

# Community Detection in Sparse Random Hypergraphs

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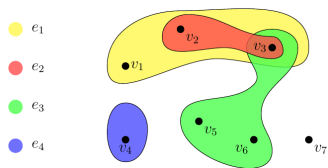
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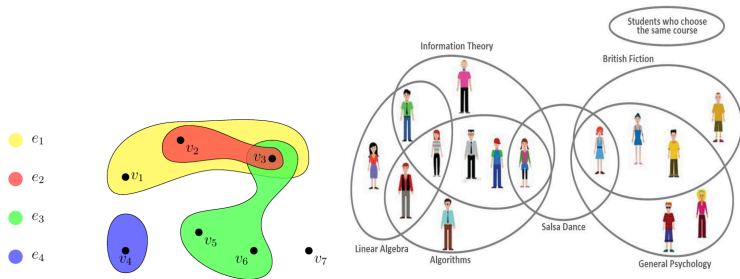
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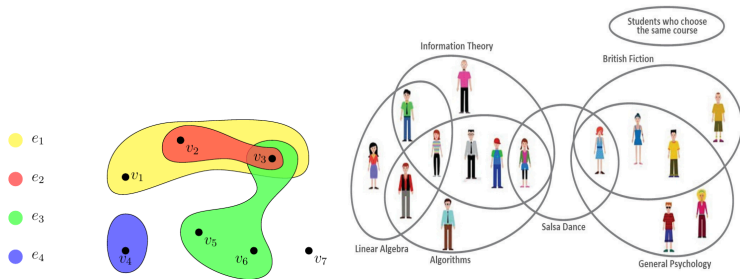
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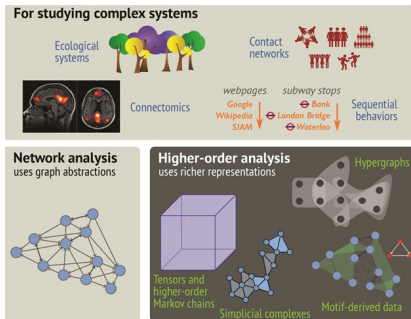
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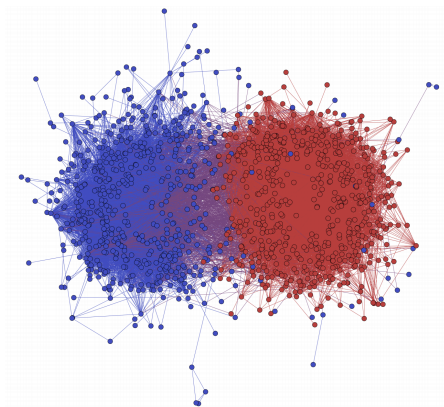
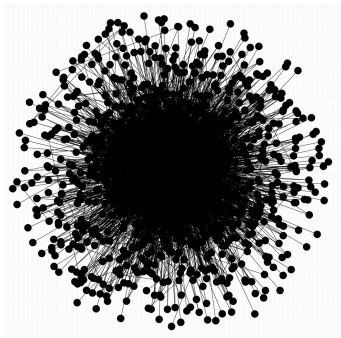
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Political blogs data from Adamic-Glance '05. Figure from Abbe '18



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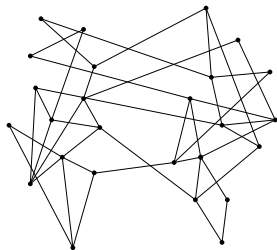
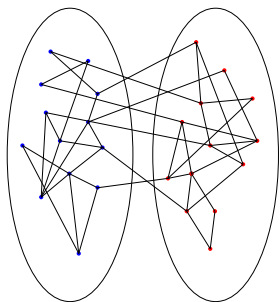
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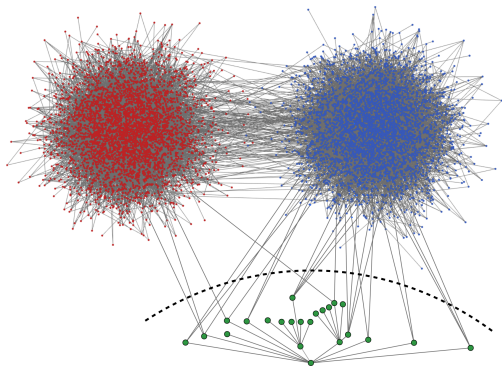
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Rich literature on SBMs in more general cases and different settings: survey by Abbe '18.



# Bounded expected degrees



Abbe et al. '18,  $a = 2.2$ ,  $b = 0.06$ ,  $n = 100000$ , apply spectral method directly on  $A$

When  $p = \frac{a}{n}$ ,  $q = \frac{b}{n}$ , top eigenvectors are localized on high degree vertices.

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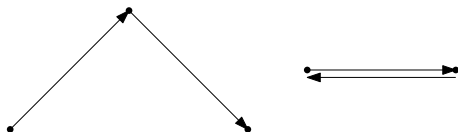
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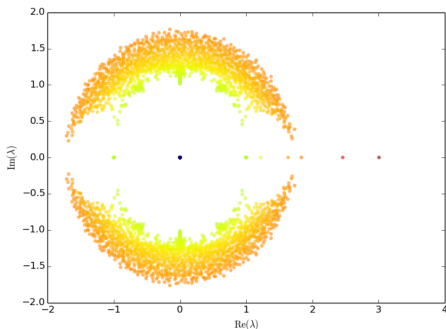
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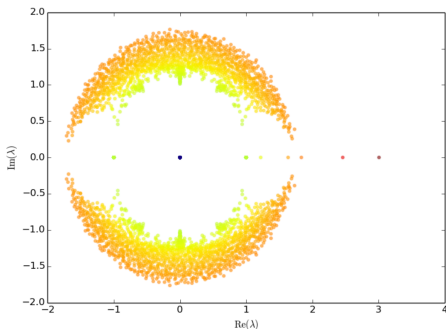


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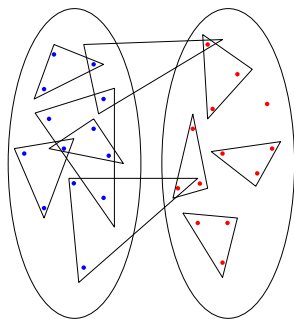
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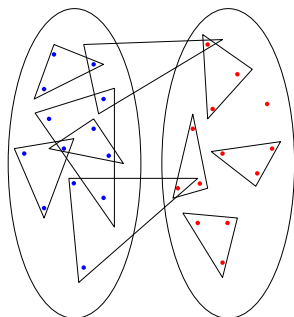


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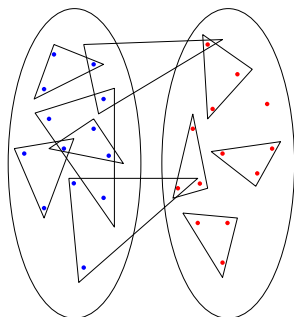
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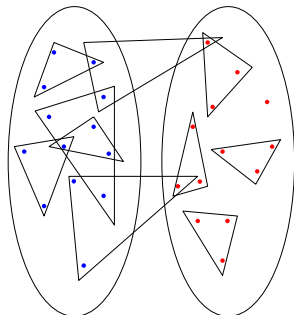
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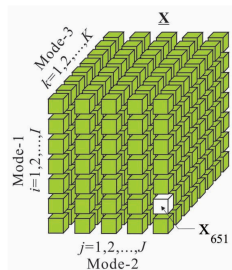
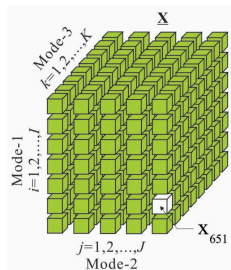


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Most tensor problems are NP-hard (Hillar-Lim '13): rank, spectral norm, best low-rank approximation, . . .

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Tucker decomposition: Ghoshdastidar-Dukkipat '17, Ke-Shi-Xia '20 for  $d = \omega(\log n)$ .

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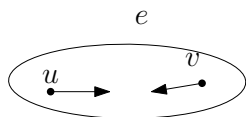
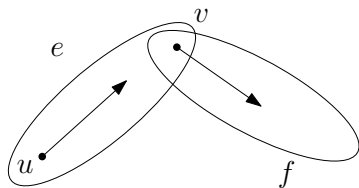
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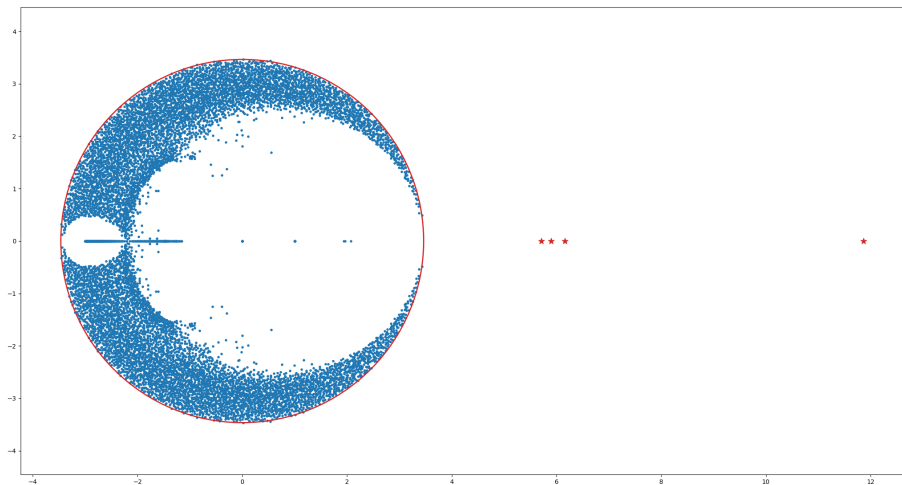
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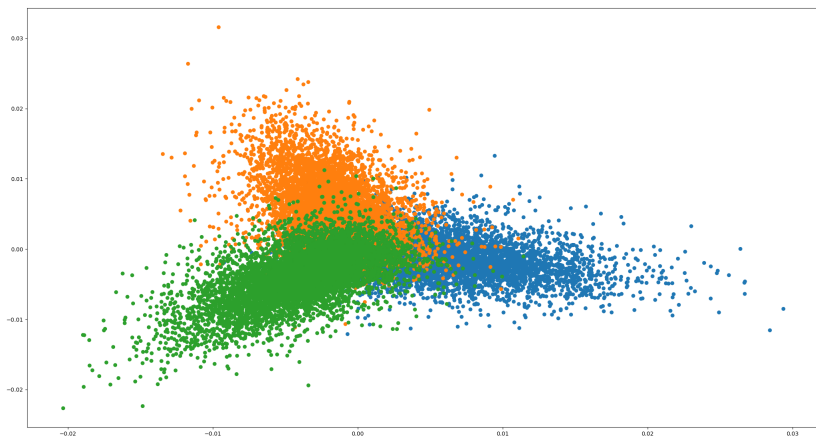
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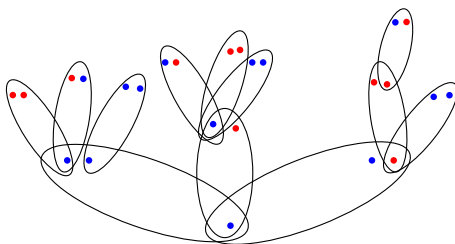
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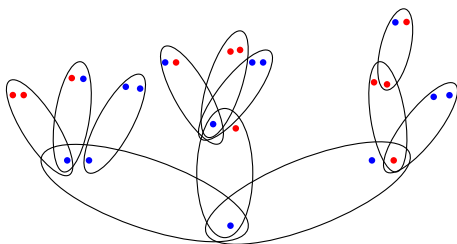


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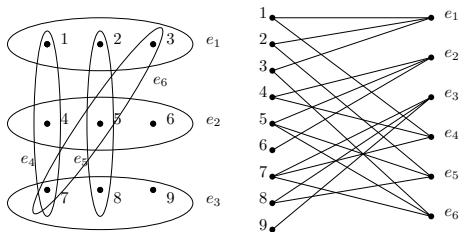
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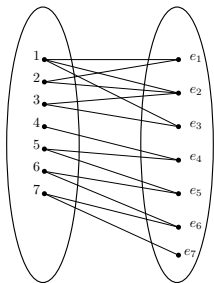
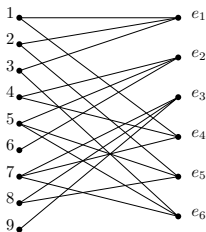
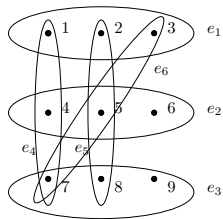


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