

# Link prediction in graphs

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## Goals of link prediction

- Understand, through a generative model, why different vertices are connected or not.
- Generalise these observations to the rest of the graph.

## Motivations

- In social networks<sup>1</sup>  
Shared interests, differences in artistic tastes or political opinion.
- In biological networks<sup>2</sup>  
Interactions between molecules or protein.

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1. Wasserman, Faust et al., *Social network analysis: Methods and applications*.

2. Madeira et Oliveira, "Biclustering algorithms for biological data analysis: a survey".

# A large span of frameworks for link prediction

## Supervised / Unsupervised ?

## Temporal aspect ?

- Yes : Finding missing links.
- No :
  - Links can be created and destroyed over time.
  - New nodes are entering the graph at each time step.<sup>3</sup>

**Topological-based link prediction ?** Do we have additional features on the nodes?<sup>4</sup>

## Parametric or Non-parametric model ?


## Global or Local<sup>5</sup> method ?

## Probabilistic / Geometric model ?

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3. Dunlavy, Kolda et Acar, "Temporal link prediction using matrix and tensor factorizations".

4. Wang, Satuluri et Parthasarathy, "Local probabilistic models for link prediction".

5. Liben-Nowell et Kleinberg, "The link-prediction problem for social networks". 

In this presentation, we will mainly be focused on

## Baldin et Berthet, “Optimal link prediction with matrix logistic regression”

which proposed a method which is

- Not temporal
- Supervised
- Global method
- Probabilistic and Parametric

**Motivation** Adapt usual high-dimensional methods to a model with two covariates (explanatory variables).

Beyond link prediction, this paper allows to study

- Information-Computational gaps.
- General method to establish computational lower bounds.
- Classical statistical and optimization tools : Establishing minimax convergence rate and convex relaxation.

1 Model and Assumptions

2 Penalised logistic loss

3 Performance of the penalised MLE

4 Computational lower bounds

## Section 1

# Model and Assumptions

We consider a graph  $G = ([n], E)$  with adjacency matrix  $Y \in \{0, 1\}^{n \times n}$  generated from the following **generative model**.

- An explanatory variable  $X_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is associated to each node  $i \in [n]$ .
- For some  $\Theta_* \in \mathbb{S}^d$ ,

$$\forall i \in [n], Y_{i,i} = 0 \text{ and } \forall i, j \in [n]^2, i \neq j, Y_{i,j} \sim \mathcal{B}(\pi_{i,j}(\Theta_*)),$$

where

$$\pi_{i,j} : \mathbb{S}^d \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

$$\Theta \mapsto \mathbb{P}((i, j) \in E) = \sigma(X_i^\top \Theta_* X_j) = \left(1 + \exp(-X_i^\top \Theta_* X_j)\right)^{-1}$$

## Observations

- For all  $(i, j) \in \Omega$ ,  $Y_{i,j}$  is observed.
- All the explanatory variables  $(X_i)_i$  are known.

# Comparison with other models

Reformulation as a classical logistic regression problem using

$$X_i^\top \Theta_* X_j = \text{Tr}(X_j X_i^\top \Theta_*) = \langle \text{vec}(X_j X_i^\top), \text{vec}(\Theta_*) \rangle.$$

- **Generalised linear model.**
- **Graphon model** with known explanatory variables.

- **Trace regression models.**

The model is  $Y = \text{Tr}(\Theta_*^\top Z) + \epsilon$  with  $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2}$  is a matrix of explanatory variables,  $\Theta_* \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2}$  is the matrix of regression coefficients,  $Y \in \mathbb{R}$  is the response and  $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$  is the noise.

- **Metric learning.**

Observations depend on an unknown geometric representation  $V_1, \dots, V_n$  of the variables in a Euclidean space of low dimension. Based on noisy observations of  $\langle V_i, V_j \rangle$ , we want to recover  $(V_i)_i$ .

Taking  $X_i = e_i$  and  $\Theta_* = V^\top V$  gives  $\langle V_i, V_j \rangle = e_i^\top V^\top V e_j = X_i^\top \Theta_* X_j$ .



# Coping with the curse of dimensionality

**High-dimensional setting**  $d^2 \gg N = |\Omega|$ .

**Motivation of the structural assumptions**

$$\Theta_* = \sum_{l=1}^R \lambda_l u_l u_l^\top$$

The **affinity**  $\Sigma_{i,j} := X_i^\top \Theta_* X_j$  between vertices  $i$  and  $j$  is therefore only a function of the projections of  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  along the axes  $u_l$  i.e

$$\Sigma_{i,j} = \sum_{l=1}^R \lambda_l (u_l^\top X_i)(u_l^\top X_j).$$

Prior	Assumption
Only a few of the directions $u_l$ have non-zero impact on the affinity	$\Theta_*$ is low-rank
Only few relevant coefficients of $X_i$ and $X_j$ influence the affinity	Sparsity on the $u_l$ $\Leftrightarrow$ Block-sparsity on $\Theta_*$

# Block-sparse matrix logistic regression

Notations For any  $p, q \in [0, \infty)$  and any  $B \in \mathbb{S}^d$ ,

$$\|B\|_{p,q} = \|(\|B_{1,*}\|_p, \dots, \|B_{d,*}\|_p)\|_q,$$

where  $B_{i,*}$  is the  $i$ -th row of  $B$ .

$$\forall B \in \mathbb{S}^n, \quad \|B\|_{F,\Omega}^2 := \sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} B_{i,j}^2.$$

For any  $k, r \in [d]$  (with  $r \leq k$ ),

$$\mathcal{P}_{k,r}(M) = \{\Theta \in \mathbb{S}^d : \|\Theta\|_{1,1} < M, \|\Theta\|_{0,0} \leq k, \text{ and } \text{rank}(\Theta) \leq r\}$$

$\|\cdot\|_{1,1}$  is the element wise  $l^1$  norm on  $\mathbb{S}^d$ .

$\|\cdot\|_{0,0}$  counts the number of selected variables.

# Recovering $\Theta_*$ from affinities

## Block isometry property

For a matrix  $\mathbb{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$  and an integer  $s \in [d]$ , we define  $\Delta_{\Omega,s}(\mathbb{X}) \in (0, 1)$  as the smallest positive real such that

$$N(1 - \Delta_{\Omega,s}(\mathbb{X})) \|B\|_F^2 \leq \|\mathbb{X}^\top B \mathbb{X}\|_{F,\Omega}^2 \leq N(1 + \Delta_{\Omega,s}(\mathbb{X})) \|B\|_F^2,$$

for all matrices  $B \in \mathbb{S}^d$  that satisfy the block-sparsity assumption  $\|B\|_{0,0} \leq s$ .

The Block isometry property guarantees that the matrix  $\Theta_*$  can be recovered from observations of the affinities  $\Sigma_{i,j}$ .

# Block VS Restricted isometry property

## Restricted isometry property

For a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$  and an integer  $s \in [p]$ ,  $\delta_s(A) \in (0, 1)$  is the smallest positive real such that

$$n(1 - \delta_s(A)) \|v\|_2^2 \leq \|Av\|_2^2 \leq n(1 + \delta_s(A)) \|v\|_2^2,$$

for all  $s$ -sparse vectors, i.e. satisfying  $\|v\|_0 \leq s$ .

When  $p = d^2$ , we define  $\delta_{\mathcal{B},s}(A)$  as the smallest positive real such that

$$n(1 - \delta_{\mathcal{B},s}(A)) \|v\|_2^2 \leq \|Av\|_2^2 \leq n(1 + \delta_{\mathcal{B},s}(A)) \|v\|_2^2,$$

for all vectors such that  $v = \text{vec}(B)$ , where  $B$  satisfies the block-sparsity assumption  $\|B\|_{0,0} \leq s$ .

For a matrix  $\mathbb{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ , let  $\mathbb{D}_\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times d^2}$  be defined row-wise by  $\mathbb{D}_\Omega(i, j) = \text{vec}(X_j X_i^T)$  for all  $(i, j) \in \Omega$ . It holds that

$$\Delta_{\Omega,s}(\mathbb{X}) = \delta_{\mathcal{B},s}(\mathbb{D}_\Omega).$$

# Recovering the affinities from the $\pi_{i,j}$

We do not directly observe the  $\Sigma_{i,j}$ , but their image through  $\sigma$ . A condition is necessary to ensure that the affinities can be recovered from the observed edges.

## Identifiability Condition (IC)

There exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that for all  $\Theta$  in the class  $\mathcal{P}_{d,d}(M)$  we have  $\max_{(i,j) \in \Omega} |X_i^\top \Theta X_j| < M$ .

Under (IC),

$$\forall (i,j) \in \Omega, \quad \inf_{\Theta \in \mathcal{P}_{d,d}(M)} \sigma'(X_i^\top \Theta X_j) \geq \mathcal{L}(M) > 0,$$

where  $\mathcal{L}(M) := \sigma'(M) = \sigma(M)(1 - \sigma(M))$ .

# Preliminaries

## Log-likelihood

$$l_Y(\Theta) = - \sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} \log \left( 1 + e^{(2Y_{i,j}-1)X_i^\top \Theta X_j} \right)$$

$-l_Y$  is a convex function of  $\Theta$ .

## Stochastic component of the likelihood

Denoting  $l : \Theta \mapsto \mathbb{E}_{\Theta_*} [l_Y(\Theta)]$ , it holds

$$\begin{aligned} l_Y(\Theta) - l(\Theta) &= \sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} (Y_{i,j} - \pi_{i,j}(\Theta_*)) X_i^\top \Theta X_j \\ &= \langle \mathcal{E}_\Omega, \mathbb{X}^\top \Theta \mathbb{X} \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{E}_\Omega = (Y_{i,j} - \pi_{i,j}(\Theta_*))_{(i,j) \in \Omega}$  with zeros on the complement  $\Omega^c$ .

$$\begin{aligned} l(\Theta) - l(\Theta_*) &= - \sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} \text{KL}(\pi_{i,j}(\Theta_*), \pi_{i,j}(\Theta)) \\ &= -\text{KL}(\mathbb{P}_{\Theta_*}, \mathbb{P}_\Theta). \end{aligned}$$

## Section 2

# Penalised logistic loss

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$$\hat{\Theta} \in \arg \min_{\Theta \in \mathcal{P}_{d,d}(M)} \{-l_Y(\Theta) + p(\Theta)\}$$

with a penalty  $p$  defined by

$$p(\Theta) = g(\text{rank}(\Theta), \|\Theta\|_{0,0}) \text{ with } g(R, K) = cKR + cK \log\left(\frac{de}{K}\right),$$

where  $c > 0$  is a universal constant and to be specified further.

## Non-asymptotic upper bound

Assume the design matrix  $\mathbb{X}$  satisfies  $\max_{(i,j) \in \Omega} |X_i^\top \Theta_* X_j| < M$  for some  $M > 0$  and all  $\Theta_*$  in a given class. Then

$$\sup_{\Theta_* \in \mathcal{P}_{k,r}(M)} \frac{1}{N} \mathbb{E} [\text{KL}(\mathbb{P}_{\Theta_*}, \mathbb{P}_{\hat{\Theta}})] \leq C_1 \left\{ \frac{kr}{N} + \frac{k}{N} \log\left(\frac{de}{k}\right) \right\},$$

where  $C_1 > 3c$  is some universal constant for all  $k = 1, \dots, d$  and  $r = 1, \dots, k$ .



# Proof (1/2)

Let us recall that  $l(\Theta) = \mathbb{E}_{\Theta_*} [l_Y(\Theta)]$  and that

$$l(\Theta_*) - l(\Theta) = \sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} \text{KL}(\pi_{i,j}(\Theta_*), \pi_{i,j}(\Theta)).$$

It suffices to show

$$\sup_{\Theta_* \in \mathcal{P}_{k,r}(M)} \mathbb{P}_{\Theta_*} \left( \underbrace{l(\Theta_*) - l(\hat{\Theta}) + p(\hat{\Theta})}_{:= \tau^2(\hat{\Theta}, \Theta_*)} > 2p(\Theta_*) + R_t^2 \right) \leq e^{-cR_t}, \quad (*)$$

for any  $R_t > 0$  and some numeric constant  $c > 0$ . Indeed, then taking  $R_t^2 = p(\Theta_*)$ , it follows that  $l(\Theta_*) - l(\hat{\Theta}) \leq 3p(\Theta_*)$  uniformly for all  $\Theta_*$  in the considered class with probability at least  $1 - e^{-c\sqrt{p(\Theta_*)}}$ .

- On  $\{\tau^2(\hat{\Theta}, \Theta_*) \leq 2p(\Theta_*)\}$ ,  $(*)$  clearly holds.
- On  $\{\tau^2(\hat{\Theta}, \Theta_*) > 2p(\Theta_*)\}$

$$\langle \mathcal{E}_\Omega, \mathbb{X}^\top (\hat{\Theta} - \Theta_*) \mathbb{X} \rangle \geq l(\Theta_*) - l(\hat{\Theta}) + p(\hat{\Theta}) - p(\Theta_*) \geq \frac{1}{2} \tau^2(\hat{\Theta}, \Theta_*).$$

## Proof (2/2)

Therefore, for any  $\Theta_* \in \mathcal{P}_{k,r}(M)$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}_{\Theta_*}(\tau^2(\hat{\Theta}, \Theta_*) > 2\rho(\Theta_*) + R_t^2) \leq \mathbb{P}_{\Theta_*} \left( \sup_{\tau(\Theta, \Theta_*) \geq R_t} \frac{\langle \mathcal{E}_\Omega, \mathbb{X}^\top (\Theta - \Theta_*) \mathbb{X} \rangle}{\tau^2(\Theta, \Theta_*)} \geq \frac{1}{2} \right).$$

We apply the **peeling device** : we slice the set  $\tau(\Theta, \Theta_*) \geq R_t$  into pieces on which the penalty term  $\rho(\Theta)$  is fixed and the term  $l(\Theta_*) - l(\Theta)$  is bounded.

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P}_{\Theta_*} \left( \sup_{\tau(\Theta, \Theta_*) \geq R_t} \frac{\langle \mathcal{E}_\Omega, \mathbb{X}^\top (\Theta - \Theta_*) \mathbb{X} \rangle}{\tau^2(\Theta, \Theta_*)} \geq \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ & \leq \sum_{K=1}^d \sum_{R=1}^K \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}_{\Theta_*} \left( \sup_{\substack{\Theta : R_t \leq \tau(\Theta, \Theta_*) \leq 2^s R_t \\ \|\Theta\|_0 = k, \text{rank}(\Theta) = R}} \langle \mathcal{E}_\Omega, \mathbb{X}^\top (\Theta - \Theta_*) \mathbb{X} \rangle \geq \frac{1}{8} 2^{2s} R_t^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

To end the proof, we apply

- Bousquet's version of Talagrand's inequality.
- Dudley's entropy integral bound.

## Going from KL to $\Sigma$ and $\Theta$ .

Let us recall that  $l(\Theta) = \mathbb{E}_{\Theta_*} [l_Y(\Theta)]$  and that

$$l(\Theta_*) - l(\Theta) = \sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} \text{KL}(\pi_{i,j}(\Theta_*), \pi_{i,j}(\Theta)).$$

### Going from KL to $\Sigma$ .

Using  $\nabla l(\Theta_*) = 0$ , it holds using Taylor expansion,

$$\begin{aligned} l(\Theta_*) - l(\hat{\Theta}) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} \sigma'(X_i^\top \Theta_0 X_j) \langle\langle X_j X_i^\top, \Theta_* - \hat{\Theta} \rangle\rangle^2 \\ &\geq \frac{\mathcal{L}}{2} \sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} \langle\langle X_j X_i^\top, \Theta_* - \hat{\Theta} \rangle\rangle^2 \\ &= \frac{\mathcal{L}}{2} \|\mathbb{X}^\top (\Theta_* - \hat{\Theta}) \mathbb{X}\|_{F,\Omega}^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Theta_0 \in [\hat{\Theta}, \Theta_*]$  element-wise.

### Going from KL to $\Theta$ .

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}}{2} N(1 - \Delta_{\Omega,d}) \|\Theta_* - \hat{\Theta}\|_F^2 \leq \frac{\mathcal{L}}{2} \|\mathbb{X}^\top (\Theta_* - \hat{\Theta}) \mathbb{X}\|_{F,\Omega}^2 \leq l(\Theta_*) - l(\hat{\Theta}).$$

# Prediction

Measure the prediction error of an estimator  $\hat{\Theta}$  by

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} (\pi_{i,j}(\hat{\Theta}) - \pi_{i,j}(\Theta_*))^2 \right],$$

which is controlled according to the following result using the smoothness of the logistic function  $\sigma$ .

## Solving link prediction

Under (IC),

$$\sup_{\Theta_* \in \mathcal{P}_{k,r}(M)} \frac{1}{2N} \mathbb{E} [\|\Sigma_* - \hat{\Sigma}\|_{F,\Omega}] \leq \frac{C_1}{\mathcal{L}(M)} \left( \frac{kr}{N} + \frac{k}{N} \log\left(\frac{de}{k}\right) \right),$$

with  $C_1 > 0$ .

## Section 3

# Performance of the penalised MLE

# Low-rank and block-sparse MLE

The rank-constrained maximum likelihood estimators with bounded block size is

$$\hat{\Theta}_{k,r} \in \arg \min_{\Theta \in \mathcal{P}_{k,r}} \{-l_Y(\Theta)\}.$$

## Non-asymptotic upper bound on the rate of estimation

Assume the design matrix  $\mathbb{X}$  satisfies the block isometry property and  $\max_{(i,j) \in \Omega} |X_i^\top \Theta_* X_j| < M$  for some  $M > 0$  and all  $\Theta_*$  in a given class. Then for the maximum likelihood estimator  $\hat{\Theta}_{k,r}$ ,

$$\sup_{\Theta_* \in \mathcal{P}_{k,r}(M)} \mathbb{E} \left[ \|\hat{\Theta}_{k,r} - \Theta_*\|_F^2 \right] \leq \frac{C_2}{\mathcal{L}(M)(1 - \Delta_{\Omega,2k}(\mathbb{X}))} \left\{ \frac{kr}{N} + \frac{k}{N} \log\left(\frac{de}{k}\right) \right\},$$

for all  $k = 1, \dots, d$  and  $r = 1, \dots, k$  and some constant  $C_2 > 0$ .

# Lower bounds

## Minimax lower bound

Let the design matrix  $\mathbb{X}$  satisfy the block isometry property. Then for estimating  $\Theta_* \in \mathcal{P}_{k,r}(M)$  in the matrix logistic regression model, the following lower bound on the rate of estimation holds

$$\inf_{\hat{\Theta}} \sup_{\Theta_* \in \mathcal{P}_{k,r}(M)} \mathbb{E} \left[ \|\hat{\Theta} - \Theta_*\|_F^2 \right] \geq \frac{C_3}{(1 + \Delta_{\Omega, 2k}(\mathbb{X}))} \left( \frac{kr}{N} + \frac{k}{N} \log\left(\frac{de}{k}\right) \right),$$

where the constant  $C_3 > 0$  is independent of  $d, k, r$  and the infimum extends overall estimators  $\hat{\Theta}$ .

The penalised maximum likelihood approach attains the minimax rate of estimation over simultaneously block-sparse and low-rank matrices.

# Sparse matrix logistic regression

For any  $k, r \in [d]$ ,

$$\hat{\Theta}_{Lasso} \in \arg \min_{\Theta \in \mathbb{S}^d} \{-l_Y(\Theta) + \lambda \|\Theta\|_{1,1}\},$$

with  $\lambda > 0$  to be chosen further, which is equivalent to the logistic Lasso on  $\text{vec}(\Theta)$ .

## Theorem

Assume the design matrix  $\mathbb{X}$  satisfies the block isometry property and  $\max_{(i,j) \in \Omega} |X_i^\top \Theta X_j| < M$  for some  $M > 0$  and all  $\Theta_*$  in a given class. Then for  $\lambda = C_4 \sqrt{\log d}$ , where  $C_4 > 0$  is an appropriate universal constant,

$$\sup_{\Theta_* \in \mathcal{P}_{k,r}(M)} \mathbb{E} \left[ \|\hat{\Theta}_{Lasso} - \Theta_*\|_F^2 \right] \leq \frac{C_5}{\mathcal{L}(M)(1 - \Delta_{\Omega,2k}(\mathbb{X}))} \frac{k^2}{N} \log d,$$

for all  $k = 1, \dots, d$  and  $r = 1, \dots, k$  and some universal constant  $C_5 > 0$ .



## Section 4

# Computational lower bounds

# The Planted Clique problem

Computational lower bound It is the fastest rate of estimation attained by a (randomised) polynomial-time algorithm in the worst-case scenario.

**Idea** : Detecting a subspace of  $\mathcal{P}_{k,r}$  can be computationally as hard as solving the dense subgraph detection problem.

## The Planted Clique problem

- $G(n, 1/2)$  is the distribution of Erdos Renyi graphs
- $G(n, 1/2, k, q)$  is the distribution of graphs constructed by
  - first picking  $k$  vertices independently at random.
  - connecting all edges in-between with probability  $q \in (1/2, 1]$ .
  - then joining each remaining pair of distinct vertices by an edge independently at random with probability  $1/2$ .

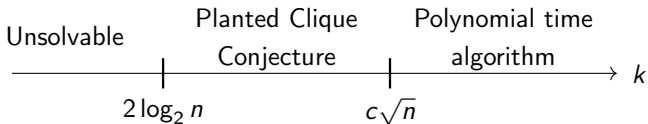
Planted clique problem refers to the hypothesis testing problem of

$$\mathbb{H}_0 : A \sim G(n, 1/2) \quad \mathbb{H}_1 : A \sim G(n, 1/2, k, 1).$$

based on observing a random graph  $A$  drawn from either  $G(n, 1/2)$  or  $G(n, 1/2, k, 1)$ .

# Dense subgraph detection

## Planted Clique problem



## Extension to the dense subgraph detection problem

$$\mathbb{H}_0 : A \sim G(n, 1/2) \text{ vs } \mathbb{H}_1 : A \sim G(n, 1/2, k, q), \quad q \in (1/2, 1].$$

### The dense subgraph detection conjecture (DSD Conjecture)

For any sequence  $k = k_n$  such that  $k \leq n^\beta$  for some  $0 < \beta < 1/2$ , and any  $q \in (1/2, 1]$ , there is no (randomised) polynomial-time algorithm that can correctly identify the dense subgraph with probability tending to 1 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , i.e. for any sequence of (randomised) polynomial-time tests  $(\psi_n : \mathbb{G}_n \rightarrow \{0, 1\})_n$ , we have

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{ \mathbb{P}_0(\psi_n(A) = 1) + \mathbb{P}_1(\psi_n(A) = 0) \} \geq 1/3.$$

# Reduction to the dense subgraph detection problem

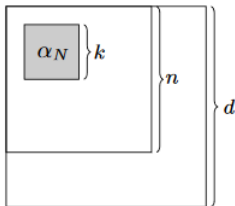
Sampling from  $G(n, 1/2) \Leftrightarrow \Theta_0 = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$

Sampling from  $G(n, 1/2, k, q)$  ?

We consider

- $N = |\Omega| = \binom{n}{2}$ .
- $\forall i \in [n], X_i = N^{1/4} e_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .
- $\alpha_N = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{N}}$  for some  $\alpha > 0$ .

$$\mathcal{G}_k^{\alpha N} \ni \Theta =$$



$$\mathcal{G}_k^{\alpha N} := \left\{ \Theta \in \mathcal{P}_{k,1}(M) : \exists S \in \mathcal{S}_k([n]) \text{ s.t. } \Theta_{i,j} = \begin{cases} \alpha_N & \text{if } i, j \in S \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \right\}.$$

Then for any  $\Theta \in \mathcal{G}_k^{\alpha N}$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}((i, j) \in E | X_i, X_j) = \left(1 + e^{-X_i^\top \Theta X_j}\right)^{-1} = \begin{cases} (1 + e^{-\alpha})^{-1} & \text{if } \Theta_{i,j} = \alpha_N \\ 1/2 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}.$$

The testing problem

$$\mathbb{H}_0 : Y \sim \mathbb{P}_{\Theta_0} \quad \text{vs} \quad \mathbb{H}_1 : Y \sim \mathbb{P}_{\Theta}, \Theta \in \mathcal{G}_k^{\alpha N}.$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

The dense subgraph detection problem with  $q = (1 + e^{-\alpha})^{-1}$ .

### Computational lower bound of order $k^2/N$

Let  $\mathcal{F}_k$  be any class of matrices containing  $\mathcal{G}_k^{\alpha N} \cup \{\Theta_0\}$ . Let  $c > 0$  and  $f(k, d, N)$  with  $f(k, d, N) \leq ck^2/N$  for  $k = k_n < n^\beta$ ,  $0 < \beta < 1/2$  and a sequence  $d = d_n$ , for all  $n > m_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ .

If (DSD Conjecture) holds, for some design  $\mathbb{X}$  that fulfils the block isometry property, for any estimator  $\hat{\Theta}$ , computable in polynomial time, there exists a sequence  $(k, d, N) = (k_n, d_n, N)$ , such that

$$\frac{1}{f(k, d, N)} \sup_{\Theta_* \in \mathcal{F}_k} \mathbb{E} \left[ \|\hat{\Theta} - \Theta_*\|_F^2 \right] \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Let's sketch the proof!

## Proof of the computational lower bound (1/2)

We here provide a proof of the computational lower bound on the prediction error. Assume that there exists a hypothetical estimator  $\hat{\Theta}$  computable in polynomial time such that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{f(k, d, N)} \sup_{\Theta_* \in \mathcal{F}_k} \frac{1}{N} \mathbb{E} \left[ \|\mathbb{X}^\top (\hat{\Theta} - \Theta_*) \mathbb{X}\|_{F, \Omega}^2 \right] \leq b < \infty,$$

for all sequences  $(k, d, N) = (k_n, d_n, N)$  and a constant  $b$ . Then by Markov's inequality, we have

$$\frac{1}{N} \|\mathbb{X}^\top (\hat{\Theta} - \Theta_*) \mathbb{X}\|_{F, \Omega}^2 \leq uf(k, d, N),$$

for some numeric constant  $u > 0$  with probability  $1 - b/u$  for all  $\Theta_* \in \mathcal{F}_k$ . Following the reduction scheme, we consider the design vectors  $X_i = N^{1/4} e_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and the subset of edges  $\Omega$ , such that

$$\frac{1}{N} \|\mathbb{X}^\top (\hat{\Theta} - \Theta_*) \mathbb{X}\|_{F, \Omega}^2 = \sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} (\hat{\Theta}_{i,j} - (\Theta_*)_{i,j})^2 = \|\hat{\Theta} - \Theta_*\|_{F, \Omega}^2,$$

for any  $\Theta_* \in \mathcal{G}_{\alpha_N k}$ .

# Proof of the computational lower bound (2/2)

Thus, in order to separate the hypotheses

$$\mathbb{H}_0 : Y \sim \mathbb{P}_0 \text{ vs. } \mathbb{H}_1 : Y \sim \mathbb{P}_\Theta, \Theta \in \mathcal{G}_k^{\alpha N},$$

it is natural to employ the following test

$$\psi(Y) = \mathbb{1} \left\{ \|\hat{\Theta}\|_{F,\Omega} \geq \tau_{d,k}(u) \right\},$$

where  $\tau_{d,k}^2(u) = uf(k, d, N)$ . The type *I* error of this test is controlled automatically :  $\mathbb{P}_0(\psi = 1) \leq b/u$ . For the type *II* error,

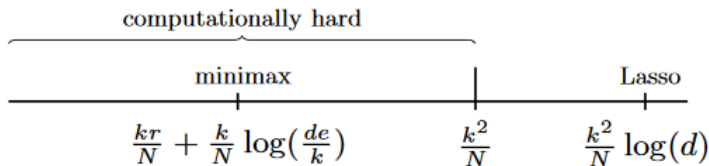
$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\Theta \in \mathcal{G}_k^{\alpha N}} \mathbb{P}_\Theta(\psi = 0) &= \sup_{\Theta \in \mathcal{G}_k^{\alpha N}} \mathbb{P}_\Theta(\|\hat{\Theta}\|_{F,\Omega} < \tau_{d,k}(u)) \\ &\leq \sup_{\Theta \in \mathcal{G}_k^{\alpha N}} \mathbb{P}_\Theta(\|\hat{\Theta} - \Theta\|_{F,\Omega} > \|\Theta\|_{F,\Omega} - \tau_{d,k}(u)) \\ &\leq b/u, \end{aligned}$$

provided  $k^2 \alpha_N^2 \geq 4\tau_{d,k}^2(u) = 4uf(k, d, N)$  which holds if  $\alpha^2 \geq 4uc$ . Hence,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \mathbb{P}_0(\psi(Y) = 1) + \sup_{\Theta \in \mathcal{G}_k^{\alpha N}} \mathbb{P}_\Theta(\psi(Y) = 0) \right\} \leq 2b/u < 1/3.$$

# Summary

**Statistical and computational trade-off in high-dimensional estimation.**



The computational gap is most noticeable for the matrices of rank 1.



# Conclusion

- The matrix logistic regression model is very natural to study the connection between **statistical accuracy** and **computational efficiency**.
- Block-sparsity is a **limiting model selection criterion** for polynomial-time estimation in the logistic regression model.
- With a larger parameter space, while the statistical rates might be worse, they might be closer to those that are computationally achievable.
- The logistic regression is also a representative of a **large class of generalised linear models**.

# Information-Computational gap : the example of the SBM

Let  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $p = (p_1, \dots, p_k)$  a probability vector and  $W \in S_k([0, 1])$ .

## Definition : SBM

$(X, G)$  is drawn under  $SBM(n, p, W)$  if :

- $X_u \sim p, \forall u \in [n]$ .
- $G_{u,v} \sim \mathcal{B}(W(X_u, X_v)), u, v \in [n], u \neq v$ .

## Definition : Agreement

Let  $x, y \in [k]^n$ .

$$A(x, y) = \max_{\pi \in S_k} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{x_u = \pi(y_u)}.$$

**Exact Recovery** :  $\mathbb{P}(A(X, \hat{X}) = 1) = 1 - o(1)$ .

→ No IC gap.

# Information-Computational gap : the example of the SBM

## Definition : Weak recovery

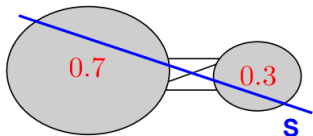
WR requires us to separate at least two communities.

Weak recovery is solvable in  $SBM(n, p, W)$  if :

$\exists \epsilon > 0, i, j \in [k]$ , and an algo returning a partition  $(S, S^c)$  of  $[n]$  s.t.

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \frac{|\Omega_i \cap S|}{|\Omega_i|} - \frac{|\Omega_j \cap S|}{|\Omega_j|} \geq \epsilon \right) = 1 - o(1),$$

where  $|\Omega_i| = \{u \in [n] : X_u = i\}$ .



→ No IC gap for  $k = 2$  and the conjecture from Decelle and al. states that there is an IT gap for  $k \geq 3$ .