# Online Change Point Detection for Random Dot Product Graphs

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#### Problem statement

• Given: Stream of undirected graph observations



- Model: Random Dot Product Graph (RDPG) [Athreya et al. 2018]
- Goal : Detect in an online fashion when the underlying model changed

#### Contributions and impact

- $\Rightarrow$  Marry sequential chage-point detection with graph representation learning
- $\Rightarrow$  Explainable algorithm for (pseudo) real-time network monitoring
- $\Rightarrow$  Guaranteed error-rate control, detection delay analysis

## Random Dot Product Graphs (RDPGs)

- Node *i* has associated latent vector  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- Edge (i, j) exists with probability  $P_{ij} = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \mathbf{x}_j$
- Notation:

 $\Rightarrow n: \text{ number of nodes in all graphs} \\\Rightarrow \mathbf{A} \in \{0, 1\}^{n \times n}: \text{ adjacency matrix - hollow, symmetric} \\\Rightarrow \mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}: \text{ latent positions matrix} \\\Rightarrow \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}: \text{ matrix of edge probabilities} \end{cases}$ 

- Model is invariant to rotations in X
  ⇒ P = XX<sup>T</sup> = XW(XW)<sup>T</sup> for any orthogonal W
- Expressive model, SBM a special case of RDPG

• Q: Given a graph A, how do we estimate the latent positions X?

# Adjacency Spectral Embedding









# Training phase

- Idea: Estimating function approach [Kirch and Tadjuidje Kamgaing 2015]
- Training set of *m* "clean" graphs with no change-point



## Operational phase

- Sequentially observe matrices A[m+1], A[m+2], ...
- Monitor the cumulative sum  $\mathbf{S}[m,k] = \sum_{t=m+1}^{m+k} \left( \hat{\mathbf{X}} \hat{\mathbf{X}}^{\top} \mathbf{A}[t] \right)$

**Proposition:** For large k,  $[m, k] := ||\mathbf{S}[m, k]||^2$  has a generalized chi-squared distribution.



• Lightweight:  $O(n^2)$  memory storage and computational complexity

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#### Wireless network monitoring

- Extended RDPG to handle weighted, directed networks
- Real network of Wi-Fi APs. Hourly RSSI measurements for n = 6 nodes  $\Rightarrow$  Ground-truth from network admin: *AP 4 was moved on 10/30*



- Explainability via interpretable ASE ⇒ Identify source of change

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