Authors' response

Dear Dr. Javidi,

Thank you for your careful handling of our submission. We greatly appreciate the feedback from you and the reviewers, as well as your patience in receiving the revised version.

We have taken to heart the reviewer's comment that our paper "needs further substance" to justify publication. Our new manuscript is much expanded in comparison to our earlier submission, and we have now established new theory and algorithms to handle much more general weighted SBMs with possibly continuous weight distributions. We are excited about this new direction and believe our algorithm and the surrounding analysis indeed provides a novel and useful contribution to the community estimation literature.

Thank you for very much for facilitating our submission.

Sincerely,

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