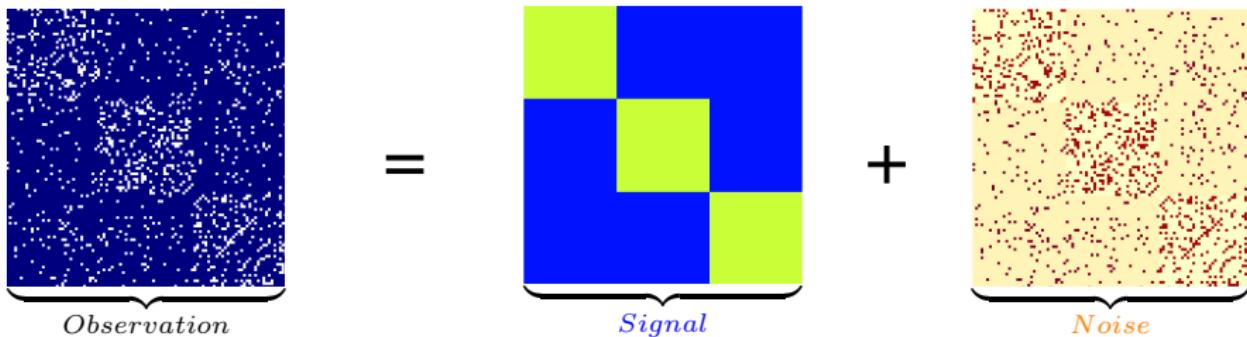
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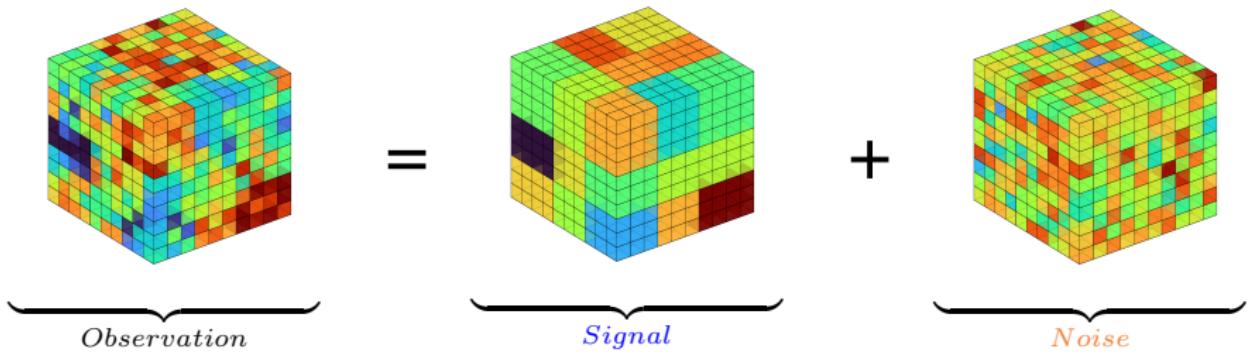
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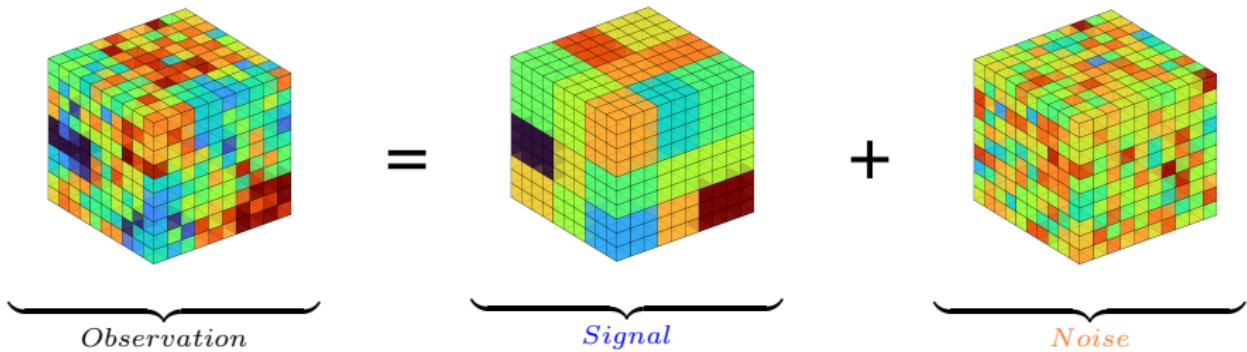
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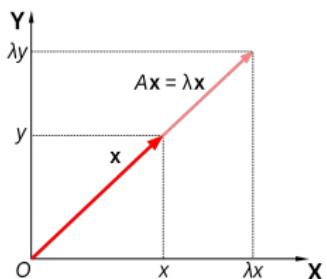
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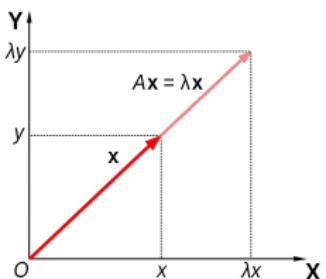


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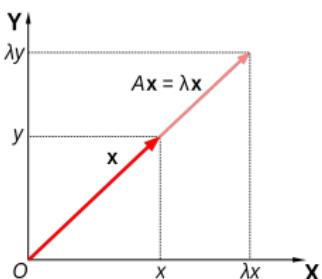
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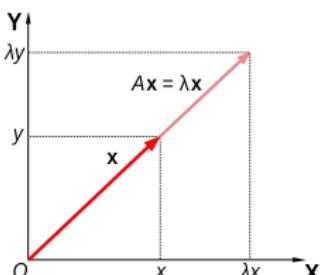
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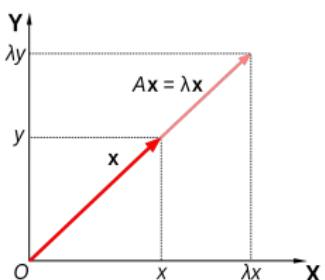
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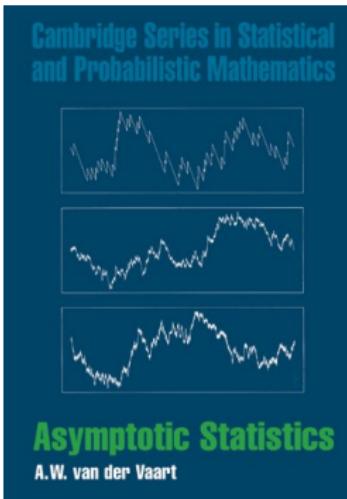
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Why asymptotic statistics? The use of asymptotic approximations is two-fold. First, they enable us to find approximate tests and confidence regions. Second, approximations can be used theoretically to study the quality (efficiency) of statistical procedures.

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5.2 CONSISTENCY

5.2.1 Plug-In Estimates and MLEs in Exponential Family Models

Suppose that we have a sample X_1, \dots, X_n from P_{θ} where $\theta \in \Theta$ and want to estimate a real or vector $q(\theta)$. The least we can ask of our estimate $\hat{q}_n(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is that as

$n \rightarrow \infty$, $\hat{q}_n \xrightarrow{P_{\theta}} q(\theta)$ for all θ . That is, in accordance with (A.14.1) and (B.7.1), for all $\theta \in \Theta$, $\epsilon > 0$,

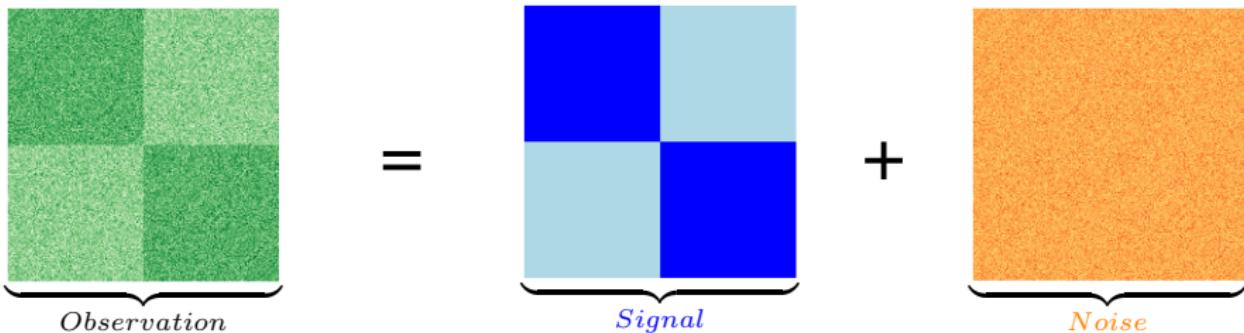
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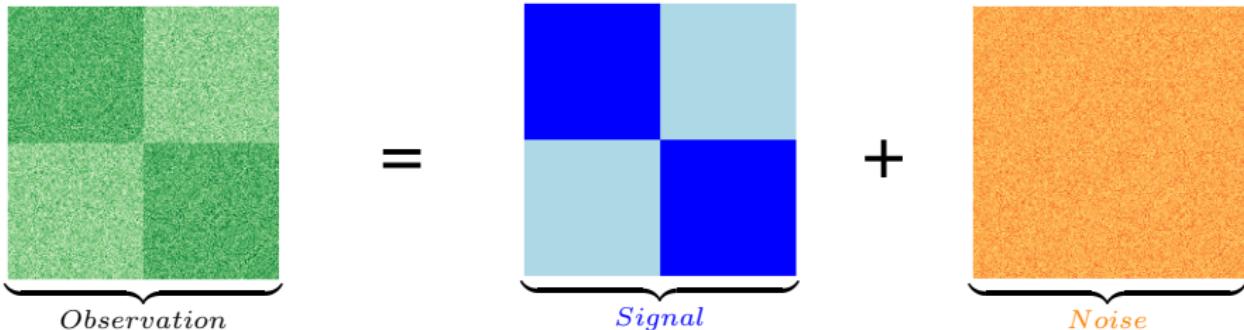
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Bounds $b(n, \epsilon)$ for $\sup_{\theta} P_{\theta} [|\hat{q}_n - q(\theta)| \geq \epsilon]$ that yield (5.2.2) are preferable and we shall indicate some of qualitative interest when we can. But, with all the caveats of Section 5.1, (5.2.1), which is called *consistency* of \hat{q}_n and can be thought of as 0'th order asymptotics, remains central to all asymptotic theory. The stronger statement (5.2.2) is called *uniform consistency*. If Θ is replaced by a smaller set K , we talk of uniform consistency over K .

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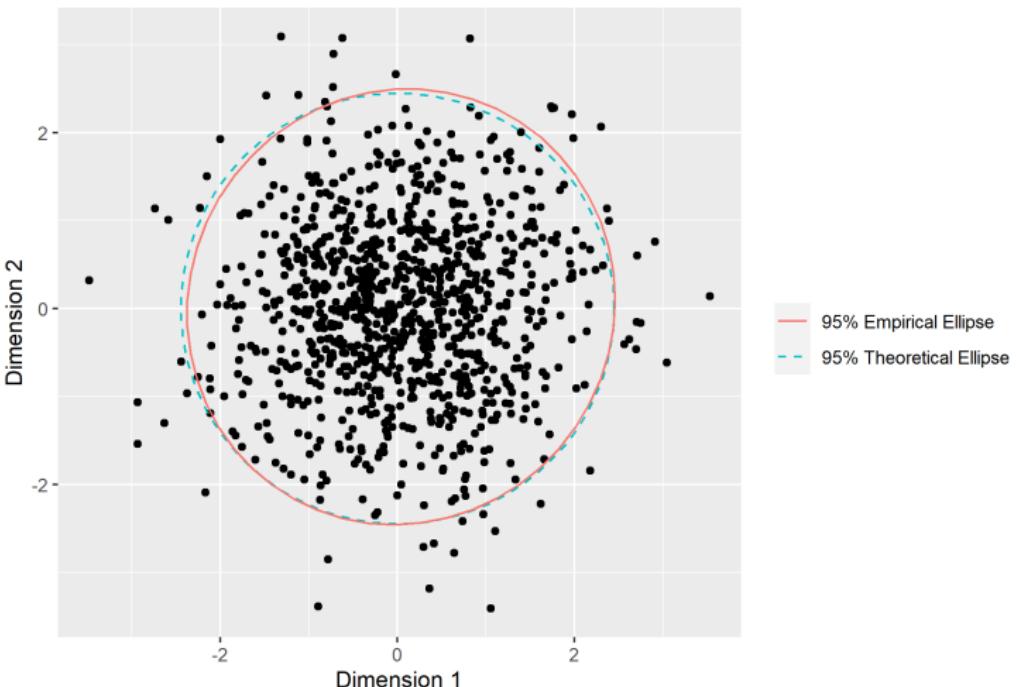
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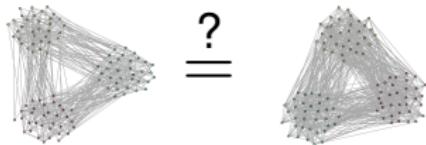
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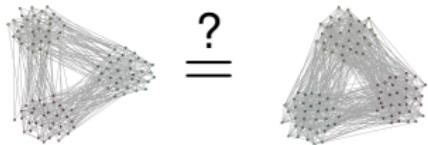
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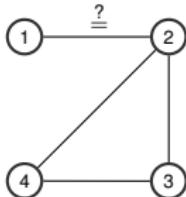
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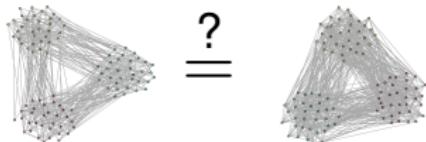
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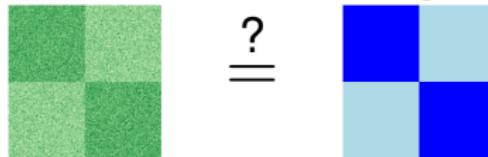
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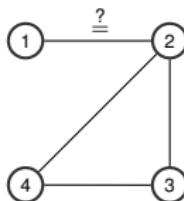
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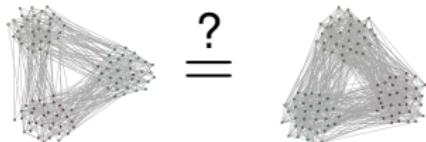
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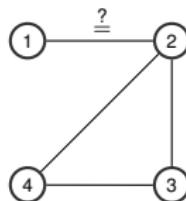
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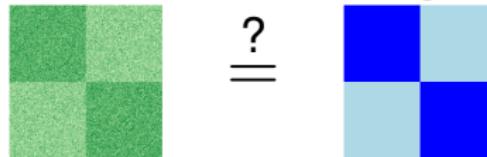
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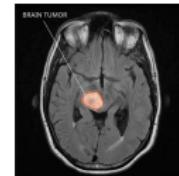
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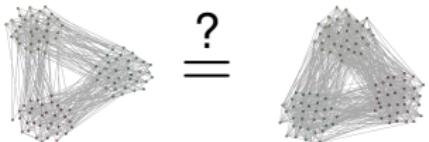
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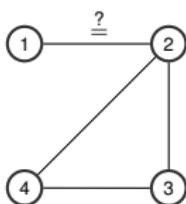
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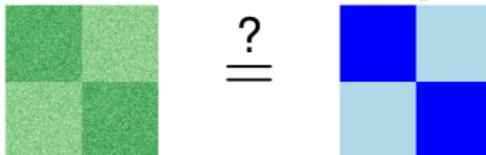
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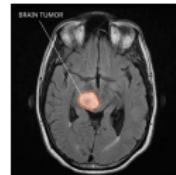
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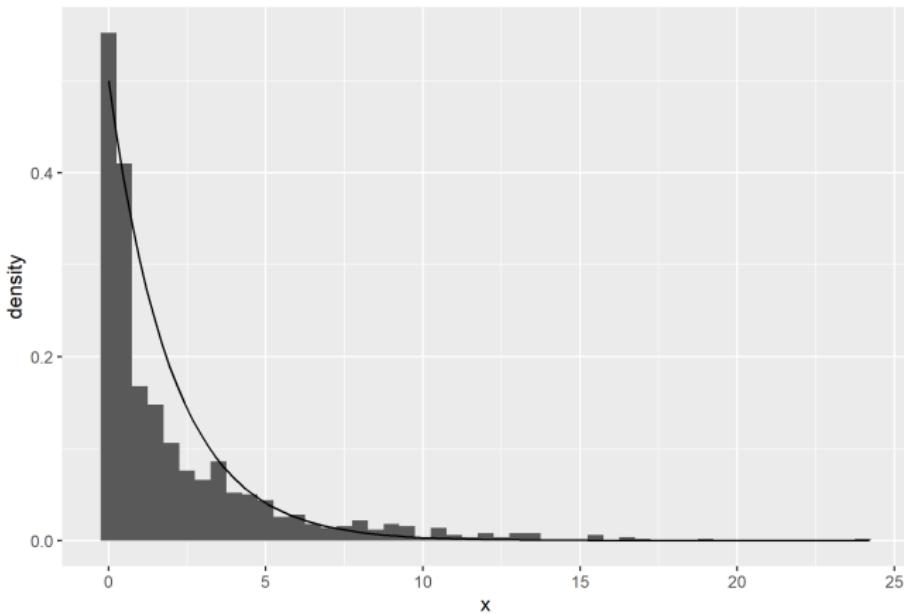
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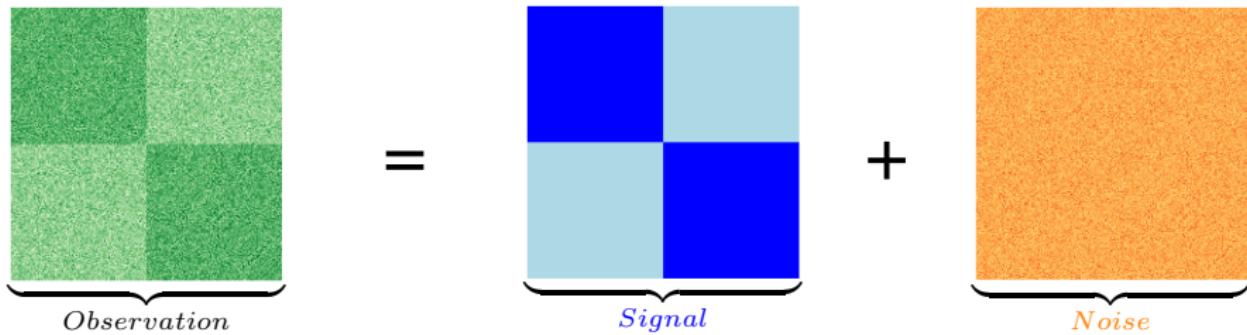
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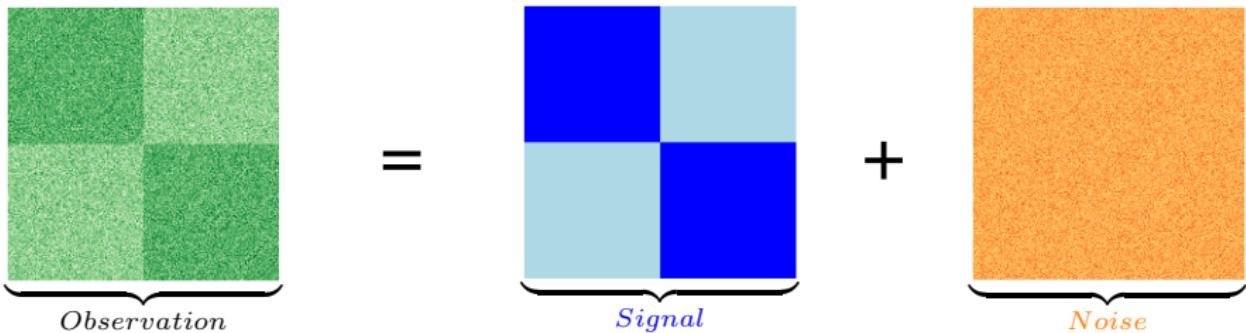
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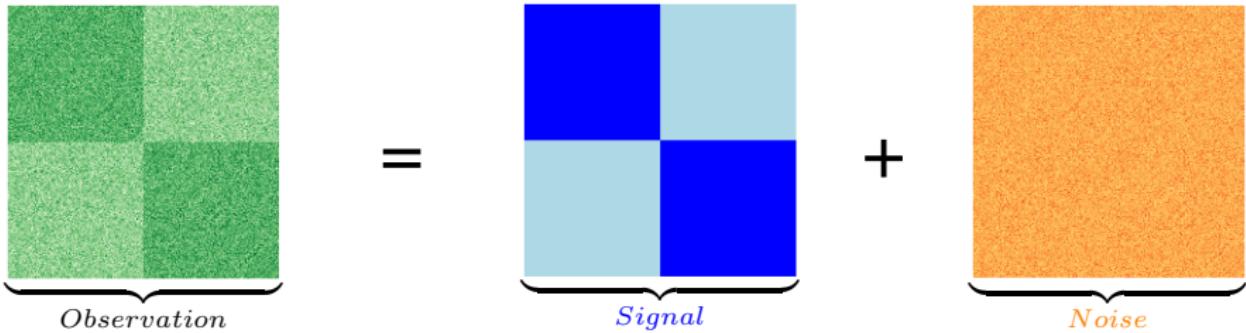


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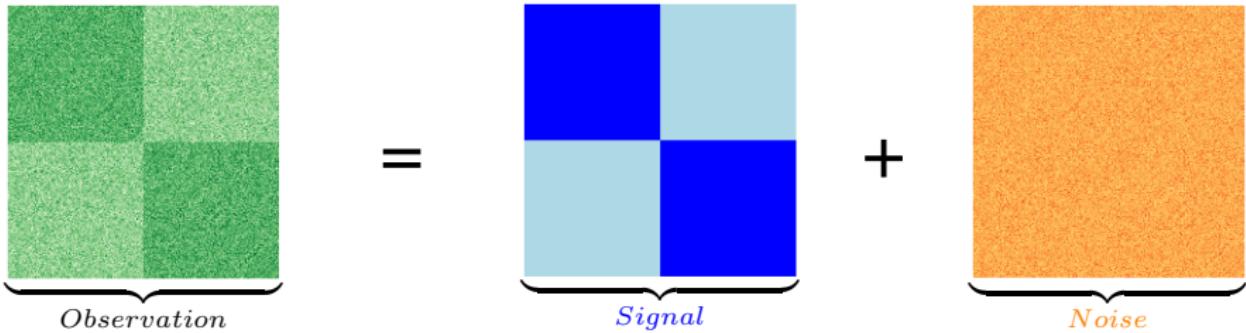
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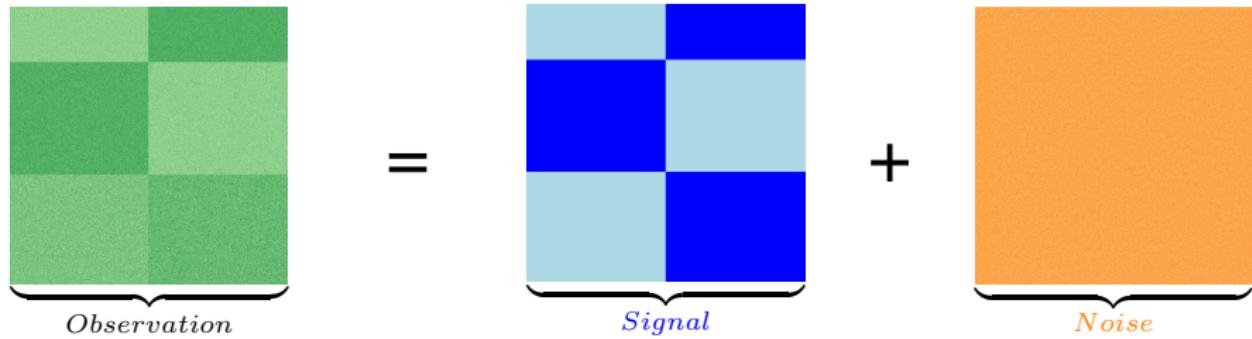
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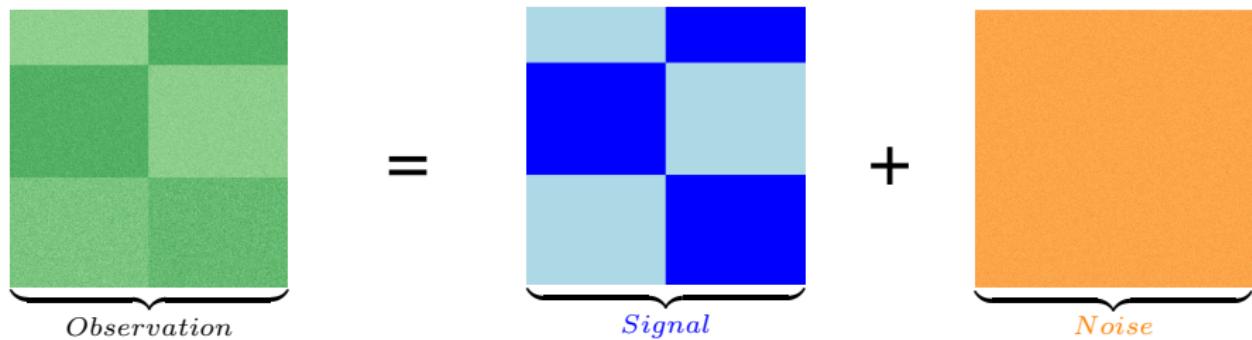


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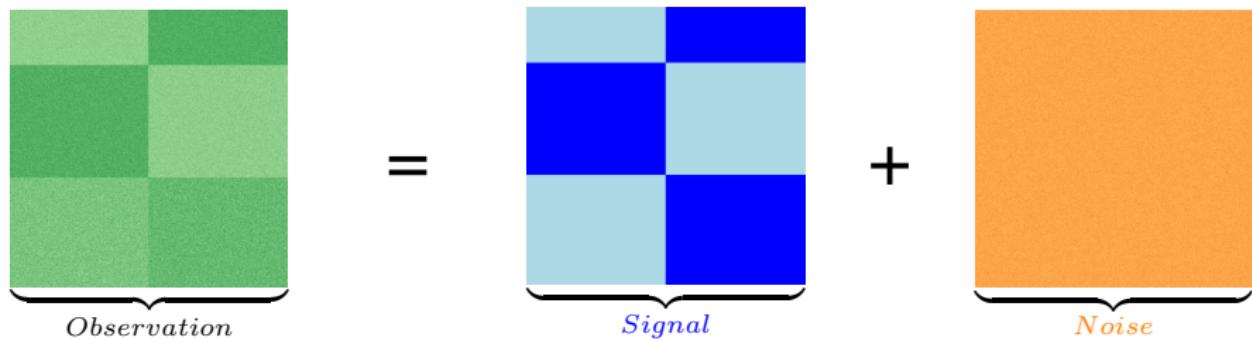


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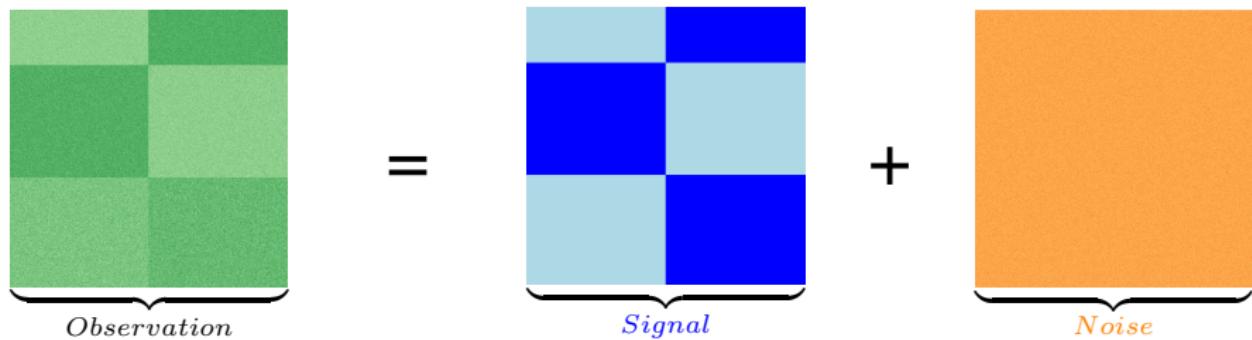
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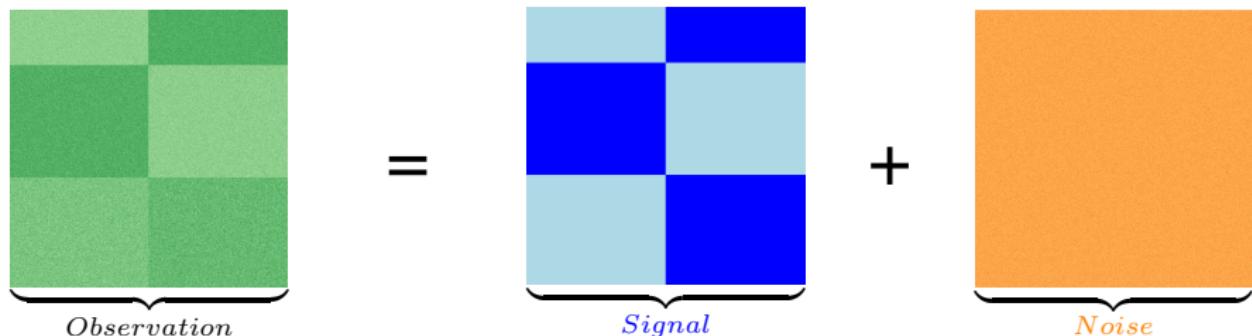
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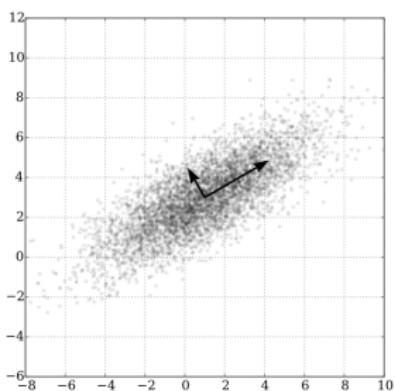
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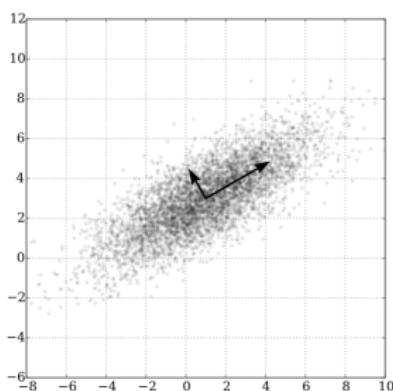


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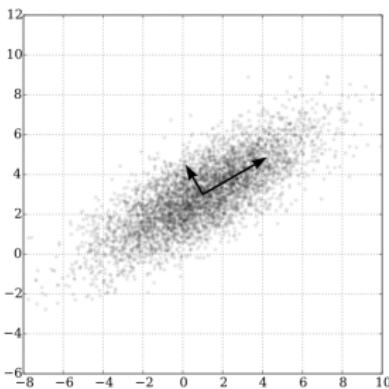


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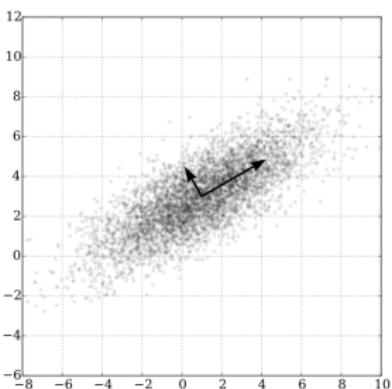
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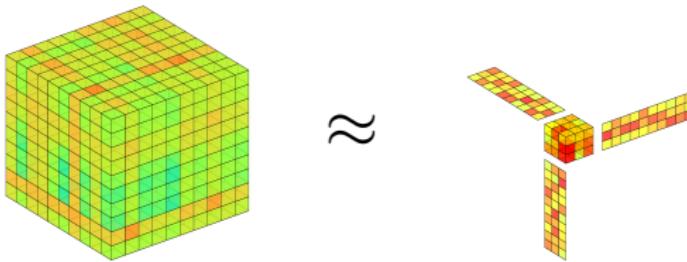
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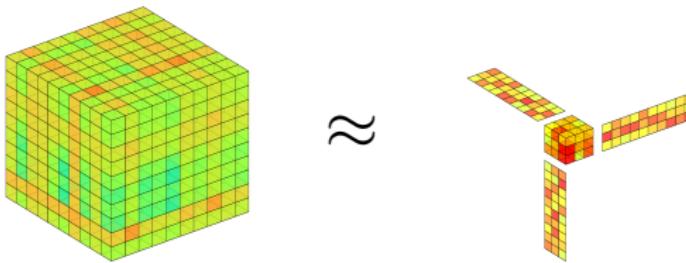


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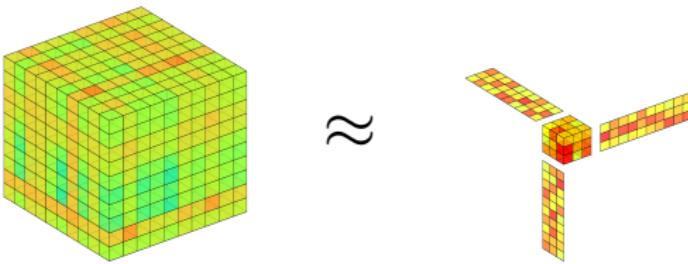


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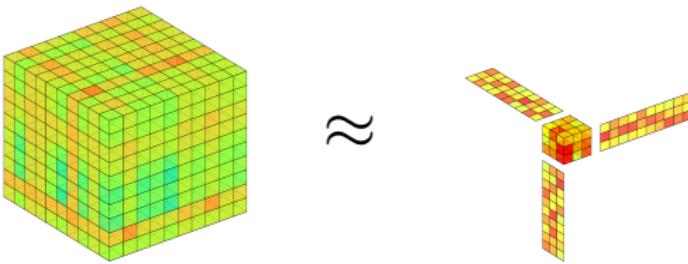
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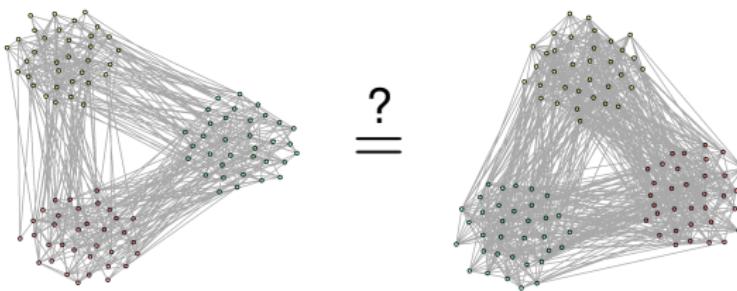
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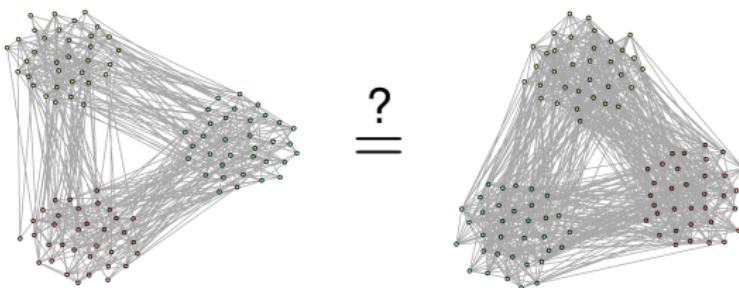


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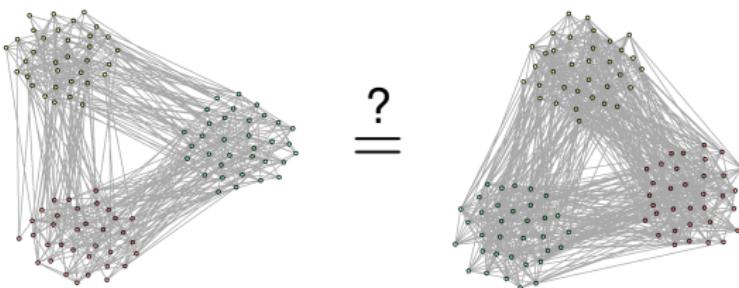


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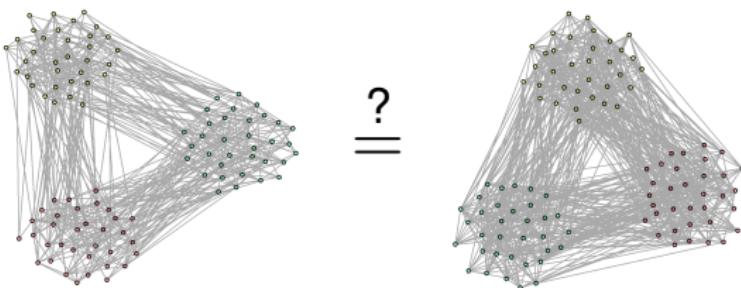
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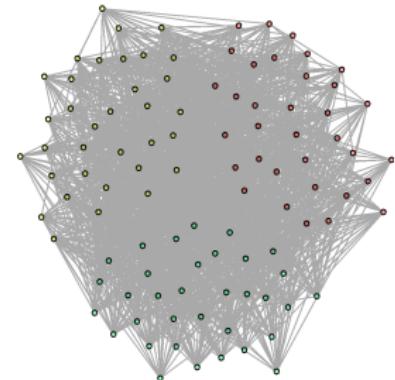
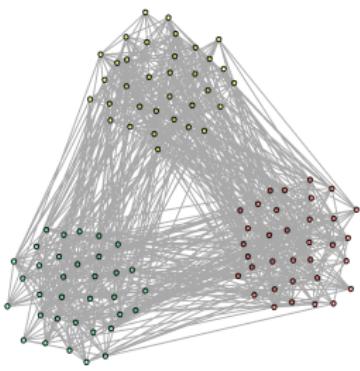
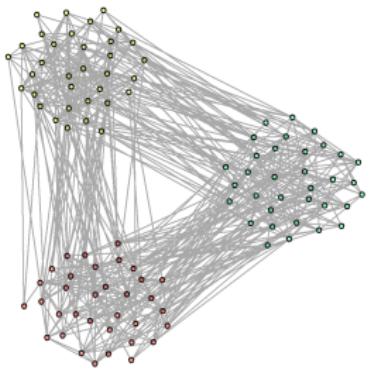
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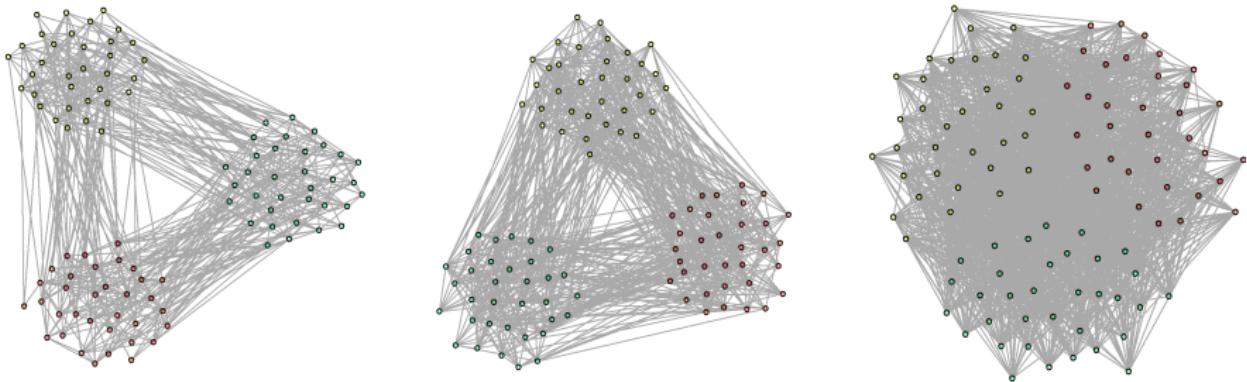


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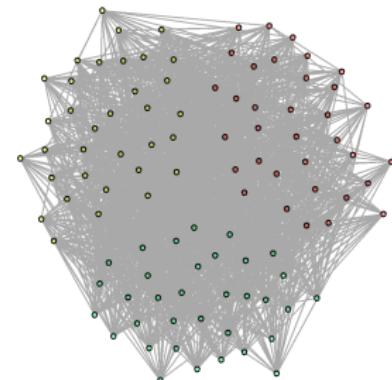
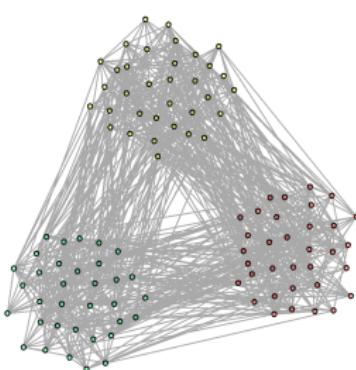
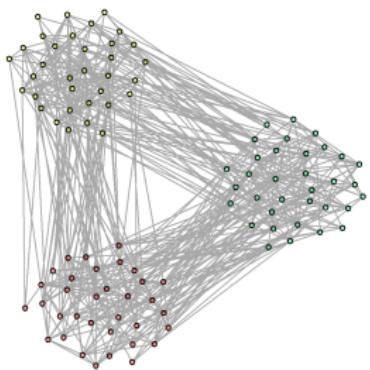


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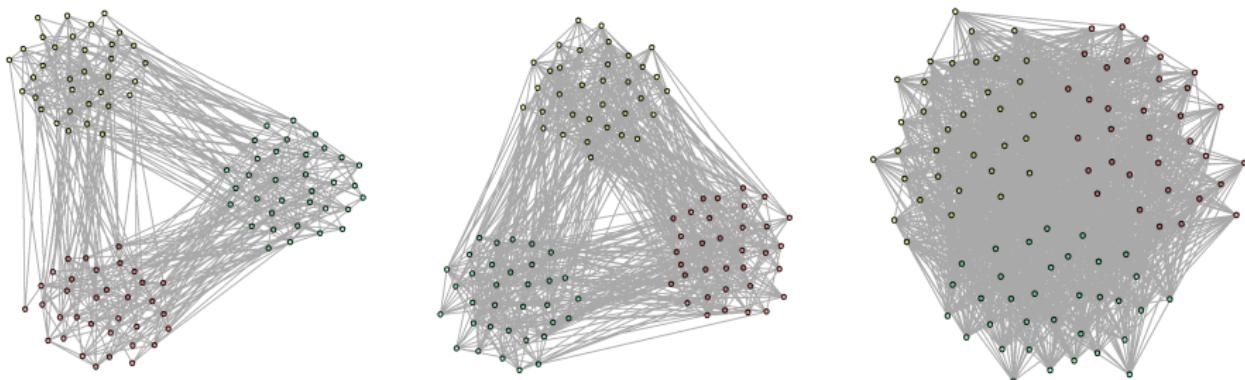
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