

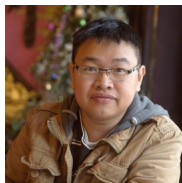
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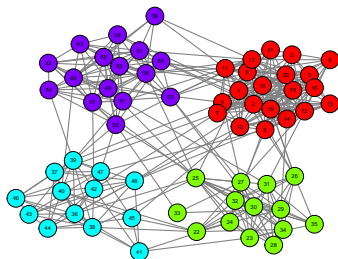


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# Community Detection for Networks



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**Def** (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  $X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_n \end{bmatrix}^\top$ .

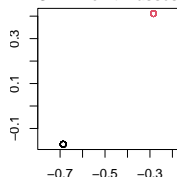
Adjacency Spectral Embedding (Sussman et al., 2012) estimates  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}^{p+q}$  from  $A$ :

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  $\hat{X} = \hat{V} \hat{\Lambda}^{1/2}$ .

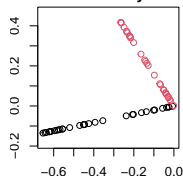
**Theorem:**  $\max_i \|\hat{X}_i - Q_n X_i\| = O_P\left(\frac{(\log n)^c}{n^{1/2}}\right)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

# Connecting Block Models to the (G)RDPG Model

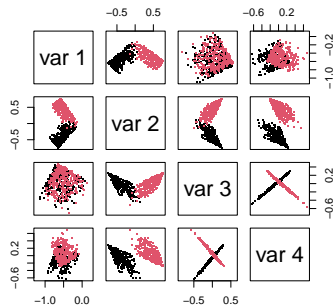
**SBM: Point masses**



**DCBM: Rays**



**PABM: Orthogonal subspaces**



# Connecting the PABM to the GRDPG

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

- $p = K(K+1)/2$ ,  $q = K(K-1)/2$ ;
- $U$  is an orthogonal matrix;
- $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times K^2}$  is a block diagonal matrix composed of popularity vectors with each block corresponding to a community.

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

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

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# 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.

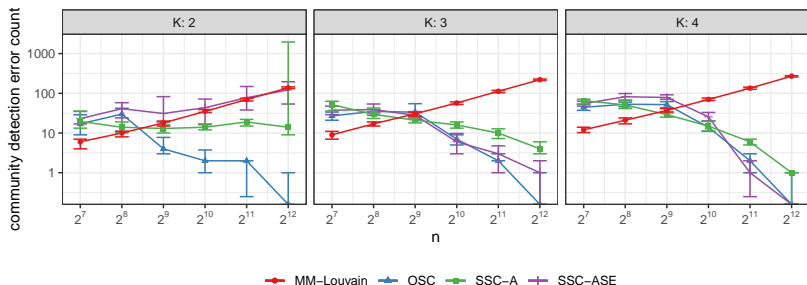
**Theorem (KTT):** Let  $\hat{B}$  with entries  $\hat{B}_{ij}$  be the affinity matrix from OSC. Then  $\forall$  pairs  $(i, j)$  belonging to different communities and sparsity factor satisfying  $n\rho_n = \omega((\log n)^{4c})$ ,  
$$\max_{i,j} \hat{B}_{ij} = O_P\left(\frac{(\log n)^c}{\sqrt{n\rho_n}}\right).$$

**Corollary:** OSC results in zero clustering error as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , with probability 1.

# Simulation Study

We compare four algorithms for community detection on randomly generated PABMs:

- Modularity Maximization (Sengupta and Chen) using the Louvain algorithm;
- Orthogonal Spectral Clustering (KTT);
- Sparse Subspace Clustering on the columns of  $A$  (Noorozi, Rimal, Pensky);
- Sparse Subspace Clustering on the ASE (KTT).





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