

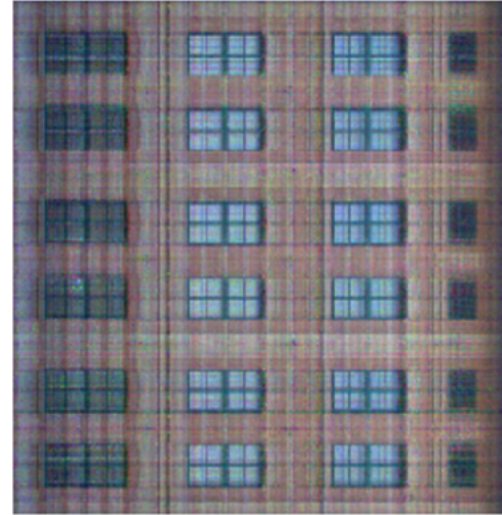
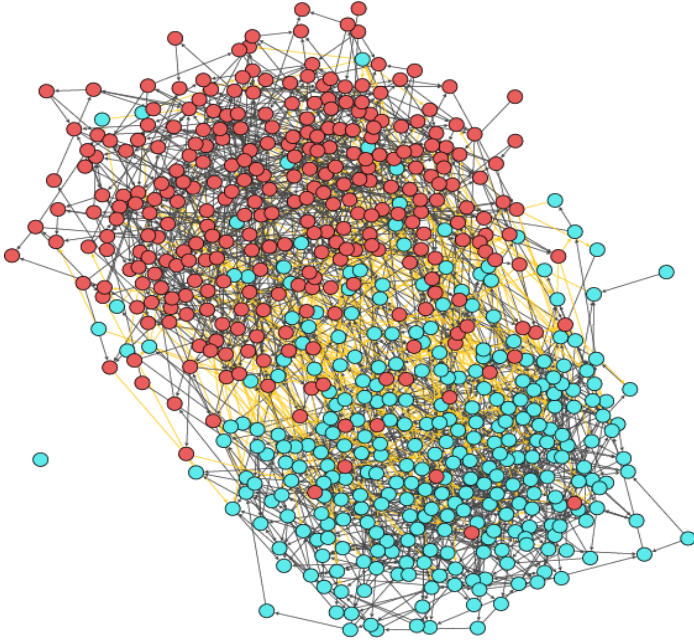
# Leveraging the lacuna: Spectral gaps and tensor recovery

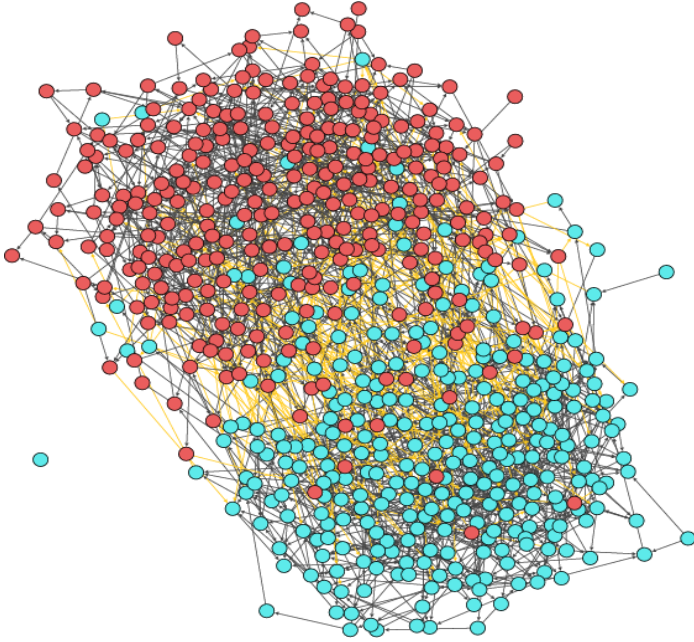
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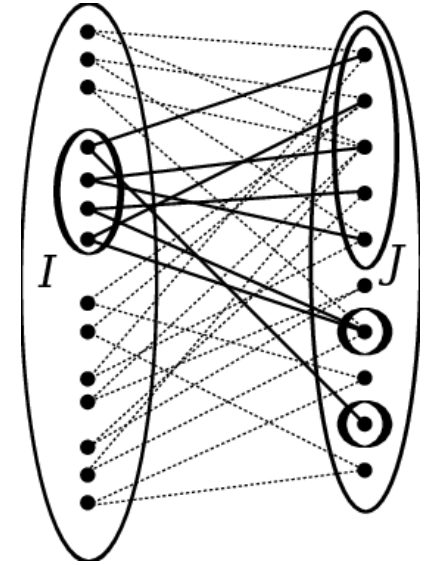


Expander graphs



# Expander graphs

- Sparse yet highly connected
  - Satisfy strong isoperimetric inequalities
  - Every vertex set has many neighbors
  - Every cut has many edges crossing
  - Random walks converge quickly to stationary



Informal definitions from Reingold, Vadhan, Wigderson (2000)

**Review: Hoory, Linial, Wigderson (2006)**

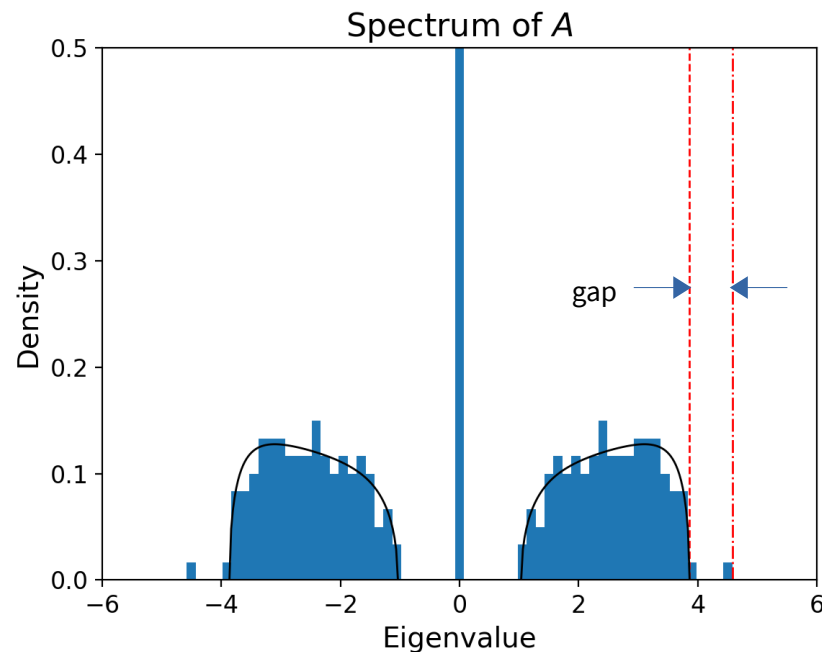
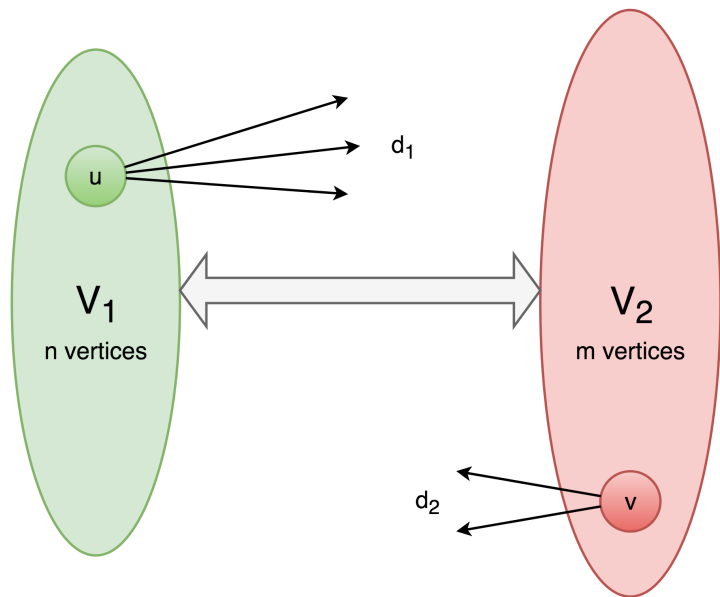


# Spectral expansion

Expander Mixing Lemma, bipartite version:

$$\left| \frac{E(A, B)}{|E|} - \frac{|A||B|}{nm} \right| \leq \underbrace{\frac{\lambda_2}{\sqrt{d_1 d_2}}}_{\text{Gap}} \sqrt{\frac{|A||B||A^c||B^c|}{(nm)^2}}$$

# Random graphs are good expanders



Theorem:

$$\lambda_2 \leq \sqrt{d_1 - 1} + \sqrt{d_2 - 1} + \epsilon_n$$

Study non-backtracking matrix



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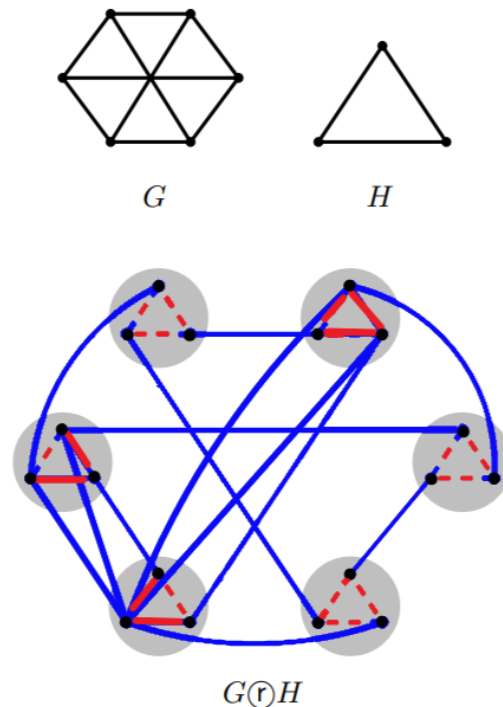
Friedman (2003)

Alon (1986)

Brito, Dumitriu, Harris in press

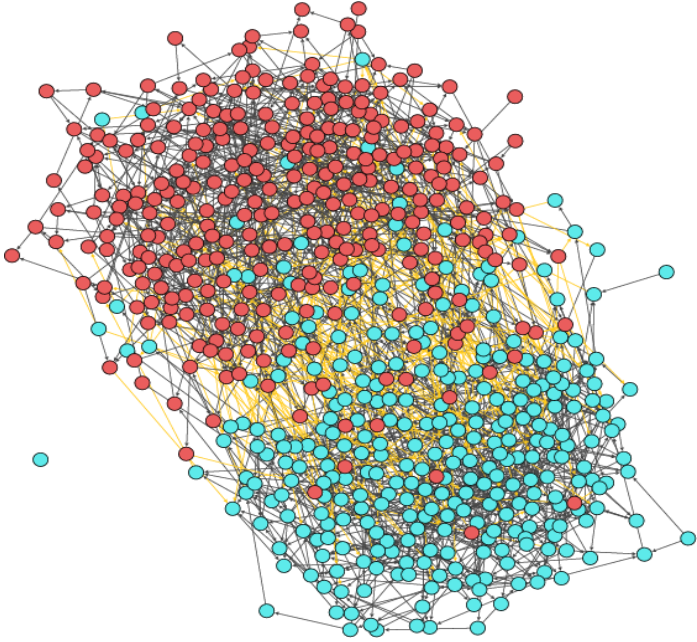
# Deterministic expanders

- Algebraic constructions
- Zig-zag product
  - Reingold, Vadhan, Wigderson (2000)
- “Derandomization” big idea in theoretical CS



# Applications of expander graphs

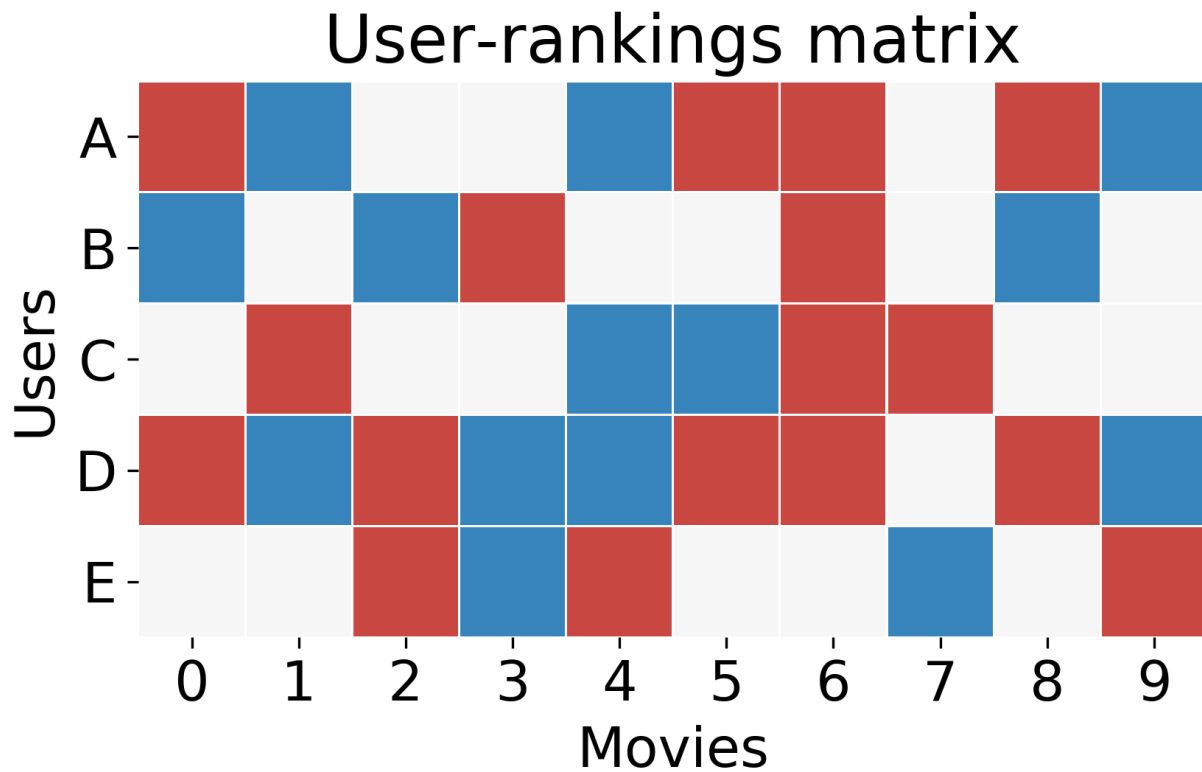
- Mixing rates of Markov chains
- Dynamics on networks, e.g. synchronization
- Community detection / spectral clustering
- Error correcting codes
- **Matrix & tensor completion**



Tensor  
completion



# The **NETFLIX** problem



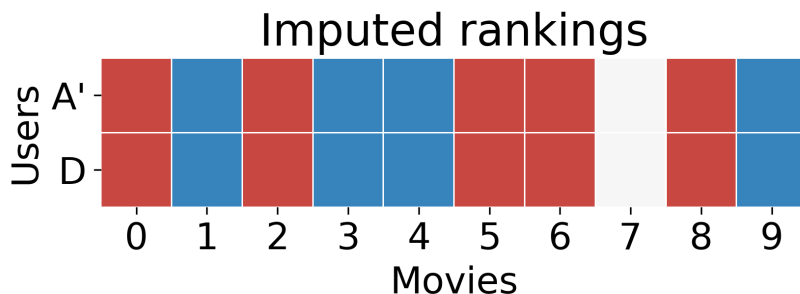
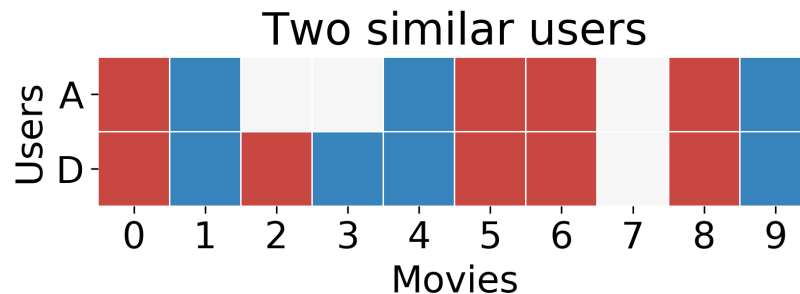
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Rows are repeated  
=  
Low rank

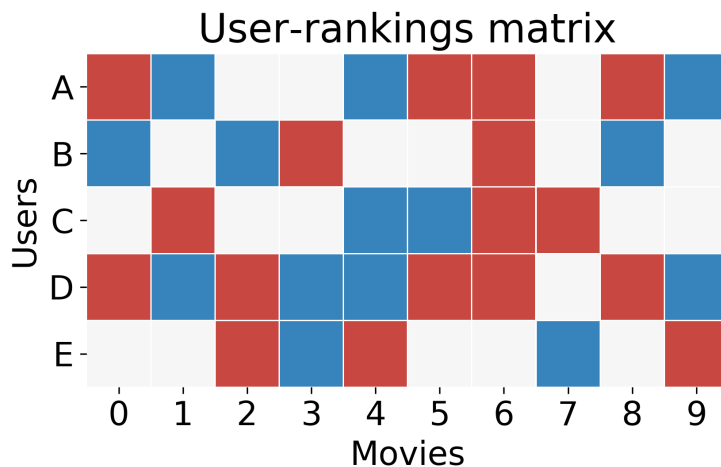
Proxies for rank:

- Sum of singular values
- Norms of factor matrices

## Matrix completion



# Connecting back to networks

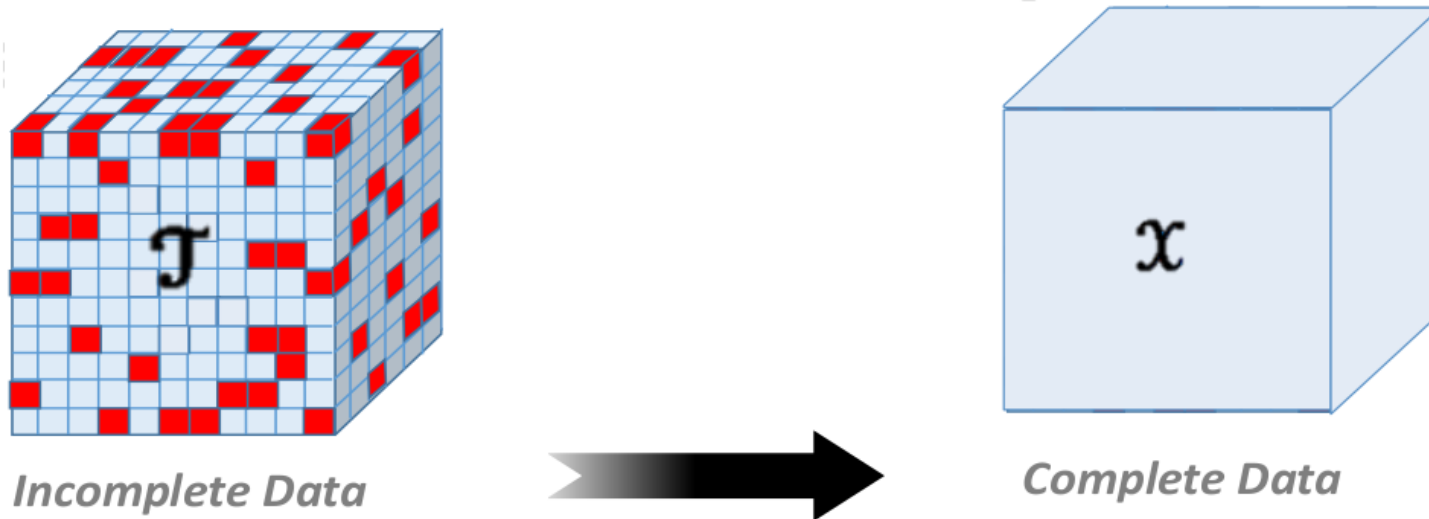


Data points are edges in a graph

$$(i, j) \in E \iff \text{entry } (i, j) \text{ is observed}$$

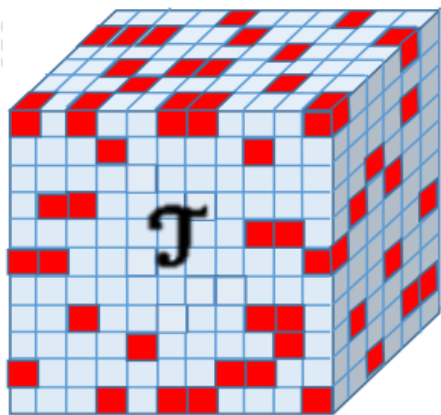
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- Use low-rank structure to infer missing data

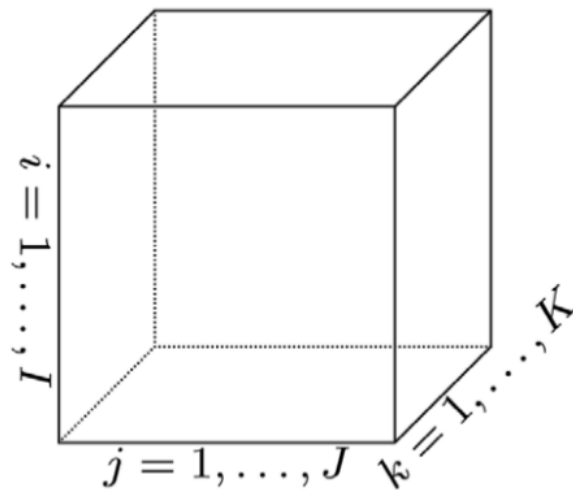


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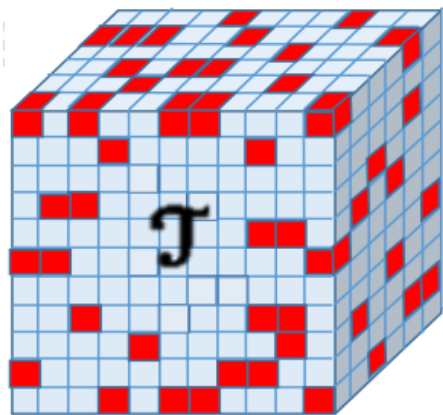
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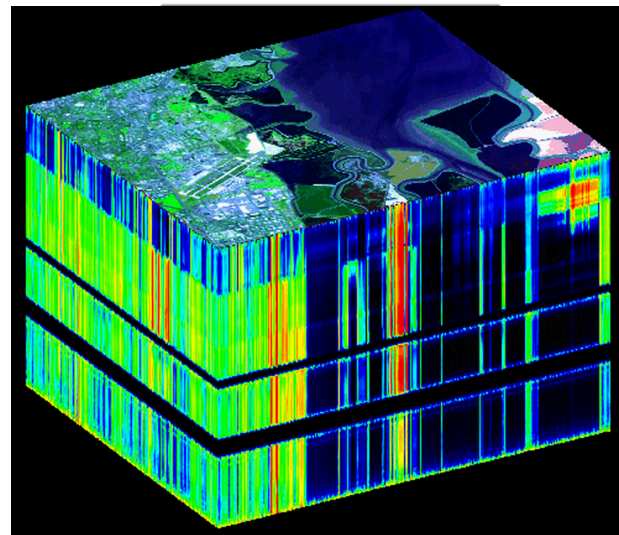


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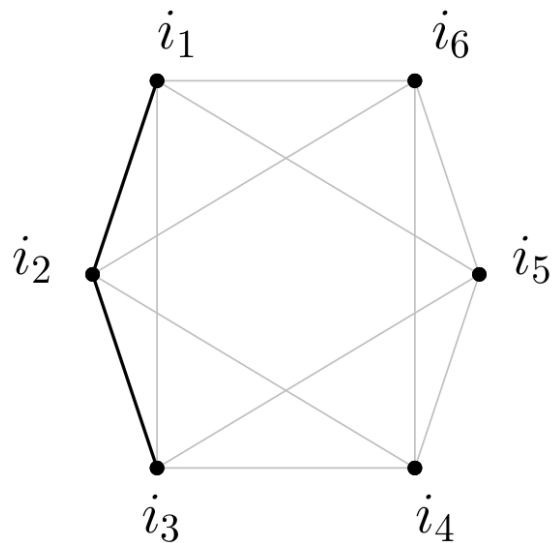
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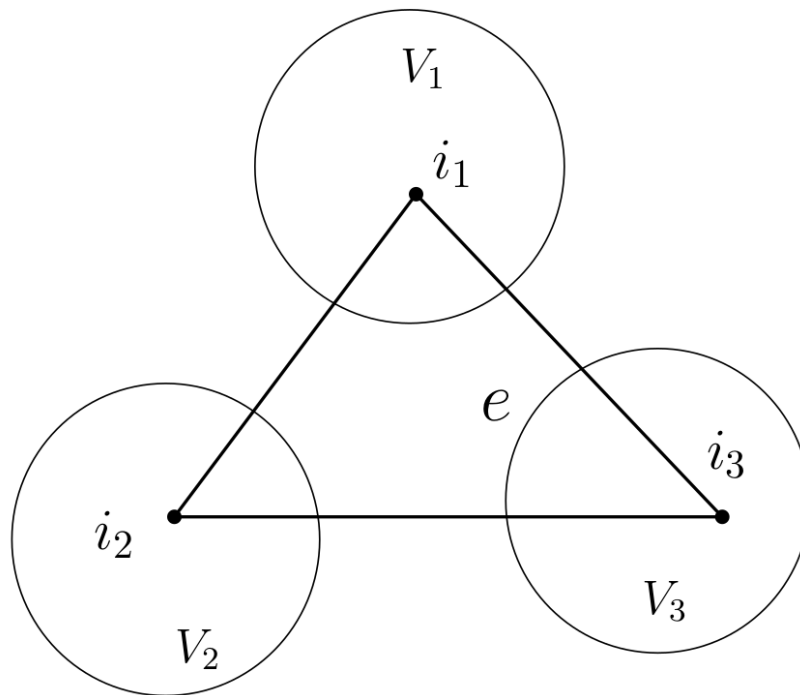
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# Hypergraph observations



$G$  expander



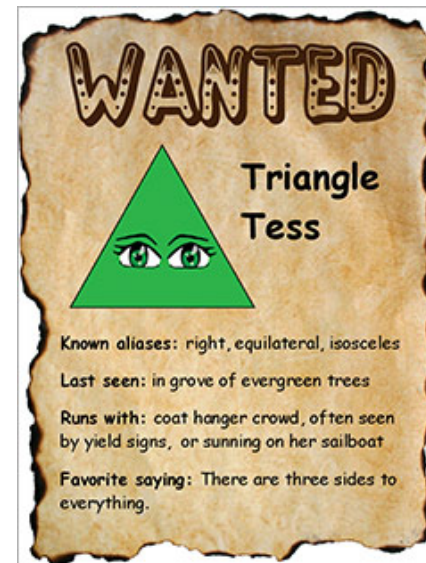
$H$  hypergraph  
sparse adjacency tensor

$nd^{t-1}$  hyperedge  
“observations”

# Max-quasinorm of a tensor

$$\|T\|_{\max} = \min_{T=U^{(1)} \circ \dots \circ U^{(t)}} \prod_{i=1}^t \|U^{(i)}\|_{2,\infty}$$

- Bounds nuclear norm of sign tensors via Grothendieck's inequality
- Depends on  $r$  and  $t$  but **not**  $n$



# Expansion $\Rightarrow$ completion

Suppose we solve

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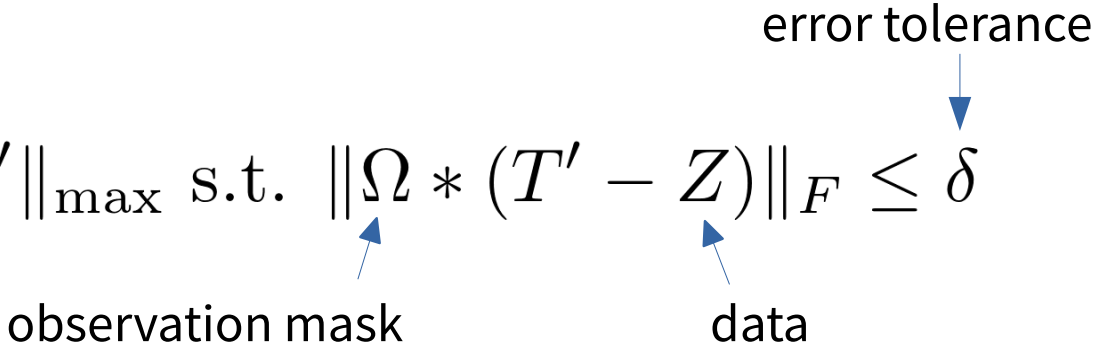
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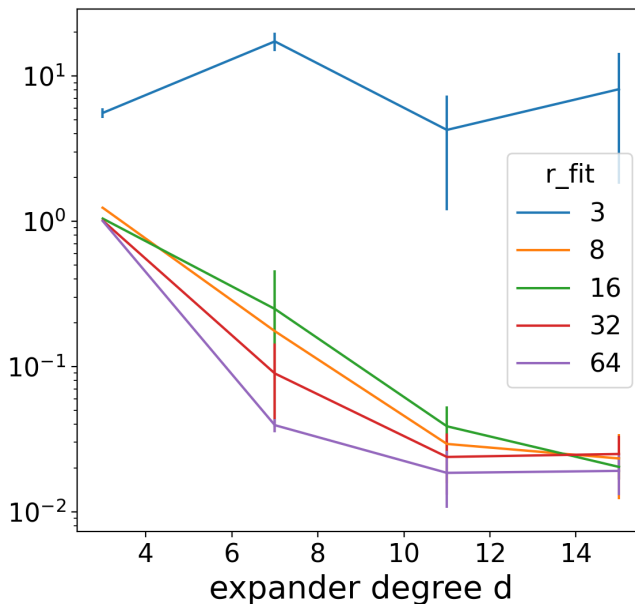
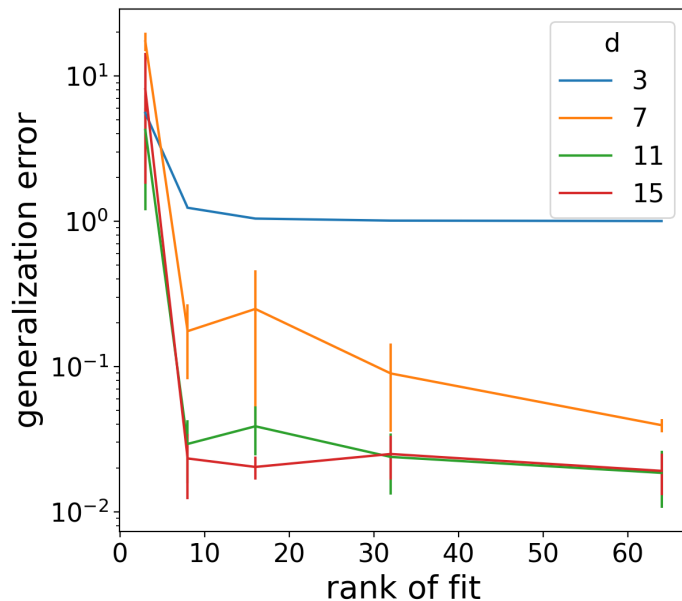
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**Linear** sample  
complexity!

$$|E| = O\left(\frac{\|T\|_{\max}^{4t-4}}{\varepsilon^{2(t-1)}} \cdot n\right)$$

# Practical algorithm works well

$t = 4, n = 80$

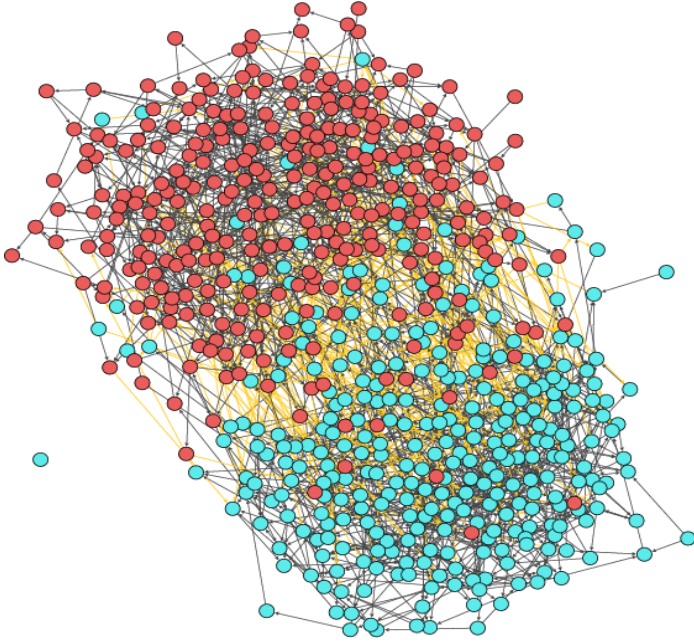


0.04% observed

<https://github.com/kharris/max-qnorm-tensor-completion>

# Our results

- Improved understanding of the tensor *max-quasinorm*
  - Rank bounds, relationship other norms
- Hypergraph sampling model
  - Construction from expander graphs, new mixing inequality
- Deterministic bound of generalization error for completion
  - Linear sample complexity
- Numerical method which works well even with few samples



Thank you  
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and mind the gap





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