

# Estimation of Means in Graphical Gaussian Models with Symmetries

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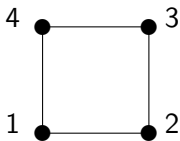
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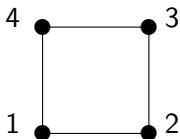
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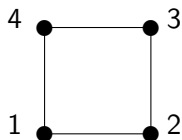


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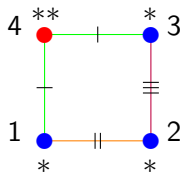


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For a given RCON model, we are going to characterize all **nice linear constraints on  $\mu$**  which ensure equality between maximum likelihood estimator of  $\mu$ ,

$$\hat{\mu} = \max_{\mu} L(\mu, K; y)$$

and least squares estimators of  $\mu$ ,

$$\mu^* = \min_{\mu} \sum_{\alpha \in V} (Y_\alpha - \mu_\alpha)^2$$

which guarantees that  $\hat{\mu}$  exists (note the likelihood depends on unknown  $K$ ) and is **given by appropriate averages**.

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Chan and Godsil (1989) applied to graphical Gaussian models characterises all valid **equality constraints**, we are going to give a **generalisation**.



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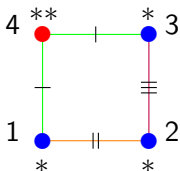
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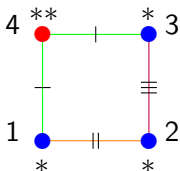
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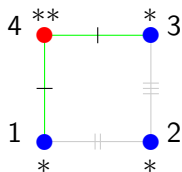
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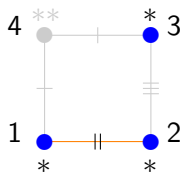
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In general, if  $A$  is a symmetric matrix then a space  $S$  is stable under  $A$  if and only if  $S$  is a **direct sum of subspaces of the eigenspaces**  $E_\lambda^A$  of  $A$ , which are in fact orthogonal, i.e.

$$AS \subseteq S \iff S = \bigoplus_\lambda R_\lambda, \quad R_\lambda \subseteq E_\lambda^A.$$

Thus we require

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_v, \Omega_w &\leq \mathbb{R}^v, \mathbb{R}^w \\ \Omega_v \oplus \Omega_w &= \bigoplus_\lambda A_\lambda, \quad A_\lambda \leq E_\lambda^{[u,v,w]} \quad \text{for all } u \in \mathcal{E}. \end{aligned}$$

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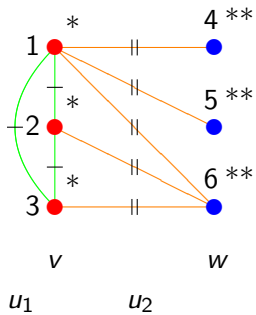
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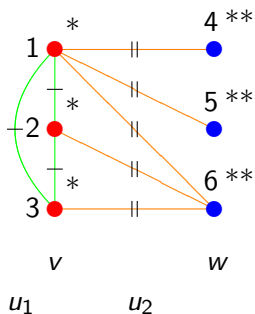
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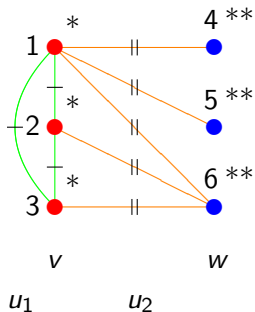
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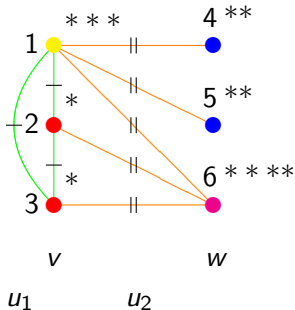
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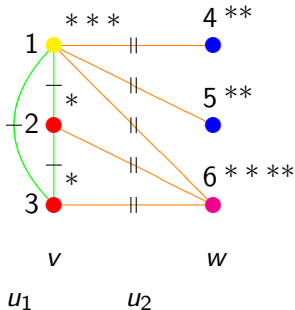
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Particular application for equality constraints: **design of experiments** with non-trivial concentration structure.

Thank You!

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