

Popularity Adjusted Block Models are  
Generalized Random Dot Product Graphs  
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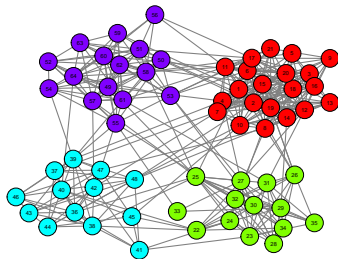


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# Community Detection for Networks



How might we cluster the nodes of a network?

# Bernoulli Graphs

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be an undirected and unweighted graph with  $|V| = n$ .

$G$  is described by adjacency matrix  $A$  such that

$$A_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \exists \text{ edge between } i \text{ and } j \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$A_{ji} = A_{ij} \text{ and } A_{ii} = 0 \forall i, j \in [n].$$

$A \sim \text{BernoulliGraph}(P)$  iff:

1.  $P \in [0, 1]^{n \times n}$  describes edge probabilities between pairs of vertices.
2.  $A_{ij} \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{Bernoulli}(P_{ij})$  for each  $i < j$ .

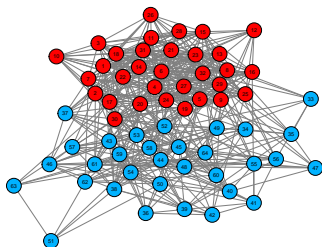
# Block Models

Suppose each vertex  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  has labels  $z_1, \dots, z_n \in \{1, \dots, K\}$ , and each  $P_{ij}$  depends on labels  $z_i$  and  $z_j$ .

Then  $A \sim \text{BernoulliGraph}(P)$  is a *block model*.

**Example 1:** Stochastic Block Model with  $K = 2$  communities

- $z_1, \dots, z_n \in \{1, 2\}$
- $P_{ij} = \begin{cases} p & z_i = z_j = 1 \\ q & z_i = z_j = 2 \\ r & z_i \neq z_j \end{cases}$



# Popularity Adjusted Block Model

**Def** Popularity Adjusted Block Model (Sengupta and Chen, 2017):

Let each vertex  $i \in [n]$  have  $K$  popularity parameters  $\lambda_{i1}, \dots, \lambda_{iK} \in [0, 1]$ . Then  $A \sim \text{PABM}(\{\lambda_{ik}\}_K)$  if each  $P_{ij} = \lambda_{iz_j} \lambda_{jz_i}$ .

**Lemma** (Noroozi, Rimal, and Pensky, 2020):

$A$  is sampled from a PABM if  $P$  can be described as:

1. Let each  $P^{(kl)}$  denote the  $n_k \times n_l$  matrix of edge probabilities between communities  $k$  and  $l$ .
2. Organize popularity parameters as vectors  $\lambda^{(kl)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_k}$  such that  $\lambda_i^{(kl)} = \lambda_{k_i l}$  is the popularity parameter of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  vertex of community  $k$  towards community  $l$ .
3. Each block can be decomposed as  $P^{(kl)} = \lambda^{(kl)} (\lambda^{(lk)})^\top$ .

# Generalized Random Dot Product Graph

**Def** Generalized Random Dot Product Graph  
(Rubin-Delanchy, Cape, Tang, Priebe, 2020)

Let  $I_{p,q} = \text{blockdiag}(I_p, -I_q)$  and suppose that  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}^{p+q}$  are such that  $x_i^\top I_{p,q} x_j \in [0, 1]$ .

Then  $A \sim \text{GRDPG}_{p,q}(X)$  iff  $A \sim \text{BernoulliGraph}(X I_{p,q} X^\top)$ , where  $X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_n \end{bmatrix}^\top$

Adjacency Spectral Embedding (Sussman et al., 2012) estimates  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}^{p+q}$  from  $A$ :

1. Let  $\hat{\Lambda}$  be the diagonal matrix that contains the absolute values of the  $p$  most positive and the  $q$  most negative eigenvalues.
2. Let  $\hat{V}$  be the matrix whose columns are the corresponding eigenvectors.
3. Compute  $\hat{X} = \hat{V} \hat{\Lambda}^{1/2}$ .

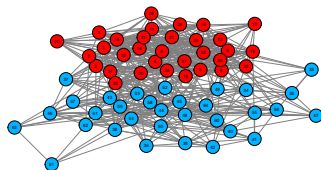
Theorem:  $\max_i \|\hat{X}_i - Q_n X_i\| = O_P\left(\frac{(\log n)^c}{n^{1/2}}\right)$

# Connecting Block Models to the (G)RDPG Model

All Bernoulli Graphs are RDPG (if  $P$  is positive semidefinite) or GRDPG (in general).

**Example 1** (cont'd): Assortative SBM ( $pq > r^2$ ) with  $K = 2$

$$P_{ij} = \begin{cases} p & z_i = z_j = 1 \\ q & z_i = z_j = 2 \\ r & z_i \neq z_j \end{cases}$$



$$P = \begin{bmatrix} P^{(11)} & P^{(12)} \\ P^{(21)} & P^{(22)} \end{bmatrix} = XX^\top$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{p} & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \sqrt{p} & 0 \\ \sqrt{r^2/p} & \sqrt{q - r^2/p} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \sqrt{r^2/p} & \sqrt{q - r^2/p} \end{bmatrix}$$

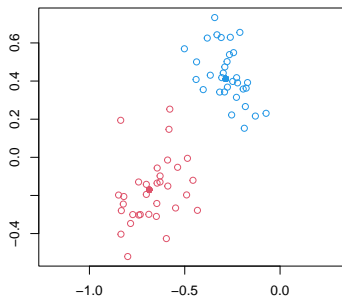


# Connecting Block Models to the (G)RDPG Model

**Example 1** (cont'd): If we want to perform community detection,

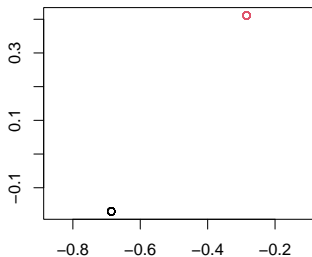
1. Note that  $A$  is a RDPG because  $P = XX^\top$ .
2. Compute the ASE  $A \approx \hat{X}\hat{X}^\top$  with  $\hat{X} = \hat{V}\hat{\Lambda}^{1/2}$ .
3. Apply clustering algorithm (e.g.,  $K$ -means) to  $\hat{X}$ , noting that as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the ASE approaches point masses.

ASE of the adjacency matrix drawn from SBM

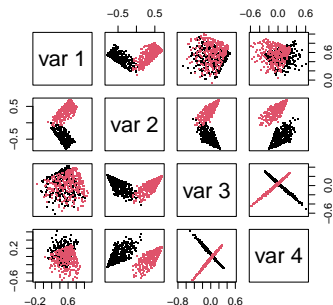


# Connecting Block Models to the (G)RDPG Model

**SBM: Point masses**



**PABM: Orthogonal subspaces**



# Connecting the PABM to the GRDPG

**Theorem (KTT):**  $A \sim \text{PABM}(\{\lambda^{(kl)}\}_K)$  is equivalent to  $A \sim \text{GRDPG}_{p,q}(XU)$  with

- $p = K(K+1)/2$ ,  $q = K(K-1)/2$
- $U \in \mathbb{O}(K^2)$
- $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times K^2}$  is block diagonal and composed of  $\{\lambda^{(kl)}\}_K$  with each block corresponding to a community.

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda^{(1)} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \Lambda^{(K)} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times K^2}$$

$$\Lambda^{(k)} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^{(k1)} & \dots & \lambda^{(kK)} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_k \times K}$$

$$A \sim \text{PABM}(\{\lambda_{ik}\}_K) \iff A \sim \text{GRDPG}_{p,q}(XU)$$

# Orthogonal Spectral Clustering

**Theorem (KTT):** If  $P = V\Lambda V^\top$  and  $B = nVV^\top$ , then  $B_{ij} = 0$  if  $z_i \neq z_j$ .

**Algorithm:** Orthogonal Spectral Clustering:

1. Let  $V$  be the eigenvectors of  $A$  corresponding to the  $K(K+1)/2$  most positive and  $K(K-1)/2$  most negative eigenvalues.
2. Compute  $B = |nVV^\top|$  applying  $|\cdot|$  entry-wise.
3. Construct graph  $G$  using  $B$  as its similarity matrix.
4. Partition  $G$  into  $K$  disconnected subgraphs.

**Theorem (KTT):** Let  $\hat{B}_n$  with entries  $\hat{B}_n^{(ij)}$  be the affinity matrix from OSC. Then  $\forall$  pairs  $(i, j)$  belonging to different communities and sparsity factor satisfying  $n\rho_n = \omega((\log n)^{4c})$ ,

$$\max_{i,j} \hat{B}_n^{(ij)} = O_P\left(\frac{(\log n)^c}{\sqrt{n\rho_n}}\right)$$

# Simulation Results

## Simulation setup:

1.  $z_1, \dots, z_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Categorical}(1/K, \dots, 1/K)$
2.  $\lambda_{ik} \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Beta}(a_{ik}, b_{ik})$   
$$a_{ik} = \begin{cases} 2 & z_i = k \\ 1 & z_i \neq k \end{cases} \quad b_{ik} = \begin{cases} 1 & z_i = k \\ 2 & z_i \neq k \end{cases}$$
3.  $P_{ij} = \lambda_{iz_j} \lambda_{jz_i}$
4.  $A \sim \text{BernoulliGraph}(P)$

