# Community detection on multilayer hypergraphs using the aggregate similarity matrix 

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0 & p_{e}^{(m)}=p_{\tau(e)}^{(m)}
\end{array}\right.
\end{gathered}
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Homogeneous: $\alpha_{\boldsymbol{\tau}}=\alpha$ if $\boldsymbol{\tau} \in\{(d, 0),(0, d)\}$; else $\alpha_{\boldsymbol{\tau}}=\beta$.
Gaudio, J. and Joshi, N., 2022. Community detection in the hypergraph sbm: Optimal recovery given the similarity matrix. arXiv preprint arXiv:2208.12227.

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- Each layer could be either assortative or disassortative.
- Define assortativity

$$
\xi:=\sum_{m=1}^{M} \sum_{r=0}^{d-1}\binom{d-1}{r}(d-1-2 r) \alpha_{(r, d-r)}^{(m)} .
$$

- Assortative: $\xi>0$ and Disassortative: $\xi<0$.
- For $d=5, \quad \xi=4 \alpha_{(0,5)}+4 \alpha_{(1,4)}-8 \alpha_{(2,3)}$.

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Recover communities while maintaining privacy.

Similarity matrix



Data: $(\sigma, \mathbf{A}) \sim \operatorname{HSBM}\left(N, M, d,\left(\alpha_{\tau}^{(m)}\right)\right)$
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Want to find an estimate $\hat{\sigma}^{(N)}$ of $\boldsymbol{\sigma}\left(\equiv \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(N)}\right)$ that exactly recovers the communities,

$$
\lim _{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}\left(\hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}^{(N)} \in\left\{ \pm \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(N)}\right\}\right)=1
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## A first approach

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- SDP relaxation ${ }^{1}$ :

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\begin{align*}
& \text { maximize } \sum_{1 \leq i<j \leq N} W_{i j} X_{i j} \\
& \text { subject to } \sum_{1 \leq i<j \leq N} X_{i j}=0,  \tag{2}\\
& X_{i i}=1 \text { for all } i \in[N] \\
& \mathbf{X} \succeq 0 .
\end{align*}
$$

- Any solution $\mathbf{x}$ of (1) is a solution of (2) by taking $\mathbf{X}=\mathrm{xx}^{\top}$.

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## Algorithm and main result

Step 1
Given $s \in\{ \pm 1\}$ and $\mathbf{W}$, solve:

$$
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## Theorem

Suppose $(\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \mathbf{A}) \sim \operatorname{HSBM}\left(N, M, d,\left(\alpha_{\tau}^{(m)}\right)\right)$, and let $\mathbf{W}$ be the aggregate similarity matrix of $\mathbf{A}$. When $I>1$, the above algorithm with $\mathbf{W}$ and $s=\operatorname{sgn}(\xi)$ as inputs, exactly recovers $\sigma$.

$$
I=\sup _{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{m=1}^{M} \sum_{r=0}^{d-1} 2^{-(d-1)}\binom{d-1}{r} \alpha_{(r, d-r)}^{(m)}\left(1-e^{-\lambda(d-1-2 r)}\right)
$$

## Dual formulation

Primal problem:

$$
\begin{array}{rlll}
\max & \sum_{1 \leq i<j \leq N} W_{i j} X_{i j} & \min & \left\langle\mathbf{W}^{\prime}, \mathbf{X}\right\rangle \\
\text { subject to } & X_{i i}=1, \forall i \in[N] \equiv \text { subject to } & \left\langle\mathbf{A}_{i}, \mathbf{X}\right\rangle=1, \forall i \in[N] \\
& \langle\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{J}\rangle=0, \\
& \left\langle\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{1 1}^{T}\right\rangle=0, & & -\mathbf{X} \preceq 0 . \\
\mathbf{X} \succeq 0 . & &
\end{array}
$$

where

$$
\left(\mathbf{A}_{i}\right)_{j k}=0 \text { for } j \neq k, \text { and }\left(\mathbf{A}_{i}\right)_{j j}= \begin{cases}1 & i=j \\ 0 & i \neq j\end{cases}
$$

Lagrangian:

$$
\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{S}, \nu, \boldsymbol{d})=\left\langle\mathbf{W}^{\prime}, \mathbf{X}\right\rangle-\langle\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{X}\rangle+\nu\langle\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{J}\rangle+\sum_{i=1}^{N} d_{i}\left(\left\langle\mathbf{A}_{i}, \mathbf{X}\right\rangle-1\right) .
$$

where $\mathbf{S} \succeq 0$.

Dual objective:

$$
\begin{aligned}
g(\mathbf{S}, \nu, \boldsymbol{d}) & =\inf _{\mathbf{X}} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{S}, \nu, \boldsymbol{d}) \\
& =\inf _{\mathbf{X}}\left\langle\mathbf{W}^{\prime}-\mathbf{S}+\nu \mathbf{J}+\operatorname{diag}(\boldsymbol{d}), \mathbf{X}\right\rangle-\sum_{i=1}^{N} d_{i} \\
& =\inf _{\mathbf{X}}\left\langle\mathbf{W}^{\prime}-\mathbf{S}+\nu \mathbf{J}+\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{X}\right\rangle-\operatorname{trace}(\mathbf{D}) \\
& = \begin{cases}-\operatorname{trace}(\mathbf{D}) & \text { if } \mathbf{W}^{\prime}-\mathbf{S}+\nu \mathbf{J}+\mathbf{D}=0 \\
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Weak duality: Optimality
Let $X$ be primal feasible and $X^{*}=\sigma \sigma^{T}$. Then
$\langle\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{X}\rangle \leq \operatorname{trace}(\mathbf{D})$

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
=\langle\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{X}\rangle=\left\langle\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{X}^{*}\right\rangle & \left(\text { since } X_{i i}=X_{i i}^{*}=1\right) \\
=\left\langle\mathbf{W}+\mathbf{S}-\nu \mathbf{J}, \mathbf{X}^{*}\right\rangle=\left\langle\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{X}^{*}\right\rangle & \left(\text { since }\left\langle\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{X}^{*}\right\rangle=\sigma^{T}(S \boldsymbol{\sigma})=0\right)
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Strong duality: Uniqueness
Let $\tilde{X}$ be an optimal solution and $X^{*}=\boldsymbol{\sigma} \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\top}$. Then

$$
\begin{array}{rlr}
\langle\mathbf{S}, \tilde{\mathbf{X}}\rangle & =\langle\mathbf{D}+\mathbf{J}-\mathbf{W}, \tilde{\mathbf{X}}\rangle=\langle\mathbf{D}-\mathbf{W}, \tilde{\mathbf{X}}\rangle \\
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\end{array}
$$

Since $\mathbf{S} \succeq 0$ and $\lambda_{N-1}>0$, the $\operatorname{Null}(\mathbf{S})$ is spanned by $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ only. $\tilde{\mathbf{X}} \succeq 0$ now implies that it should be a multiple of $\sigma \sigma^{\top}$ as well.

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Taking

$$
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$$

easy to verify $\mathbf{S} \boldsymbol{\sigma}=0$. Suffices to show

$$
\mathbb{P}\left(\inf _{x \perp \sigma:\|x\|_{2}=1} x^{\top} S x>0\right)=1-o(1)
$$

## Lemma

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## Proposition

Let $I>1$. Then there exists a constant $\epsilon>0$ dependent on model parameters such that for all $i \in[N]$,

$$
\mathbb{P}\left(D_{i i}>\epsilon \log N\right) \geq 1-o\left(N^{-1}\right)
$$

## Proposition

There exists a constant $C$ such that

$$
\mathbb{P}\left(\|\mathbf{W}-\mathbb{E} \mathbf{W}\|_{2} \leq C M \sqrt{\log N}\right) \geq 1-O\left(N^{-11}\right)
$$

- Rank-2 decomposition:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E} \mathbf{W}=\left(\frac{w_{\mathrm{in}}+w_{\mathrm{out}}}{2}\right) \mathbf{1 1}^{T}+\left(\frac{w_{\mathrm{in}}-w_{\mathrm{out}}}{2}\right) \boldsymbol{\sigma} \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{T}-w_{\mathrm{in}} \mathbf{I}_{N}, \\
& \text { where } w_{\mathrm{in}}=\mathbb{E}\left[W_{\mathrm{ij}} \mid \sigma_{i}=\sigma_{j}\right] \text { and } w_{\text {out }}=\mathbb{E}\left[W_{i j} \mid \sigma_{i} \neq \sigma_{j}\right] .
\end{aligned}
$$

- Assortativity:

$$
w_{\mathrm{in}}-w_{\mathrm{out}} \approx \frac{\log N}{2^{d-2} N} \xi
$$

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Future work

- Asymmetric: $\alpha_{(\bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet)} \neq \alpha_{(\bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet)}$
- Necessary conditions for exact recovery from W
- For different hyperedge sizes $d$
- $M, d$ depending on $N$

Thank you !!


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