

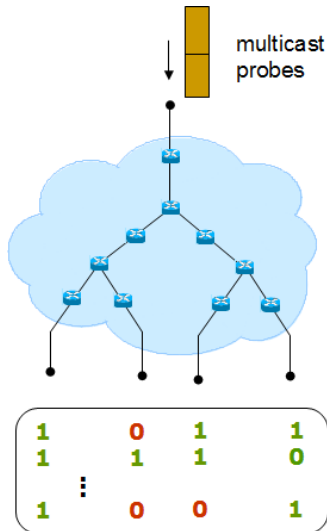
TOPOLOGY INFERENCE: ESCAPING THE SPATIAL INDEPENDENCE STRAIGHTJACKET

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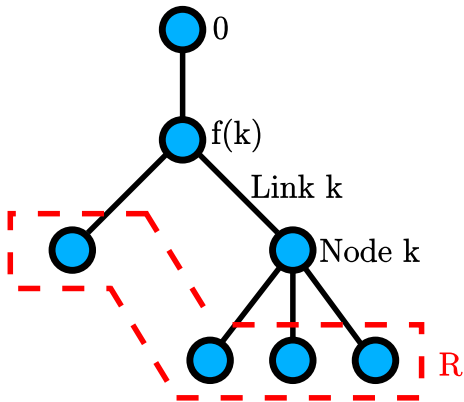


MULTICAST TOMOGRAPHY



DEFINITIONS AND NOTATION

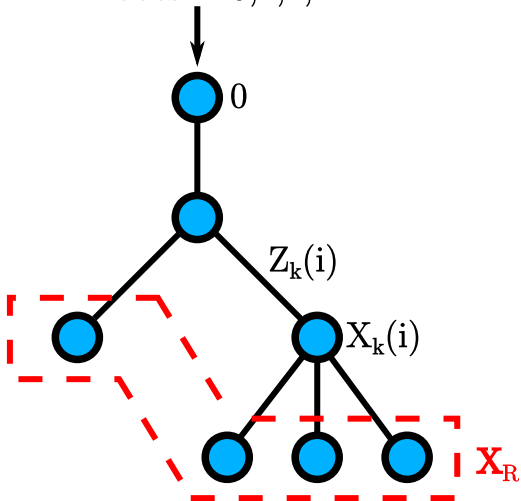
- Tree $T = (V, L)$.
- Nodes V labelled $0, \dots, n$.
- m receivers R at leaves of tree.





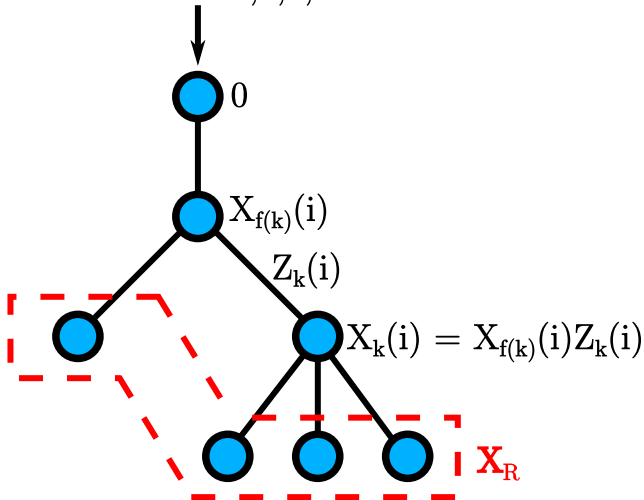
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GOAL: TOPOLOGY FROM TOMOGRAPHY

- Deduce the topology T from the distribution of $\mathbf{X}_R = (X_k(i))_{k \in R}$.
- First assume infinite data, address identifiability.
- Then consider inference with finite data.

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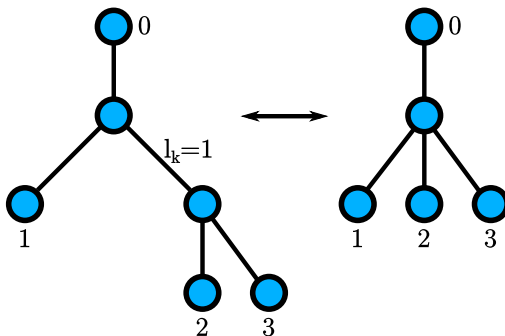
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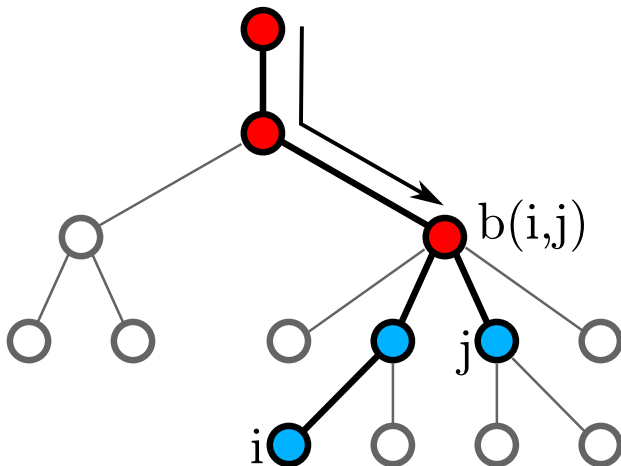
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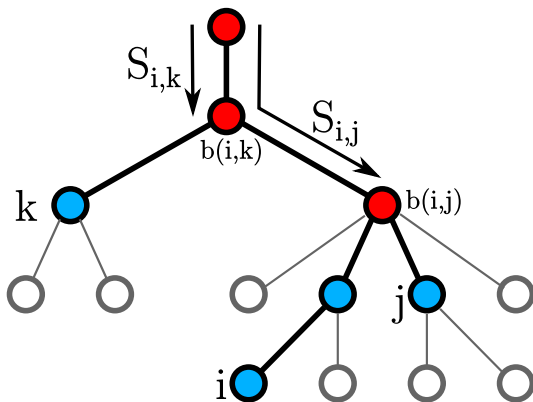
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- Use/need pairwise only \Rightarrow still feasible with finite data.

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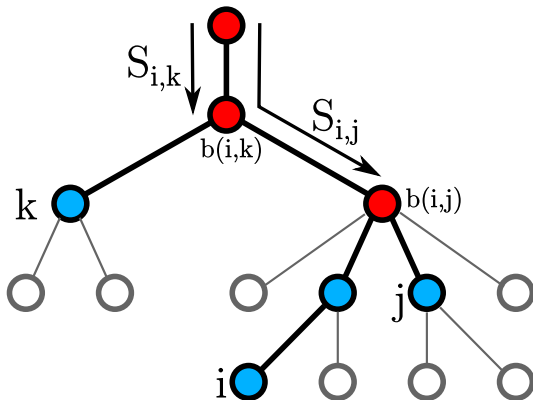
SHARED TRANSMISSION DECREASES DOWN THE TREE

- If $b(i,j)$ under $b(i,k)$ then $S(i,j) < S(i,k)$.



CERTAIN PATERNITY

- Pair(s) of nodes in B with lowest shared transmission are siblings.
- If $J \subset B$ has $S(i,j)$ minimal for each pair $i,j \in B$ then J are siblings.



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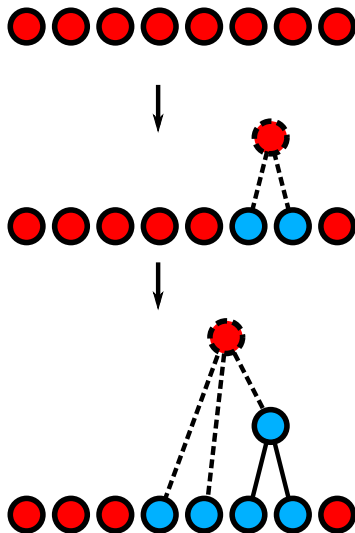
- Shared transmission defined analogously:

$$\tilde{S}(i, j) = \frac{\Pr(\tilde{X}_i = 1)\Pr(\tilde{X}_j = 1)}{\Pr(\tilde{X}_i = 1, \tilde{X}_j = 1)}.$$

- $\tilde{S}(i, j) = S(i, j)$ under classical assumptions!

ITERATIVE BOTTOM-UP TOPOLOGY INFERENCE

Red nodes are the
working set B .



SHARED LOSS TOPOLOGY DISCOVERY – SLTD

- 1: **Input:** Set of receivers R ; distribution f_R , $\mathbf{X}_R(i)$.
- 2: **Variables:** Nodes V , Links L , Root nodes B , $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}(i)$.
- 3: **Initialize:** $V \leftarrow R$; $L \leftarrow \emptyset$; $B \leftarrow R$; $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_R(i) \leftarrow \mathbf{X}_R(i)$.
- 4: **while** $|B| > 1$ **do**
- 5: Calculate $S^* = \max_{\{j,k\} \subset B} \tilde{S}_{j,k}$;
- 6: Find largest $J \subset B$: $\forall \{j,k\} \subset J, \tilde{S}_{j,k} = S^*$;
- 7: **if** exists some $i \notin J, j \in J$: $\tilde{S}_{i,j} = S^*$ **then**
- 8: return \emptyset ; # sibling set not transitive!
- 9: **else**
- 10: Create new node v , set $\tilde{X}_v = \bigvee_{j \in J} \tilde{X}_j$;
- 11: $V \leftarrow V \cup v$;
- 12: $L \leftarrow L \cup \bigcup_{j \in J} (v, j)$;
- 13: $B \leftarrow (B \setminus J) \cup v$;
- 14: **end if**
- 15: **end while**
- 16: Create root node 0;
- 17: $V \leftarrow V \cup 0$;
- 18: $L \leftarrow L \cup (0, B)$; # $|B| = 1$ here
- 19: **Output:** $T = (V, L)$;



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LINK JOINT DISTRIBUTION

- Characterise joint distribution $f_{\mathbf{Z}}$ using probabilities

$$\Pr(\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{r}) = \Pr(Z_1 = r_1, Z_2 = r_2, \dots, Z_n = r_n),$$

one for each link passage pattern $\mathbf{r} = [r_1, \dots, r_n] \in \{0, 1\}^n$.

- These sum to 1, so $2^n - 1$ degrees of freedom.
- In contrast: classical case is much simpler, n degrees of freedom.

MODELS VERSUS TOPOLOGY

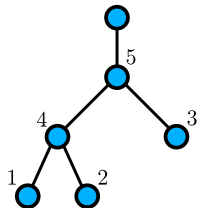
MODELS

- A topology T with a joint distribution $f_{\mathbf{Z}}$ is a *model* $M = (T, f_{\mathbf{Z}})$.
- A model M induces a joint distribution $f_R(M)$ on the vector observable \mathbf{X}_R .
- $T(M)$ is the tree component of the model M .
- Goal: to determine $T(M)$ from $f_R(M)$.

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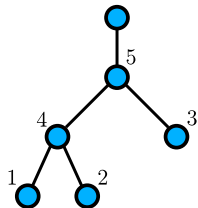


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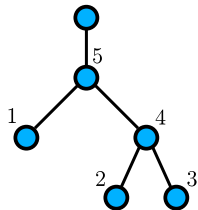
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$$\Pr(\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{z}) = \begin{cases} 0 & [z_1, z_2, z_3] = [1, 1, 0] \\ 0.9^3 0.1^2 + 0.9^2 - 0.9^3 & \mathbf{z} = [1, 0, 1, 0, 1] \\ 0.9^{\sum_i z_i} 0.1^{5 - \sum_i z_i} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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TOPOLOGICAL DETERMINISM

- A class \mathcal{M} is **Topologically Determinate** if $\nexists M_1, M_2 \in \mathcal{M}$ with

$$f_R(M_1) = f_R(M_2), \text{ and}$$

$$T(M_1) \neq T(M_2).$$
- *i.e.*, models with same f_R have same T .

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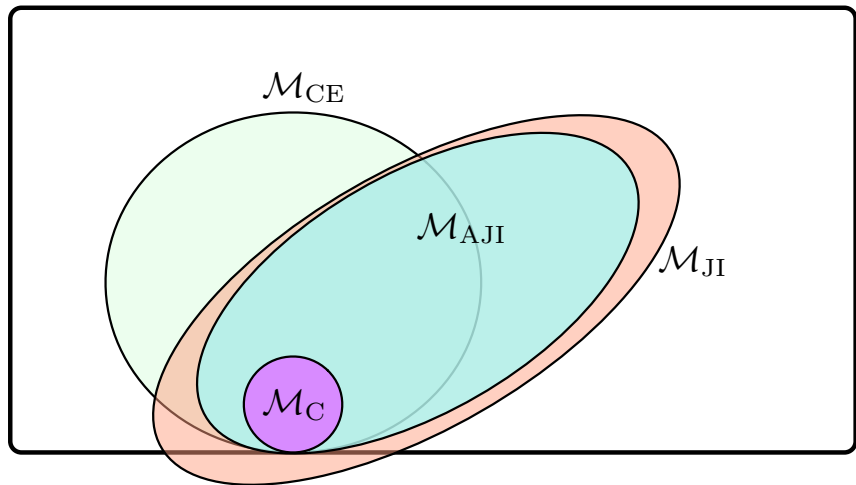
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EXAMPLE: CLASSICAL MODELS \mathcal{M}_C

- Classical models are Topologically Determinate.
- SLTD works for them.
- In fact, one model per $f_R(M)$, so one model per T .



NEW CLASSES

 \mathcal{M}_{AJIE}


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SLTD STILL WORKS!

- SLTD returns $T(M)$ correctly for every $M \in \mathcal{M}_{CE}$.
 - Returns topology as though M is classical.
 - \therefore Returns correct topology.
- So \mathcal{M}_{CE} is Topologically Determinate.

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 - Is not based on receiver positions.
 - Reflects properties of real networks.

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- If $X_{f(i)} = 0$ then changing the value of Z_i won't change the output.
- This suggests a way of adding dependency without affecting $f_R(M)$.

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TRANSLATION TO MODEL PRINCIPLES

- Locally: most general possible dependency between adjacent links.
- Globally: only necessary dependency over non-adjacent links.

DEFINITIONS

DEFINITION (SUBTREE INDUCED BY U)

Let $M(T, f_{\mathbf{Z}}) \in \mathcal{M}_{\text{JI}}$ with $T = (V, L)$. Let $U \subset V$. Then define the subtree induced by U as

$$T(U) = \bigcup_{i \in U} \{0 \rightarrow i\}$$

and $R(U)$ as the leaves of $T(U)$.

DEFINITION (ρ -VALUES)

Define sibling passage probabilities:

$$\rho_J = \Pr(\bigcap_{j \in D} \{X_j = 1\} | X_{f(D)} = 1)$$

for each set of siblings D .

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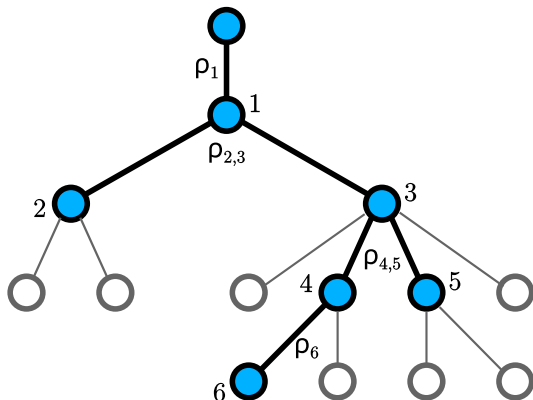
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for every $U \subset V$.

FUNDAMENTAL PROPERTY OF JI MODELS



Example : $U = \{2, 5, 6\}$

$$\Pr(X_2 = 1, X_5 = 1, X_6 = 1) = \rho_1 \cdot \rho_{2,3} \cdot \rho_{4,5} \cdot \rho_6$$

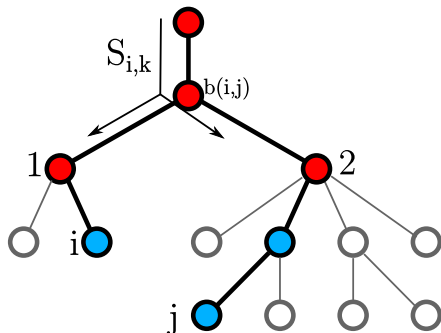
SHARED TRANSMISSION IN JI MODELS

- For $i, j \in V$,

$$S_{i,j} = \Pr(X_b = 1) \cdot \frac{\rho_1 \rho_2}{\rho_{1,2}}$$

$$= \left(\prod_{k \in 0 \rightarrow b} \rho_k \right) \cdot \frac{\rho_1 \rho_2}{\rho_{1,2}}$$

- Shared Transmission a function of the shared path and the two children at the branch point.



BINARY JI MODELS

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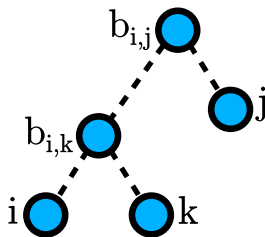
- Assume $M_1 \in \mathcal{M}_{JI}$ and $M_2 \in \mathcal{M}_C$ with $T(M_1) = T(M_2)$.
- Solve for l_i from M_2 in terms of ρ_J from M_1 .

$$l_i = \begin{cases} \frac{\rho_{i,s(i)}}{\rho_{s(i)}}, & \text{if } i \in R \\ \rho_i \cdot \frac{\rho_{c_1(i)}\rho_{c_2(i)}}{\rho_{c_1(i),c_2(i)}} & \text{if } i = 1 \\ \frac{\rho_{i,s(i)}}{\rho_{s(i)}} \cdot \frac{\rho_{c_1(i)}\rho_{c_2(i)}}{\rho_{c_1(i),c_2(i)}} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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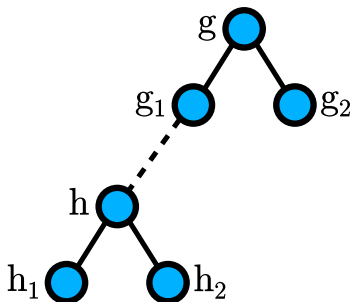
Let i, j, k be three distinct receivers in a Jump Independent model such that $b(i, k)$ is below $b(i, j)$. Then $S(i, k) = S(j, k)$ if and only if $b(i, j) \rightarrow b(i, k)$ is **invisible**.



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AUGMENTED PATH

- An **augmented path** $g(g_1, g_2) \rightarrow h(h_1, h_2)$ is a path $g \rightarrow h$ together with $g_1, g_2 \in c(g)$, $h_1, h_2 \in c(h)$ such that $g_1 \in g \rightarrow h$.



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- For Binary models this reduces to:

$$\prod_{i \in g \rightarrow h} l_i = 1.$$

- Analogue of $l_k \neq 1$ from classical.

IDENTIFIABILITY FAILURE: LOCAL STRUCTURE

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ROLES

- Disagreeing is the generic/general case.
- Agreeing includes classical.

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Including 'agreeing' in (i) a big headache, but important!

SEEKING CERTAIN PATERNITY

TRY TO INVERT SIBLING PROPERTY

- Define **agreement set** of $i, j \in V$

$$A_{i,j} = \{k \in R : S(i, k) = S(j, k), k \neq i, j\}.$$

- Agreement sets used to compare ‘world view’ of candidate siblings.

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Subsets of an all-agreeing set are also all-agreeing. Call an all-agreeing set D a *maximal all-agreeing set* (MAAS) if it is not a proper subset of another one.

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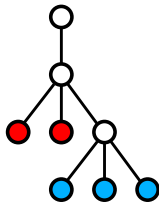
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- The MAAS are the maximal agreeing sibling subsets.
- Some/all of these may still have hidden siblings.



PROPOSITION (CERTAIN PATERNITY II)

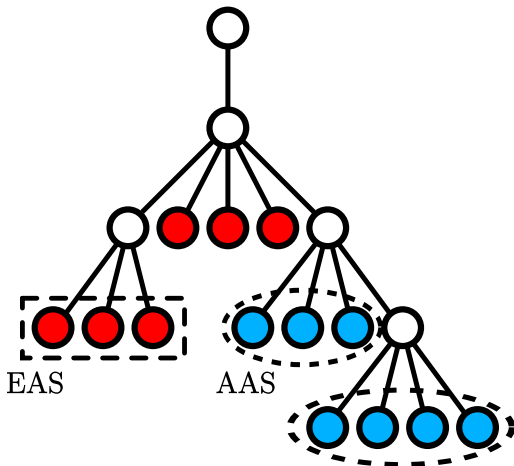
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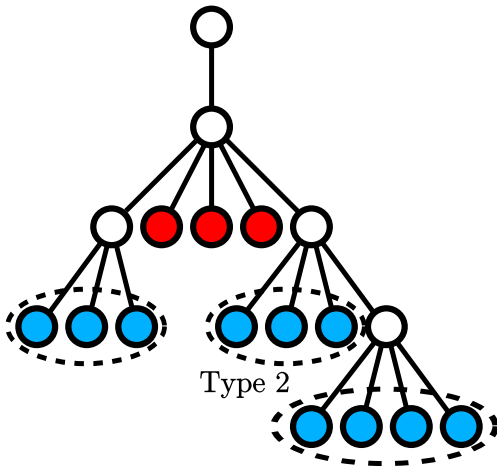
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Select any of them.



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Select a MAAS which is a sibling set (can test if one below another).



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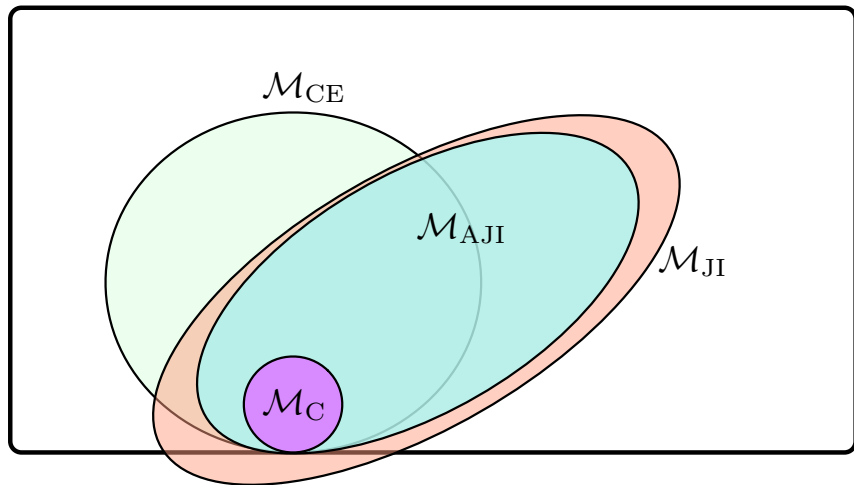
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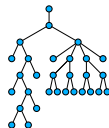
RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN CLASSES

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DIMENSIONS OF CLASSES

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INFINITE DATA SUMMARY

PREVIOUS WORK

- Classical model: full spatial independence of tree loss process.
- Algorithm SLTD to recover topology in this case.

CHALLENGES FOR FINITE DATA

- Underlying S_{ij} not known, only estimated.
- Failure of exact S_{ij} equality underlying agreement set definition.
- Random topology selection in \mathcal{M}_{AJI} , with degree constraints.
- Random model selection, with loss constraints.
- Sensible error metric on trees.

A SLTD BASED ALGORITHM

MODIFIED ITERATION

- Estimate shared transmission over all pairs

$$\hat{S}_{ij} = \frac{\sum \mathbf{X}_i / n_p \sum \mathbf{X}_j / n_p}{\sum \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_j / n_p}.$$

- Merge i, j into $J^* = (ij)$ with minimal \hat{S}_{ij} .
- Merge additional receivers k in J^* obeying (we use $\beta = 0.002$)

$$\hat{S}_{(ij)k} \leq (1 + \beta) \hat{S}^*.$$

Straightforward because key steps based on **inequality** of \hat{S}_{ij} .

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Note worst agreement: $g_w = \min_{k \in A} p(k)$.

(for g_p and g_w , higher values \implies closer agreement)

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STEP (III): SIBLING SET MEASURE $r_A(J)$

($|J| \geq 2$ AND $|A| \geq 1$)

Assume $A \subset B \setminus J$.

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- Express constraints as a matrix equation defining a subset of \mathcal{M}_{JI} .
- Use MCMC (R.L.Smith '84) method to sample uniformly.

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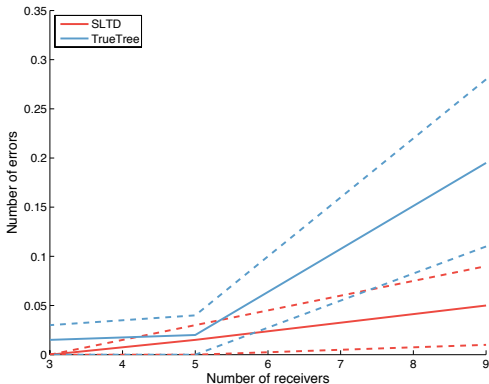
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