

The Graphical Nadaraya Watson Estimator on Latent Position Models

Summary

- ▶ We derive **sample complexities** and **generalization bounds** for a signal averaging estimator on graphs
- ▶ Analysis valid for general **Latent Position Models**

Notation

All random variables belong to a joint probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$

- ▶ $\mathbb{E}(F(X, X_1, \dots, X_n, X, U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n, \epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n))$ -expectation taken over every variable
- ▶ $\mathbb{E}_x(\cdot) = \mathbb{E}(\cdot | X = x)$ conditional expectation
- ▶ $d_n(x) = \mathbb{E}_x(\sum_{i=1}^n a(X, X_i))$ -local expected degree at $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- ▶ $b_n(f, x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\int f(z) k_n(x, z) p(z) dz}{\int k_n(x, z) p(z) dz} & \text{if } d_n(x) > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- ▶ $Q = \text{supp } p$

The GNW Estimator

$$\hat{f}_{GNW}(X) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i a(X, X_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n a(X, X_i)} & \text{if } \sum a(X, X_i) \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

- ▶ How does $\mathbb{E}_x(\hat{f}_{GNW}(X) - b_n(f, X))^2$ depend on $d_n(x)$?
- ▶ For **convolutional kernels** and **smooth signals**, how does $\mathbb{E}(\hat{f}_{GNW}(X) - f(X))^2$ depend on the bandwidth h_n ?

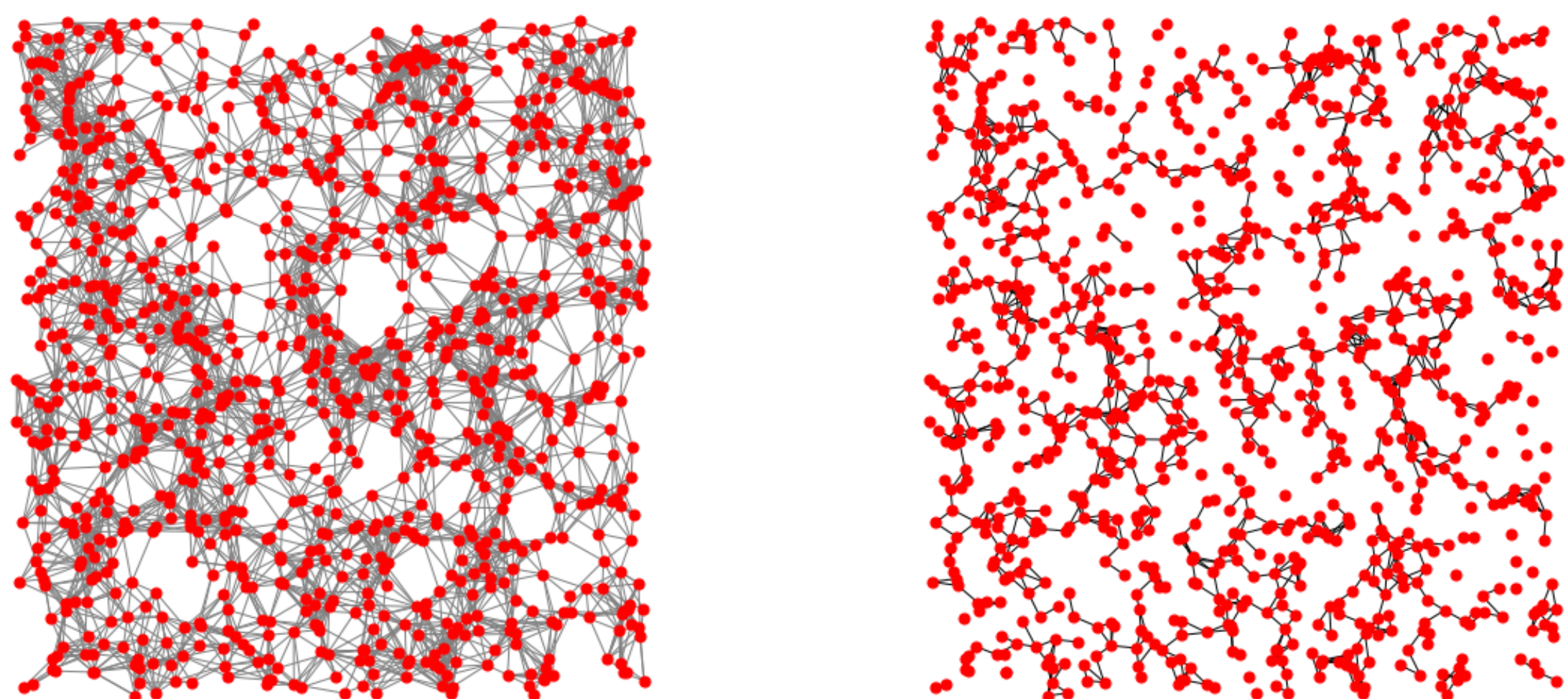


Figure: Left- Graph with $\sim \log n$ average degree, Right- Graph with $\sim \log(\log(n))$ average degree

MISE bound for convolutional kernels

Convolutional kernels $k_n(x, z) = K(\frac{x-z}{h_n})$ with $K: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $h_n > 0$. Going from $\mathbb{E}_x(\cdot)$ to $\mathbb{E}(\cdot)$:

- ▶ Bounds on $|b_n(f, x) - f(x)|$ (the **bias** term)
- ▶ Asymptotically $d_n(x) \sim nh_n^d p(x)$ (**Lebesgue Density theorem**)

Nonasimptotically, the following holds:

- ▶ K compactly supported
- ▶ $p(x) \geq p_0 > 0$ on Q and Q satisfies **interior cone condition**
- ▶ f is α Hölder continuous on Q

then for sufficiently small bandwidths h_n

$$\mathbb{E}(\hat{f}_{GNW}(X) - f(X))^2 \leq C_1(\alpha) h_n^\alpha + \frac{C(B, \sigma)}{nh_n^d}$$

Framework

Latent Position Models:

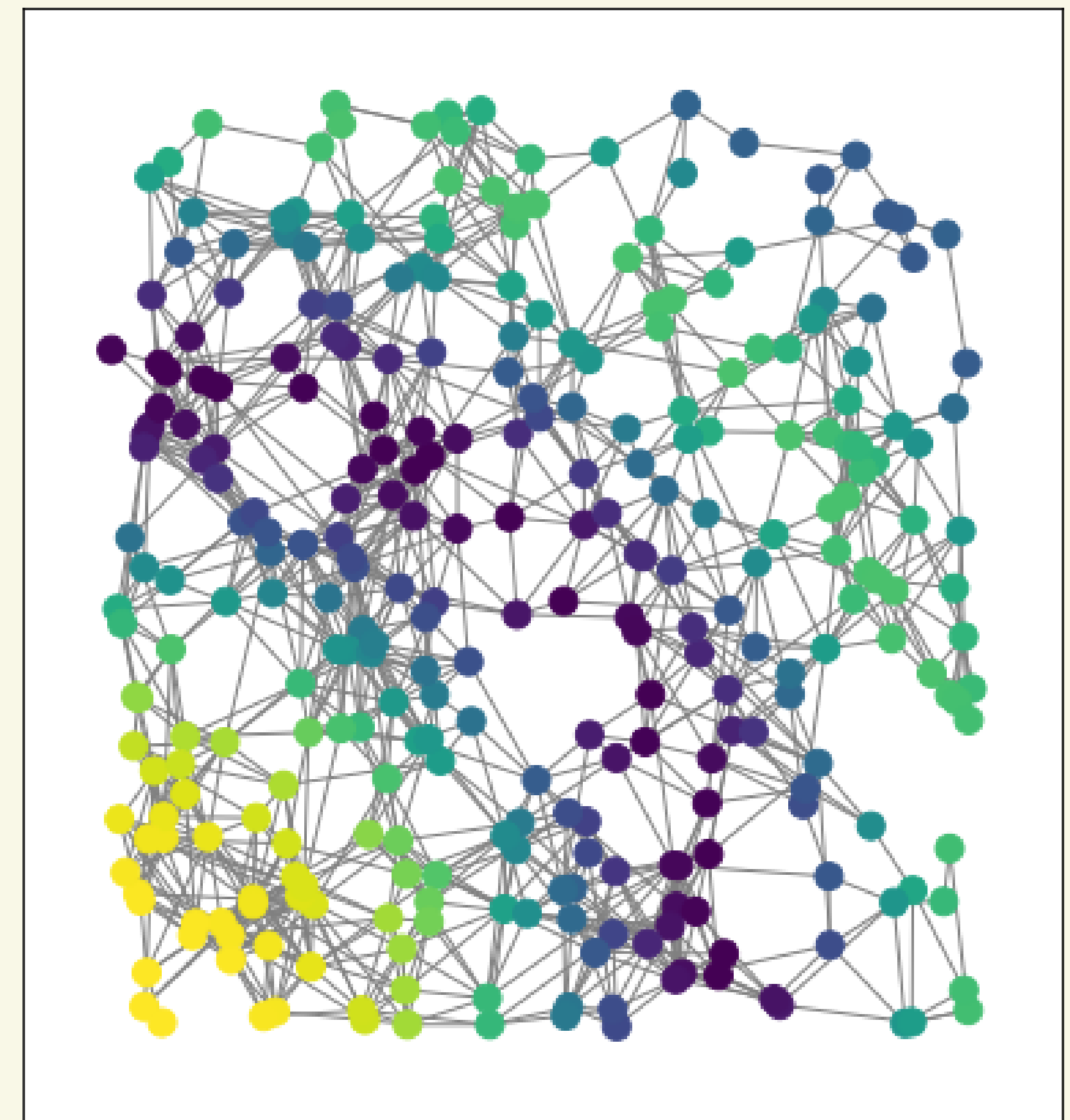
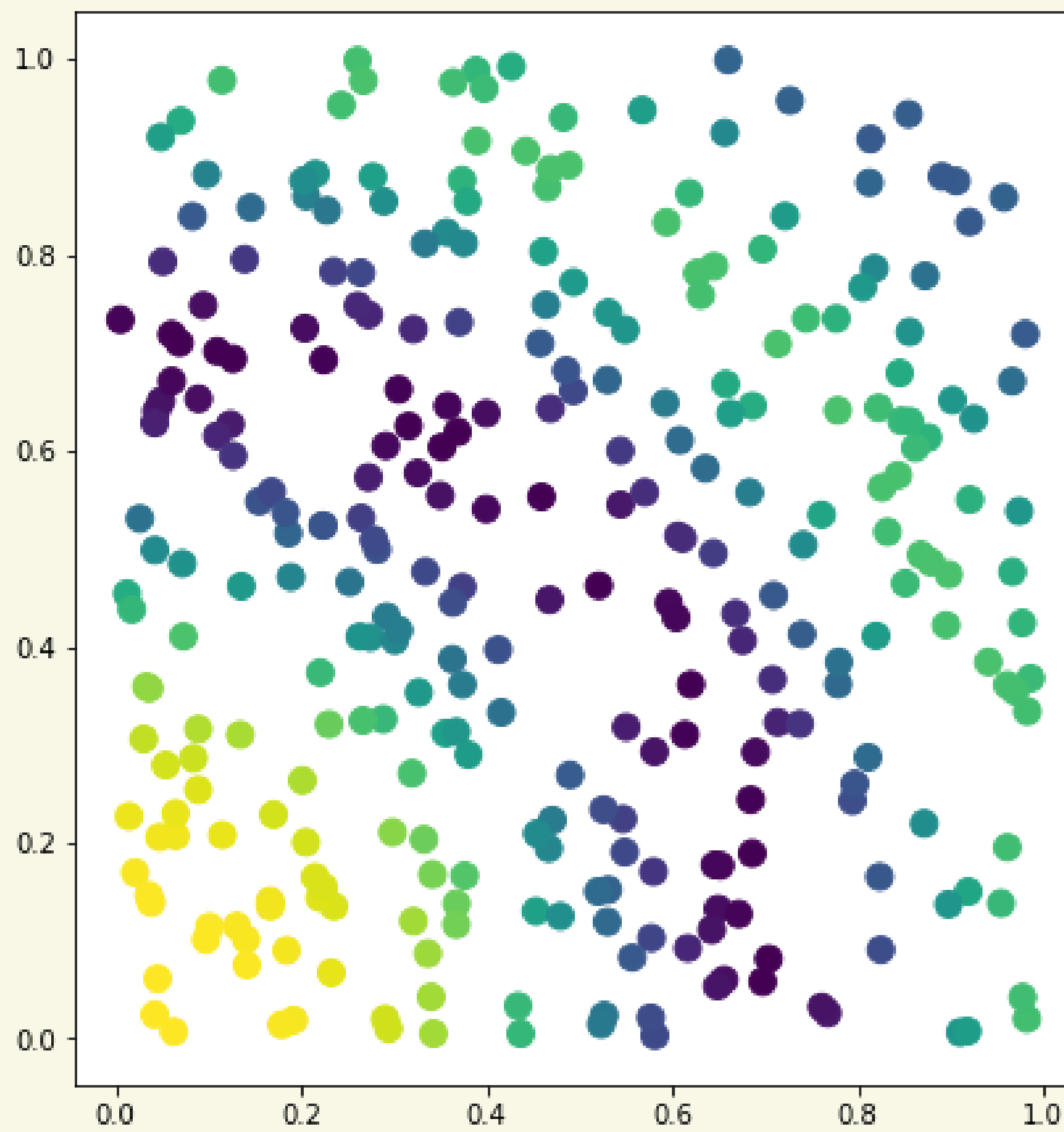


Figure: Left- latent positions, Right - Latent Graph Random Graph

- ▶ X_1, \dots, X_n, X i.i.d. $\sim p$, p a density on \mathbb{R}^d **not observed**
- ▶ $k_n: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [0, 1]$ probability kernel
- ▶ $a(X_i, X_j) = \text{bern}(k_n(X_i, X_j)) = \mathbb{I}(k_n(X_i, X_j) \leq U_{i,j})$
- ▶ $Y_i - f(X_i) + \epsilon_i$, $\epsilon = (\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n)$ independent from (X_1, \dots, X_n) , $\mathbb{E}\epsilon_i = 0$, $\mathbb{E}\epsilon_i^2 = \sigma^2 < \infty$

Sharp Variance Bound

Suppose that $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is such that $\|f\|_\infty \leq B$ and $\mathbb{E}(\epsilon_1^2) = \sigma^2 > 0$. Then

$$\frac{\sigma^2(1 - e^{-d_n(x)})}{d_n(x)} \leq \mathbb{E}(\hat{f}_{GNW}(x) - b_n(f, x))^2 \leq \frac{C(B, \sigma^2)}{d_n(x)}$$

Proof Sketch - the Decoupling trick

Let $I \subseteq [n]$. Define^a

$$R_I(x) = \frac{1}{|I| + \sum_{j \notin I} a(x, X_j)}$$

For all pairs of **disjoint** subsets $I, J \subseteq [n]$ we have

$$R_J(x) \prod_{i \in I} a(x, X_i) = R_{I \cup J}(x) \prod_{i \in I} a(x, X_i)$$

and $R_{I \cup J}(x)$ is **independent** from $\{a(x, X_i) | i \in I\}$.

- ▶ "Linearized" representation $\hat{f}_{GNW}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i a(x, X_i) R_i(x)$
- ▶ Difficult computations become tractable e.g. $\mathbb{E}(\hat{f}_{GNW}(x)) = b_n(f, x)(1 - d_n(x)/n)^n$

Simulations

