

# Graph-valued models for dimensionality reduction and regression

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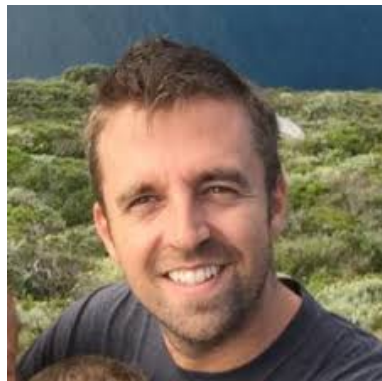
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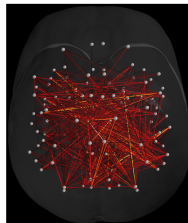
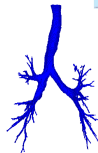
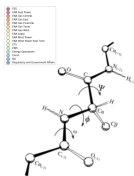
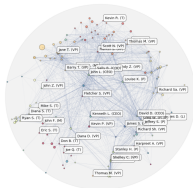
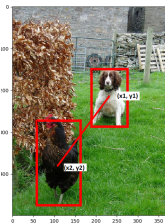
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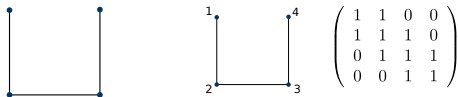


- ▶ Variable nodes, variable edges, attributes on nodes and edges



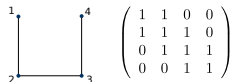
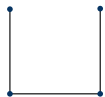
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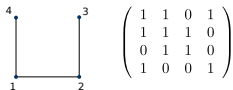
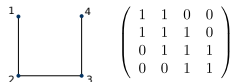
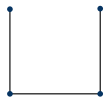


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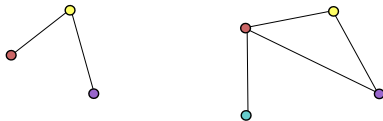
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- ▶ A graph space with unique graph representations: The quotient

$$\mathcal{G} := \mathcal{A}/S_n$$

with respect to the node permutation group  $S_n$

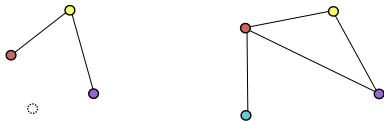
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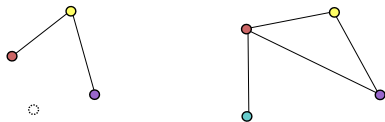
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- ▶ Easy to extend to vector valued node and edge weights

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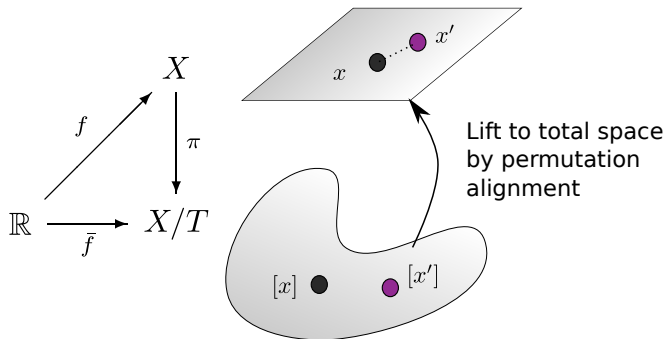
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# Graph Space Geometry



# Graph Space is a Quotient Space

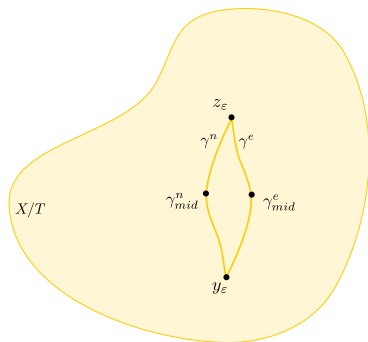
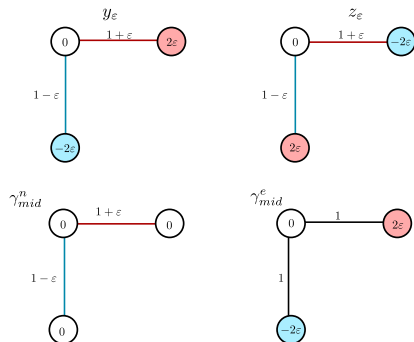


- ▶ Graph space  $X/T$  inherits a metric from the Euclidean metric on  $X = \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$
- ▶ Graph space is a geodesic metric space – any two points joined by a shortest path
- ▶ The total space  $X$  can be thought of as a “tangent space” where a “log map” at any base point graph  $[x]$  is equivalent to alignment to its fixed representative  $x$

# The geometry of graph space

## Theorem

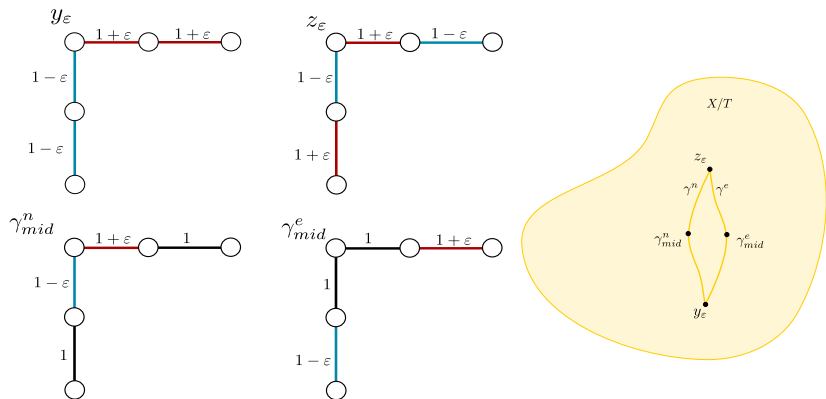
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## Theorem

*Graph-space curvature is unbounded from above.*

# The counterexample is not dependent on having node attributes



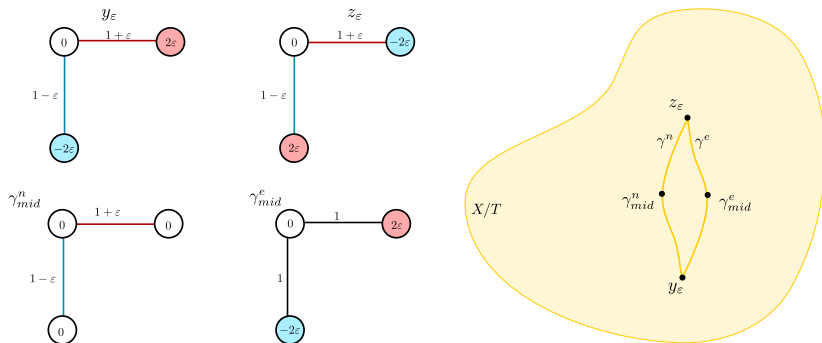
# Statistics

# First statistic: Fréchet mean

$$[m] = \operatorname{argmin}_{[x] \in X/G} \sum_{i=1 \dots n} d_{X/G}^2([x], [x_i])$$

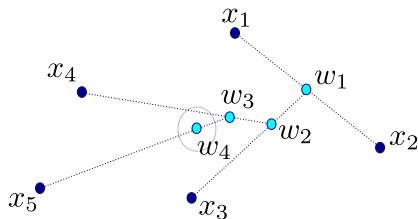
## Theorem

*Fréchet means are not generally unique in graph space  $X/G$ .*



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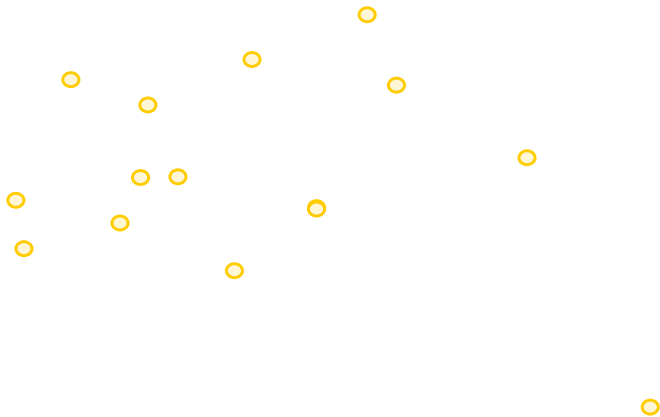
Iterative weighted midpoints / stochastic gradient descent



**Note:** Proofs of convergence usually require being able to work in a neighborhood with unique geodesics.

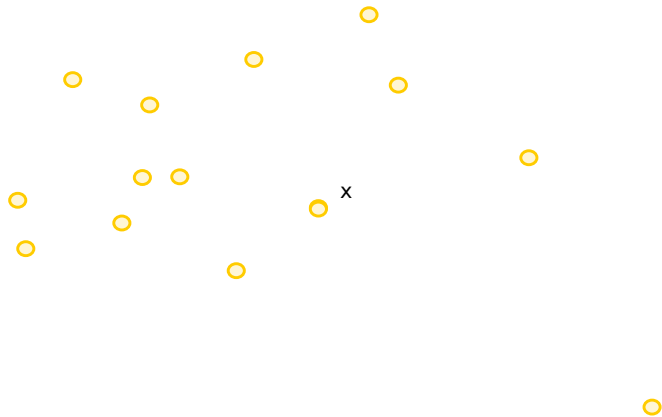
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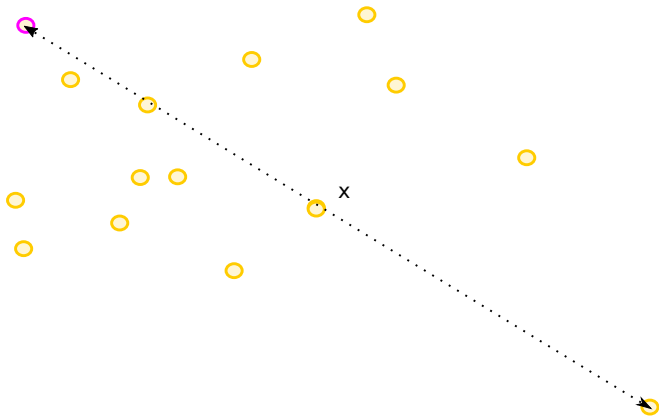
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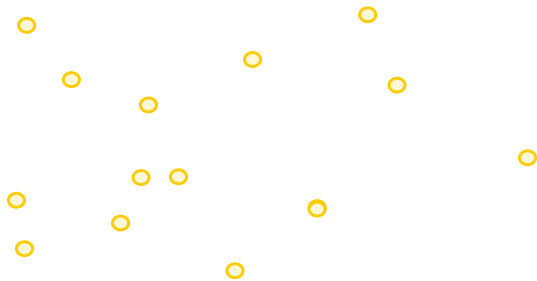
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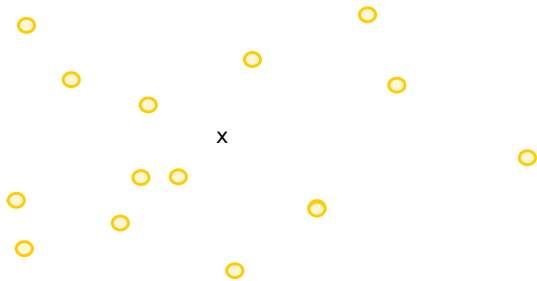
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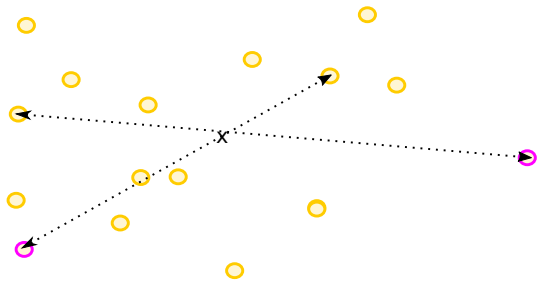
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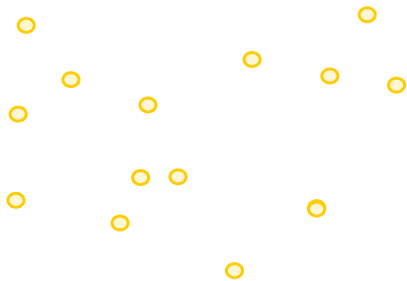
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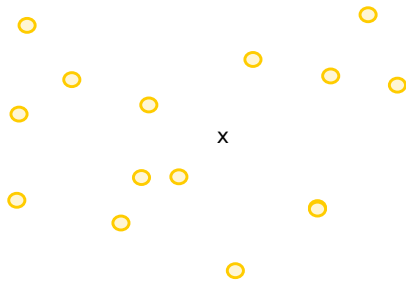
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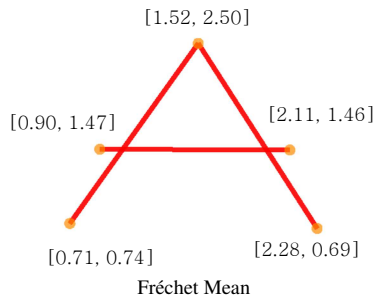
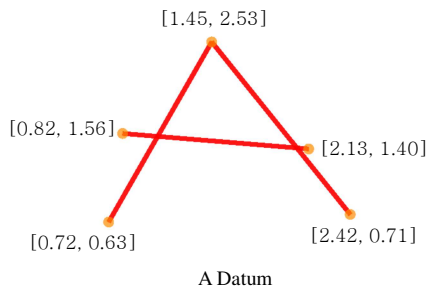
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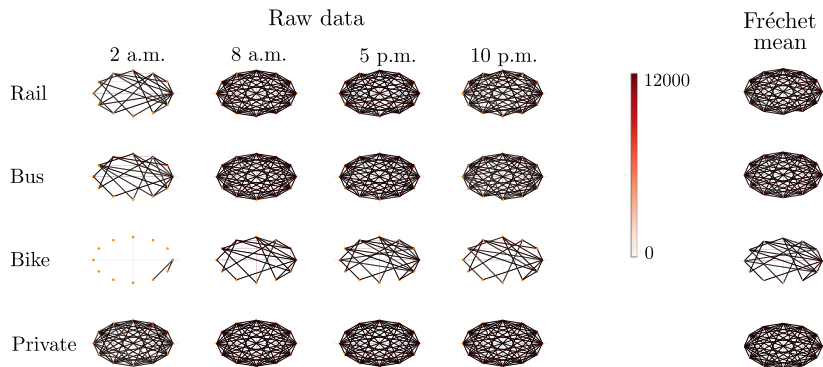


Guarantee convergence to local minimum in finite time for generic dataset.

# Example: Handwritten Letters



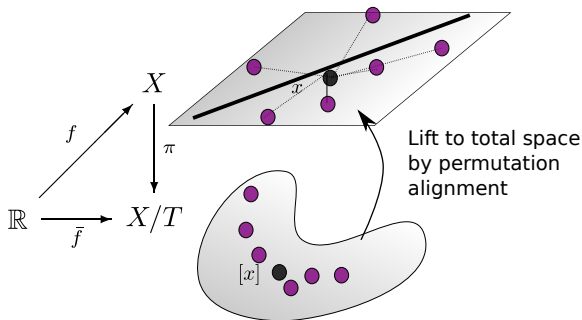
# Example: Mobility networks Lombardia region





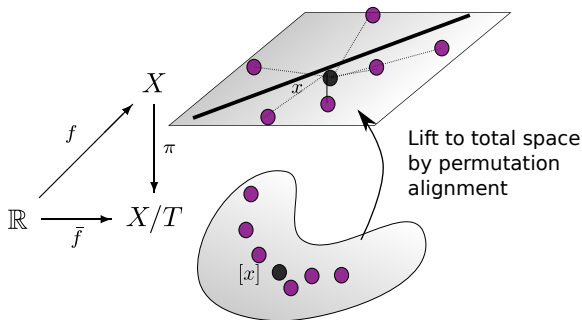
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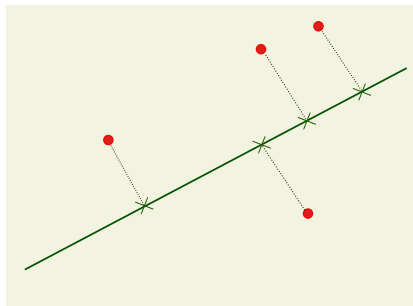


# Intrinsic dimensionality reduction: Generalized Geodesic PCA

## Generalized Geodesic Principal Components

- ▶ **Data:**  $[x_1], \dots, [x_k] \in X/T$
- ▶ **Model:** Optimize over generalized geodesics  $\delta = \pi \circ \gamma$  for geodesic  $\gamma$  in space of adjacency matrices  $X$
- ▶ **Task:** Find generalized geodesic  $\delta_1 \in \Gamma(X/T)$  such that

$$\delta_1 = \operatorname{argmin}_{\delta \in \Gamma(X/T)} \sum_{i=1}^k (d_{X/T}^2([x_i], \delta))$$



# AAC for Generalized Geodesic Principal components

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## Algorithm 1: PCA via AAC

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**Result:** Principal components 1- $d$  represented as subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

initialize by aligning all data graphs to a random adjacency matrix;

**while** *While not converged* **do**

    perform PCA in  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ;

    choose representatives of all data graphs in optimal position with the first PC in  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .

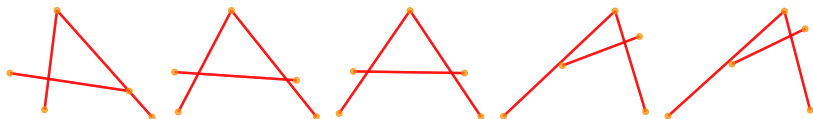
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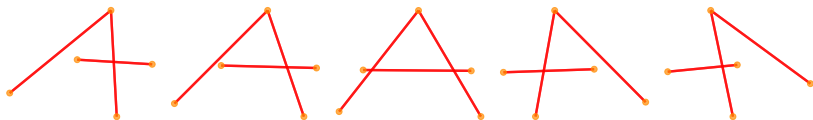
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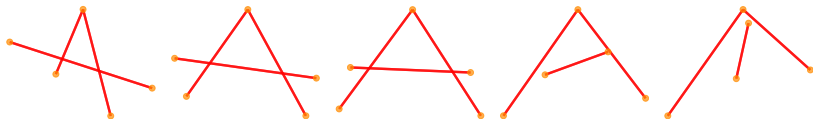
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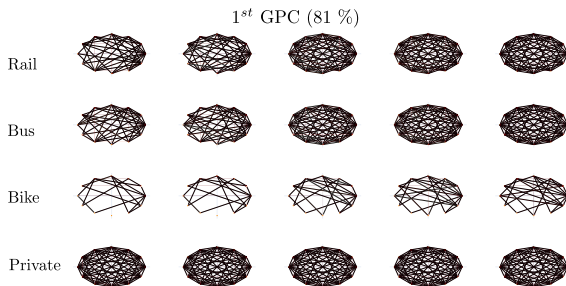
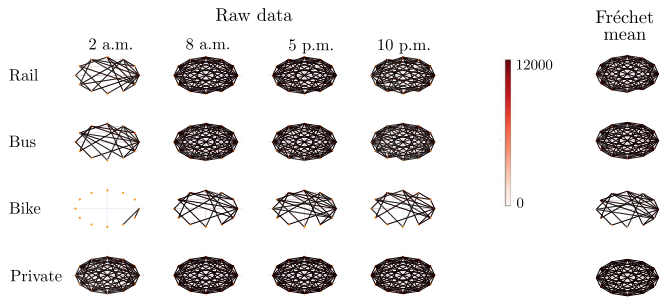


2<sup>nd</sup> GGPC (18.3%)



3<sup>rd</sup> GGPC (15.6%)

# Mobility networks Lombardia region



## Preliminary example: Baboons

- ▶ Networks represent grooming interaction/association between baboons; they can have different roles (alpha/beta) over time  
⇒ naturally unlabeled networks
- ▶ Each network summarizes data collected within 30 days before and 90 days after each knockout.
- ▶ Knockout = when a given alpha or beta male leaves the group.



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Figure: GPC 1

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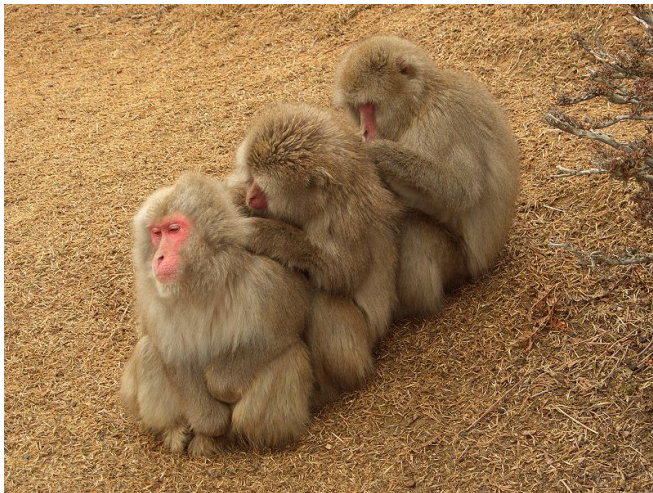


Figure: GPC 2

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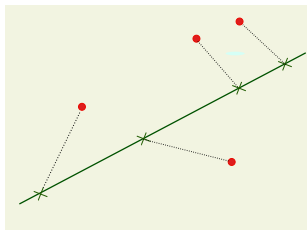
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# Graph-valued regression models

## Regression models taking values in Graph Space

- ▶ **Data:**  $(s_1, [x_1]), \dots, (s_k, [x_k])$ , where  $(s_i, [x_i]) \in \mathbb{R}^p \times X/T$
- ▶ **Model:** Optimize over  $\bar{f} = \pi \circ f$  for linear regression models  $f$  on the space  $X$  of adjacency matrices
- ▶ **Task:** Describe the relationship  $f: \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow X/T$  minimizing

$$\sum_{i=1}^k d_{X/T}^2([x_i], f(s_i))$$



- ▶ **Note:** Residuals measured between predicted and true output.

# AAC for Linear Regression models taking values in Graph Space

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**Algorithm 2:** Linear Regression Models in Graph Space via AAC

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**Result:** Predictions  $f(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  for any  $s \in \mathbb{R}^d$

initialize by aligning all data graphs to a random adjacency matrix;

**while** *While not converged* **do**

    estimate linear regression model in  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ;

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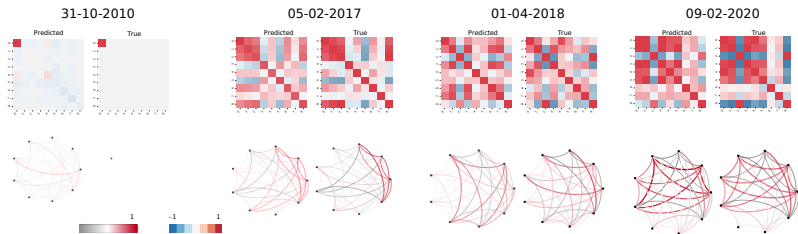
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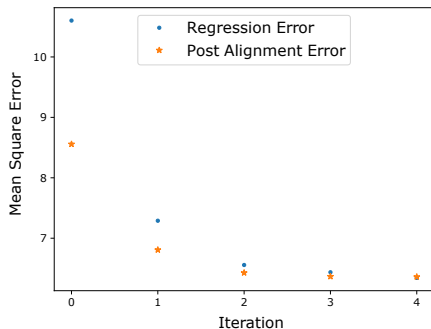
**Data:** Correlation networks for price in USD of Bitcoin, Dash, Digibyte, Dogecoin, Litecoin, Vertcoin, Stellar, Monero, Verge from July 18<sup>th</sup> 2010 (first record of bitcoin) - until April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020, for 20-day time windows.

**Task:** Predict network from time



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Convergence:



# Example: Public Transport and Covid-19 in Copenhagen, Denmark

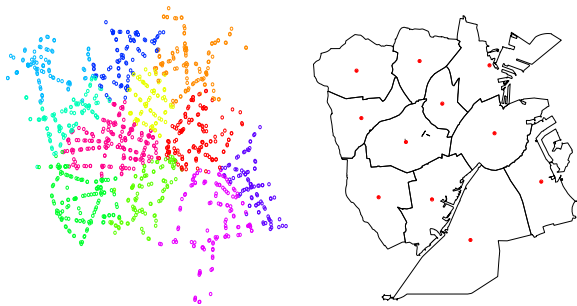
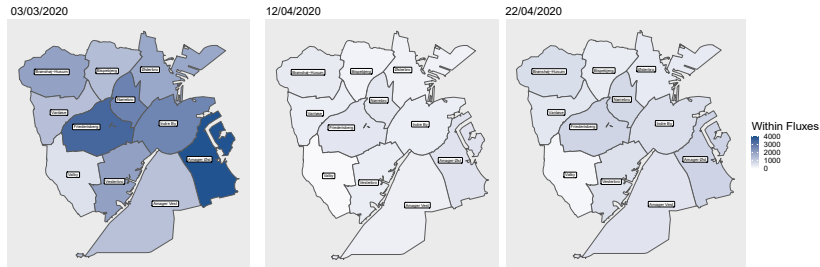


Figure: Bus stops in the different areas of Copenhagen and Frederiksberg.



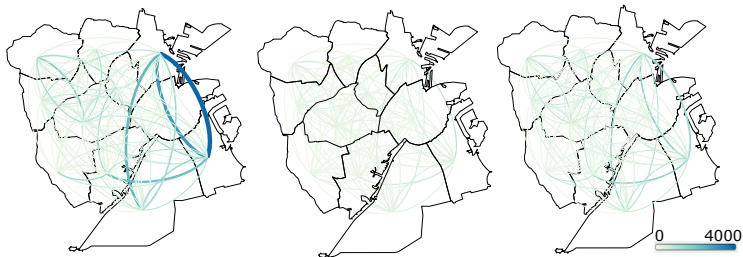
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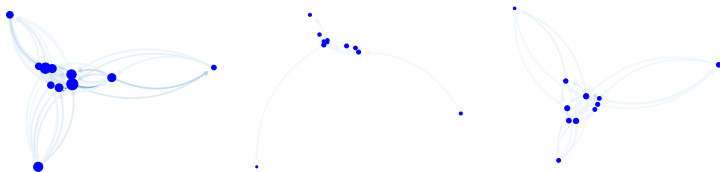
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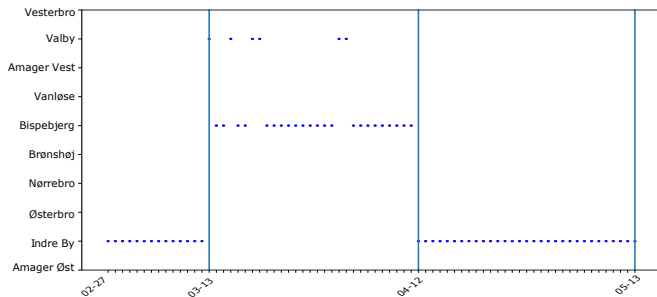
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## Example:

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**Figure:** Most popular optimal matching with the node Indre By as a function time. Vertical Lines describe transitions between different phases of the lockdown.

# Discussion

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## Advantages:

- ▶ Total space is  $(\mathbb{R}^d)^{n \times n}$ , easing generalization of Euclidean methods
- ▶ The AAC approach gives intrinsic statistics while retaining the computational advantages of Euclidean statistics

## Limitations:

- ▶ Distances are generally NP-complete due to graph matching problem  $\rightsquigarrow$  approximations
- ▶ Graph space geometry is highly non-Euclidean (and it is not a manifold); this is likely to affect statistics in ways we do not yet understand.
- ▶ Due to the interpolation-based nature of statistics, estimators tend to lie in the top dimensional stratum (= be a complete graph), whereas data often lives on its boundary. Might we lean on ideas from logistic regression and/or image segmentation to overcome this limitation?