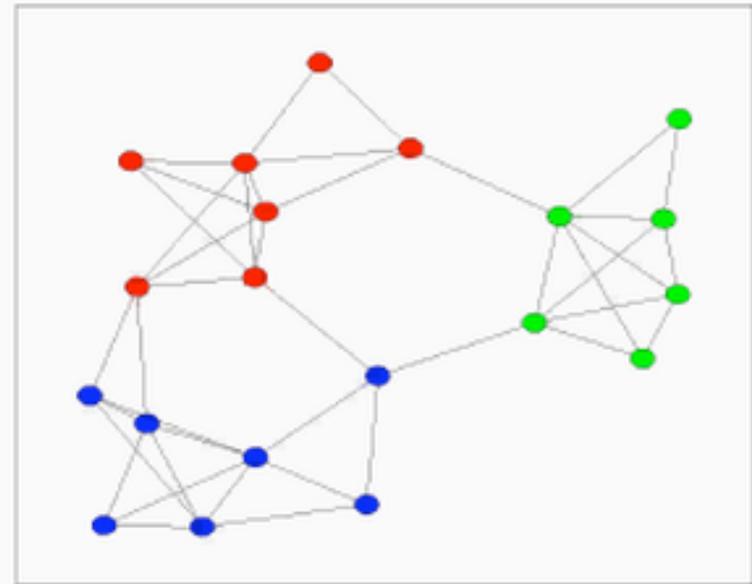
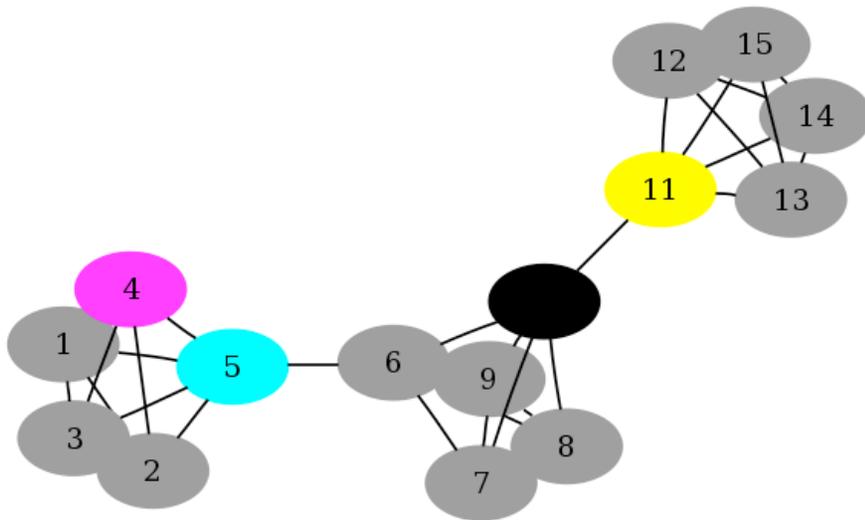


# inferring & encoding graph partitions

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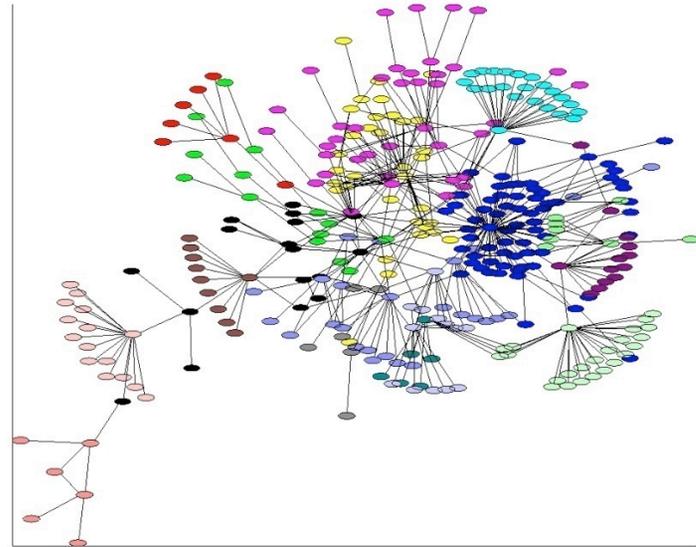
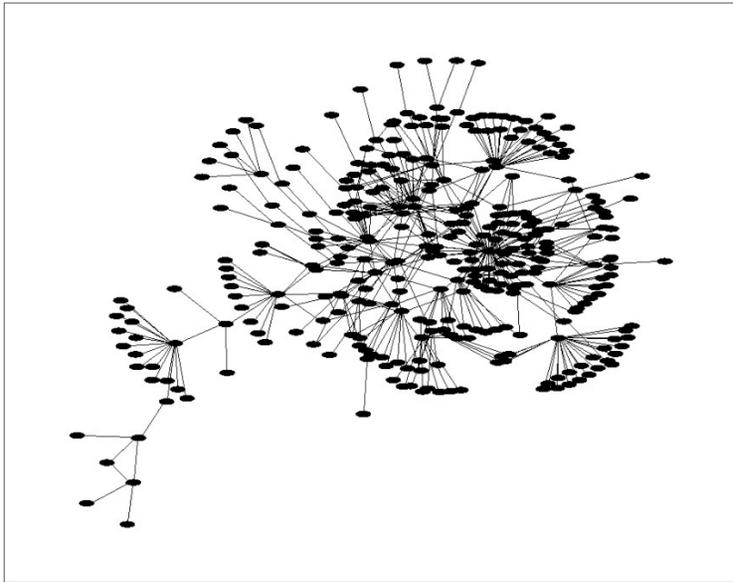


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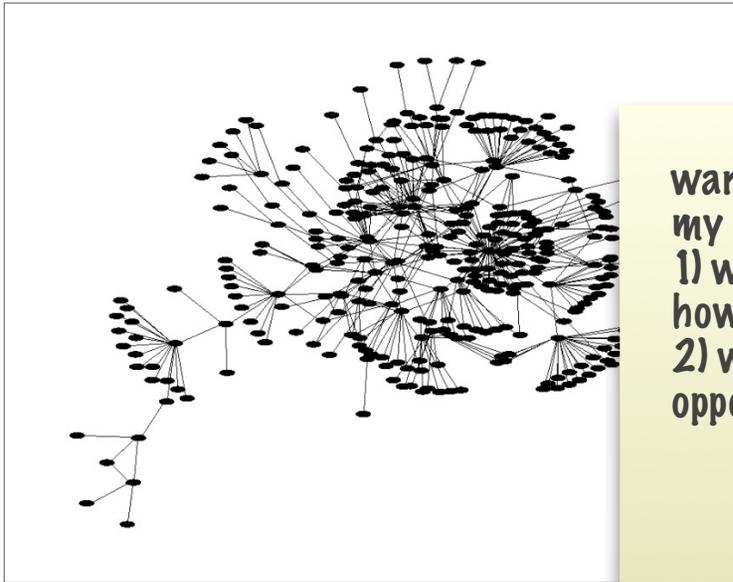
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Part 1: inferring modules

Part 2: encoding modules

# agenda

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warning. not an algorithmicist, ergo much of my concern is about

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- 2) whether you reveal the "truth" (as opposed to how fast you find what you find)

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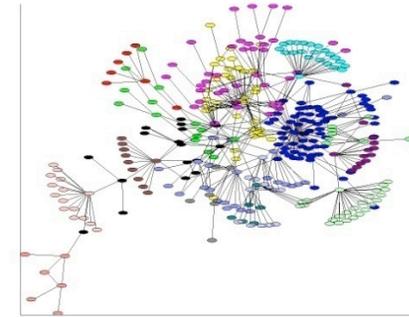
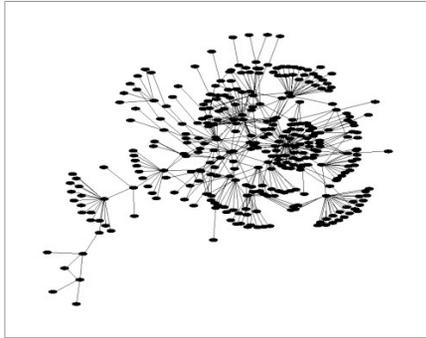
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Part 2: encoding m

(measure)

# Part 1: inferring modules

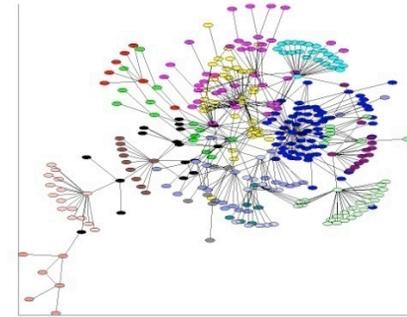
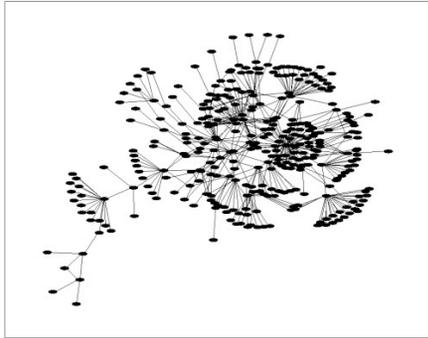
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- pseudohistory
- problems and solutions
- algorithm
- results

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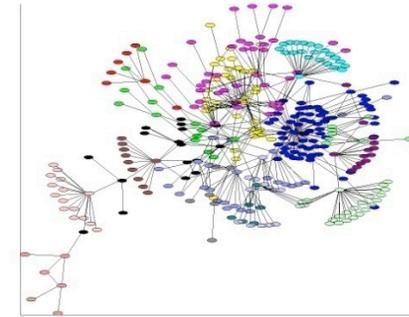
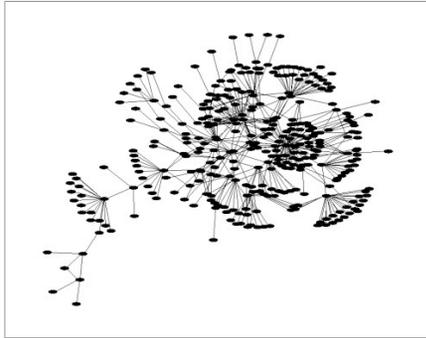
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  - 2006-now: use model to infer community directly

# inferring modules: arxiv-history

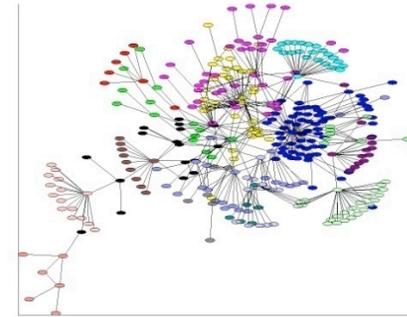
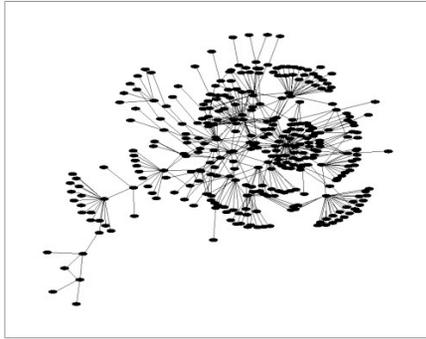
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- April 2006: Hastings (arXiv:cond-mat/0604429)
  - need coupling constants
  - needs # modules
- May 2007: Newman+Liecht (arXiv:physics/0611158)
  - infer coupling constants
  - needs # modules
- June 2007: Xing + coworkers (arXiv:0706.0294)
  - infer coupling constants
  - Get # modules via BIC
- Sep 2007: Hofman+C.W. (arXiv:0709.3512)
  - infer coupling constants
  - infer # modules

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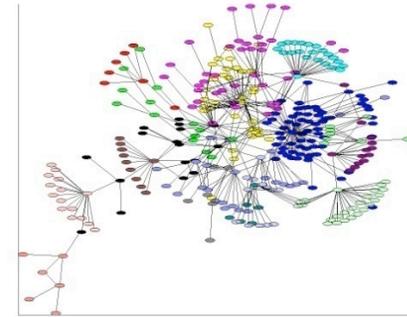
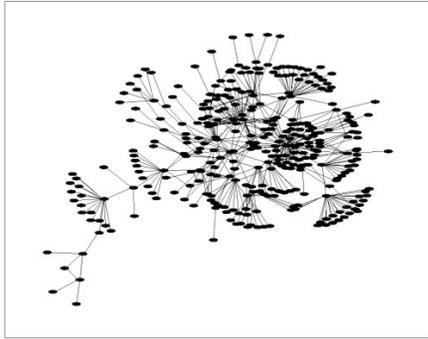
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- key tools:
  - in statistical physics: “mean field”/“test hamiltonians”  
(Feynman/Bogoliubov)
  - = in ML/statistics: “variational bayesian methods”  
(Jordan, Mackay)

# inferring modules:

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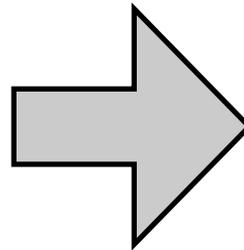


1. how would you do this?  
an example, some math
2. what could possibly go wrong?  
overfitting

# Community detection as inference

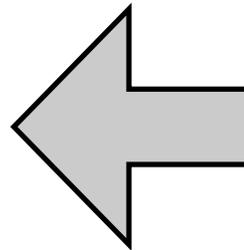
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Know ensemble  
(parameters,  
assignment  
variables,  
complexity)



Sample  
microstates

Infer ensemble  
(parameters,  
latent variables,  
complexity)



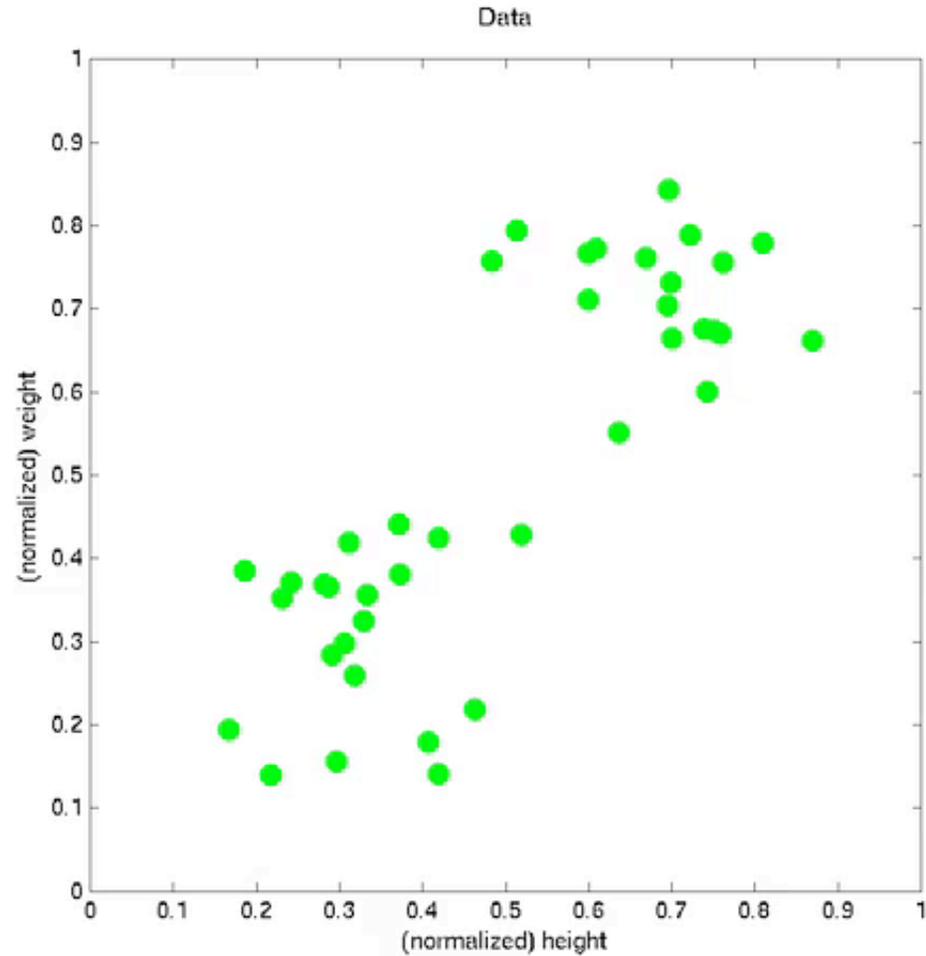
Observe  
microstate

how would you do this?

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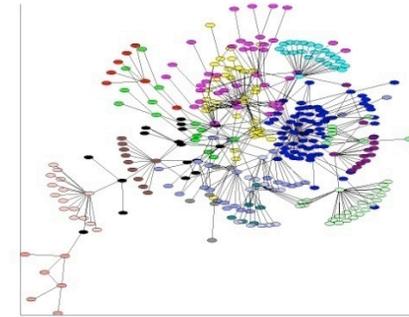
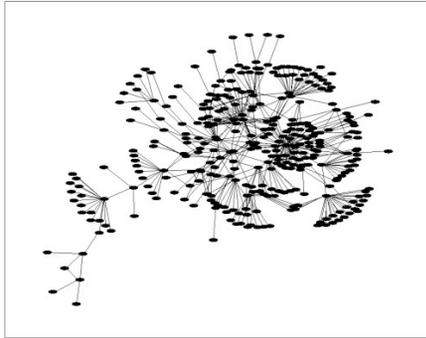
infer “modules” as latent variables in generative model, just like in mixture modeling

movie by J. Hofman using **Netlab** (Nabney+Bishop)



# inference+maximum likelihood

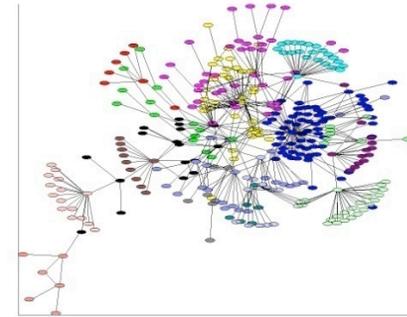
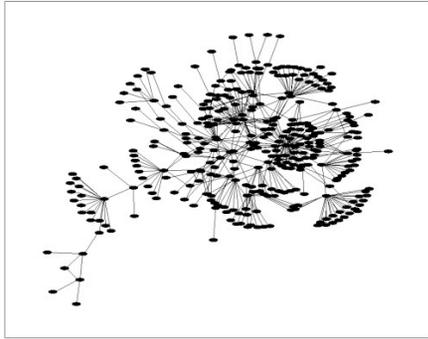
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- why we fit: maximum likelihood (math)
- mixture modeling: maximum likelihood (movie)

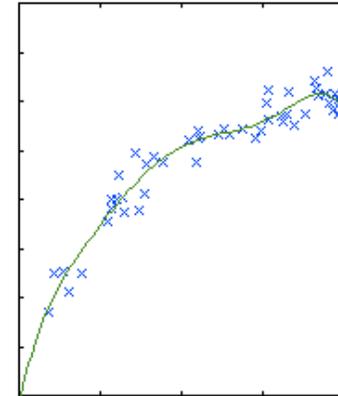
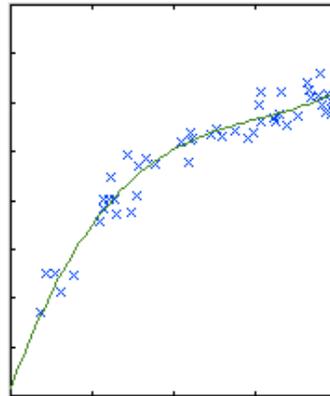
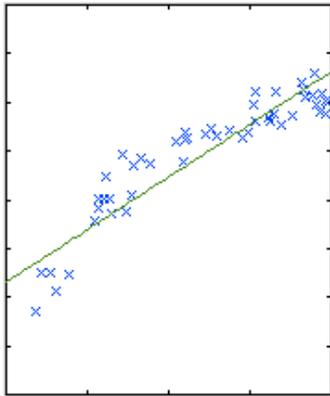
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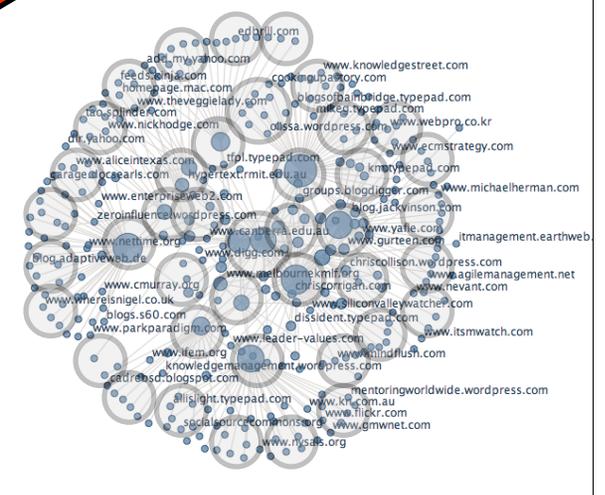
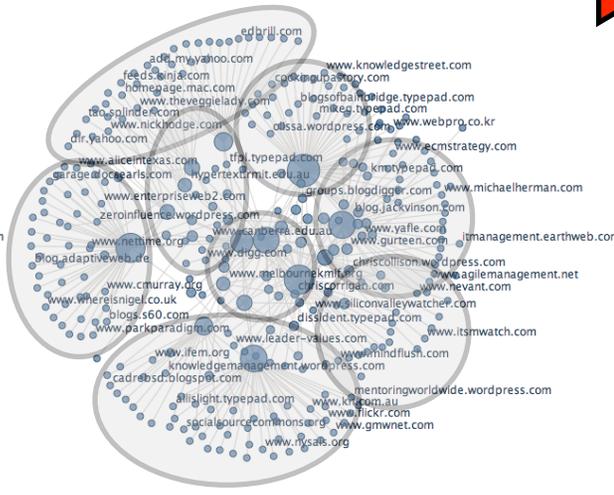
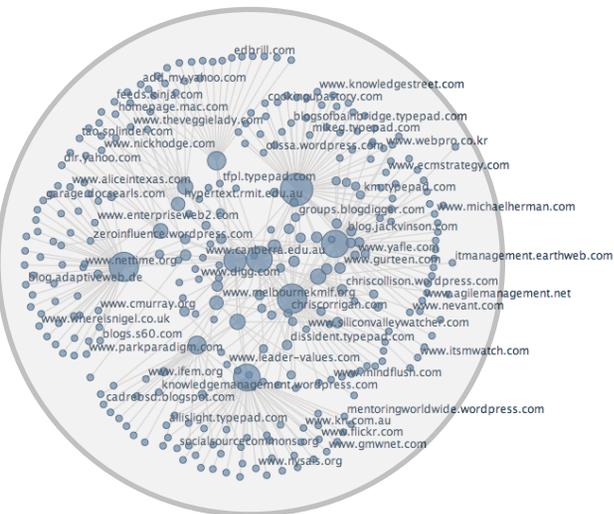


- “overfitting” (e.g., in regression)
- over complexifying (e.g., in mixture models)
  - \* cross validation would be nice, but...
  - \* bayesian approaches?

# Complexity control in probabilistic models

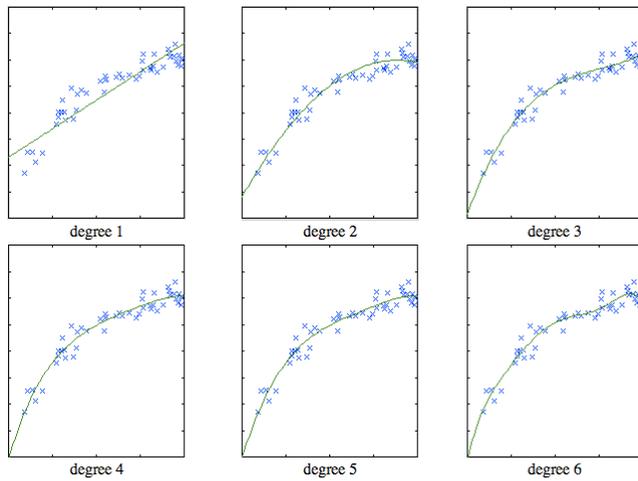


Increasing complexity

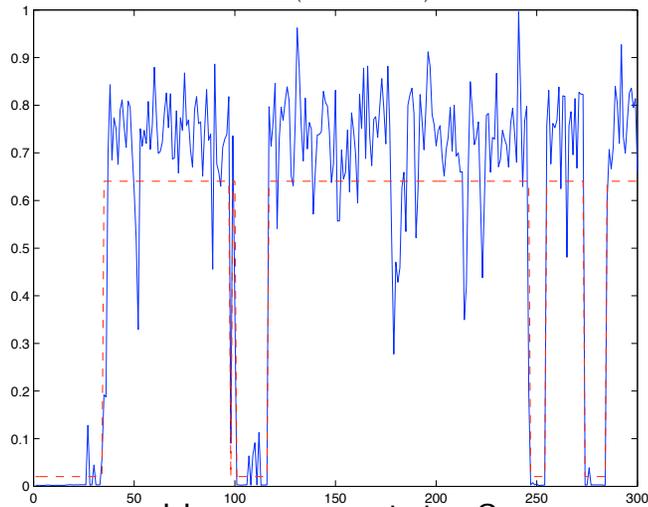


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What degree?

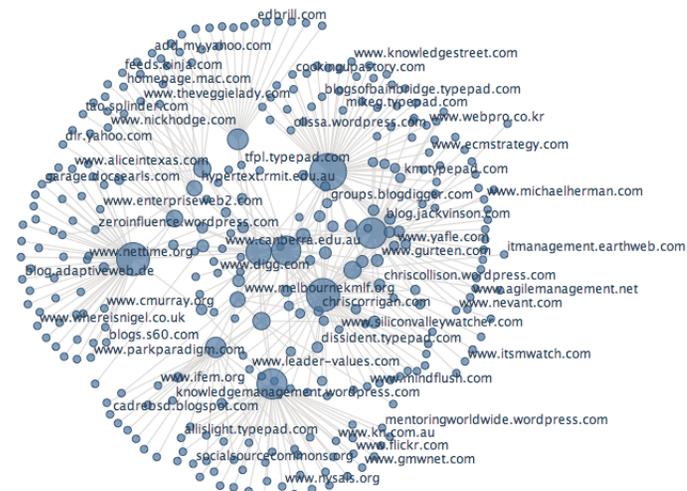
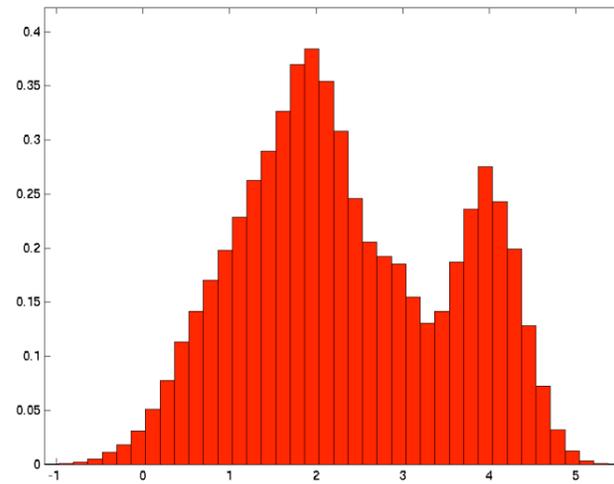


trace 21 (time frames 1 to 300)



How many states?

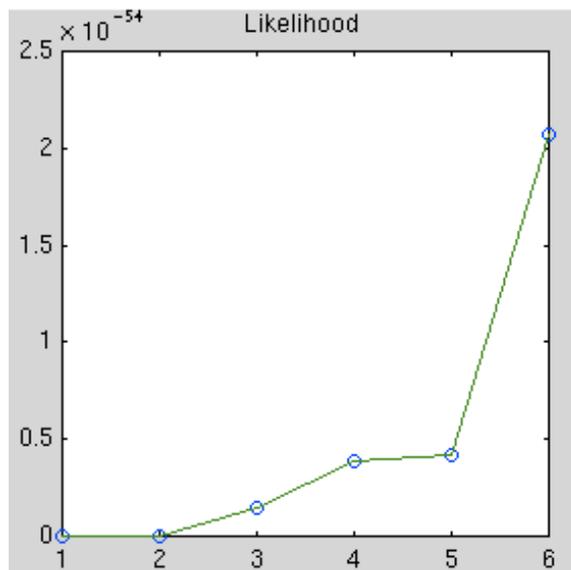
How many Gaussians?



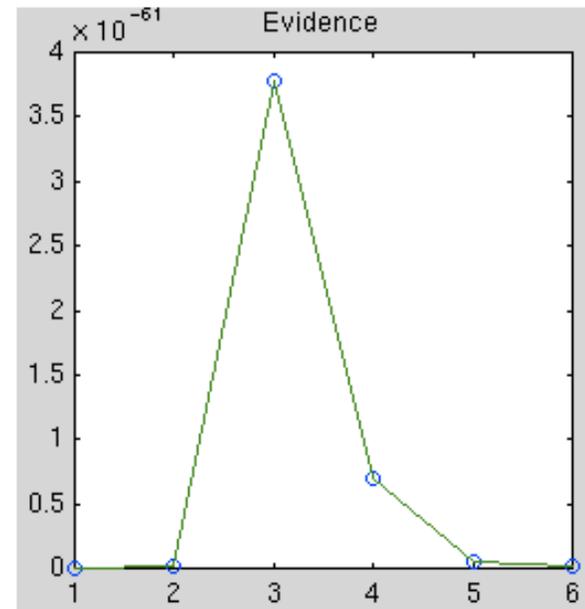
How many modules?

# Complexity control in probabilistic models

- Maximize evidence (integrating over unknown parameters) to infer most probable model complexity



$$p(\mathcal{D}|\hat{\theta}, K)$$



$$p(\mathcal{D}|K) = \int d\theta p(\mathcal{D}|\theta, K)p(\theta|K)$$

why evidence?

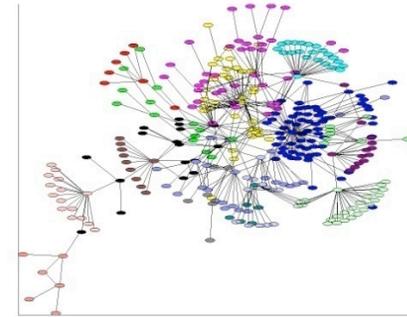
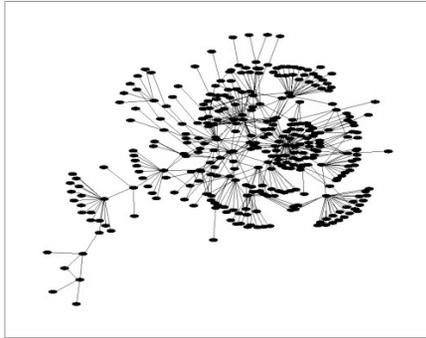
intuition (Schwartz, 1978):

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$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathcal{D}|K) &= \int d\theta p(\mathcal{D}|\theta, K) p(\theta|K) \\ &= \int d\theta e^{\ln p(\mathcal{D}|\theta, K)} p(\theta|K) \\ &\approx e^{\ln p(\mathcal{D}|\hat{\theta}, K)} p(\hat{\theta}|K) \sqrt{\left| \frac{2\pi}{\nabla_{\theta} \nabla_{\theta} \ln p(\mathcal{D}|\hat{\theta}, K)} \right|} \\ &\sim C_1 e^{\ln p(\mathcal{D}|\hat{\theta}, K)} \left( \frac{2\pi}{N} \right)^{K/2} \\ &\sim C_2 e^{-(-\ln p(\mathcal{D}|\hat{\theta}, K) + \frac{1}{2} K \ln N)} \\ \text{e.g., } &\sim C_2 e^{-\left( \chi^2 + \frac{1}{2} K \ln N \right)} \end{aligned}$$

# inferring modules:

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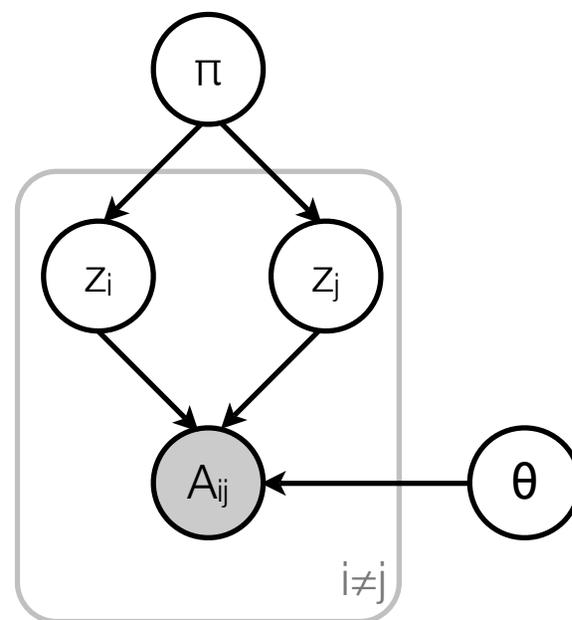
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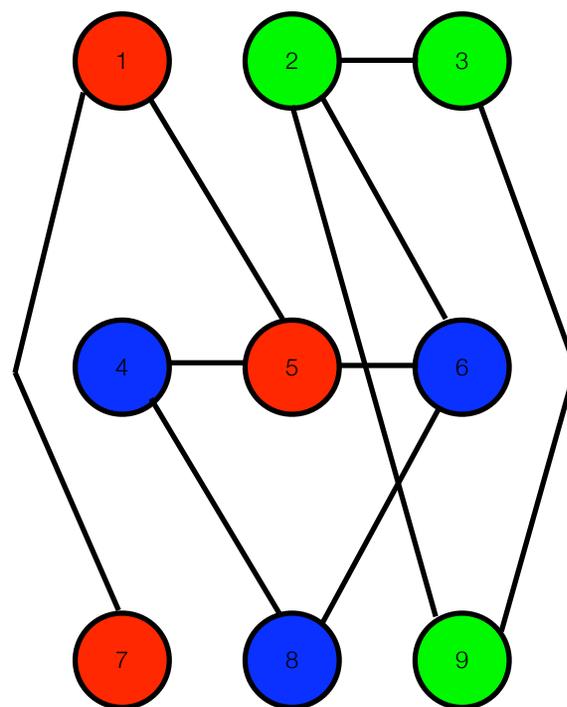


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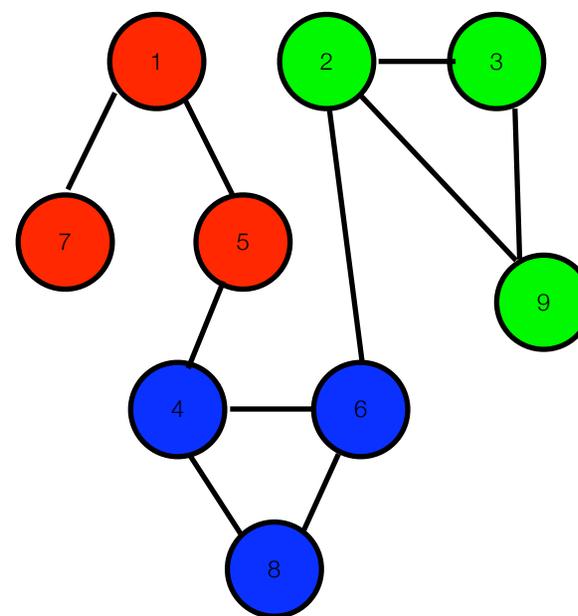


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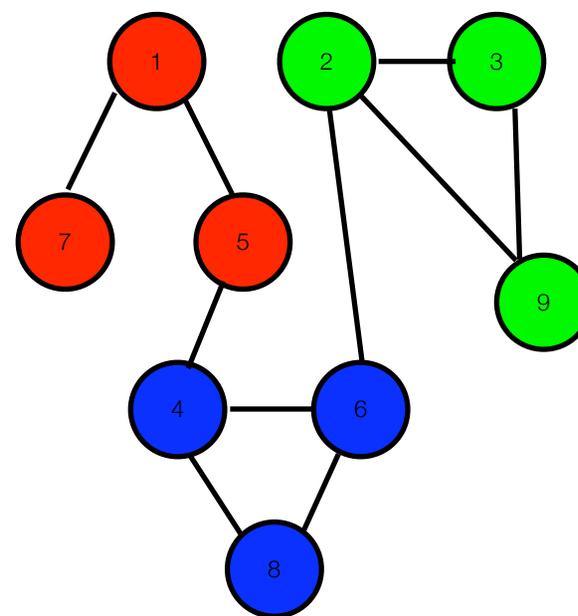


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 p(\mathbf{A}|\vec{z}, \vec{\pi}, \vec{\theta}) &\equiv \theta_c^{c_+} (1 - \theta_c)^{c_-} \theta_d^{d_+} (1 - \theta_d)^{d_-} \\
 p(\vec{\theta}) &\equiv \mathcal{B}(\theta_c; \tilde{c}_{+0}, \tilde{c}_{-0}) \mathcal{B}(\theta_d; \tilde{d}_{+0}, \tilde{d}_{-0}) \\
 p(\vec{\pi}) &\equiv \mathcal{D}(\vec{\pi}; \tilde{\vec{n}})
 \end{aligned}$$

where counts are:

edges within modules	$c_+ \equiv \sum_{i,j} A_{ij} \delta_{z_i, z_j}$
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## the “community model” (math)

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- Die rolling, coin flipping  $\leftrightarrow$  infinite-range spin-glass Potts model:

$$\mathcal{H} \equiv -\ln p(\mathbf{A}, \vec{z} | \vec{\pi}, \vec{\theta}) = -\sum_{i,j} (J_L A_{ij} - J_G) \delta_{z_i, z_j} + \sum_{\mu=1}^K h_\mu \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{z_i, \mu}$$

$$J_G \equiv \ln \vartheta_c / \vartheta_d$$

$$J_L \equiv \ln(1 - \vartheta_d) / (1 - \vartheta_c) + J_G$$

$$h_\mu \equiv -\ln \pi_\mu$$

- Infer *distributions* over spin assignments, coupling constants, and chemical potentials and find number of occupied spin states

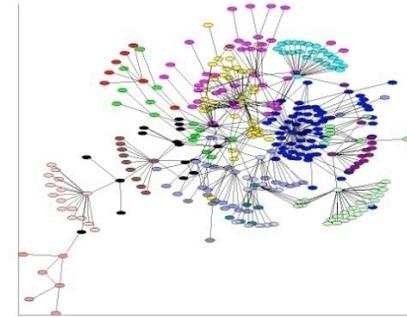
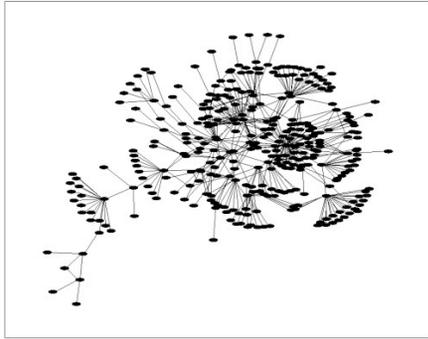
$$p(A|K) = \sum_{\vec{z}} \int d\vec{\theta} \int d\vec{\pi} p(\mathbf{A}, \vec{z}, \vec{\pi}, \vec{\theta}) = \sum_{\vec{z}} \int d\vec{\theta} \int d\vec{\pi} e^{-\mathcal{H}} p(\vec{\theta}) p(\vec{\pi}) \quad \leftarrow$$

Can do integrals, but sum is intractable,  $O(K^N)$ ; use mean-field variational technique

Extends Newman (2004, 2006), Hastings (2006), Bornholdt & Reichardt (2006)

# inferring modules:

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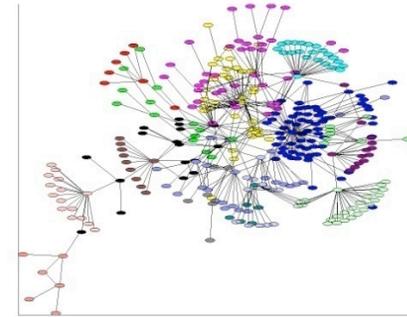
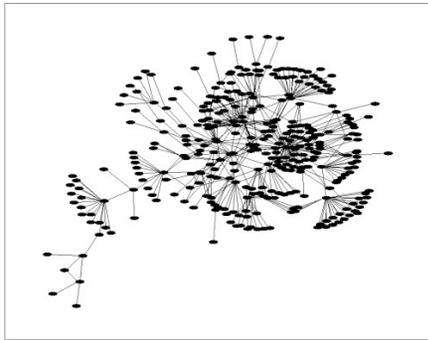


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- compute  $p(D|K)^*$  for the “community model”**\*\***
- use variational**\*\*\*** inference to infer modules+“scale”

\* a.k.a a disorder-averaged partition function

\*\* a.k.a. a spin glass

\*\*\* a.k.a. MFT w/test hamiltonian

(Feynman, Bogliubov, Mackay/Jordan/Beal/Gharamani)

## “variational methods”

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- Gibbs’/Jensen’s inequality (log of expected value bounds expected value of log) for *any* distribution  $q$

$$\begin{aligned} -\ln p(\mathbf{A}|K) &= -\ln \sum_{\vec{z}} \int d\vec{\theta} \int d\vec{\pi} p(\mathbf{A}, \vec{z}, \vec{\pi}, \vec{\theta}|K) \\ &= -\ln \sum_{\vec{z}} \int d\vec{\theta} \int d\vec{\pi} q(\vec{z}, \vec{\pi}, \vec{\theta}) \frac{p(\mathbf{A}, \vec{z}, \vec{\pi}, \vec{\theta}|K)}{q(\vec{z}, \vec{\pi}, \vec{\theta})} \\ &\leq \underbrace{-\sum_{\vec{z}} \int d\vec{\theta} \int d\vec{\pi} q(\vec{z}, \vec{\pi}, \vec{\theta}) \ln \frac{p(\mathbf{A}, \vec{z}, \vec{\pi}, \vec{\theta}|K)}{q(\vec{z}, \vec{\pi}, \vec{\theta})}}_{F\{q;A\}} \end{aligned}$$

“Mean field theory” = “factorized test distribution” = “additive test Hamiltonian”

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- F is a functional of q; find approximation to posterior by optimizing approximation to evidence
- Take  $q(z, \pi, \theta) = q(z)q(\pi)q(\theta)$ ;  $Q_{i\mu}$  is probability node i in module  $\mu$

where expected counts are:

$$\begin{aligned}
 F\{q; \mathbf{A}\} = & -\ln \frac{\mathcal{Z}_{\tilde{\pi}} \mathcal{Z}_c \mathcal{Z}_d}{\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_{\tilde{\pi}} \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_c \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_d} + \sum_{\mu=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^N Q_{i\mu} \ln Q_{i\mu} \\
 & -(\tilde{c}_+ - (\langle c_+ \rangle + \tilde{c}_{+0})) \langle \ln \theta_c \rangle \\
 & -(\tilde{c}_- - (\langle c_- \rangle + \tilde{c}_{+0})) \langle \ln(1 - \theta_c) \rangle \\
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 & - \sum_{\mu=1}^K (\tilde{n}_\mu - (\langle n_\mu \rangle + \tilde{n}_{\mu 0})) \langle \ln \pi_\mu \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle c_+ \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q})$$

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# Inferring modules to maximize *evidence* $P(D|K)$

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**Initialization:** Initialize the  $N$ -by- $K$  matrix  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}_0$  and set pseudocounts  $\tilde{c}_{+0}, \tilde{c}_{-0}, \tilde{d}_{+0}, \tilde{d}_{-0}$ , and  $\tilde{n}_{\mu 0}$ .

**Main loop:** Until convergence in  $F\{q; \mathbf{A}\}$ ,

1. update  $\tilde{c}_{\pm}$ 's,  $\tilde{d}_{\pm}$ 's and  $\tilde{n}_{\mu}$ 's from expected counts and pseudocounts

$$\tilde{c}_{+} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}) + \tilde{c}_{+0}$$

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where  $\bar{\mathbf{A}}$  is the logical negation of  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $C = N(N-1)/2$ , and  $M = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} A_{ij}$ ;

2. update expected value of coupling constants

$$\langle J_L \rangle = \psi(\tilde{c}_{+}) - \psi(\tilde{c}_{-}) - \psi(\tilde{d}_{+}) + \psi(\tilde{d}_{-})$$

$$\langle J_G \rangle = \psi(\tilde{d}_{-}) - \psi(\tilde{d}_{+} + \tilde{d}_{-}) - \psi(\tilde{c}_{-}) + \psi(\tilde{c}_{+} + \tilde{c}_{-}),$$

where  $\psi(x)$  is the digamma function;

3. update  $\mathbf{Q}$  as

$$\mathbf{Q} \leftarrow \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} e^{\langle J_L \rangle \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} - \langle J_G \rangle \langle \bar{\mathbf{n}} \rangle + \langle \ln \bar{\pi} \rangle}$$

where  $\langle \ln \pi_{\mu} \rangle = \psi(\tilde{n}_{\mu}) - \psi(\sum_{\mu} \tilde{n}_{\mu})$  and  $\mathcal{Z}$  is set by the normalization  $\sum_{\mu} Q_{i\mu} = 1$ ;

4. calculate the updated optimal free energy

$$F\{q; \mathbf{A}\} = -\ln \frac{\mathcal{Z}_c \mathcal{Z}_d \mathcal{Z}_{\bar{\pi}}}{\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_c \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_d \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_{\bar{\pi}}} + \sum_{\mu=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^N Q_{i\mu} \ln Q_{i\mu}.$$

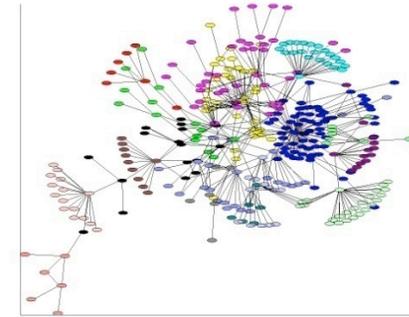
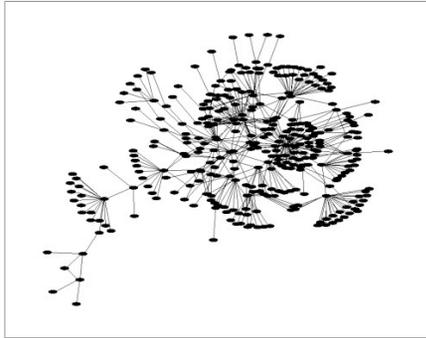
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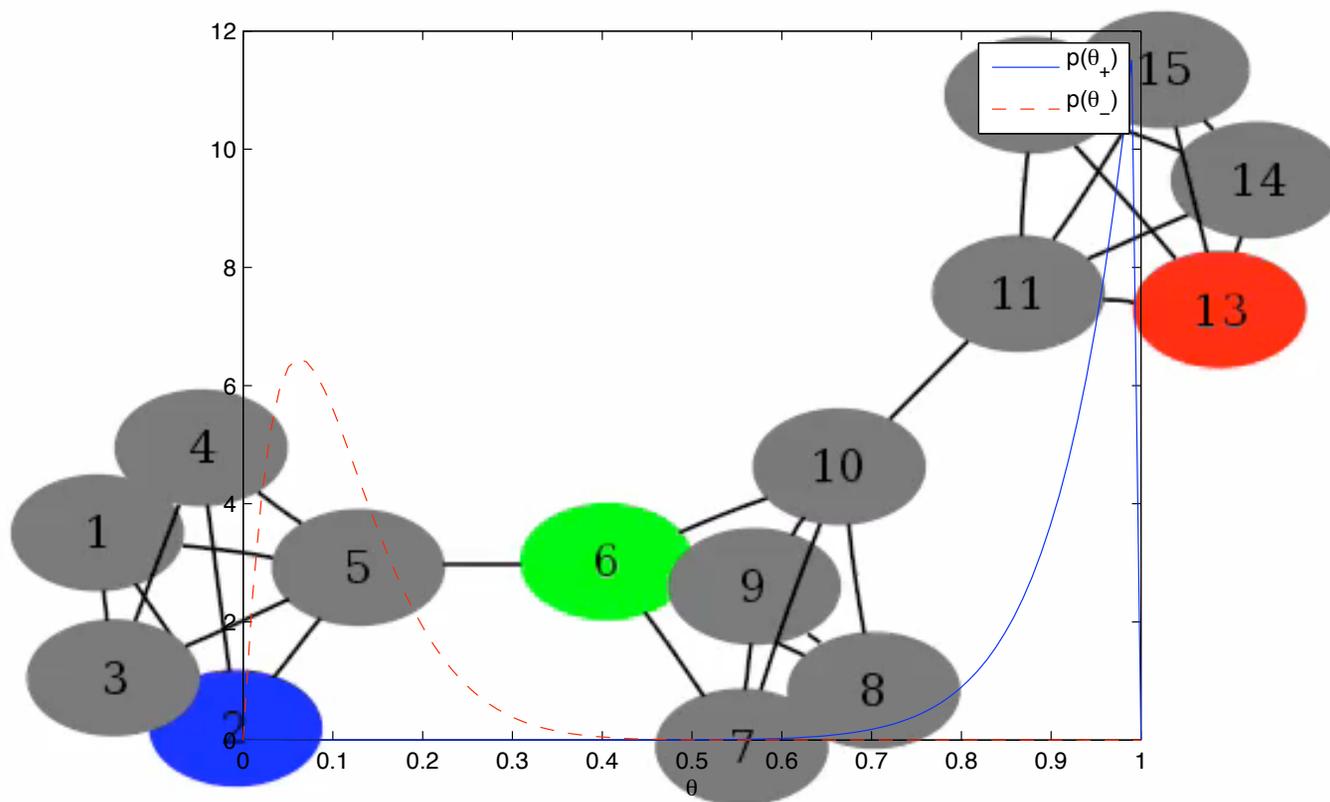
# Part 1: inferring modules

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- pseudohistory
- problems and solutions
- algorithm
- **results**
  - fake data
  - real data
  - comparison w/other approaches

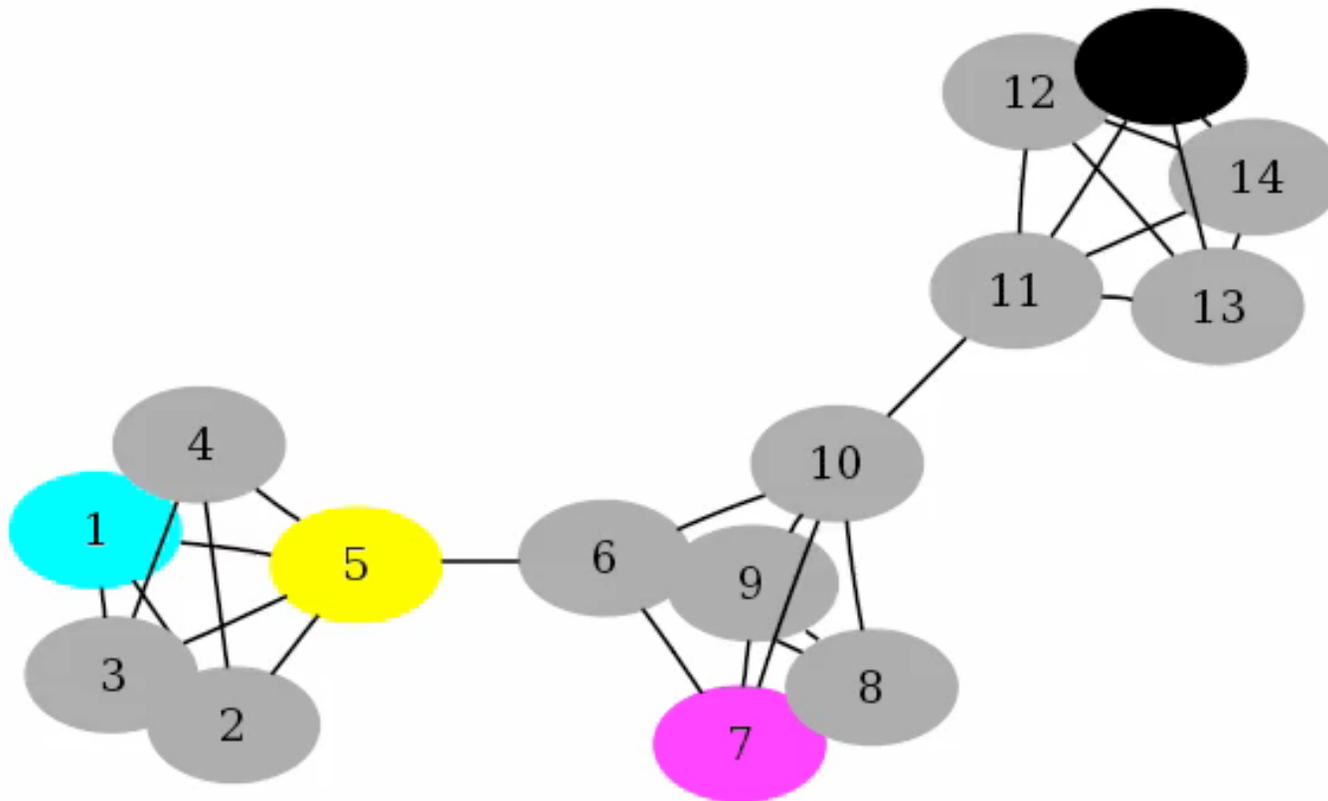
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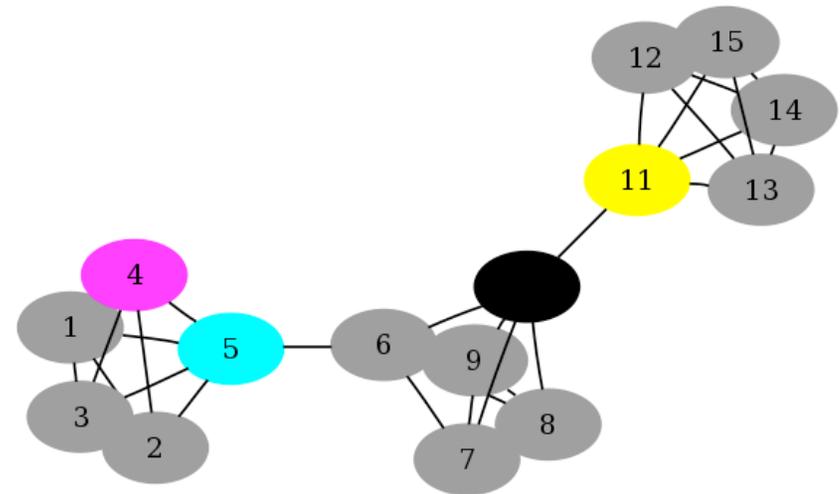
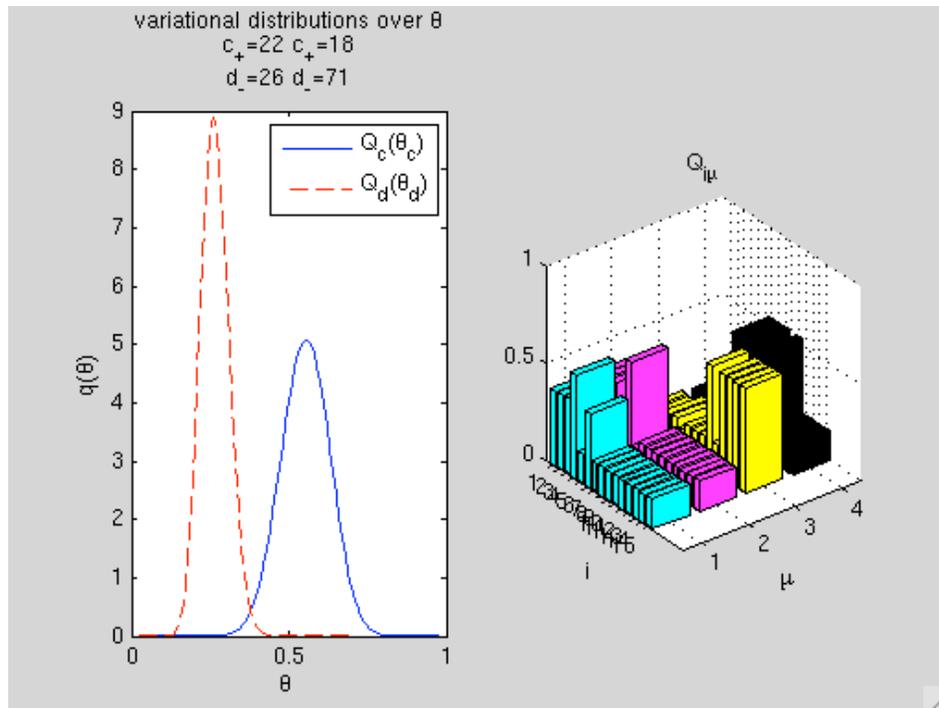
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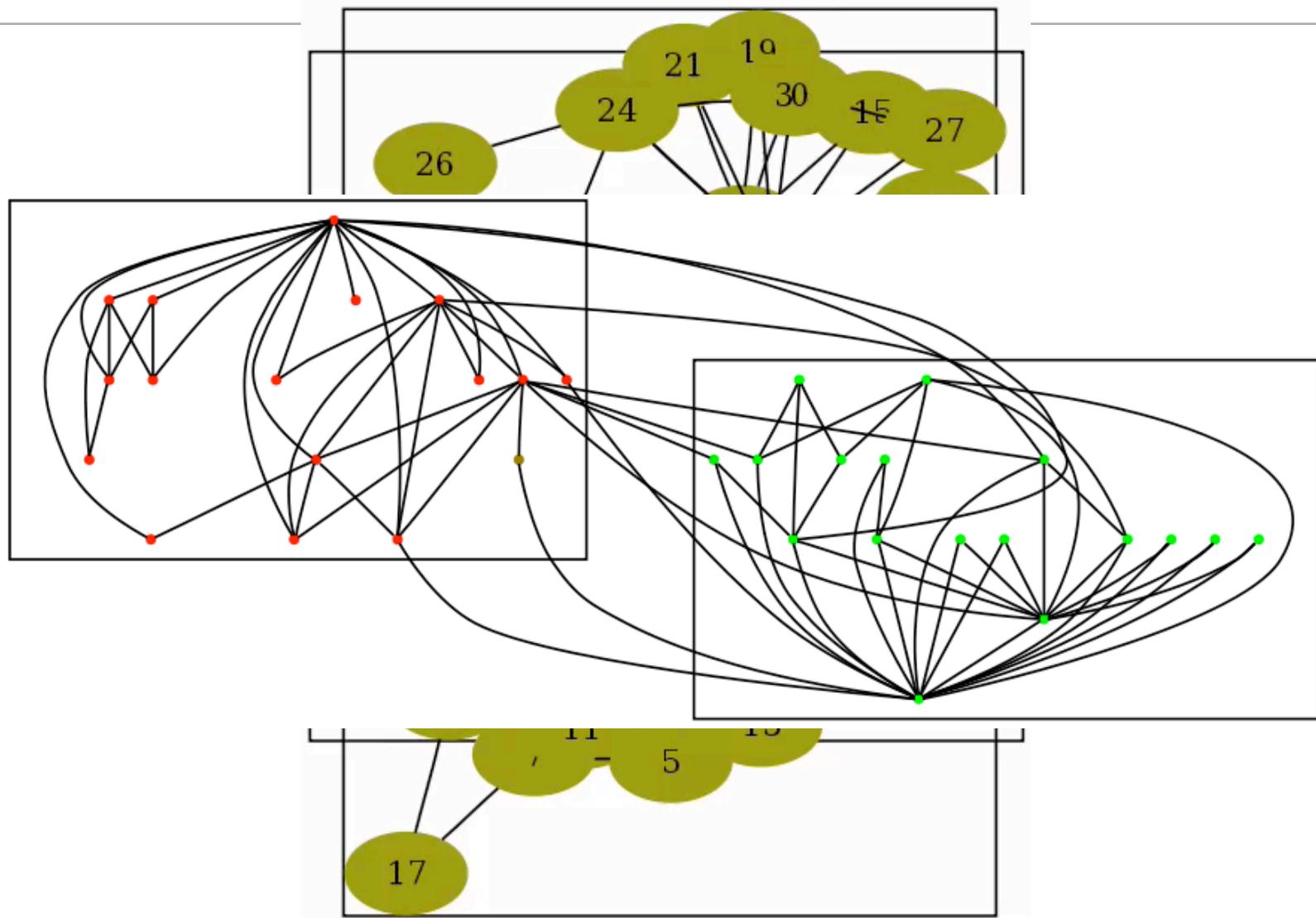


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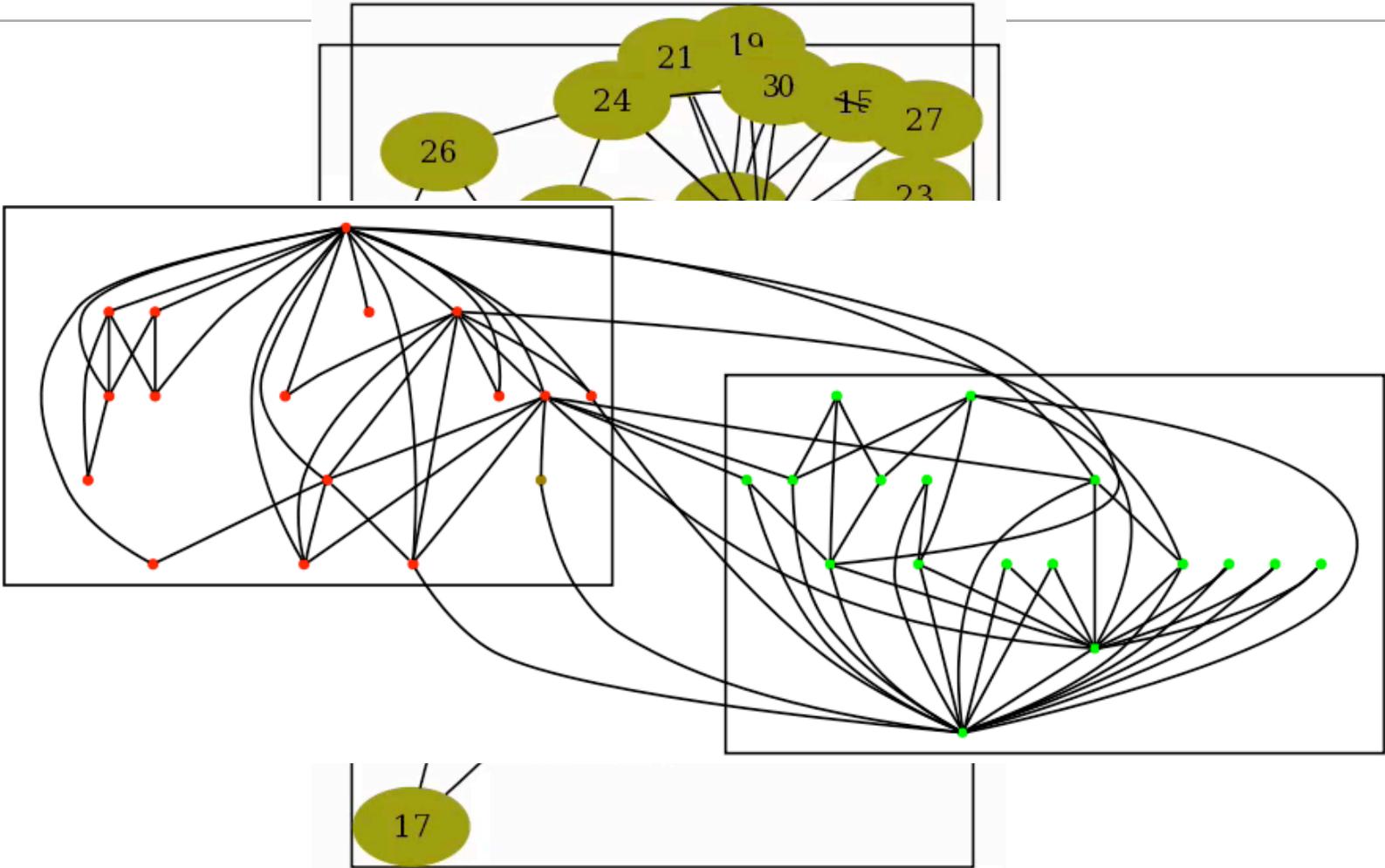
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# Validation: Zachary's karate network



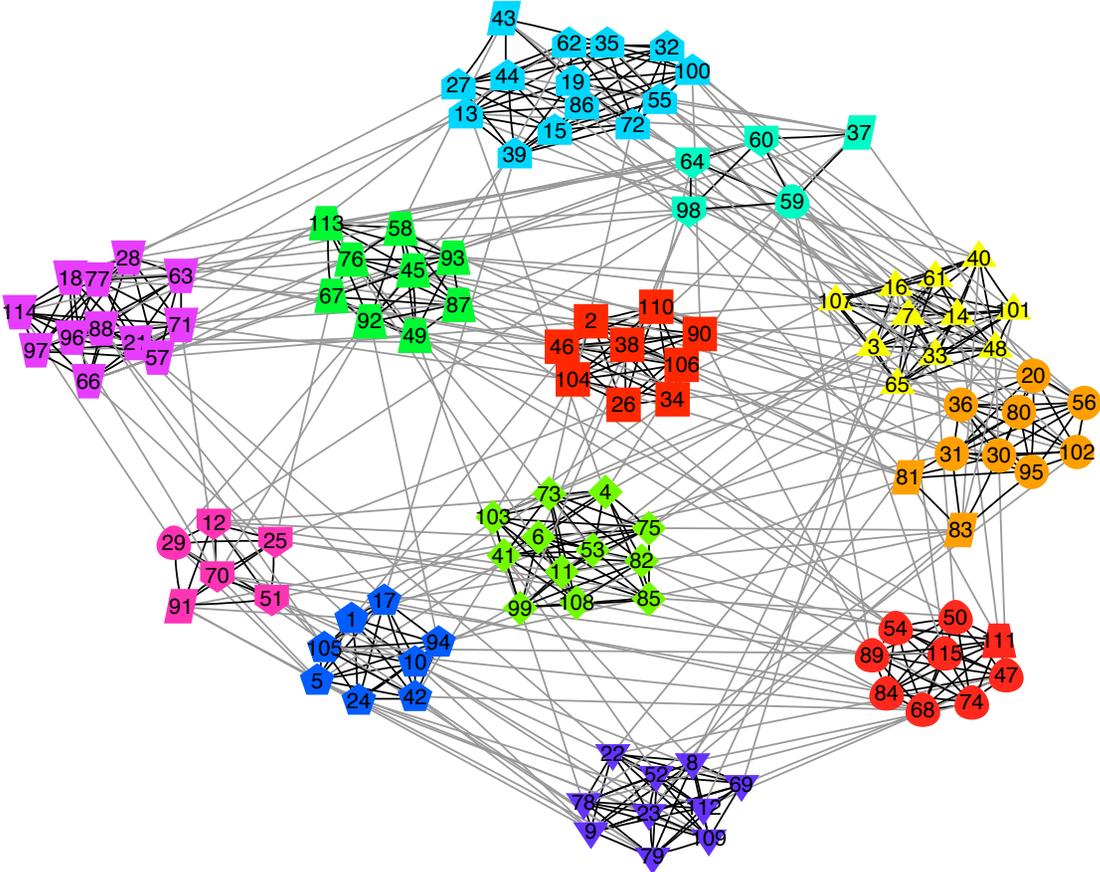
# Popular sanity check: Zachary's karate network



note: learns  $K=2$

# Popular sanity check: american football conferences

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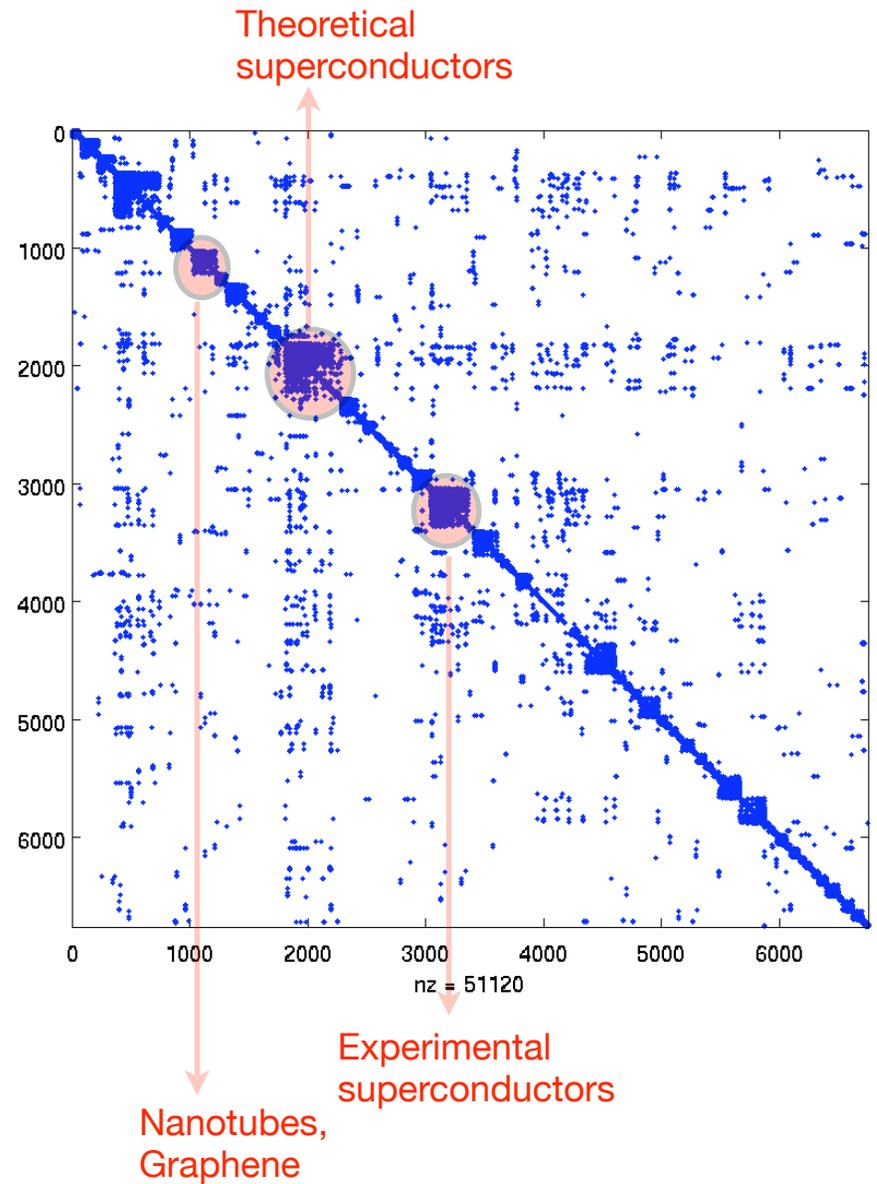
note: learns  $K=12$





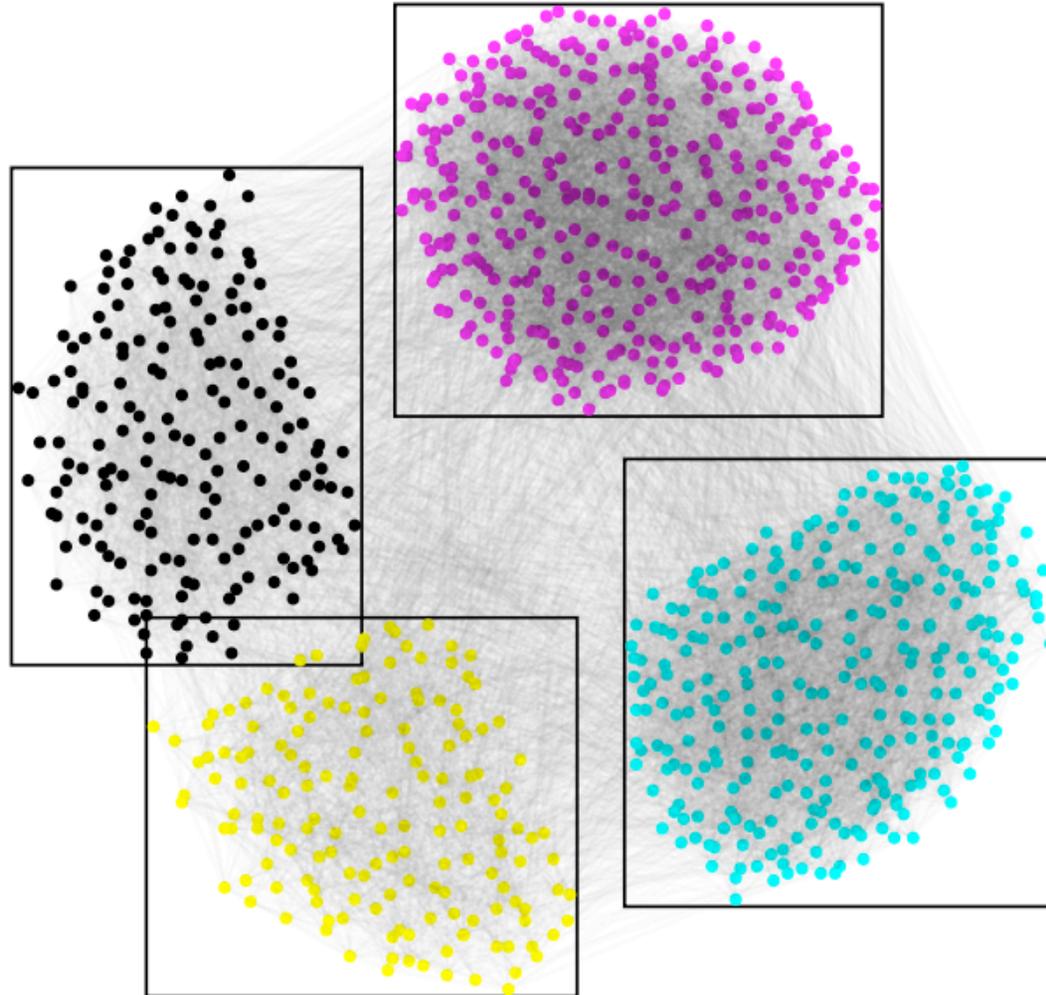
APS March Meeting  
2008 co-authorship  
network

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# Validation: Large-scale network

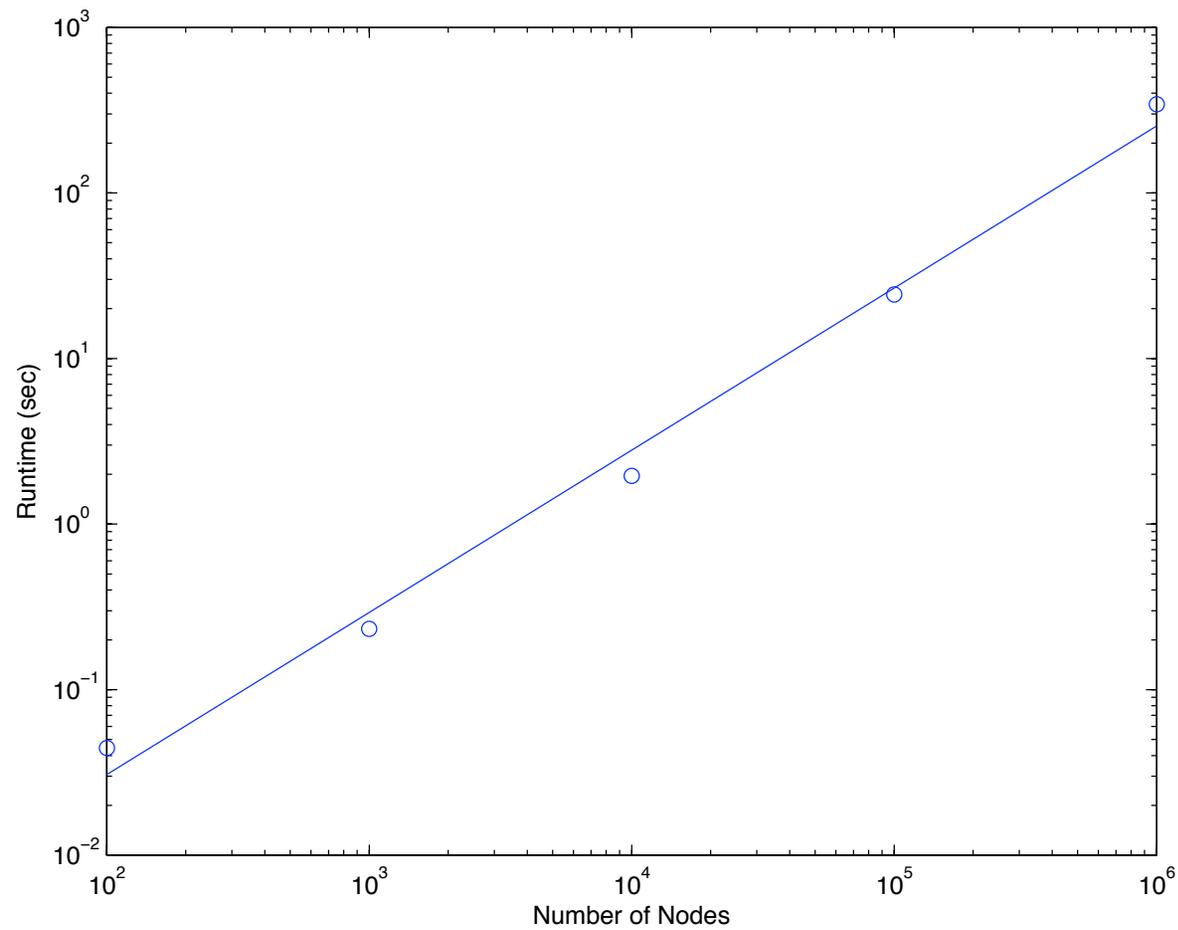
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# Validation: Runtime

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- Main loop runtime for  $10^6$  nodes in ~100 seconds



## Validation: Complexity control

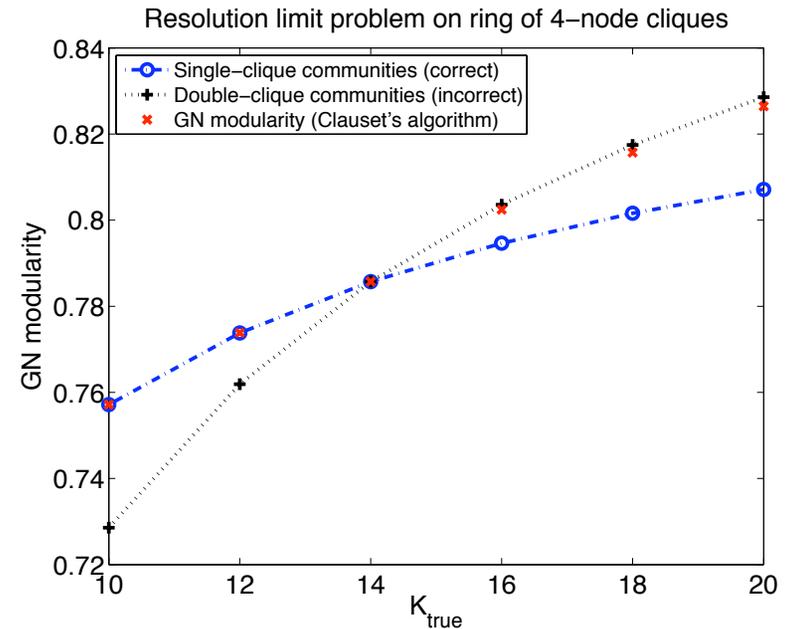
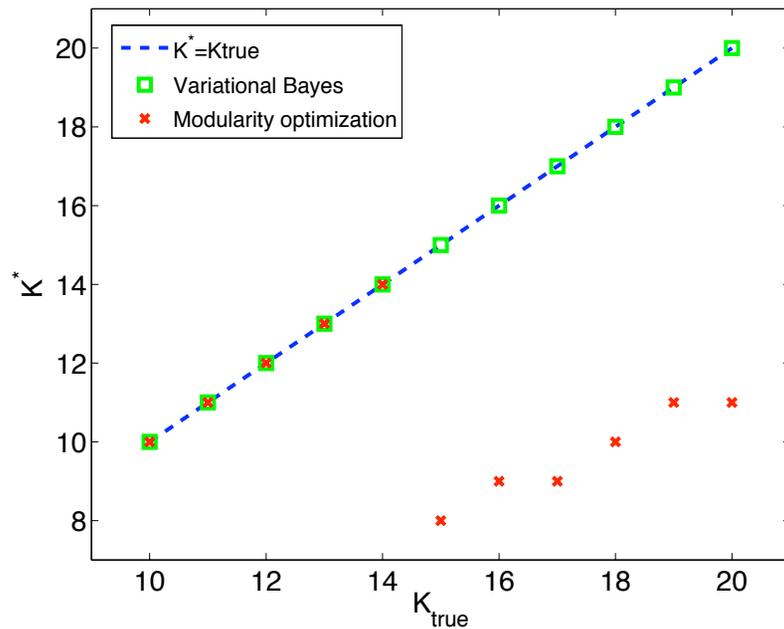
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- Comparison of our method (VB) to alternative method (ICL, similar to BIC) for synthetic N=60 node networks and  $K_{\text{True}}=3,4,5$  modules

	$K_{\text{True}}/K_{\text{VB}}$					$K_{\text{True}}/K_{\text{ICL}}$				
	2	3	4	5	6	2	3	4	5	6
3	0	<b>99</b>	1	0	0	0	<b>100</b>	0	0	0
4	0	0	<b>90</b>	10	0	4	25	<b>71</b>	0	0
5	0	1	5	<b>91</b>	3	26	55	17	<b>2</b>	0

- Fast online graph clustering via Erdos-Reyni mixture; Hugo Zanghi and Christophe Ambroise and Vincent Miele; SSB-RR-8

# The “resolution limit” problem

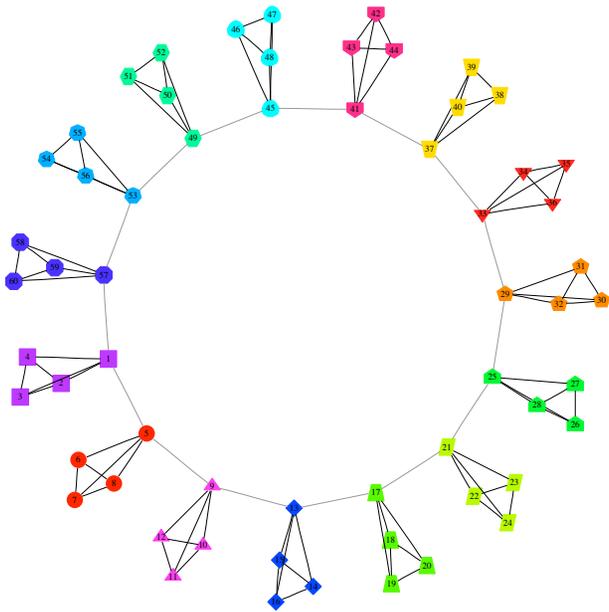


**Girvan-Newman modularity or Potts model w/ *fixed parameters* suffers from a resolution limit, where size of detected modules depends on network size**

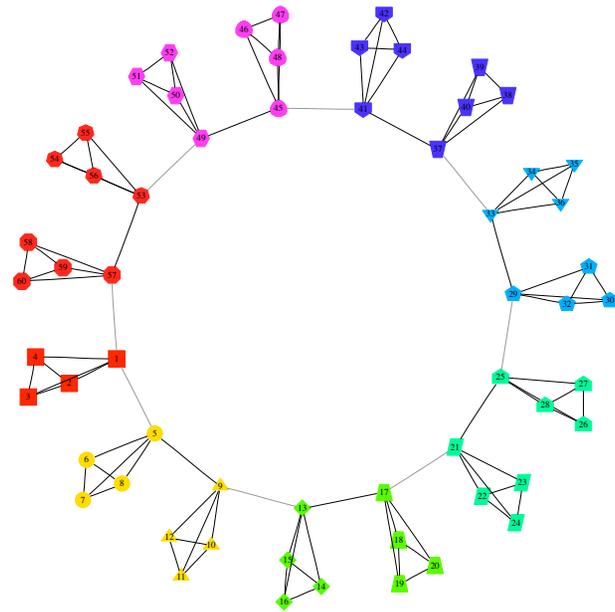
Fortunato et. al. (2007), Kumpula et. al. (2007)

# The “resolution limit” problem

Variational Bayesian/MFT approach correctly infers complexity



Variational Bayes



Girvan-Newman  
modularity

## big ideas

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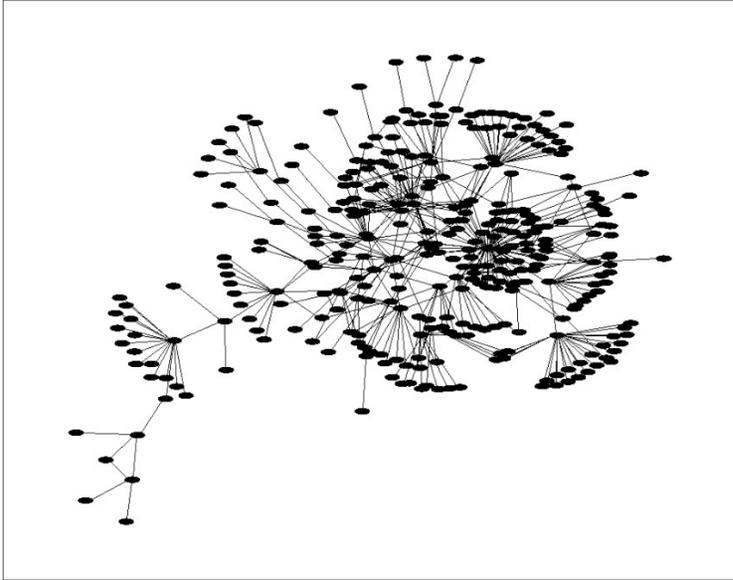
- model didn't have to be SBM, could have more parameters
- selection could be between entirely different models rather than different K
- if you are willing to tell the data how to behave (generative modeling) you can learn
  - parameters
  - module assignments
  - number of modules
- do you have to tell the data how to behave?





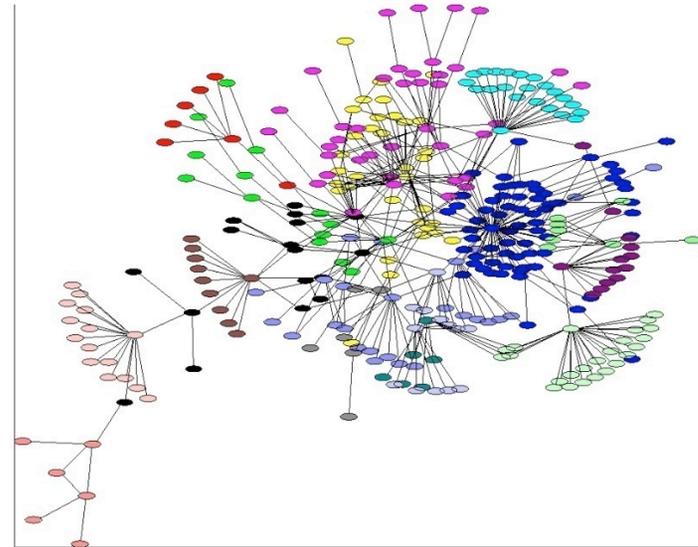
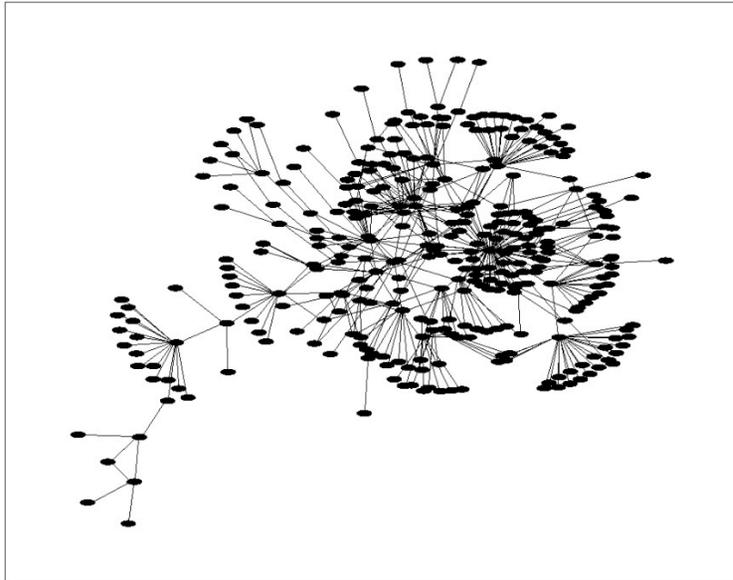
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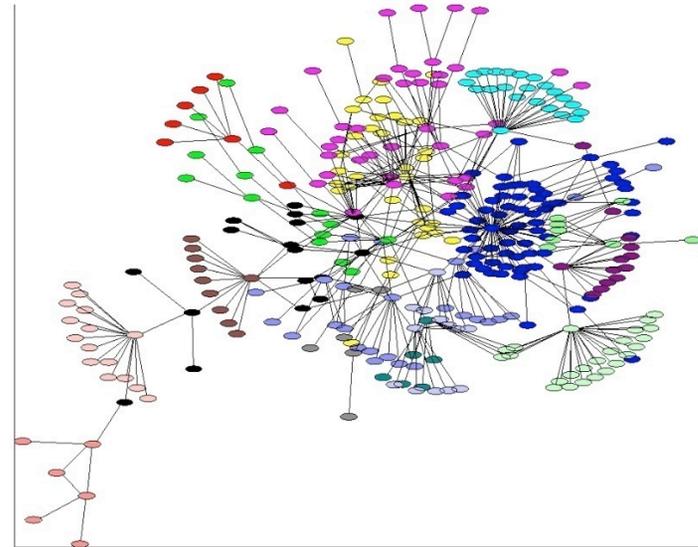
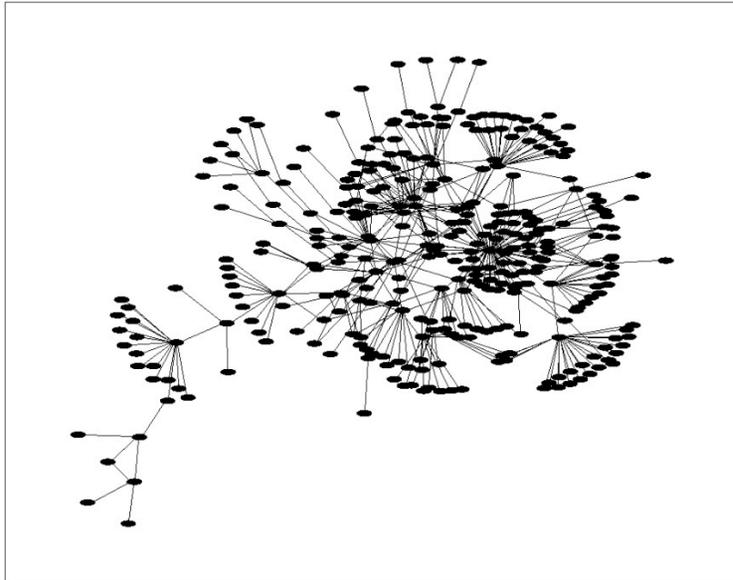
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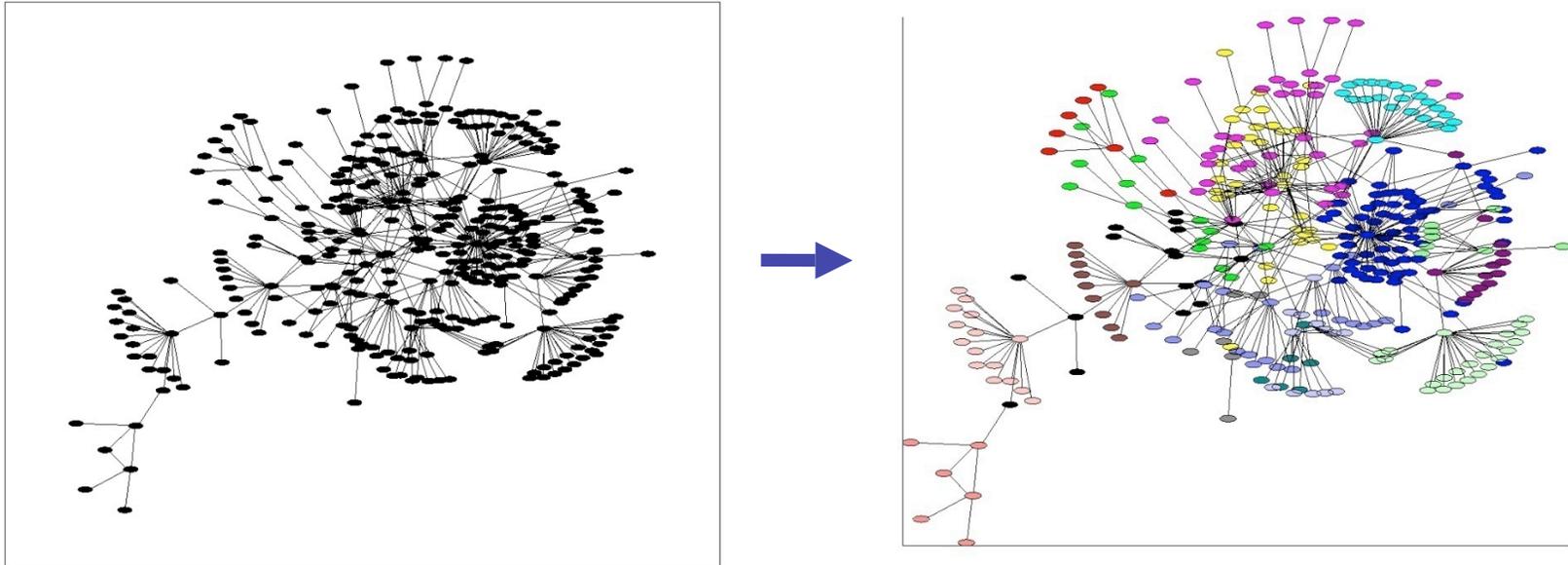
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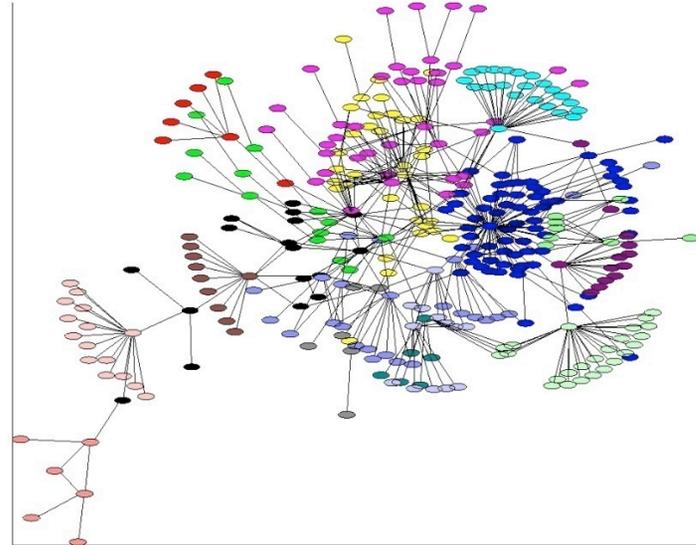
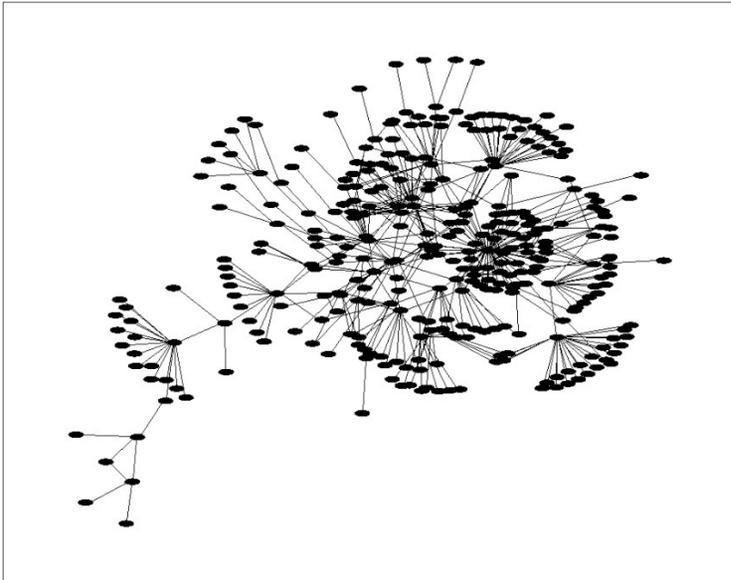


## the dominant paradigm:

- find connected bits , but avoid trivial solution
- i. posit  $p(G)$  (e.g., configuration model, SBM)
- ii. posit regularized cut (cf. Shi+Malik '99 )

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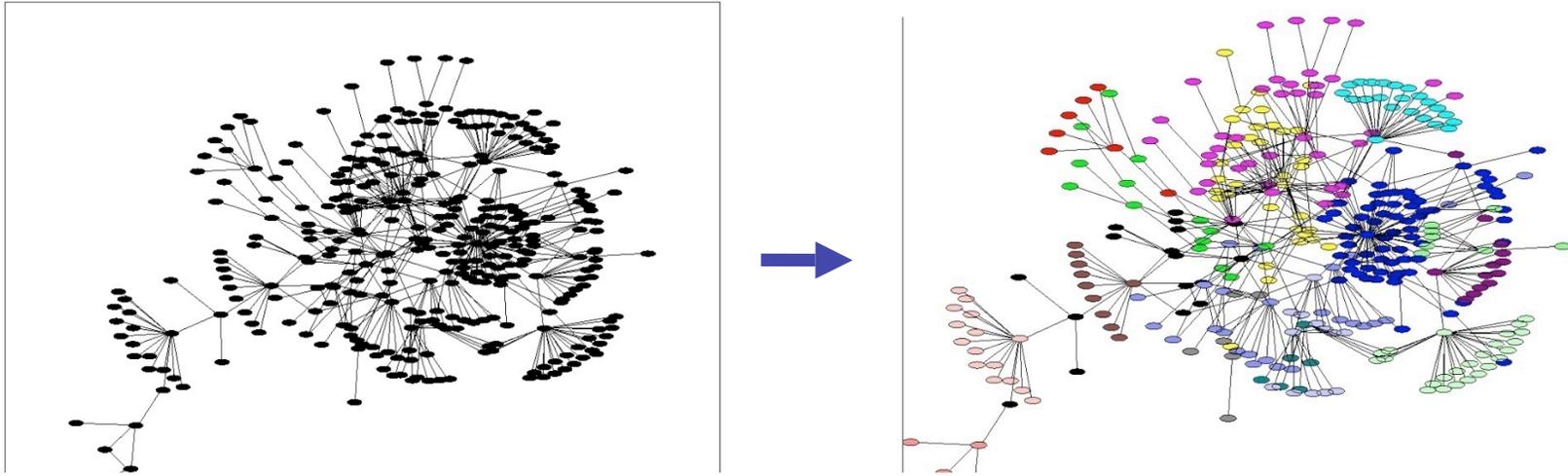


a rethink:

- compression (=summarizing=encoding)

# what just happened?

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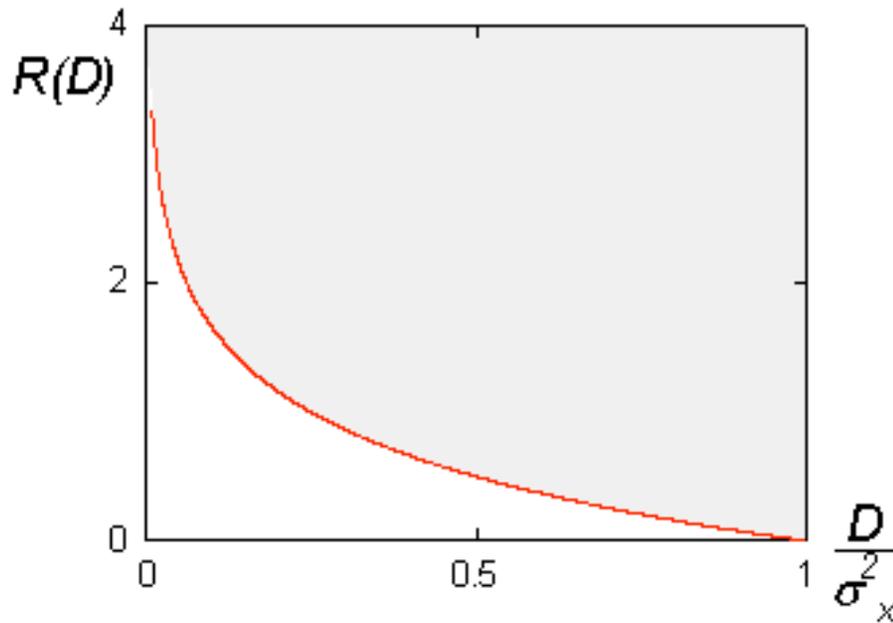
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the method: "NIB"

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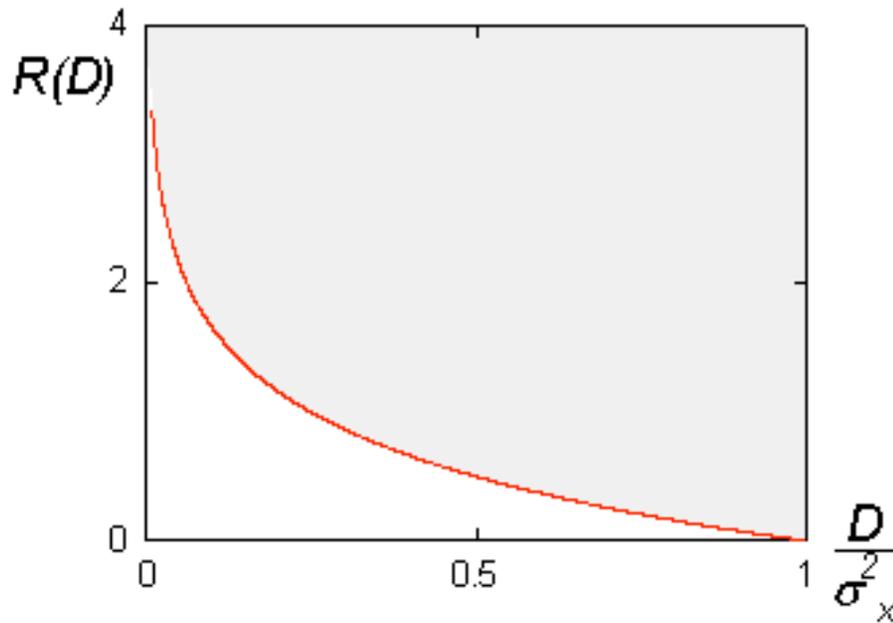


- shannon's RDT (1948)
- $I = H(X) + H(Z) - H(X, Z)$

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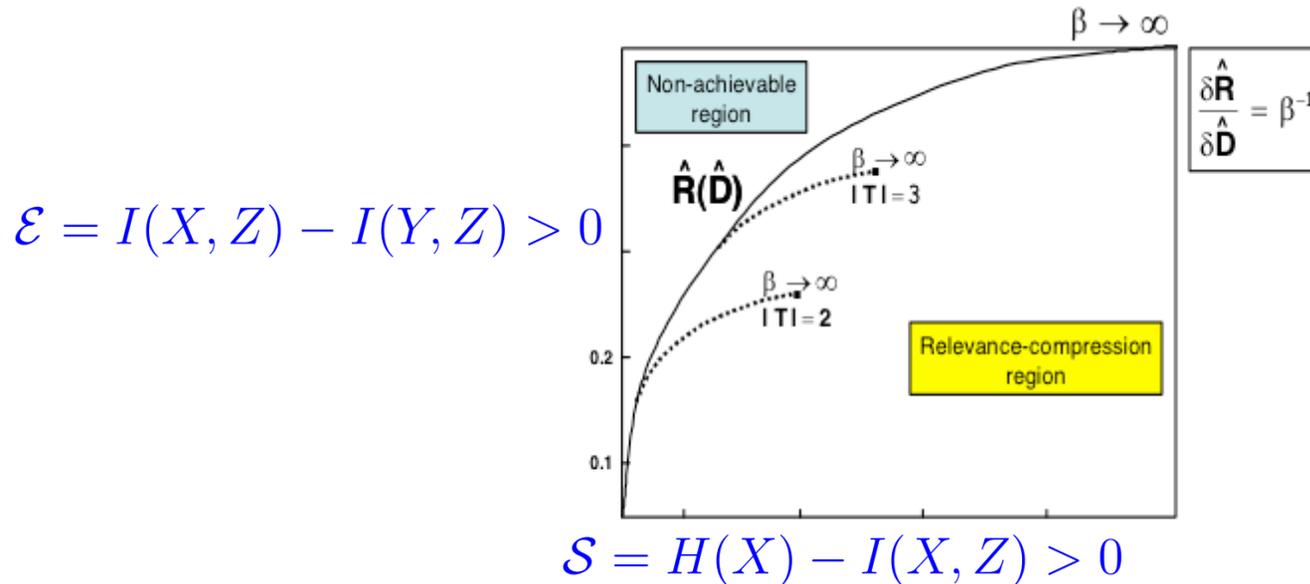
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- shannon's RDT (1948)
- $I = \langle \ln p(x, z) / p(x)p(z) \rangle$

# what is relevant compression?



given  $p(x,y)$ , minimize free energy over  $p(z|x)$ :

$$\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{E} - T\mathcal{S}$$

- @  $T=0$ , "hard" (0-1) clustering
- Tishby, Pereira+Bialek, physics/0004057

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# method: interpretation

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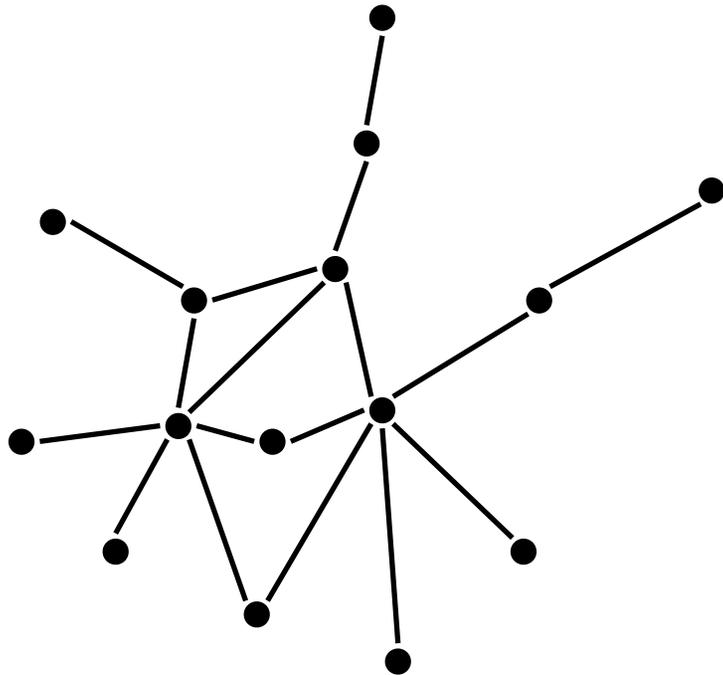
- community = module = cluster = codeword
- modularity = summarizability = structure

**algorithm:** partition the graph such that if i only tell you which **module** you started in, you lose as little **information** as possible about where you walk to later

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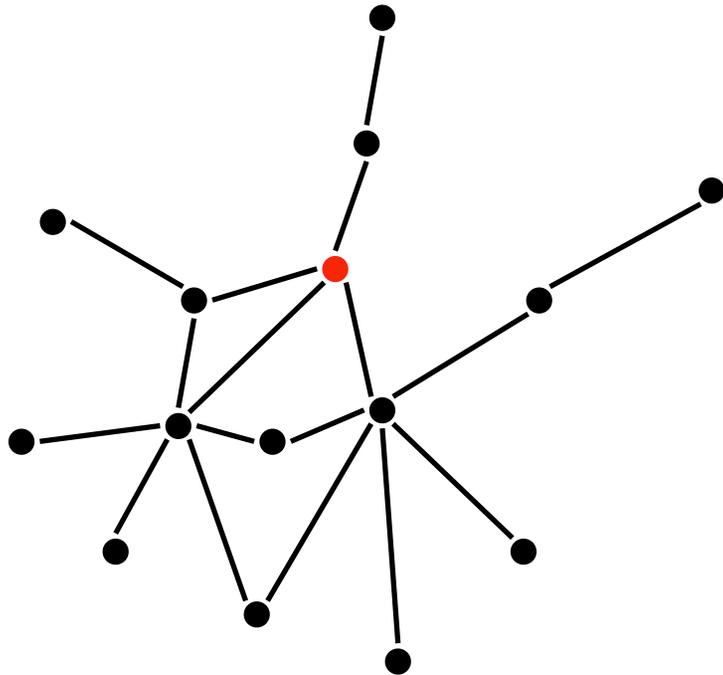
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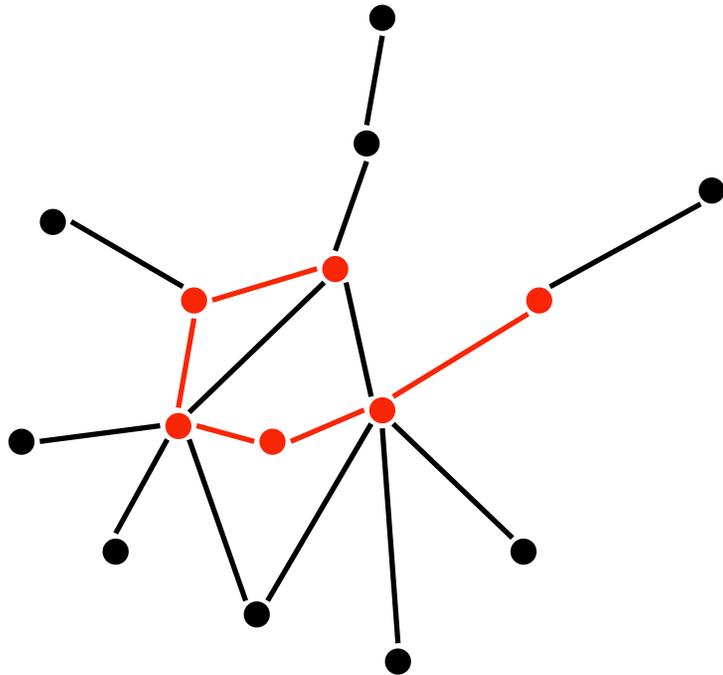
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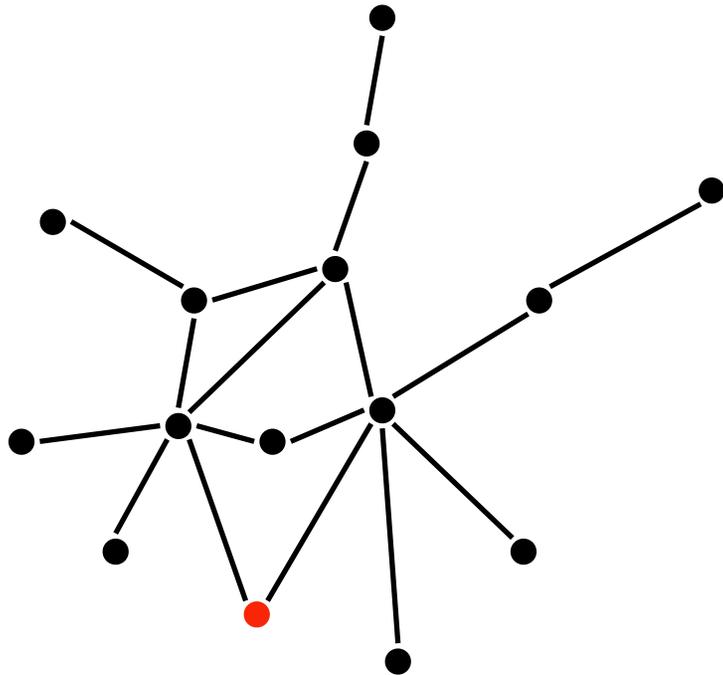
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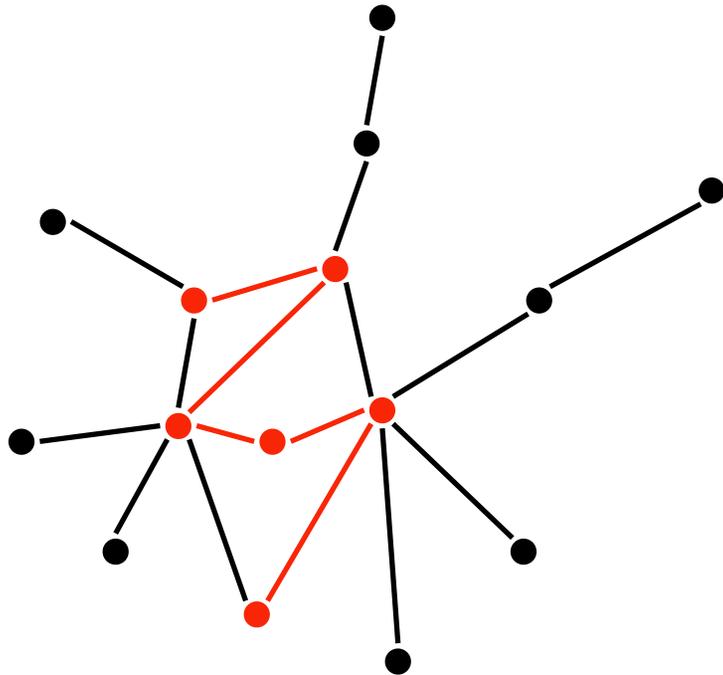
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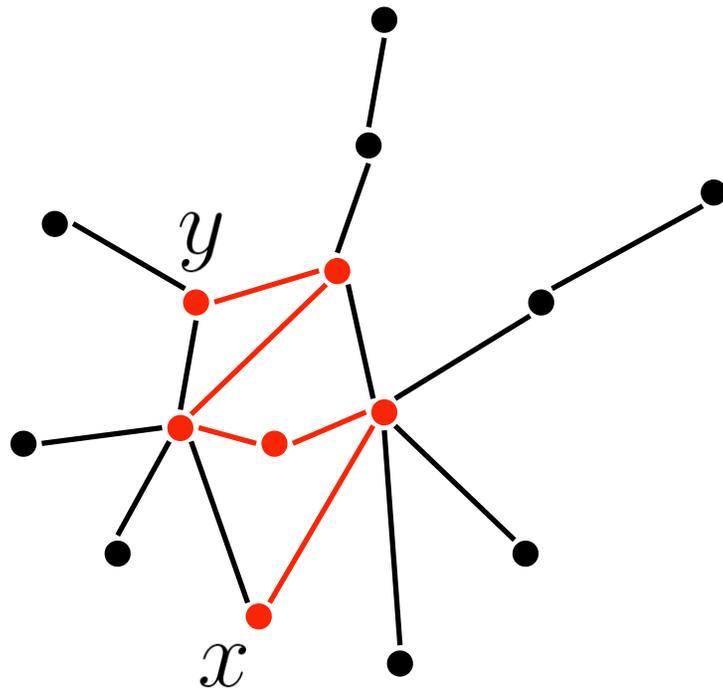
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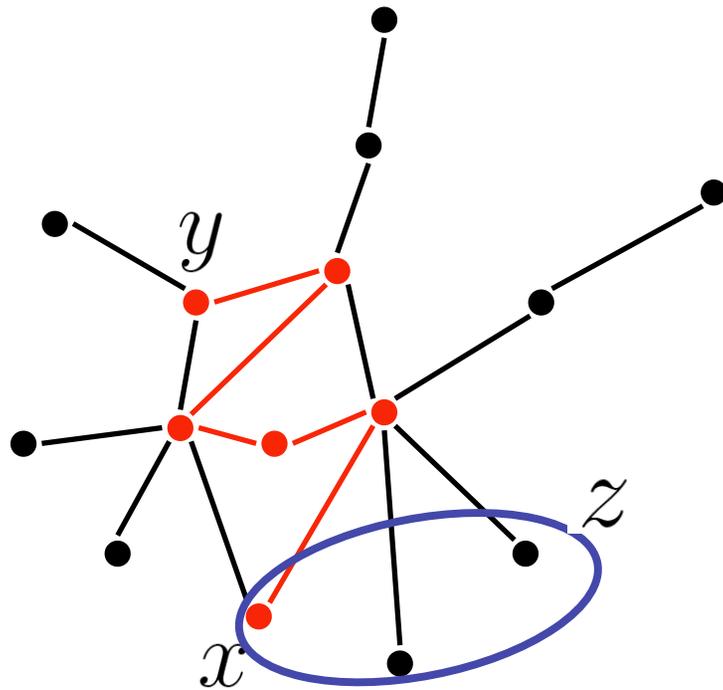
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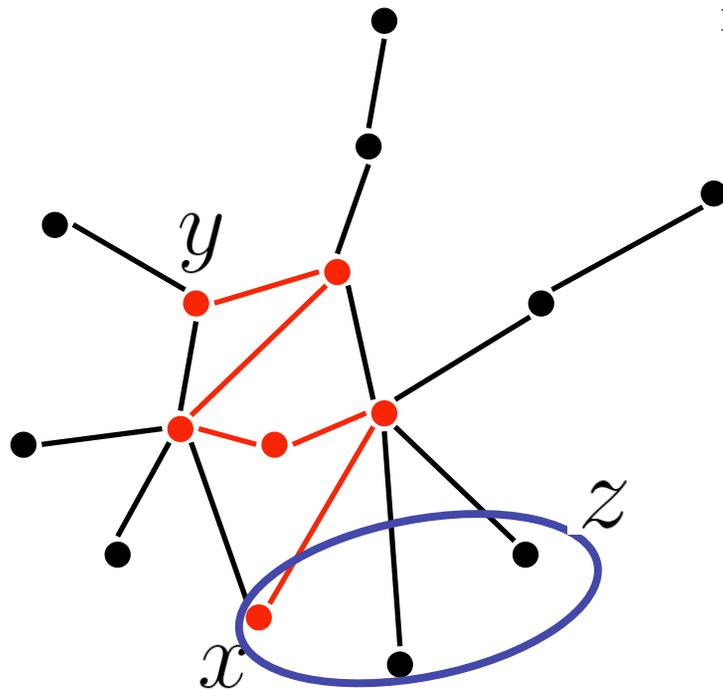
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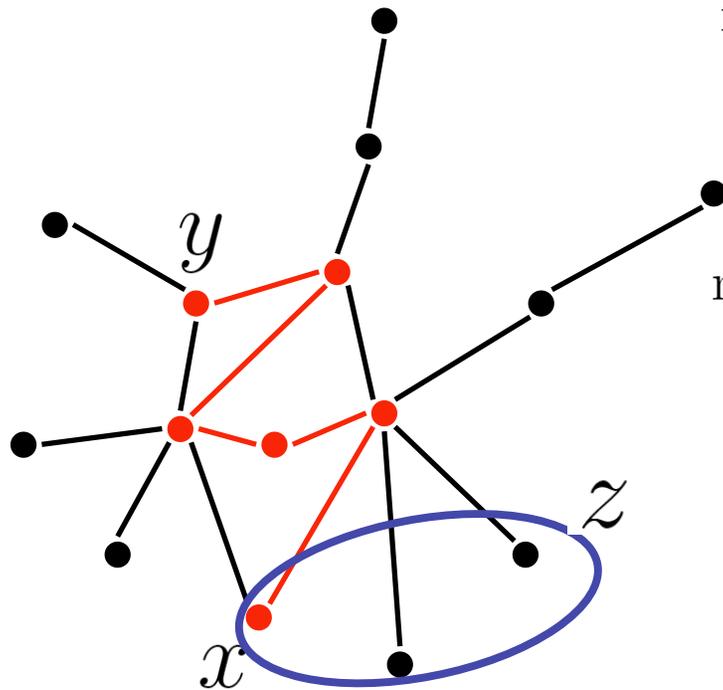
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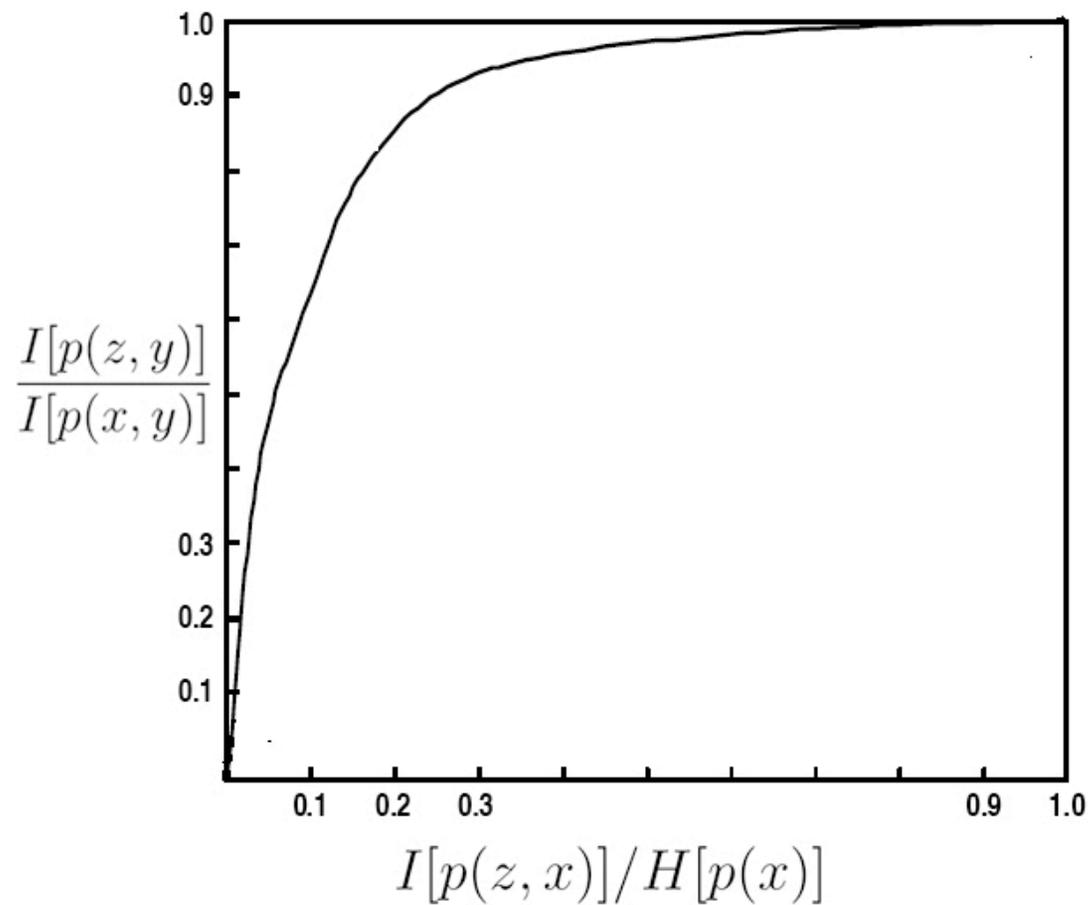
$$\text{minimize } I[p(x, z)] - \beta I[p(z, y)]$$

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# Defining Network Modularity

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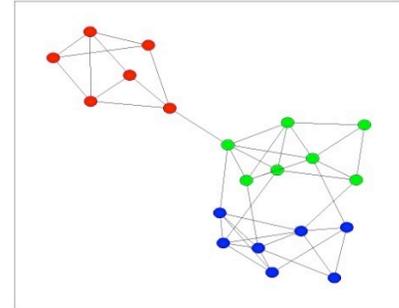
- **Summarizability** of network structure



method: diffusive distributions

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# Graph diffusion



- unbiased measure of connectivities

$$\partial_t \rho = \Delta \rho = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \rho$$

- natural “length scale” of the graph

$$\Rightarrow \rho(y(t)|x(0)) \propto e^{\Delta t} \quad \rho \propto \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_c} e^{-\lambda_\alpha / \lambda_1} \mathbf{v}_\alpha \mathbf{v}_\alpha^T$$

- defines a joint distribution for a graph
- generalizes to joint dist. for networks
- sparse matrices => approximation schemes

## illustration: “hard” agglomerative case

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- Graph provides joint distribution

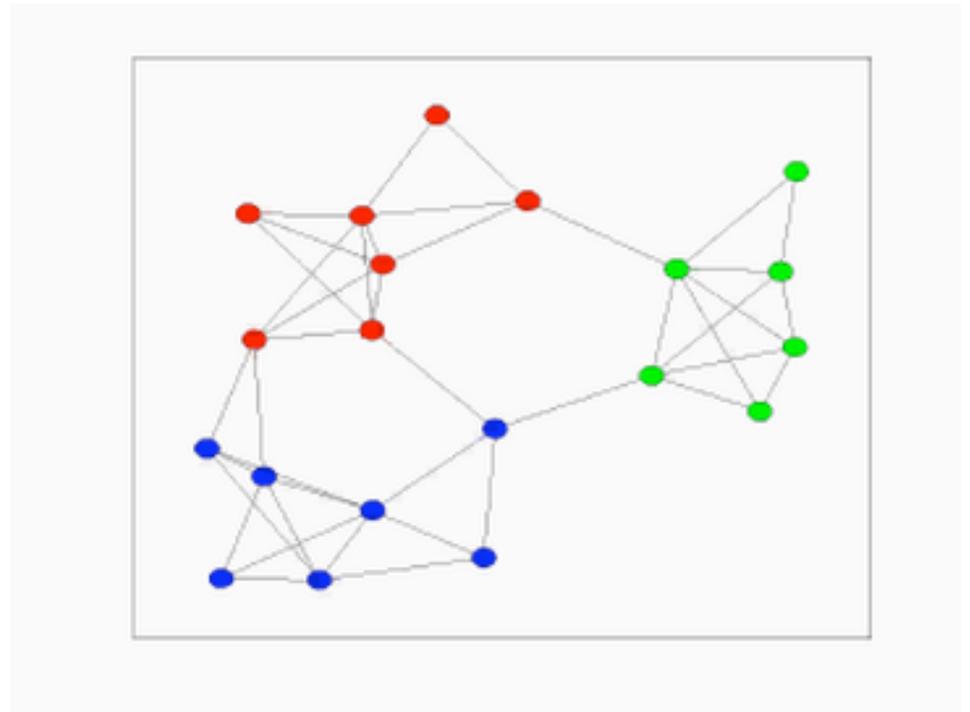
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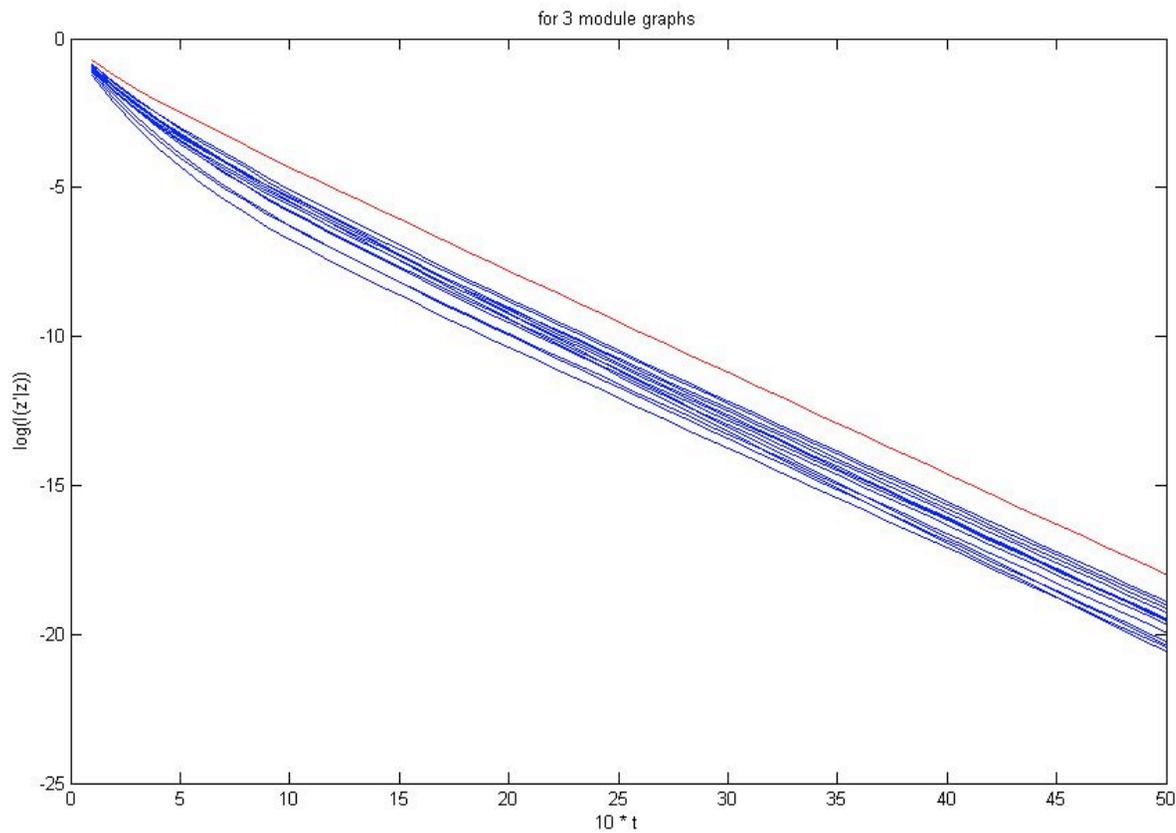
- provides **modules** ...

$$\min_{ij} I(\mathbf{y}; \{z_i, z_j\})$$



# dynamics: t-insensitive

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SBM (synthetic) data,  $|z|=2$ ;  $K=3$

applications:

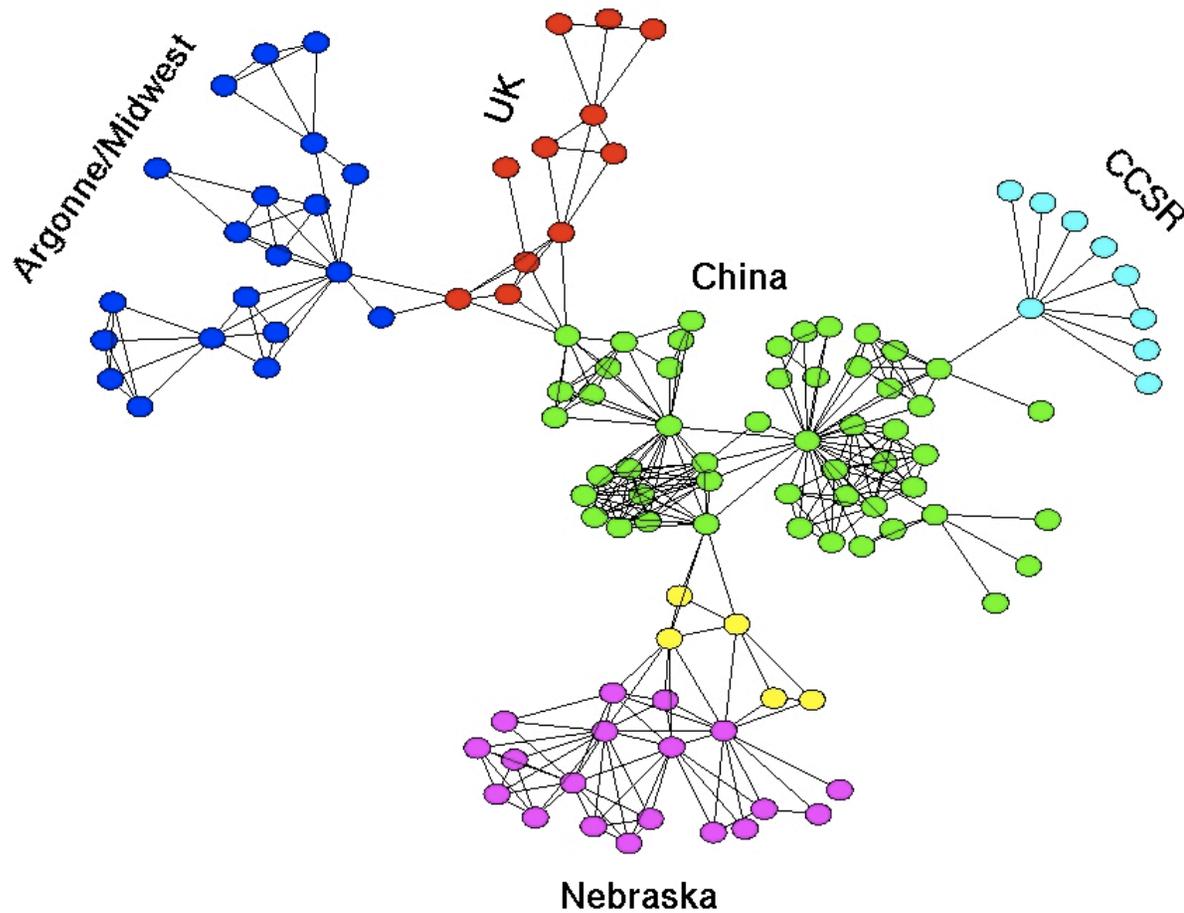
- i. real data
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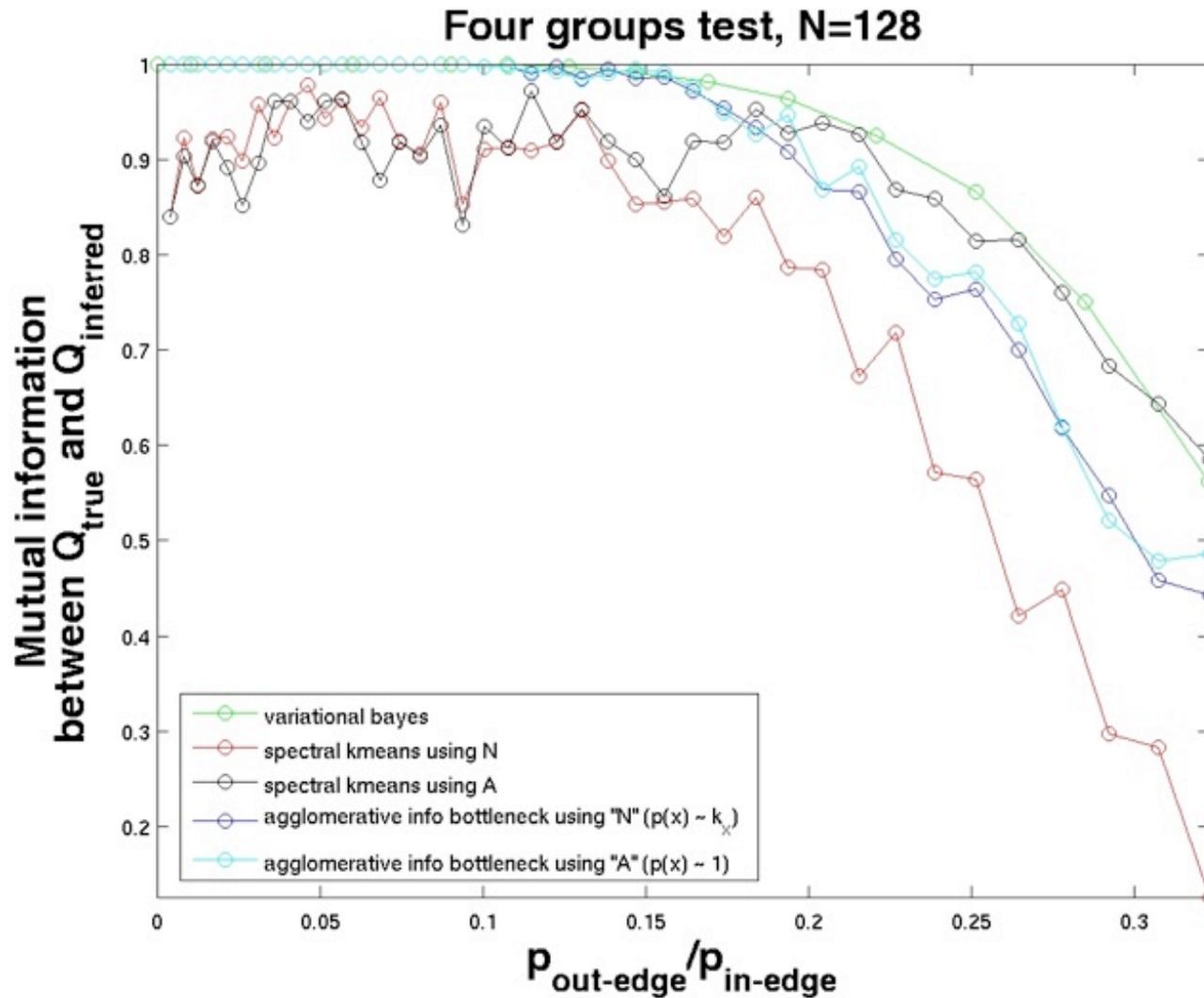
does it work?  
why or why not?

# validation: social networks

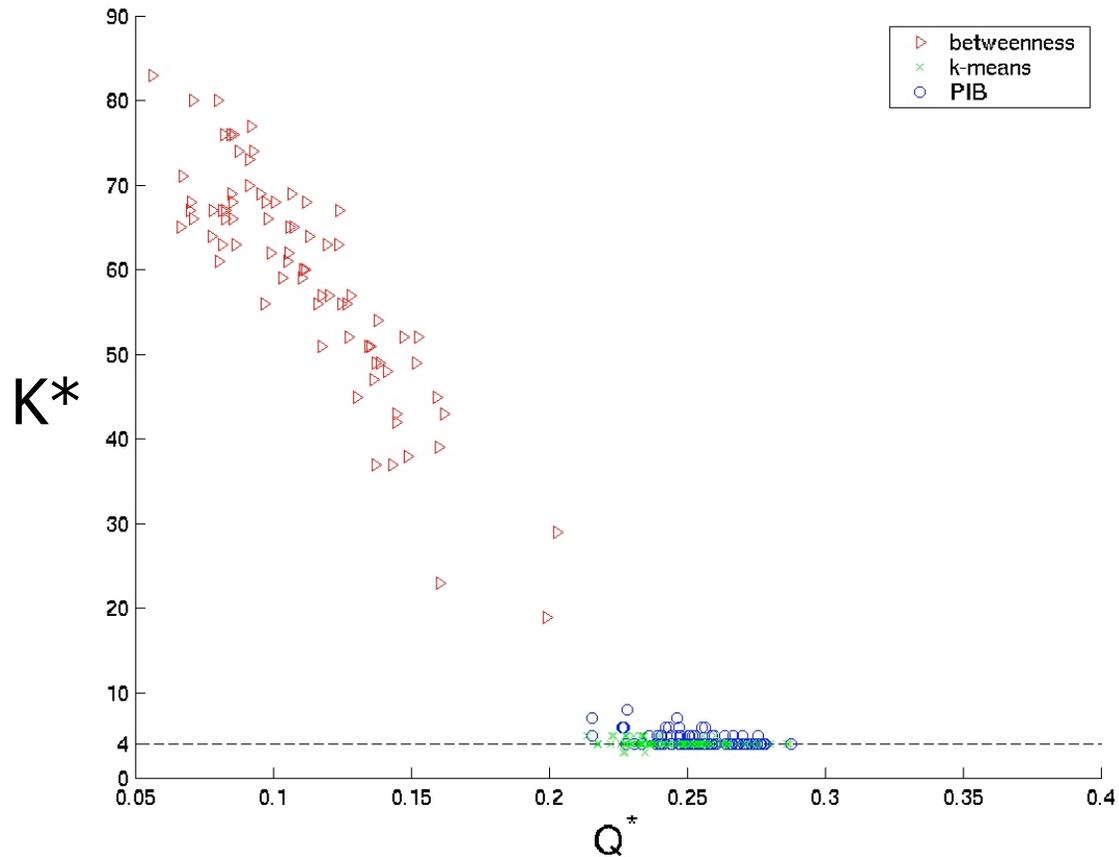
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# validation w/generative model (SBM)



# Results: $K^* = \text{argmax}(Q)$



Why is K-means competitive with NIB?

# connection with spectral methods

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“summarizable”=information-modular=edge modular?

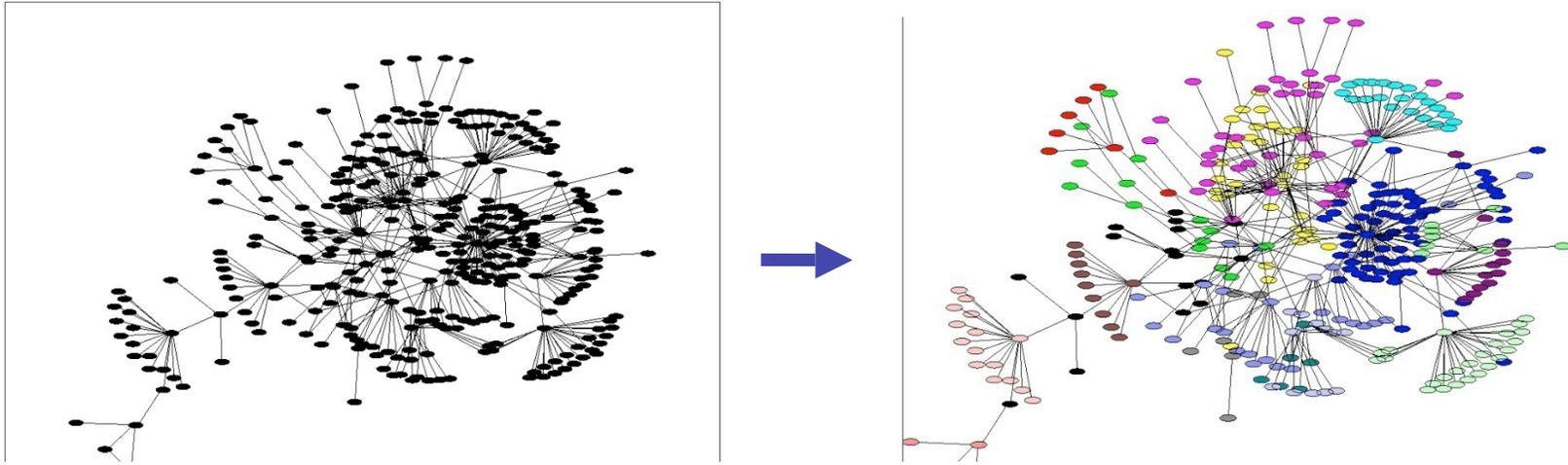
# agenda

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- history
  - information-theoretic clustering
  - spectral partitioning
- mathematics
  - a rethink
  - a **derivation**
- **computation**
  - **numerical experiments**
  - **pretty pictures**
- philosophy

# what just happened?

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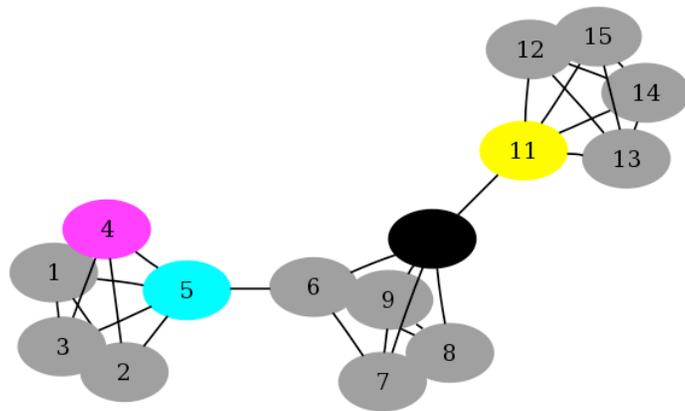
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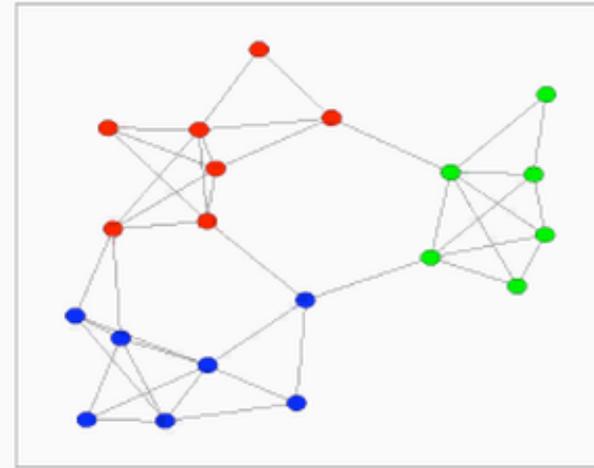
# punchlines:

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assert  $p(G)$  ->

- inference of scale +modules,
- derivation/generalization of heuristics in literature



assert diffusive distortion ->

- optimal encoding,
- derivation/generalization of spectral heuristics,
- order parameter for graph modularity

# inferring modules

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for more info

papers: arXiv: 0709.3512/PRL June 2007

jake's talking on july 4 in Helsinki

source code\*: [vbmod.sourceforge.net](http://vbmod.sourceforge.net)

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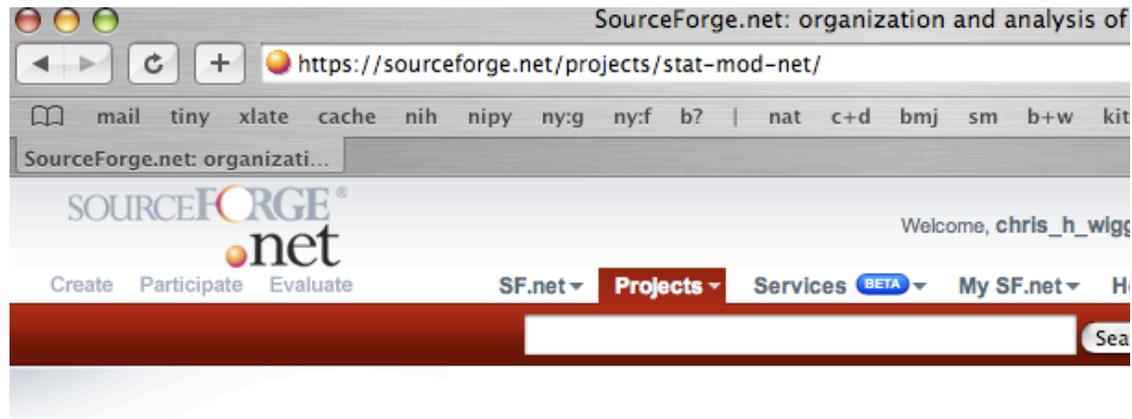
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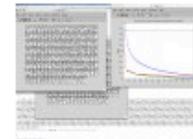
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