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**SBM**

$$\sum_{a=1}^q m_a = 1 \quad \text{group sizes}$$

$$s_i = a \text{ with prob. } m_a \quad s_i \in \{1, \dots, q\}$$

$$C_{ab} \text{ affinity matrix, } p_{ab} = \frac{C_{ab}}{N} \quad \text{sparse graphs}$$

What is optimal? Depends on the dataset. Real datasets were not generated by SBM ... ~~so real problems~~ so worst case guarantees ~~for~~ would be needed.  $\rightarrow$  most of statistics!

Typical  $\times$  worst.

~~Making our life as an artist~~ First step towards theoretical understanding: Generate the data from SBM with known  $m_a, C_{ab}, q$ !

What is optimal inference then?

**IT & Algorithmic limitations in high-dimensional setting.**

What quantity to optimize? e.g.

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{s_i^* \hat{s}_i} = Q$$

True value  $\rightarrow$  estimator computed from

$$\hat{s}_i(A_{ij}, \vec{m}, c, q) = ? \quad \text{so that } Q \text{ maximized? } A_{ij}, \vec{m}, c, q, \theta$$

$Q(s_i^*, A_{ij})$  so we can only maximize in expectation ~~of~~ over  $s^*$

Given  $A_{ij} \in \theta$  what is the probability of ~~AB~~ what was  $s^*$ ?

$$P(s | A, \theta) = \frac{P(s, \theta) P(A | s, \theta)}{P(A | \theta)} = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{i=1}^N m_{s_i} \prod_{i,j} \left( \frac{c_{s_i s_j}}{N} \right)^{A_{ij}}$$

posterior distribution in Bayesian inference.

$$\max_{\hat{s}(A, \theta)} \left[ \sum_{\{s_j\}_{j=1}^N} P(s | A, \theta) \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \delta_{s_j \hat{s}_j(A, \theta)} \right] =$$

$$= \max_{\hat{s}(A, \theta)} \left[ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mu(s_j | A, \theta) \delta_{s_j \hat{s}_j(A, \theta)} \right]$$

max term by term to get

$$\hat{s}_j(A, \theta) = \operatorname{argmax} \mu(s_j)$$

Bayes optimal estimation.



Where  $\mu(s_i)$  is the marginal distribution of the posterior  
 $s_i \in \{1, 2, \dots, q\}$

$s \in \{1, 2, \dots, q\}^N$        $A_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$

$$Z(A, \theta) = \sum_{\{s_i\}_{i=1 \dots N}} \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^N n_{s_i}}_{P(s|\theta)} \prod_{i,j} \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{c_{s_i s_j}}{N}\right)^{1-A_{ij}} c_{s_i s_j}^{A_{ij}}}_{P(A|s, \theta)}$$

$\mu(s_i) = \sum_{\substack{\{s_j\}_{j=1 \dots N} \\ j \neq i}} P(s|A, \theta)$       definition of the marginal.

How to compute  $\mu(s_i)$ ?

E.g. ~~no graph known~~ no graph known

$$P(s) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{i=1}^N m_{s_i}$$

$Z=1$        $\mu(s_i) = m_{s_i}$  uninformative marginals?

exactly is hard. #P-hard.

~~But in these lectures I will teach you how~~

Triago showed that you can do it with MCMC. Good option, but hard to analyze. There's really or prove something about.

This lecture will be about another class of algorithms and an analysis tool that permits deeper understanding of the behaviour of the Bayes optimal estimator and its tractability. Methods & concepts rather than algorithms.

Summary of results (justifications in the rest of the lecture).

(Focus on the challenging case where the average degree in every group is the same)

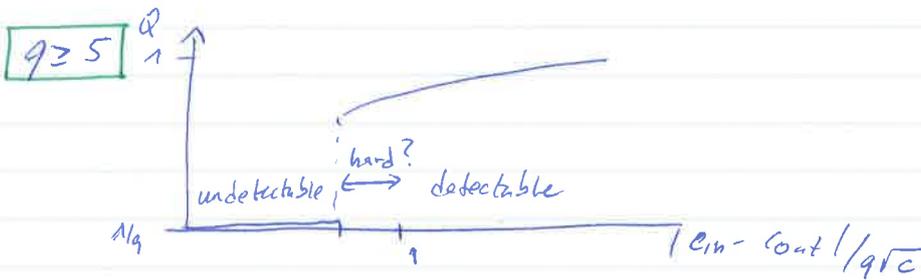
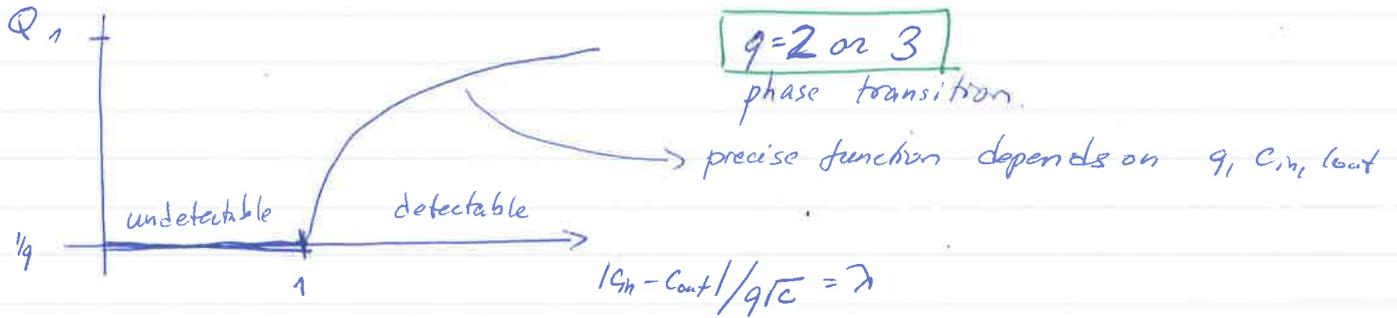
$$\sum_{a=1}^q m_a c_{ab} = c_b = c \forall b$$

$\hookrightarrow$  average degree

(A)  $\alpha_a = \frac{1}{q}$   $C_{ab} = C_{out}$  if  $a \neq b$   
 $= C_{in}$  if  $a = b$

$$c = \frac{C_{in} + (q-1)C_{out}}{q}$$

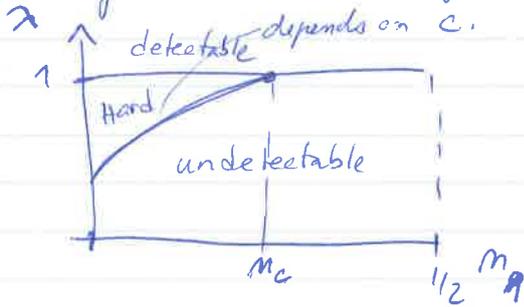
$$|C_{in} - C_{out}| = q\sqrt{c}$$



q=4 depends on  $C_{in}$  &  $C_{out}$   
 (large  $c \rightarrow$  continuous  
 small  $c$  &  $C_{in} > C_{out}$   
 discontinuous)

- Comments :
- ① q=2 established rigorously Mossel, Sly, Neeman, Bordenave, Lelarge, Massoulié...
  - ② q=3 undetectability at  $\lambda=1$  still open
  - ② contiguity between SBM & random ER graph in the undetectable phase.  
 High prob. properties hold in both.  
 SBM graphs are basically for all practical purposes undistinguishable from ER!
  - ③ Abbe + collaborators, C. Moore & collaborators gaps from 1 proven for q >= 4 (not tight).
  - ④ All known poly algorithms ms work only for  $\lambda \geq 1$ .  
 E.g. non-backtracking spectral (to come)  
 Belief propagation (to come)
  - ⑤ Conjecture BP matches Bayes optimal out of the hard region. (open in sparse, Theorem in dense)

(B) Two groups, one smaller  $m_1$  and denser (to compensate for the degree) Average degree  $c = m_0 c_{00} + m_1 c_{01} = m_1 c_{11} + m_0 c_{10}$



$$\lambda = \frac{m_1 (c_{11} - c_{10})}{\sqrt{c}}$$

$$m_c = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

Hard phase / discontinuous phase transition exist even for  $q=2$ .

Comments

(1) small  $m_1$  related to planted clique problem.  $\rightarrow$  the best known inference problem where IT cliques  $> O(\log N)$  detectable, but algorithms fail for  $O(\sqrt{N})$ .

(2) To define non-detectability in the asymmetric case  $\mu(S_i) \neq m_{S_i}$ . (our definition of overlap not best)

Where do these results come from: Heuristic statistical physics + series of later proofs (still many open parts).

Why would people in physics study SBM? Long before interest in data networks...

SBM = kind of a mean-field spin glass

Spin glass = gold with few % of iron  
 $\hookrightarrow$  not magnetic  $\quad \quad \quad \hookrightarrow$  magnetic

Intriguing magnetic properties. Understand & predict.

To introduce a spin glass to ~~math~~ non-physicist take the (planted) spin glass game.

Dense spin glass game.

N people, deal  $\pm 1$  cards to everyone (roughly the same # of +1 as -1).  $S_i^*$  card of person i.

Ask each pair of people a task  $J_{ij}$   $\sim N(0,1)$ , return  $J_{ij} + \frac{\beta^*}{N} S_i^* S_j^* = J_{ij}$

Goal of the game:  $S^*$  is hidden, estimate it from  $J_{ij}$  ( $\beta$  known).

Bayes optimal inference (again)

$$P(S | J, \mu) = \frac{1}{2} \prod_{i < j} e^{-\frac{1}{2} (J_{ij} - \frac{\beta}{N} S_i S_j)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \prod_{i < j} e^{+\beta \frac{J_{ij}}{N} S_i S_j} = \frac{1}{2} e^{-\beta H}$$

$$H = - \sum_{i < j} \frac{J_{ij}}{N} S_i S_j$$

spin glass Hamiltonian  
partition function  
Boltzmann measure  
inverse temperature

$\int$   
 $P(S | J, \mu)$   
etc.  
Substitution  $\tilde{S}_i = S_i^* \tilde{S}_i$

$$H = - \sum_{i < j} \left( \frac{J_{ij}}{N} S_i^* S_j^* + \frac{\beta^*}{N} \right) \tilde{S}_i \tilde{S}_j$$

$J_{ij}$  random with mean  $\frac{\beta^*}{N}$   
variance  $\frac{1}{N}$

[ Bayes optimal inference = spin glass at a special value of temperature ( $\beta = \beta^*$ ) related to bias in  $J_{ij}$  (Nishimori temperature).  $\beta_c = 1$

Read the results off phase diagrams from 20-40 years old physics papers. End of lecture 1. (1.5h)

Spin glass game and SBM  
not so similar?

Low rank matrix factorization:

A class of problems of statistical inference that includes SBM & planted spin glass.

symmetric matrix

$$P(S|Y) = \frac{1}{Z(Y)} \prod_{i=1}^N P_0(S_i) \prod_{(i,j) \in E} P_{out}(Y_{ij} | S_i, S_j)$$

$Y \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  symmetric  $\underbrace{\quad}_{i,j}$  nodes  $\underbrace{\quad}_{i,j}$  edges (asymmetric) (graphs, tensors, hypergraphs...)

$S_i \in \mathbb{R}^q$   
 $K \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times q}$  known,  $P_0, P_{out}$  known functions.

Examples:

SBM:  $S_i = (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$   $S_i(r) = 1$  if  $i$  belongs to group  $r$   
 $= 0$  otherwise

$K_{ab} = C_{ab}$

$P_0(S_0) = \sum_{a=1}^q m_a \vec{e}_a$

$P_{out}(Y|w) = \begin{cases} w/N \\ 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} w/N \\ 1 - w/N \end{cases}$  } sparse SBM

Planted spin glass: dense  
 $P_0(S) = \frac{1}{2} ( \delta(S+1) + \delta(S-1) )$   
 $P_{out}(Y|w) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} (Y - w/N)^2}$

Censored SBM / sparse and discrete  $J_{ij}$   $(i,j) \in E$  of ER graph

$P(J_{ij} = S_i S_j) = p$   
 $P(J_{ij} = -S_i S_j) = 1-p$   $p = 1/2$  standard diluted spin glass

Bethe-Peierls approximation or Belief Propagation (BP)  
How to compute  $Z$  &  $\mu(S_i)$  on a tree graph?

Derive BP for a generic  $P_{out}$  and (so far) discrete  $P_0(S_i)$

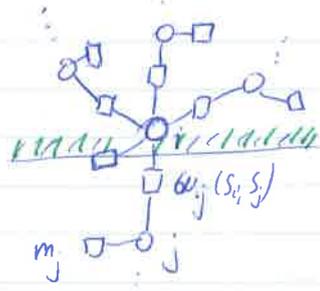
Also the weighted or layered SBM.  
or latent space model

BP on a tree graph,  $G=(V,E)$

$$P(s) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_i m_i(s_i) \prod_{(ij) \in E} \omega_{ij}(s_i, s_j)$$

$s_i \in \mathcal{X}$   
discrete set  
(for now)

$$Z = \sum_{\{s_i\}_{i=1..N}} \prod_i m_i(s_i) \prod_{(ij) \in E} \omega_{ij}(s_i, s_j)$$



Define  $z^{i \rightarrow j}(s_i) \equiv \sum_{\{s_{k'}\}_{k' \in \text{above } j}} \prod_{(l, l') \in E_{\text{above } i}} \omega_{ll'}(s_l, s_{l'})$

$$= m_i(s_i) \prod_{k \in \text{child } j} \omega_{ik}(s_i, s_k) z^{k \rightarrow i}(s_k)$$

Conditionally on  $s_i$ , the branches for different  $k$  are not connected  $\Rightarrow$  independent.

Define messages

$$\tilde{m}^{i \rightarrow j}(s_i) = \frac{z^{i \rightarrow j}(s_i)}{\sum_s z^{i \rightarrow j}(s)}$$

$$\tilde{m}^{i \rightarrow j}(s_i) = \frac{m_i(s_i) \prod_{k \in \text{child } j} \sum_{s_k} \omega_{ik}(s_i, s_k) z^{k \rightarrow i}(s_k)}{\sum_s m_i(s) \prod_{k \in \text{child } j} \sum_{s_k} \omega_{ik}(s, s_k) z^{k \rightarrow i}(s_k)}$$

$$\tilde{m}^{i \rightarrow j}(s_i) = \frac{1}{\tilde{N}^{i \rightarrow j}} m_i(s_i) \prod_{k \in \text{child } j} \sum_{s_k} \omega_{ik}(s_i, s_k) \tilde{m}^{k \rightarrow i}(s_k)$$

where  $\tilde{N}^{i \rightarrow j} = \sum_s m_i(s) \prod_{k \in \text{child } j} \sum_{s_k} \omega_{ik}(s, s_k) \tilde{m}^{k \rightarrow i}(s_k)$

**BP on a tree**

Marginals  $\mu_{BP}(s_i) = \frac{1}{\tilde{N}^i} m_i(s_i) \prod_{k \in \text{child } i} \sum_{s_k} \omega_{ik}(s_i, s_k) \tilde{m}^{k \rightarrow i}(s_k)$

Bethe free energy (exercise to derive this on a tree)  
(exact on a tree)

$$f = -\log Z = -\sum_i \log \tilde{N}^i + \sum_{(ij) \in E} \log \sum_{s_i, s_j \in \mathcal{X}} \omega_{ij}(s_i, s_j) m_i^{i \rightarrow j}(s_i) m_j^{j \rightarrow i}(s_j)$$

No magic so far (on trees). ⑧

BP is an iterative algorithm that often works well also on loopy graphs.

Specifically : Conjecture : Out of the hard region BP matches the Bayes optimal estimator in the limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

What is the overlap / error? Sparse graphs not easy to analyze.  
Dense are simpler (but still highly non-trivial).

Dense ~~setting~~ matrix factorization setting :

$$P(s | Y) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{i=1}^N P_0(s_i) \prod_{i,j} P_{out}(Y_{ij} | \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} S_i S_j^T)$$

$s_i \in \mathbb{R}^q$        $N \rightarrow \infty$

$P_0, P_{out}$  do not depend on  $N$ .

Midane  
 $P_0$  finite support at least  $q^2$   
 $P_{out}(Y_{ij})$  3 times diff with  
boundary dens.

~~the problem~~  
The problem : generate  $S^*$  from  $\prod_{i=1}^N P_0(s_i)$  then generate  $Y_{ij}$  from  $P_{out}(Y_{ij} | \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} S_i S_j^T)$  then estimate  $S^*$  from  $Y$  ▽  
SAY EXAMPLES HERE

In this case results rather explicit. Statement of 3 theorems.

① Universality the MMSE in the large  $N$  limit depends of  $P_{out}$  only through the Fisher Information

$$\frac{1}{\Delta} = \mathbb{E}_{P_{out}(Y, w=0)} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial \log P_{out}(Y | w)}{\partial w} \Big|_{w=0} \right)^2 \right]$$

Examples ①  $Y_{ij} = K_{ij} + \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{N}} S_i S_j$        $P_{out}(Y | w) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(Y - \beta w)^2}$

$\frac{\partial \log P_{out}}{\partial w} \Big|_{w=0} = \beta Y$        $\frac{1}{\Delta} = \beta^2$

② Symmetric SBM with  $q$  groups :  $s_i \in \mathbb{R}^q$   $(0,1)$   
 $(1,0)$

$P(Y_{ij} = 1) = p + \frac{\tilde{\mu}}{\sqrt{N}} S_i S_j$        $p = \alpha(1)$

$0 = 1 - p - \frac{\tilde{\mu}}{\sqrt{N}} S_i S_j$

$|P_{in} - P_{out}| = \frac{\sqrt{\tilde{\mu}}}{\sqrt{N}}$

→ highlight proof of universality.

$$\frac{\partial \log(p + \tilde{\mu}w)}{\partial w} \Big|_{w=0} = \frac{\tilde{\mu}}{p} \quad \gamma=1$$

$$\frac{\partial \log(1-p - \tilde{\mu}w)}{\partial w} \Big|_{w=0} = \frac{-\tilde{\mu}}{1-p} \quad \gamma=0$$

$$\frac{1}{\Delta} = p \frac{\tilde{\mu}^2}{p^2} + (1-p) \frac{\tilde{\mu}^2}{(1-p)^2} = \tilde{\mu}^2 \frac{1}{p(1-p)}$$

Spin-glass game  
Censored SBM, only fraction of  $p$  of answers seen and for  $S_i = \pm 1$   
 $Y_{ij} = +1$  with probability  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\mu'}{N} S_i S_j$  seen ones:  
 $Y_{ij} = -1$  with probability  $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\mu'}{N} S_i S_j$   
 $Y_{ij} = 0$  with prob.  $1-p$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma = +1 & \quad \frac{\partial \log p(\frac{1}{2} + \mu'w)}{\partial w} \Big|_{w=0} = \frac{2p\mu'}{p} \\ -1 & \quad \frac{\partial \log p(\frac{1}{2} - \mu'w)}{\partial w} \Big|_{w=0} = -2\mu' \\ 0 & \quad \frac{\partial \log p}{\partial w} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{\Delta} = \frac{p}{2} (2\mu')^2 + \frac{p}{2} (2\mu')^2 = 2p(\mu')^2$$

② Expression for the free-energy and the MMSE ( $\gamma=1$ )

MSE

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (S_i^* - \hat{S}_i)^2$$

MMSE

computed with  $\hat{S}_i$  being mean of the marginal

(in physics we minimize energy)  $\min \int P(S_i) \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (S_i - \hat{S}_i)^2 \rightarrow$  minimized by marginal mean.

$$f = - \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \log Z_N(\gamma) \quad \text{we have}$$

Thanks to universality consider  $\lambda_{ij} = w_{ij} \mathcal{N}(0,1) + \frac{\lambda}{N} S_i^* S_j^*$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\Delta}$$

$$A = \min_m \left[ \frac{\lambda m^2}{4} - \mathbb{E}_{x^* \sim P_0} \log \int dx P_0(x) e^{\frac{m\lambda x^2}{2} + \lambda x x^* + \sqrt{\lambda} x z} \right]$$

$$\text{MMSE} = - \arg \min f(m) + \mathbb{E}_{x^* \sim P_0} (x^{*2})$$

$$Y_{ij} = G_{ij} + \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{N}} S_i S_j \quad \lambda = \beta^2$$

Free energy  $\tilde{F}_N(Y) = -\frac{1}{N} \log \tilde{Z}(Y)$  finite  $N$ ,  $Y$  dependent

$$\tilde{Z}(Y) = \int \prod_{i=1}^N ds_i \prod_{i < j} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} (Y_{ij} - \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{N}} S_i S_j)^2}$$

$$P(\mathbf{s} | Y) = \frac{1}{\tilde{Z}(Y)} \prod_{i=1}^N P_0(s_i) \prod_{i < j} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} (Y_{ij} - \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{N}} S_i S_j)^2}$$

$\mathbf{s}$ -independent constants can be "hidden" in  $Z$ :

$$P(\mathbf{s} | Y) = \frac{1}{Z(Y)} \prod_{i=1}^N P_0(s_i) \prod_{i < j} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda}{N} S_i^2 S_j^2 + Y_{ij} \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{N}} S_i S_j}$$

$$Z(Y) = \int \prod_{i=1}^N ds_i \prod_{i=1}^N P_0(s_i) \prod_{i < j} e^{-\frac{\lambda}{2N} S_i^2 S_j^2 + Y_{ij} \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{N}} S_i S_j}$$

Theorem: **rank 1**  $k=1$   $f = -\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \mathbb{E} \log Z_N(Y)$  is w.h.p.  $+(self-averaging)$

$$f = \min_m \left[ \frac{\lambda m^2}{4} - \mathbb{E}_{x^* \sim P_0} \log \int dx P_0(x) e^{-\frac{\lambda m}{2} x^2 + \sqrt{\lambda m} x (\sqrt{\lambda m} x^* + z)} \right] \equiv f_{RS}(m)$$

Corollary: **MNSE** =  $\mathbb{E}_{x^*} (x^{*2}) - \text{argmin}_{RS} f(m)$   
What just happened?

**Original problem**  $N$ -dimensional, depending on  $N \times N$  matrix  $Y$ .  
The expression in the **Theorem** is **scalar**!  $(q=1)$

$\leadsto$  Originally obtained using non-rigorous replica formula.  
Proof (Barber et al '16) uses the "knowledge" of the formula to prove it.  $\otimes$  Notice that the scalar formula is analogous to free energy in scalar denoising problem:  
End of lecture 2. (1.5h)

SCALAR DENOISING

Generate  $x^* \sim P_0(x^*)$ , observe  $y = \sqrt{\lambda} x^* + z$  **all  $\in \mathbb{R}$**

$$P(x | y) = \frac{1}{Z(y)} P_0(x) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} (y - \sqrt{\lambda} x)^2} = \frac{1}{Z(y)} P_0(x) e^{-\frac{\lambda}{2} x^2 + \sqrt{\lambda} x (\sqrt{\lambda} x^* + z)}$$

$$\mathbb{E}_{x^*, z} \log Z(y) = \mathbb{E}_{x^*, z} \log \int dx P_0(x) e^{-\frac{\lambda}{2} x^2 + \sqrt{\lambda} x (\sqrt{\lambda} x^* + z)}$$

$\rightarrow \lambda_{\text{eff}} = \lambda m$   
 $\rightarrow \frac{\lambda m^2}{4}$  and minimization over  $m$  is missing.

Proof by Guerra interpolation :

Auxiliary inference problem at "time"  $t$  :  $S_i^* \sim P_0(S^*)$

$$Y_{ij} = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda t}{N}} S_i^* S_j^* + W_{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$$

$$\tilde{y}_i = \sqrt{\lambda_m(1-t)} S_i^* + \xi_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$$

$$P(S | Y, \tilde{y}) = \frac{1}{Z(Y, \tilde{y})} \prod_{i=1}^N P_0(S_i) \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{y}_i - S_i \sqrt{\lambda_m(1-t)})^2} \cdot \prod_{i < j} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(Y_{ij} - \sqrt{\frac{\lambda t}{N}} S_i S_j)^2}$$

$t=0$
$t=1$

$N$  decoupled scalar problems ✓  
original  $N$ -dimensional problem

$$= \frac{1}{Z(Y, \tilde{y})} \prod_{i=1}^N P_0(S_i) \prod_{i=1}^N e^{\tilde{y}_i S_i \sqrt{\lambda_m(1-t)} - \frac{1}{2} S_i^2 \lambda_m(1-t)}$$

$$\mathbb{E}_{S^*, W, \xi} \prod_{i < j} e^{-\frac{\lambda t}{N} S_i S_j^2 + Y_{ij} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda t}{N}} S_i S_j}$$

$$f_t = - \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \log Z_t(Y, \tilde{y})$$

$f_{t=1}$  = looking for  $-\frac{1}{2} x^2 \lambda_m + x \sqrt{\lambda_m} (x \sqrt{\lambda_m} + z)$

$$f_{t=0} = - \mathbb{E}_{x^*} \log \int dx P_0(x) e^{-\frac{1}{2} x^2 \lambda_m + x \sqrt{\lambda_m} (x \sqrt{\lambda_m} + z)}$$

$$f_{t=1} = f_{t=0} + \int_0^1 dt \frac{\partial F(t)}{\partial t} \quad \text{shifting long yet straightforward computation}$$

$$= \underbrace{f_{t=0} + \frac{\lambda m^2}{2}}_{f_{RS}(m)} + \int_0^1 dt \left[ \frac{\lambda}{4} \mathbb{E}_{S^*, W, \xi} \left( \left\langle \left( \frac{S_i^{(1)} S_i^{(2)}}{N} - m \right)^2 \right\rangle \right) - \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbb{E}_{S^*, W, \xi} \left( \frac{S_i S_i^*}{N} - m \right)^2 \right]$$

↳ What we need.

Average w.r.t. the Boltzmann measure at  $t$

→ quenched free energy ✓. How does self-averaging follow?

**Nishimori** properties of Bayes optimal inference  
 In words: Random sample from posterior has all the properties of the  $x^*$ . Under averages over posterior the two can be ~~replaced~~ **replaced** exchanged.

**Proof** Statement of Nishimori:  $\mathbb{E} f(x^*, x^*) = \mathbb{E} f(x, x^*)$

$x^* \sim p_0(x)$ , then  $y$  generated from  $P(y|x^*)$

$$\mathbb{E} [f(x, x^*)] = \int_{\underbrace{p_0(x^*)}_{\mathbb{E}_{x^*}} \int_{\underbrace{P(y|x^*)}_{\text{Boltzmann}}} f(x, x^*) \underbrace{p(x|y)}_{\text{Boltzmann}} dx dy dx^* =$$

$$= \int \underbrace{p(y)}_{\mathbb{E}_{x^*}} \int_{\mathbb{E}_{x^*}} f(x^*, x^*) \underbrace{p(x^*|y)}_{\text{Boltzmann}} dx^* dy =$$

$p(y) = \int dx^* p(y|x^*) p_0(x^*)$

$$f_{t=1} = \underbrace{f_{t=0} + \frac{2\text{Boltzmann}}{\lambda m^2}}_{\text{FRS}(m)} + \int_0^1 dt \frac{\lambda}{4} \mathbb{E} \left( \left\langle \left( \frac{\bar{S} \cdot \bar{S}^*}{N} - m \right)^2 \right\rangle \right)$$

$\forall \lambda_0$  (expectation of a square)  $f_{\text{FRS}}$

$f_{t=1} \leq \min_m \text{FRS}(m)$  **upper bound.**

Lower bound that matches the upper bound: slightly different Guerra interpolation (no need for Nishimori, hold also out of Nishimori... but not always tight!) / RSB...

**Non-analyticities** in  $f(\lambda)$  are **phase transitions**.

$$\text{MMSE} = \mathbb{E}_x (x^*) - \arg \min_m \text{FRS}(m)$$

**Is the MMSE algo computationally achievable?**  
 Key question.

③ BP in this dense setting (and for real-valued vars.)

BP on sparse graphs, **Real-valued**  $\Sigma \rightarrow \int dx$ .

$$m^{i \rightarrow j}(s_j) = \frac{1}{N^{i \rightarrow j}} \int ds_i w_{ij}(s_i, s_j) \tilde{m}^{i \rightarrow j}(s_i)$$

$$\tilde{m}^{i \rightarrow j}(s_i) = \frac{1}{N^{i \rightarrow j}} m_j(s_i) \prod_{k \neq i, j} m^{k \rightarrow i}(s_i)$$

$$\tilde{m}^{i \rightarrow j} = N^{i \rightarrow j} \tilde{m}^{i \rightarrow j}$$

$\hookrightarrow s_{i \rightarrow j} \rightarrow$  indep. constants.

**Dense regime**  $\rightarrow \prod_{k \neq i, j}$  product over many independent (assumed) probabilities.

$$\rightarrow w_{ij}(s_i, s_j) = \text{Pout}(Y_{ij} | \frac{1}{N} s_i s_j) \quad w = \frac{s_i s_j}{N}$$

Expand:

$$w_{ij}(s_i, s_j) = \text{Pout}(Y_{ij} | 0) \cdot \left[ 1 + S_{ij} \frac{s_i s_j}{N} + R_{ij} \frac{s_i^2 s_j^2}{N} + O\left(\frac{1}{N^{3/2}}\right) \right]$$

$\hookrightarrow$  depends only **weakly** on  $s_i, s_j$ !

where

$$S_{ij} \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \log \text{Pout}(Y_{ij} | w) \Big|_{w=0} \quad \text{Fisher score matrix}$$

$$R_{ij} \equiv S_{ij}^2 + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial w^2} \log \text{Pout}(Y_{ij} | w) \Big|_{w=0}$$

$$\text{Fisher information } \frac{1}{\Delta} = \langle S_{ij}^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{ij} S_{ij}^2$$

Examples:  $\text{Geom. Pout}(Y/w) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\Delta}} e^{-\frac{(Y-w)^2}{2\Delta}}$

$$S_{ij} = \frac{Y_{ij}}{\Delta} \quad R_{ij} = \frac{Y_{ij}^2}{\Delta^2} - \frac{1}{\Delta}$$

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SBM:  $\sqrt{N} |p_{11} - p_{22}| = \mu$   
 $S_{ij}(Y=1) = \frac{\mu}{p}$

$S_{ij}(Y=0) = -\frac{\mu}{1-p} \quad R_{ij} = 0$

Censored SBM:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{ij}(Y=1) &= 2\mu' \\ S_{ij}(Y=-1) &= -2\mu' \\ S_{ij}(Y=0) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad R_{ij} = 0$$

Exponential  $\text{Pout}(Y/w) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-|Y-w|}$

$$S_{ij} = \text{sign}(Y_{ij})$$

Rewrite BP while keeping only leading term in  $N$ ,  
one defines

$$\hat{S}_{k \rightarrow i} \equiv \int ds_k \tilde{m}^{k \rightarrow i}(s_k) s_k$$

$$\tilde{v}_{k \rightarrow i} \equiv \int ds_k \tilde{m}^{k \rightarrow i}(s_k) s_k^2 - (\hat{S}_{k \rightarrow i})^2$$

BP becomes (related - BP)

$$B_{i \rightarrow j} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k \neq j} S_{ki} \hat{S}_{k \rightarrow i}$$

$$A_{i \rightarrow j} = \frac{1}{N \Delta} \sum_{k \neq j} (\hat{S}_{ki})^2$$

(Bayes optimal, if not additional term)

$$\hat{S}_{i \rightarrow j} = f_A(A_{i \rightarrow j}, B_{i \rightarrow j})$$

$$\tilde{v}_{i \rightarrow j} = \partial_B f_A(A_{i \rightarrow j}, B_{i \rightarrow j})$$

where

$$f_A(A, B) \text{ is mean of } P(x; A, B) = \frac{1}{Z(A, B)} P_0(x) e^{Bx - \frac{x^2 A}{2}}$$

Does not look so simple, but we are sending 2 scalars, not probability distributions.

Approximate message passing

Still  $N^2$  messages. Reduce to  $N$ .

AMP

$$B_i^t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=1}^N S_{ki} \hat{S}_k^t - \hat{S}_i^{t+1} \frac{1}{\Delta N} \sum_{k=1}^N \tilde{v}_k$$

$$A_i^t = \frac{1}{\Delta N} \sum_{k=1}^N (\hat{S}_k^t)^2$$

↳ Onsager term (previous time step)

$$\hat{S}_i^{t+1} = f_A(A_i^t, B_i^t)$$

$$\tilde{v}_i^{t+1} = \partial_B f_A(A_i^t, B_i^t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{out}} &\rightarrow S, \Delta \\ P_0 &\rightarrow f_A \end{aligned}$$

Otherwise solves a huge class of problems.

new algo. cool. But how is it related to the free energy, MMSE?

AMP compared to other Bayesian generic-purpose alg's:

variational mean field → as fast, but ~~and~~ less precise  
MEMC → slow to be precise  
neither is analysable

State evolution of AMP :

$$m^t \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{S}_i^t S_i^*$$

W.h.p.  $m^{t+1} = E_{x^*, z} \left[ \begin{aligned} & f_a \left( \frac{m^t}{\Delta}, \frac{m^t}{\Delta} x^* + \sqrt{\frac{m^t}{\Delta}} z \right) \cdot x^* \\ & f_a \left( \lambda m^t, \lambda m^t x^* + \sqrt{\lambda m^t} z \right) \cdot x^* \end{aligned} \right]$

Fixed points of SE = stationary points of the free energy.

MMSE given by global min of  $f_{as}(m)$   
AMP-MSE given by local min reached by SE from  $m=0$ .

Shape of  $f_{as}(m)$  decides wheather MMSE = AMP-MSE or not & position of stationary points

Zoology of phase transitions:

- \* Zero-mean priors have a fixed point  $m=0 \Rightarrow$  undetectable phase exists.
  - \* If more than one fixed point investigate basins of attraction.
- Probably prepare slides to illustrate.

- Connection to spectral algorithms. (Spectrum of  $S$ , non-backtrack)
- Back to sparse systems (no universality, AMP is not ~~is~~ asymptotically correct, but the picture still holds and can be evaluated numerically).