

Graphon branching processes and fractional isomorphism

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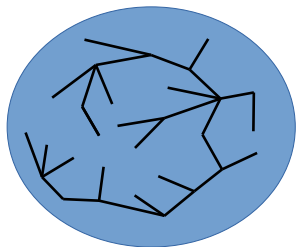
Two models: (a) Erdős–Rényi random graphs and inhomogeneous versions thereof, (b) uniform spanning tree.

Using the language of dense graph limits, we characterize when two dense graphs give a similar distribution of these random subgraphs.

The talk in 2 minutes

Example: Uniform spanning tree (UST)

K_n

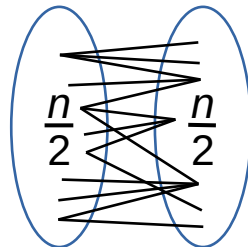


$UST(K_n)$

#leaves:

$0.367n$

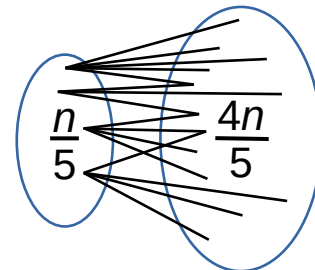
$K_{n/2, n/2}$



$UST(K_{n/2, n/2})$

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$K_{n/5, 4n/5}$



$UST(K_{n/5, 4n/5})$

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Dense
subgraphs
uniform

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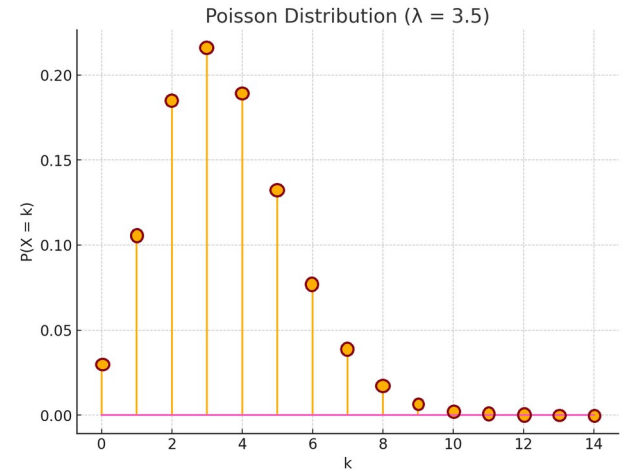
Program

- Probability recap (Poisson distribution, Galton-Watson branching processes)
- Erdős–Rényi random graphs and component structure
- Bollobás-Janson-Riordan inhomogeneous random graphs and component structure
- Main Theorem I
- Graph and graphon fractional isomorphism
- Uniform spanning tree
- Main Theorem II

Poisson distribution

Definition: $\lambda \geq 0$. Poisson(λ) is \mathbb{N}_0 -valued distribution

$$\mathbb{P}[X = k] = \frac{\exp(-\lambda) \lambda^k}{k!}$$



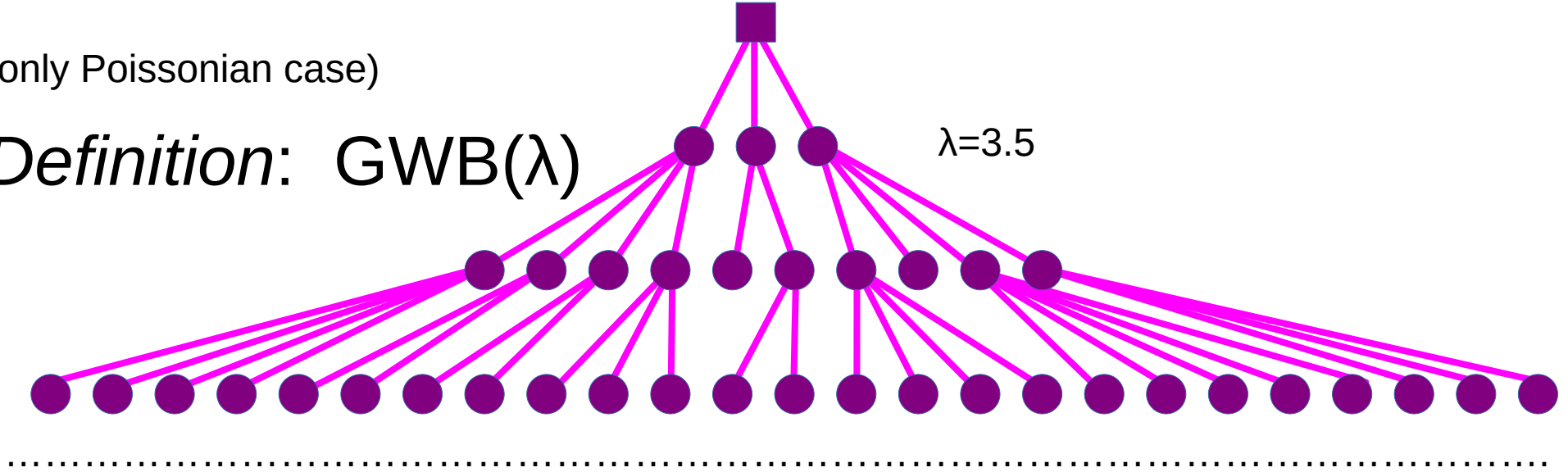
- *Key property:* Poisson(λ) is limit of Binomial($n, \lambda/n$)

Galton-Watson branching process

(only Poissonian case)

Definition: $\text{GWB}(\lambda)$

$\lambda=3.5$



- *Key property:* For $\lambda \leq 1$, $\text{GWB}(\lambda)$ survives with prob=0
For $\lambda > 1$, $\text{GWB}(\lambda)$ survives with prob $s(\lambda) \in (0,1)$

Erdős–Rényi random graphs

$G(n,p)$ n fixed vertices $\{1,2,\dots,n\}$
each pair forms an edge with
prob p

$p = 0.3, 0.7, \dots$: Easy; $G(n,p)$ is connected aas, ...

$p = 1/\sqrt{n}, \log n/n, \mathbf{const/n}$: Harder

Erdős–Rényi 1959: Phase transition in $G(n,p)$

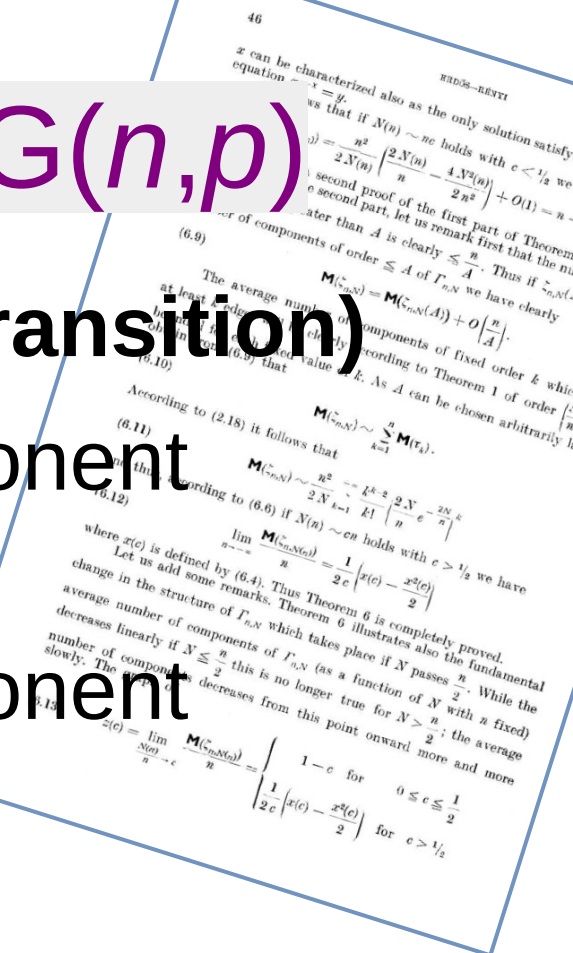
Component structure in $G(n,p)$

Erdős–Rényi 1959 (“the” phase transition)

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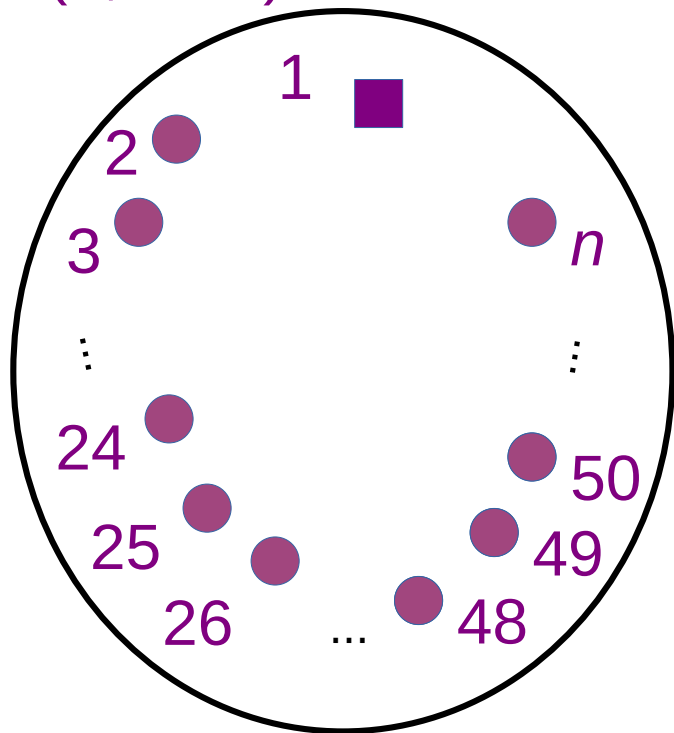
For $c > 1$, $G(n, c/n)$ has largest component of order $(s(c) \pm o(1))n$. supercriticality

Early proofs enumerative. Karp 1990: Lets use GW branching processes.



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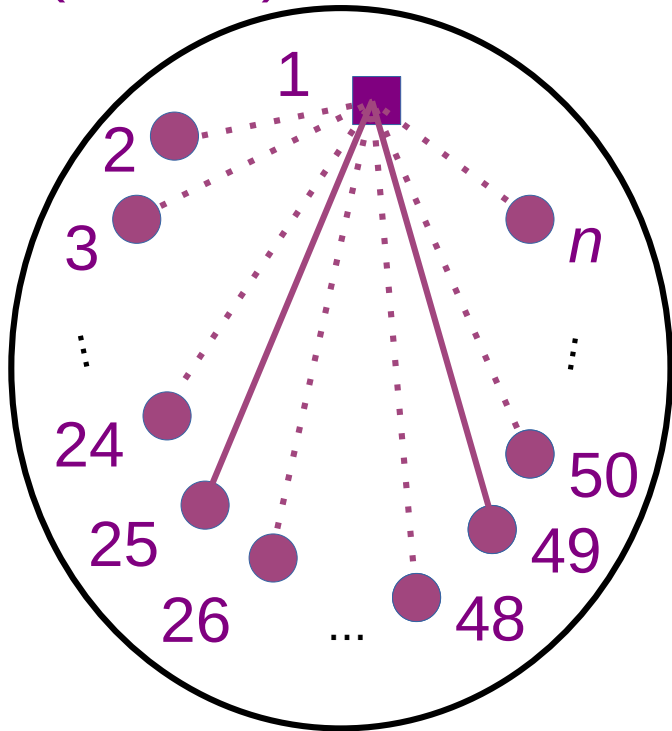
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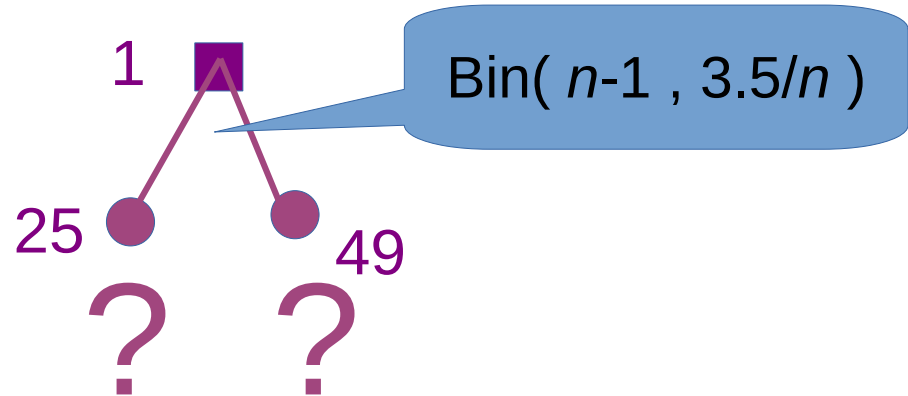
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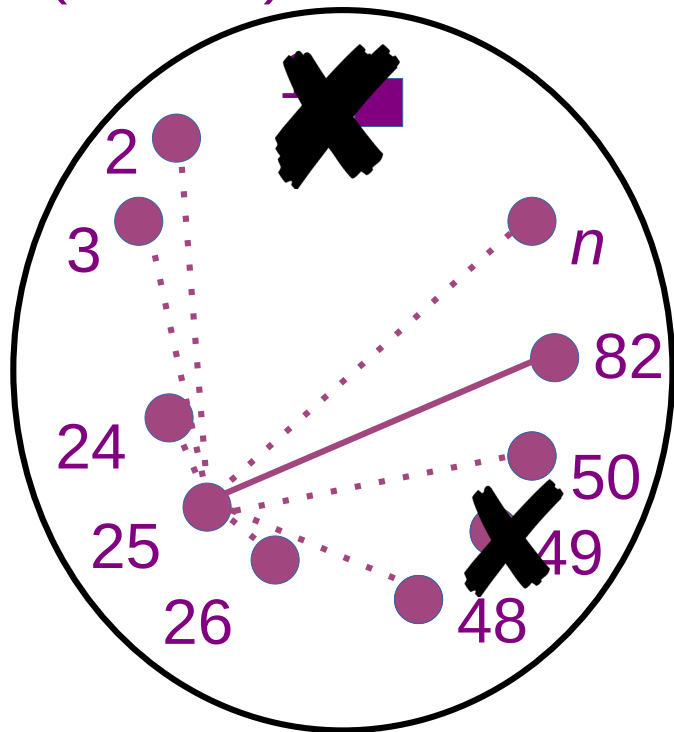


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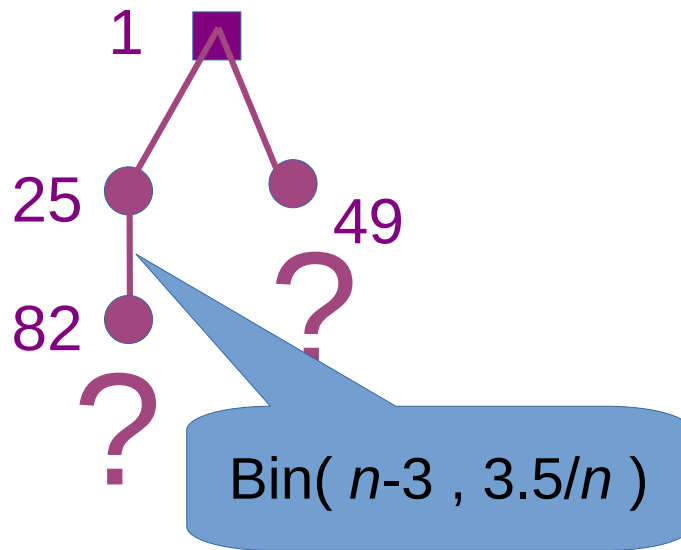


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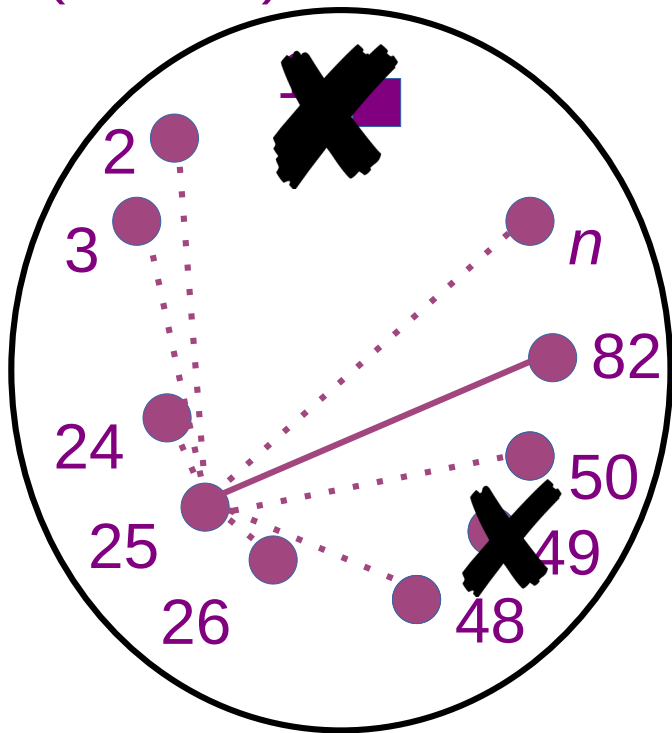


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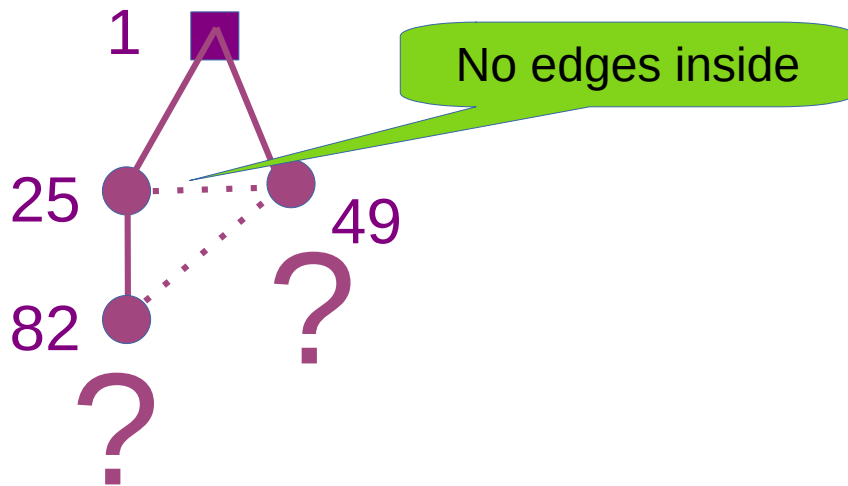


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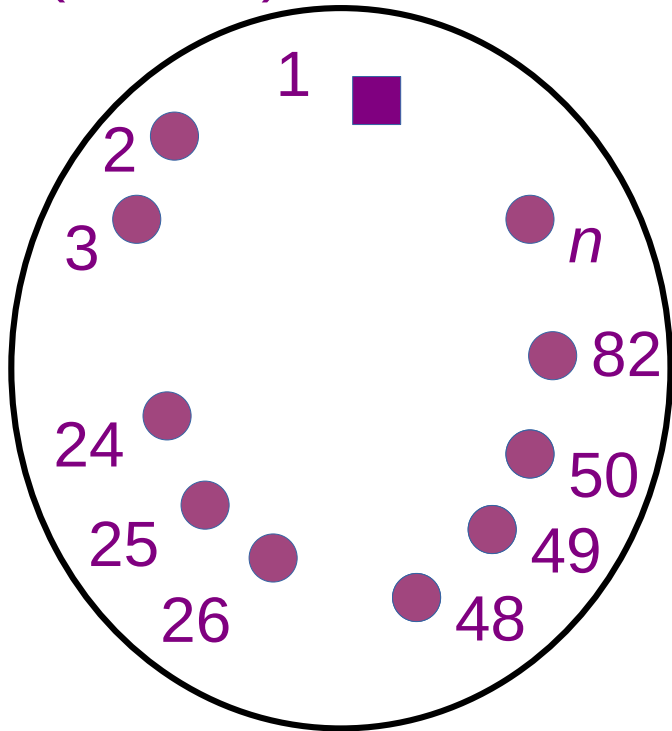


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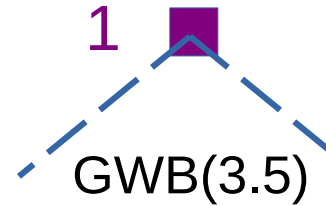


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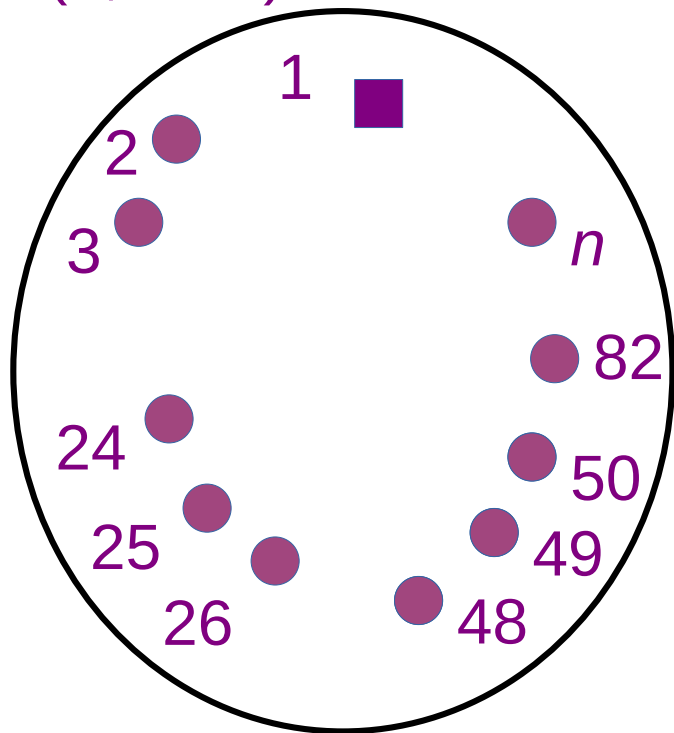
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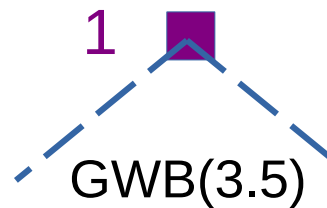
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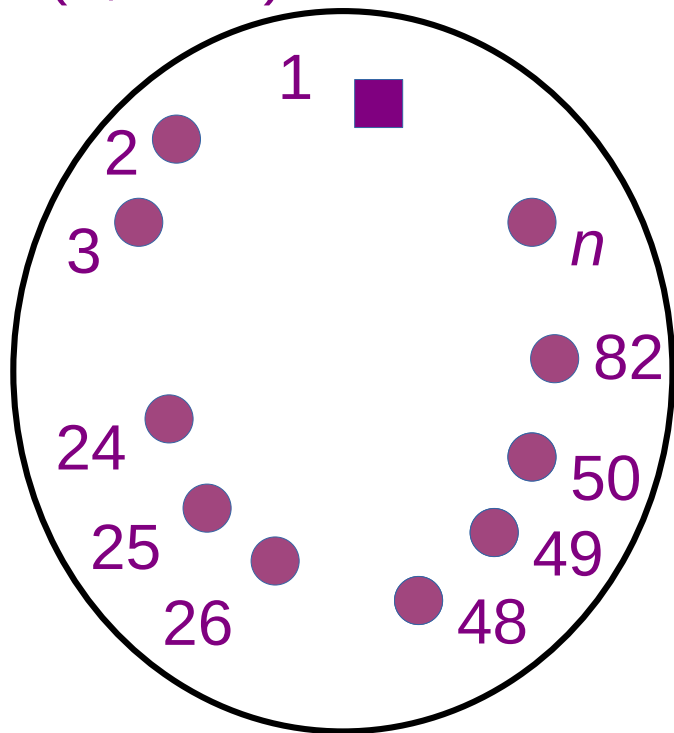
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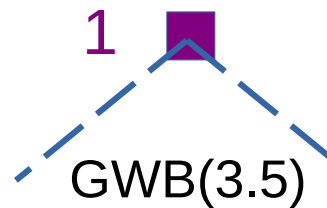
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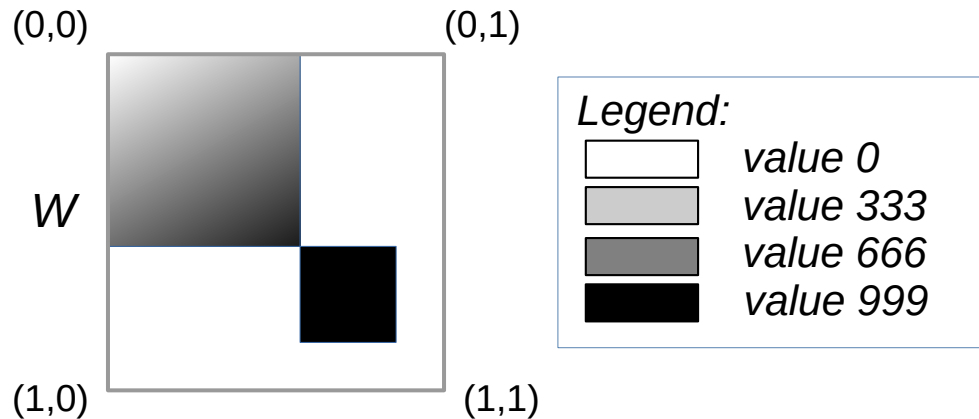
What is the size of the giant component?
= Number of vertices in a giant component
= $n \times$ survival probability of $\text{GW}(3.5)$
= $(s(c) \pm o(1))n$

Inhomogeneous random graphs

Bollobás-Janson-Riordan 2005

subsequent work by B., Borgs., Chayes, J., R.

- Main idea $G(n, 3.5/n) \rightsquigarrow G(n, W/n)$, where $W: [0,1]^2 \rightarrow [0,999]$ is a “symmetric kernel”.



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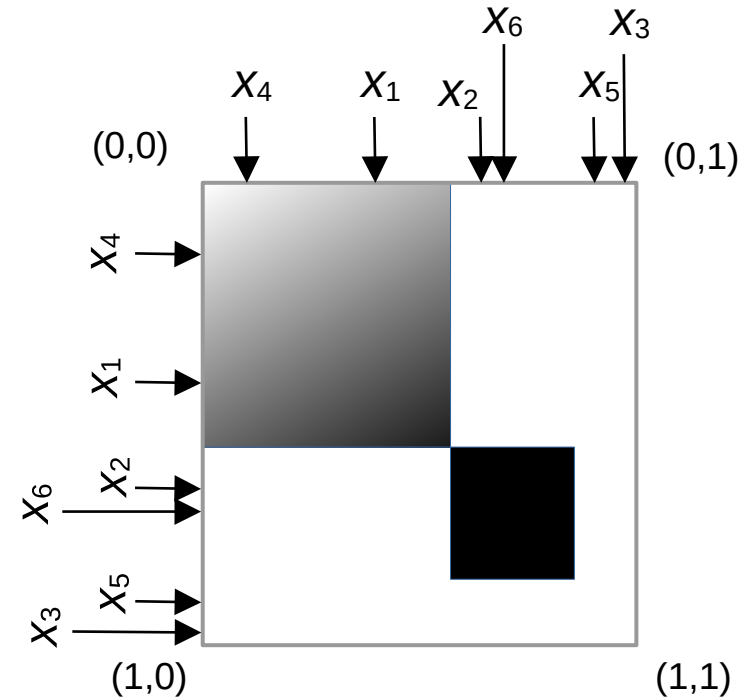
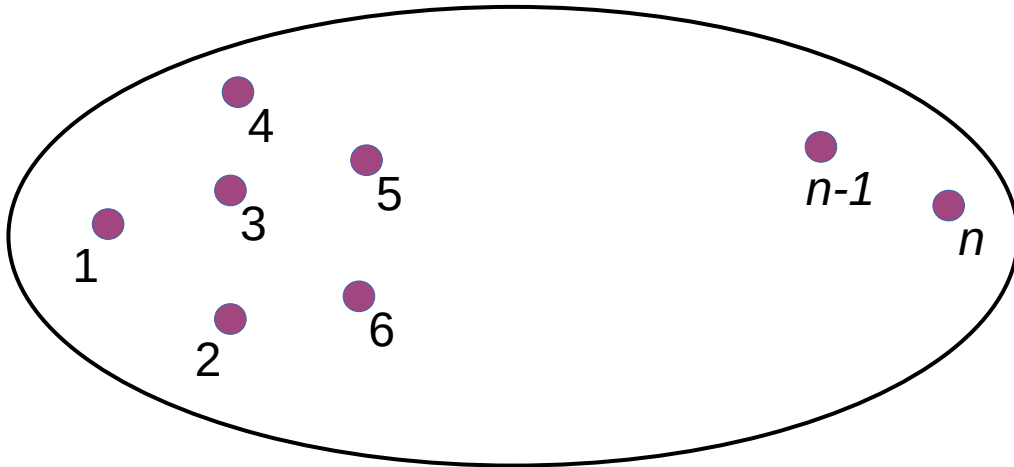
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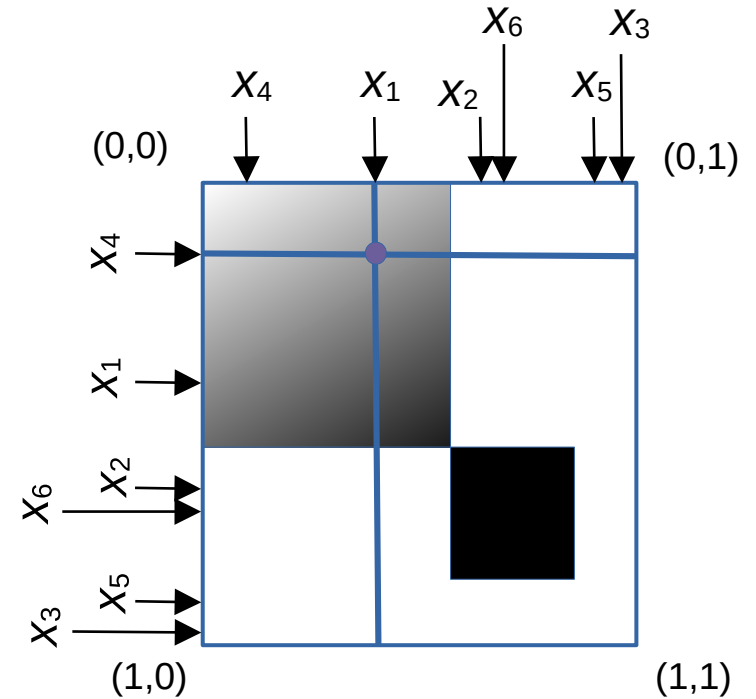
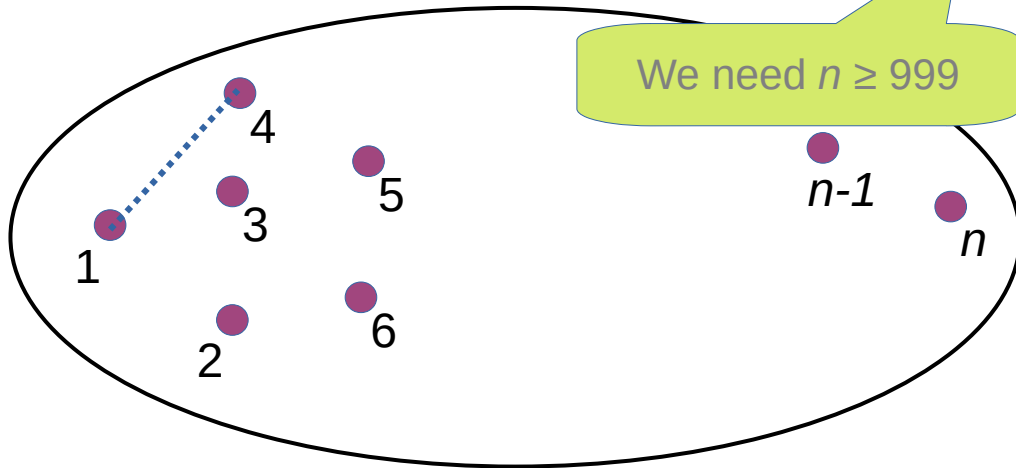
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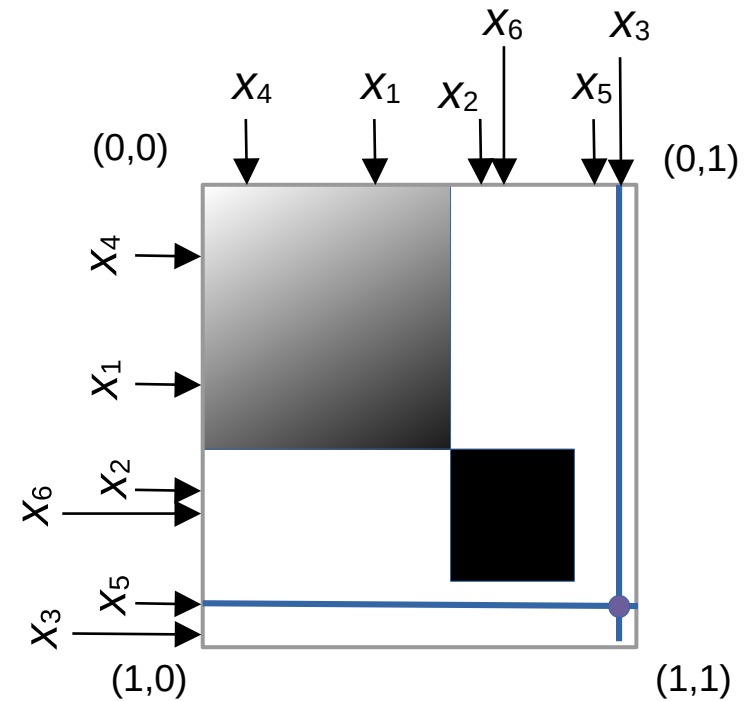
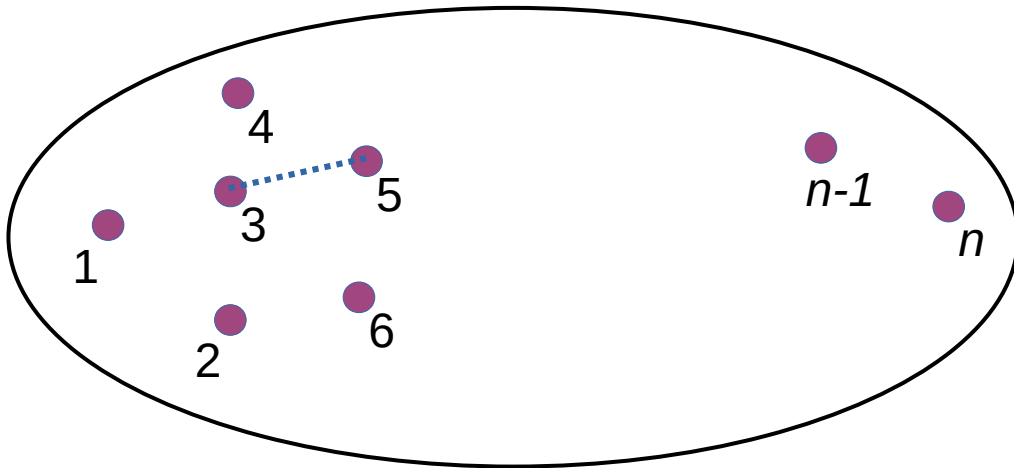
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Component structure in $G(n, W/n)$

Bollobás-Janson-Riordan 2005

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- In $G(n, 3.5/n)$... **GWB(3.5)**
- In $G(n, W/n)$... **GWB(W)**

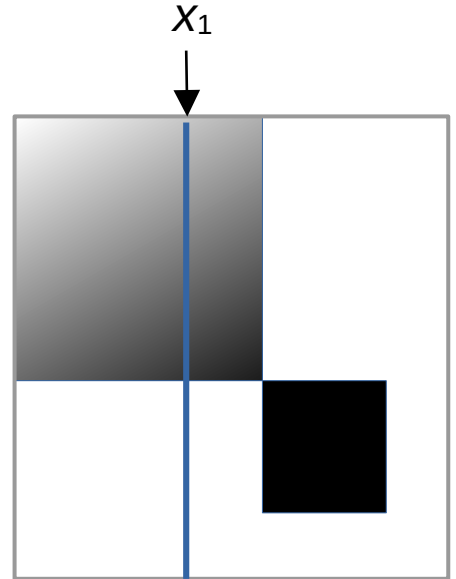
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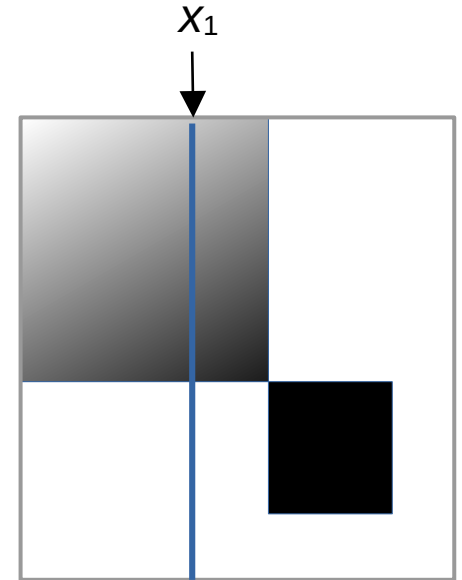
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$$\text{deg}(x_1) = \int W(x_1, y) dy$$

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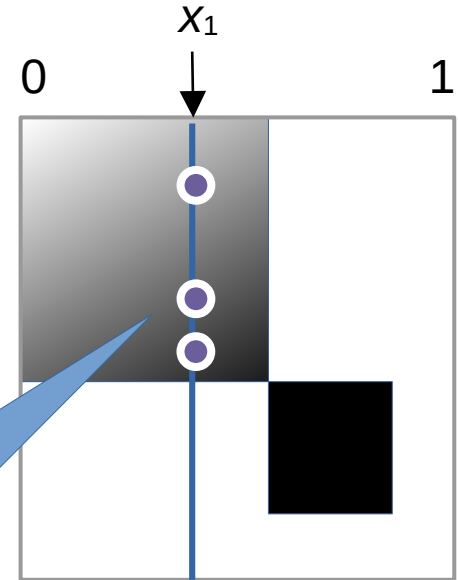
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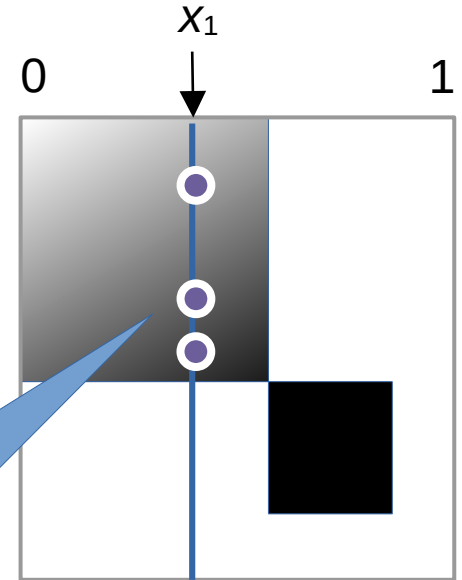
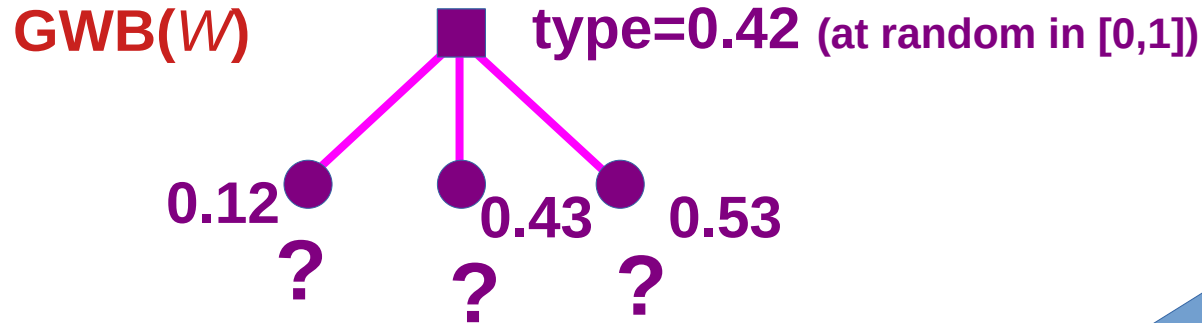


Poisson point process
with intensity $W(x_1, \circ)$

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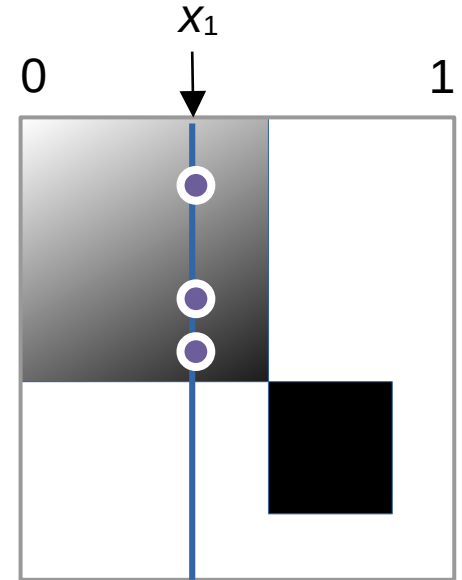
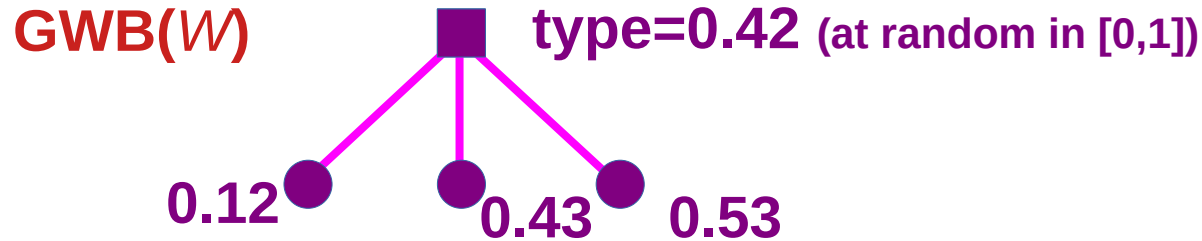


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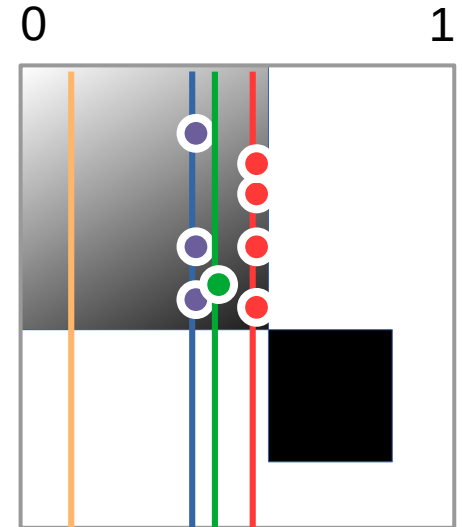
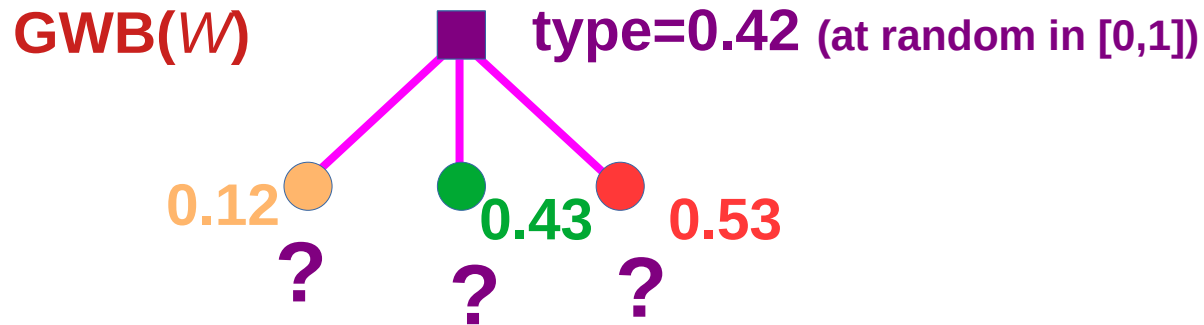
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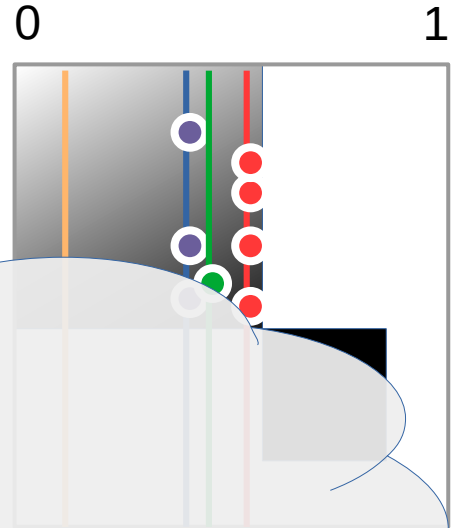
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Summary:

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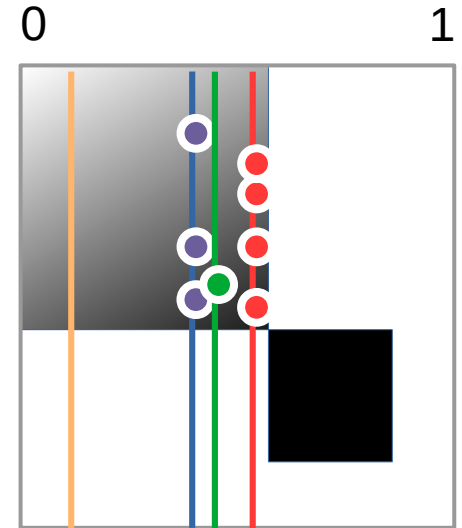
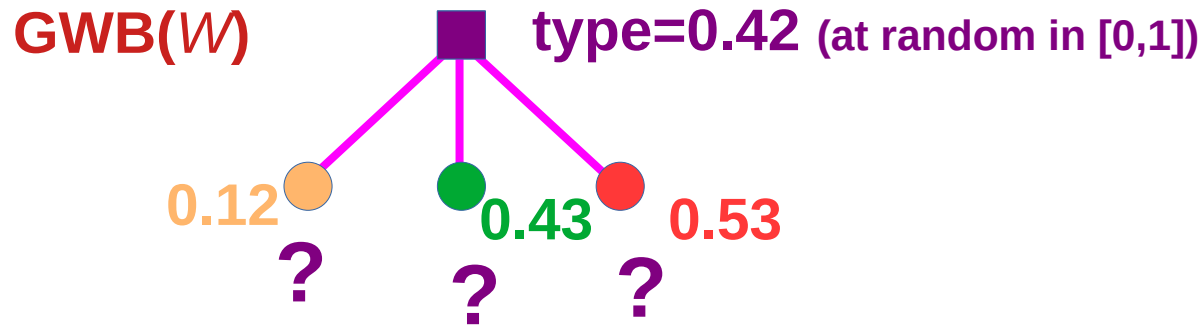
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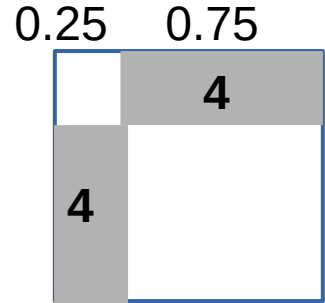
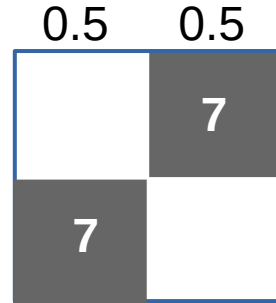
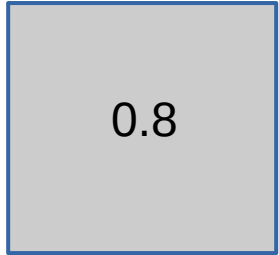
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Importance: Let $s(W)$ be the probability of survival of $GWB(W)$. Then the largest component in $G(n, W/n)$ is of size $(s(W)+o(1))n$.

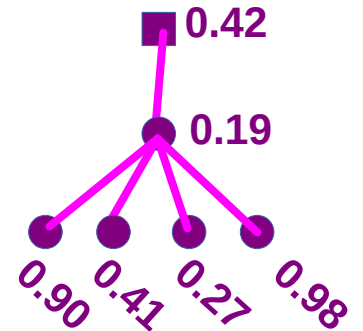
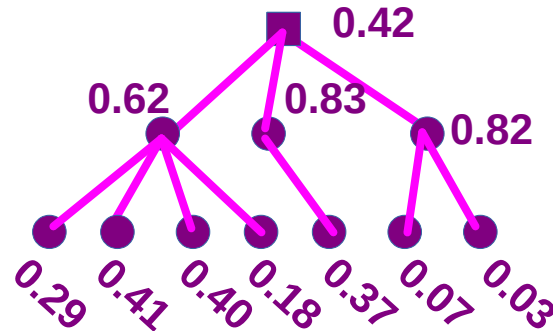
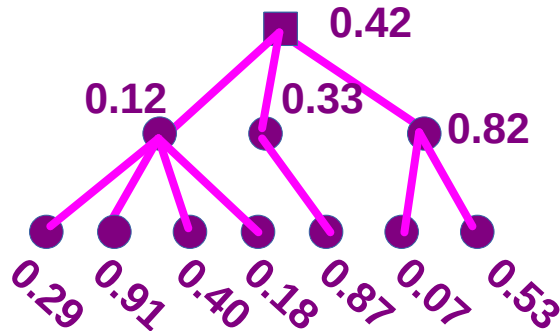
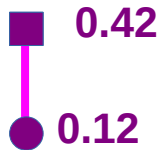
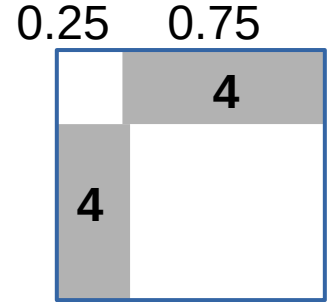
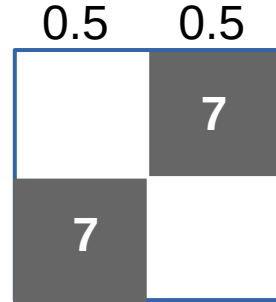
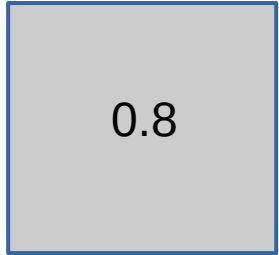
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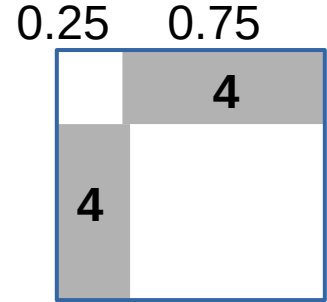
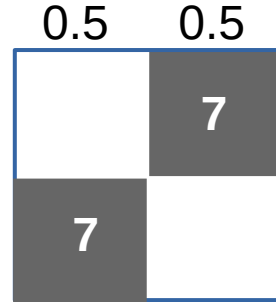
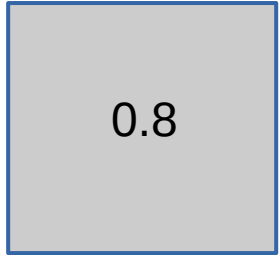
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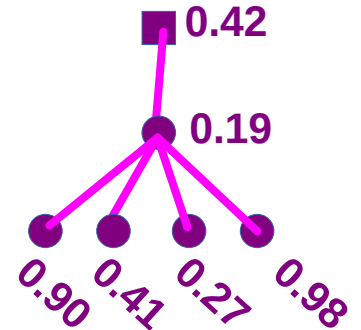
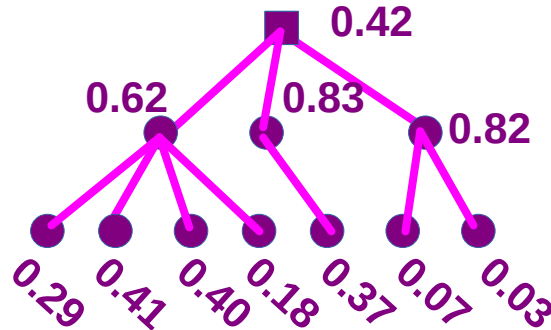
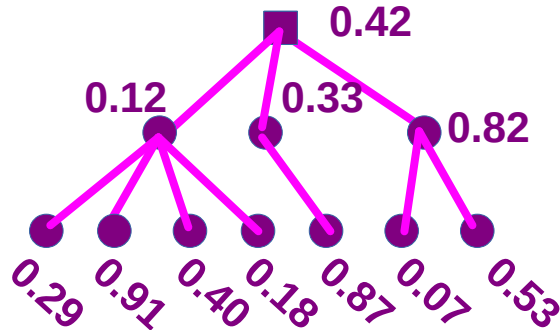
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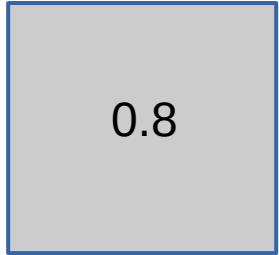
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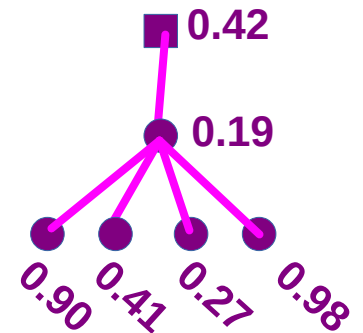
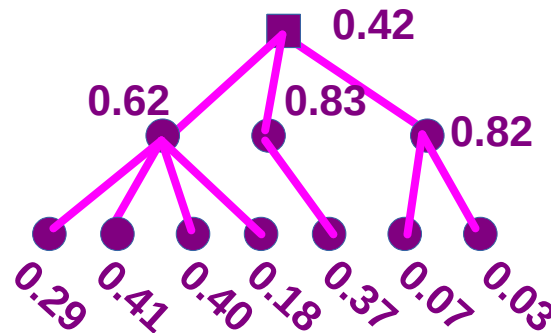
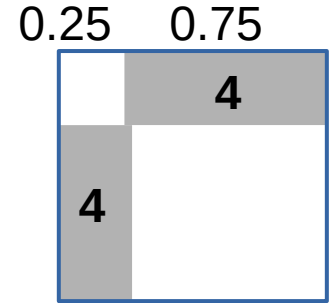
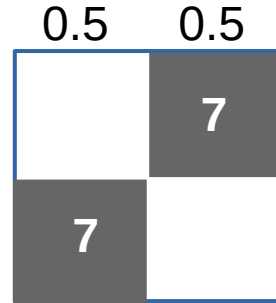
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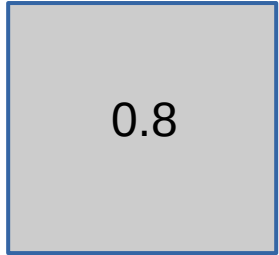
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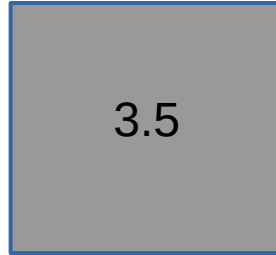
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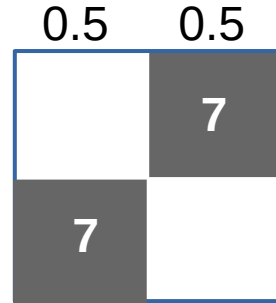
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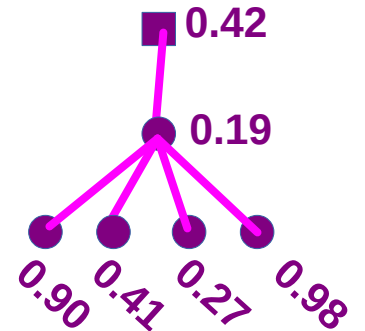
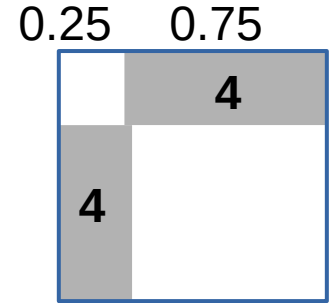
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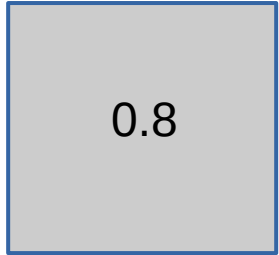
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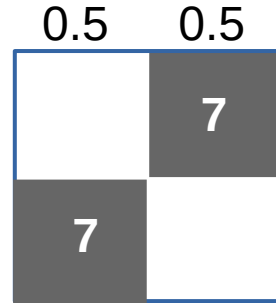
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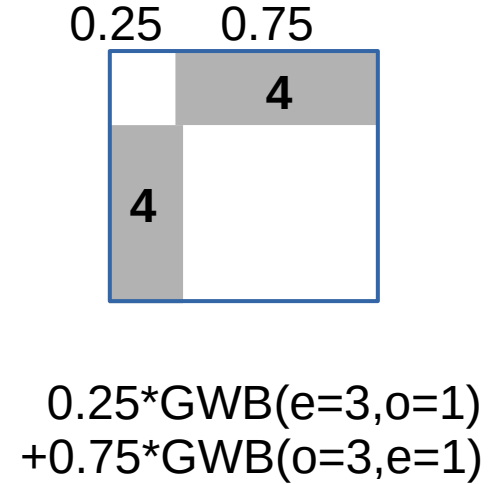
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Main theorem I

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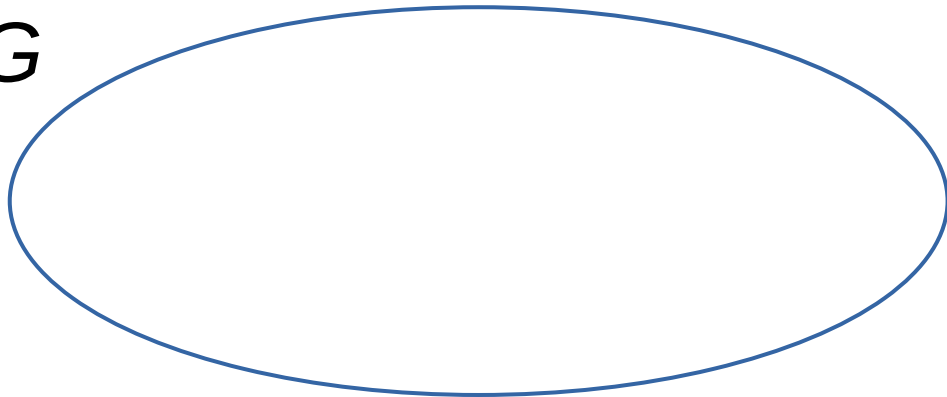
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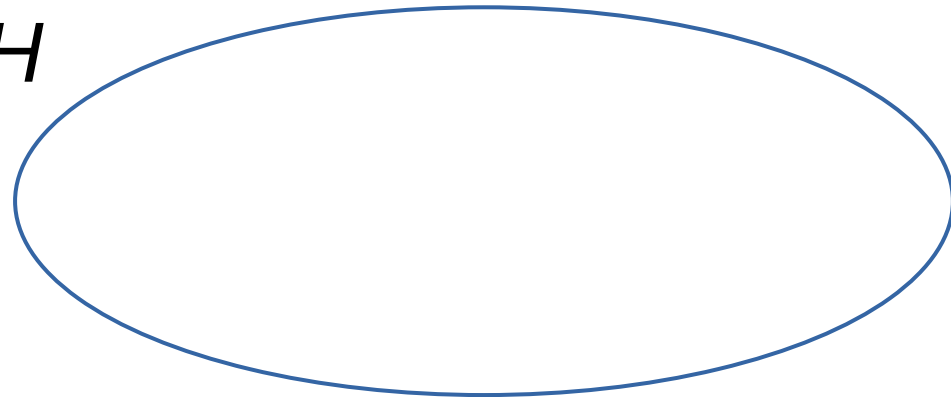
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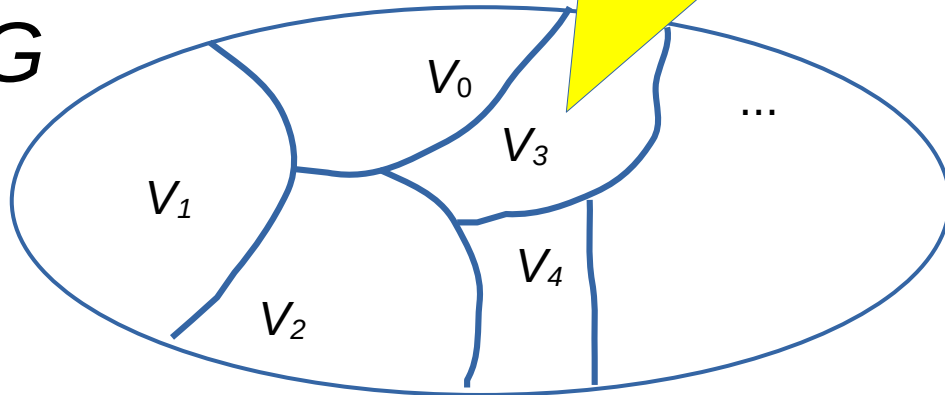
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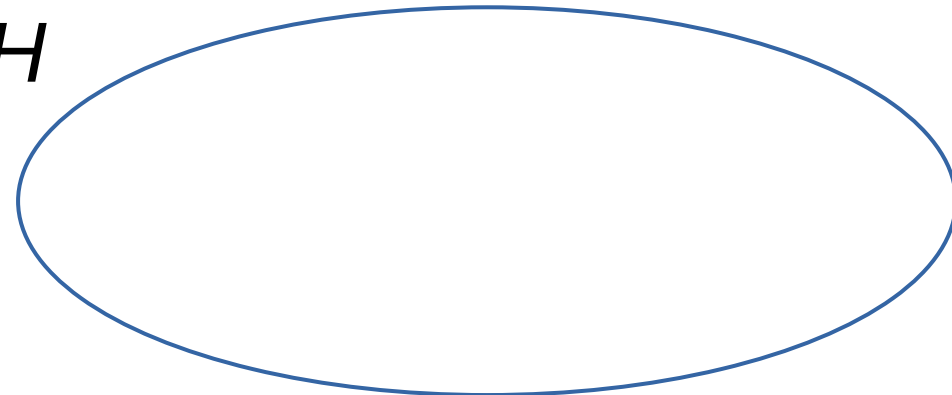
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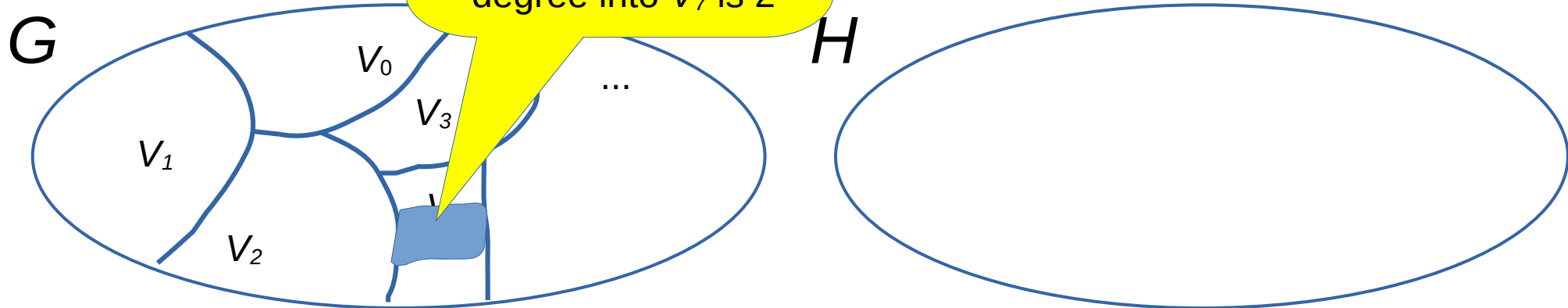
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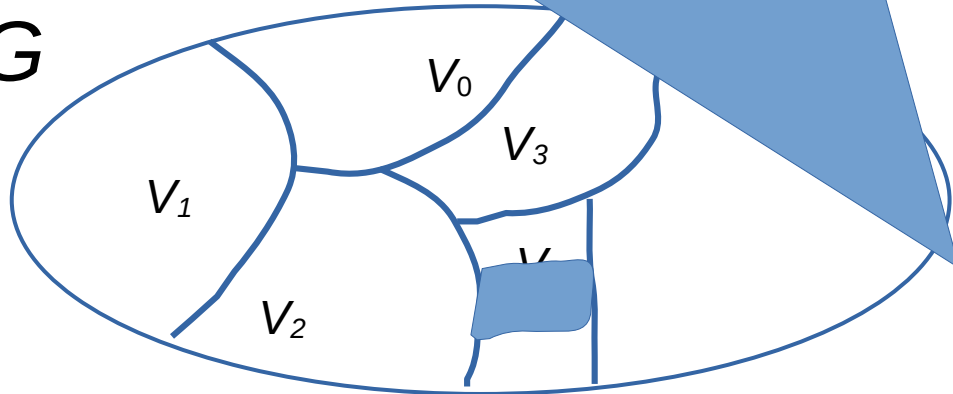
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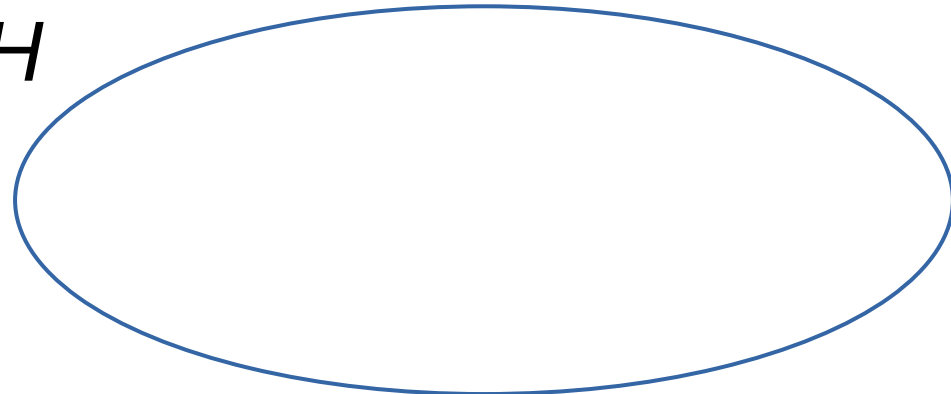
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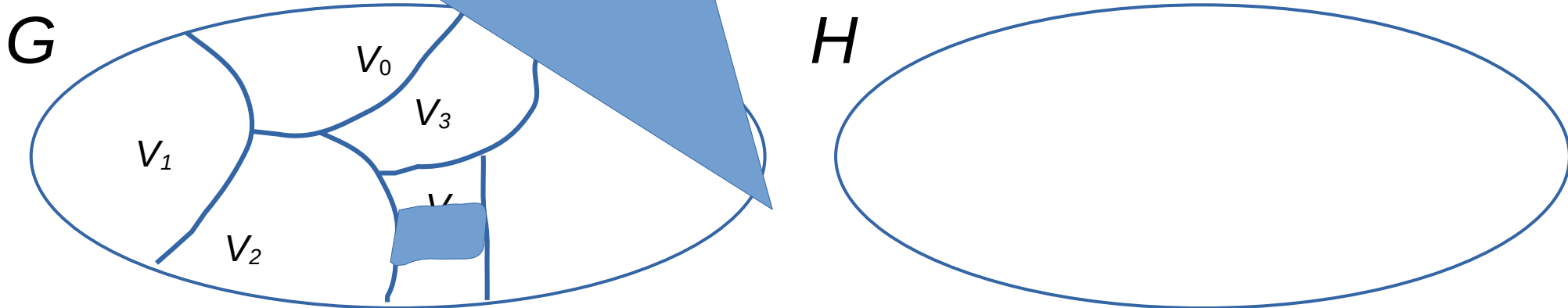
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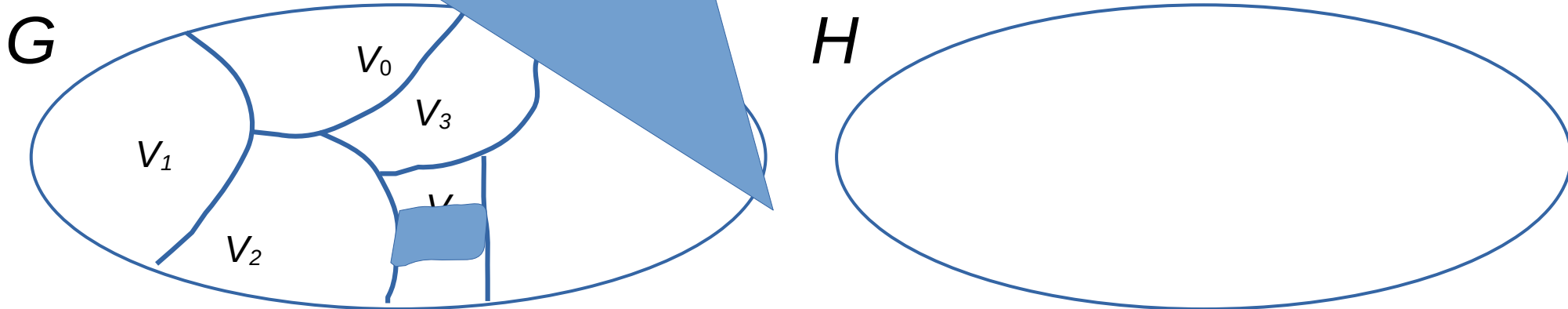
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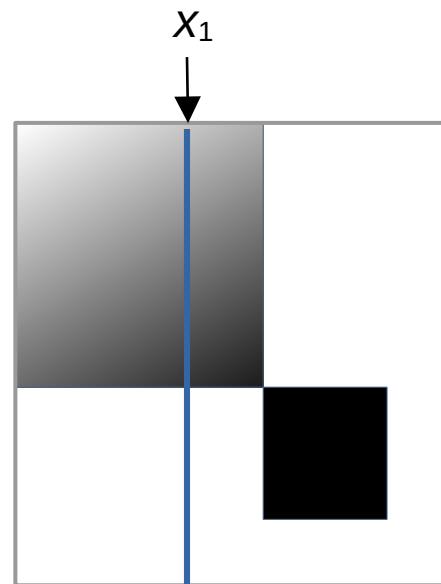
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Grebik, Rocha 2022

“Fractional isomorphism of graphons”

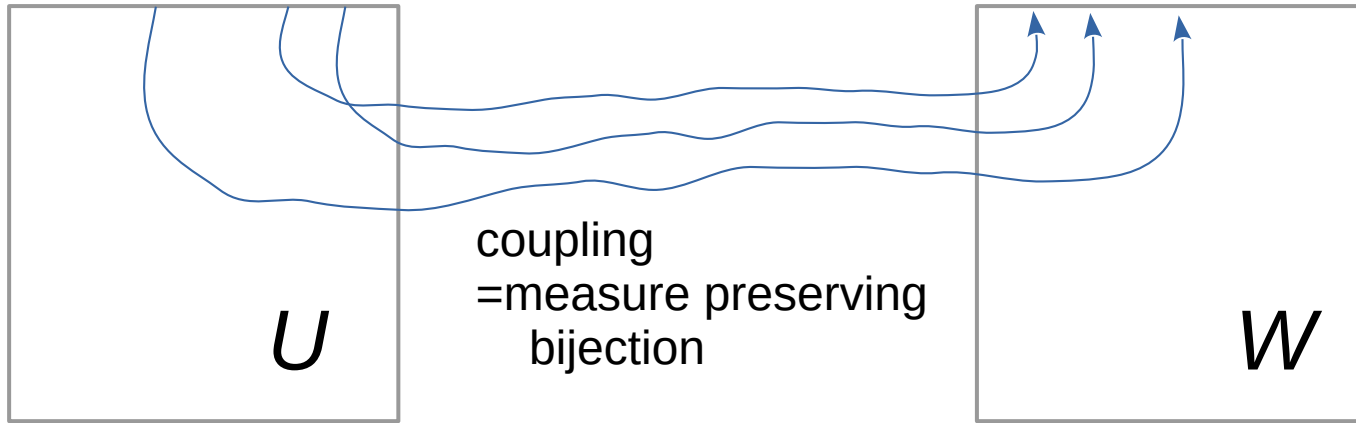
Counterparts to the above

Key: Degree has counterpart

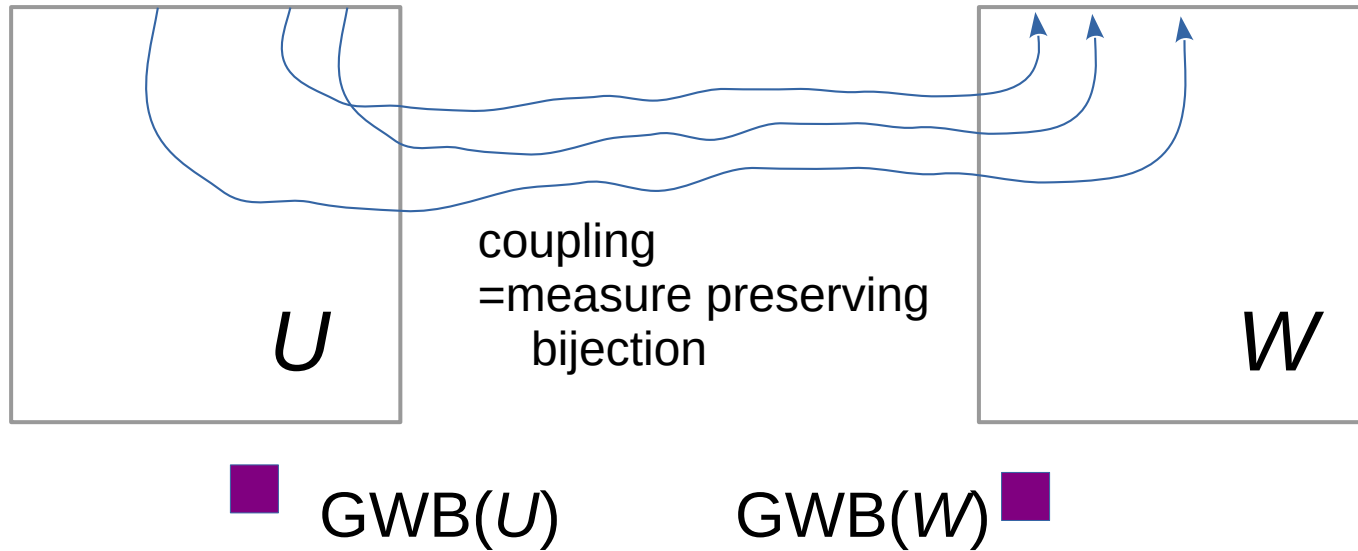


$$\text{deg}(x_1) = \int W(x_1, y) dy$$

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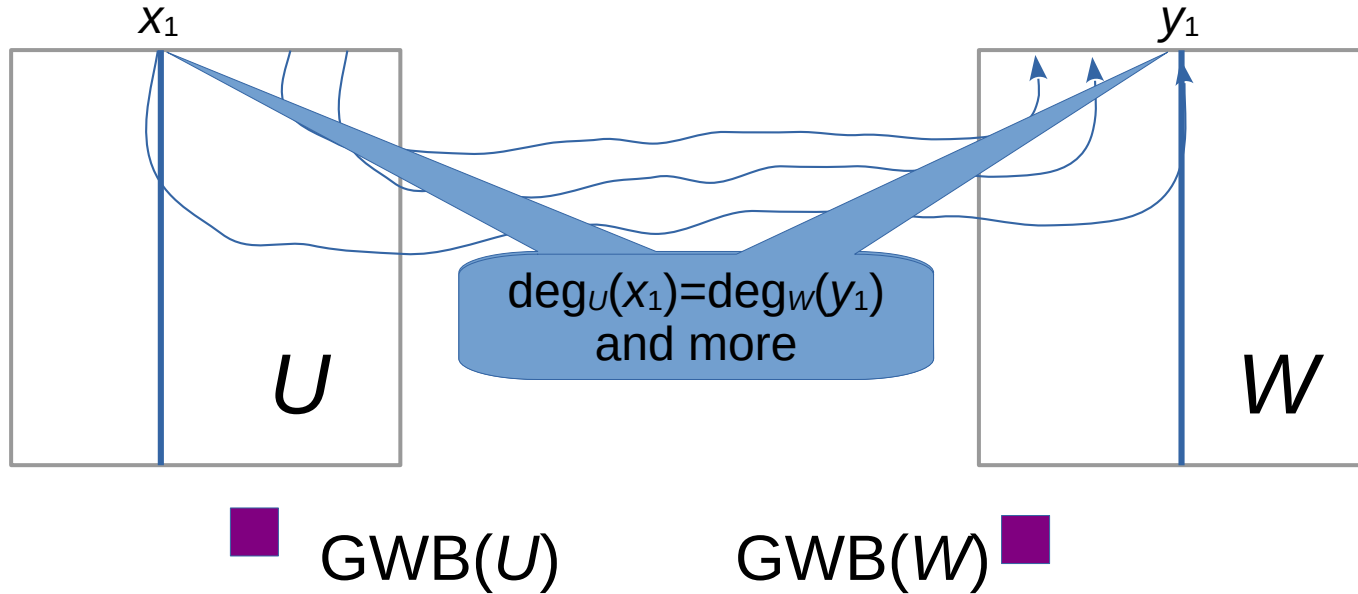


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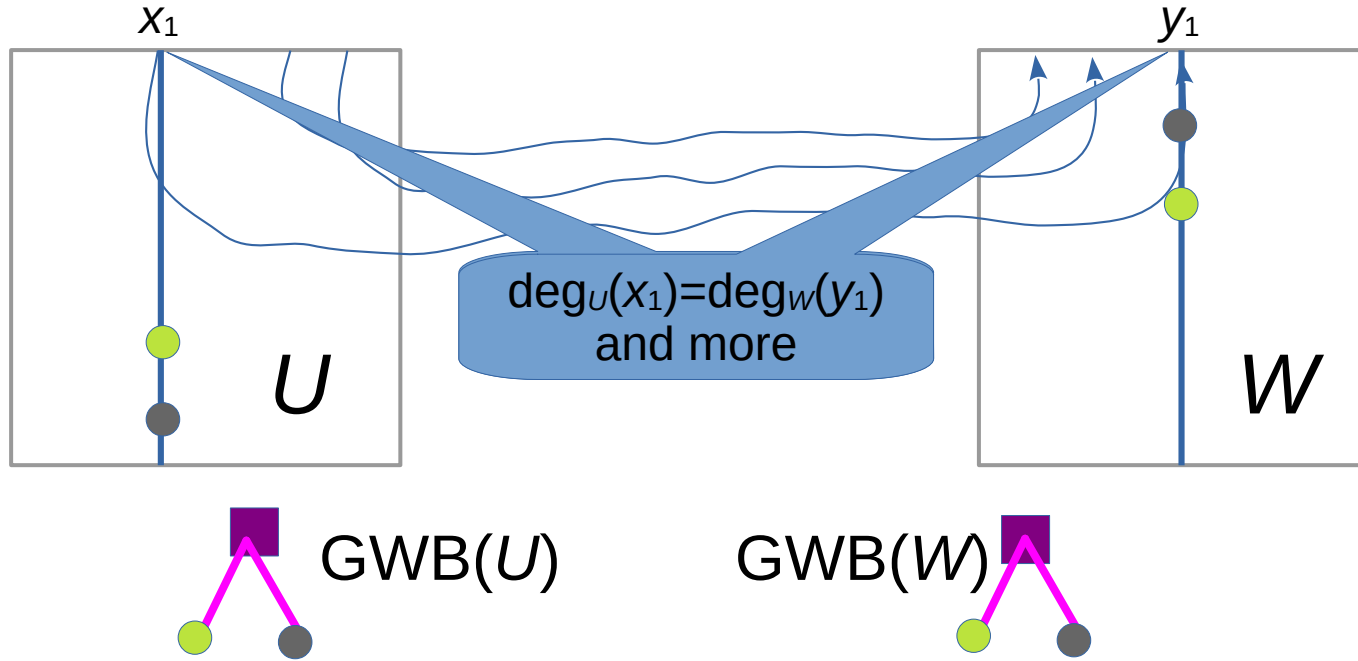
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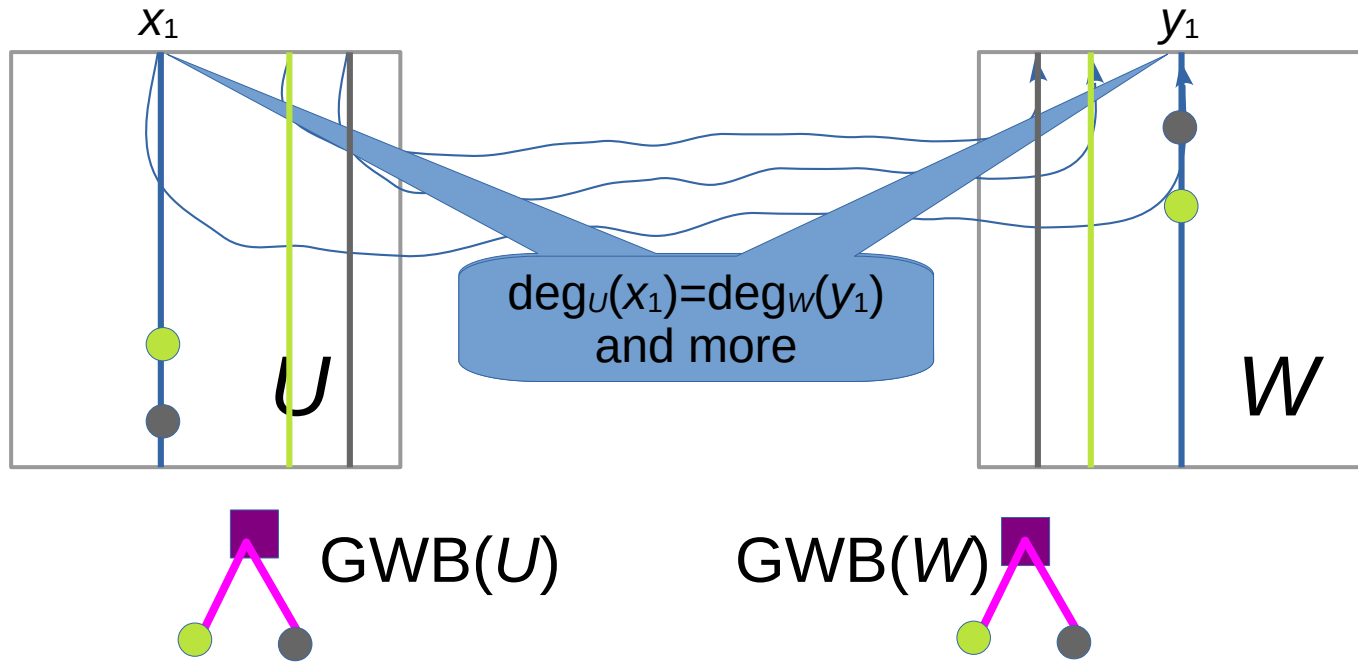
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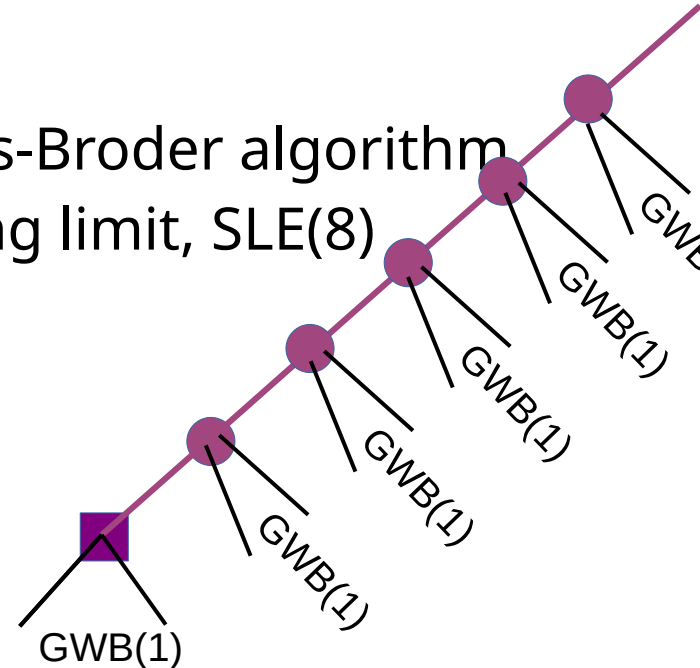
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Here: dense graphs

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Uniform spanning tree

Theorem (Kolchin 1977 / Grimmet 1980) Local structure of K_n

Borgs, Chayes, LOVÁSZ, Sós, Szegedy, Vesztergombi 2004-2012,
Description of dense graphs using “**graphons**”

Theorem (Hladký, Nachmias, Tran, 2018)

Suppose that $(G_n)_n$ is a sequence of connected graphs that converges to a graphon W . Suppose that W has positive minimum degree.

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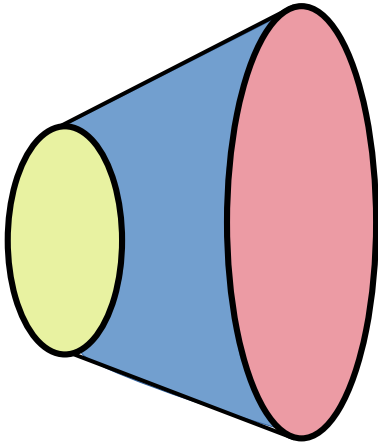
Example

Hladký-Nachmias-Tran, 2018, simplified

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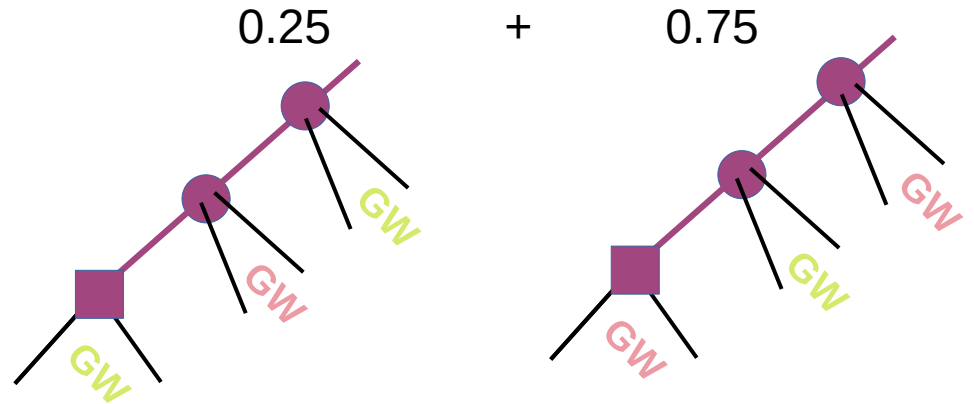
$K_{n/4, 3n/4}$



W

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	1
1	

$\text{UST}(W)$



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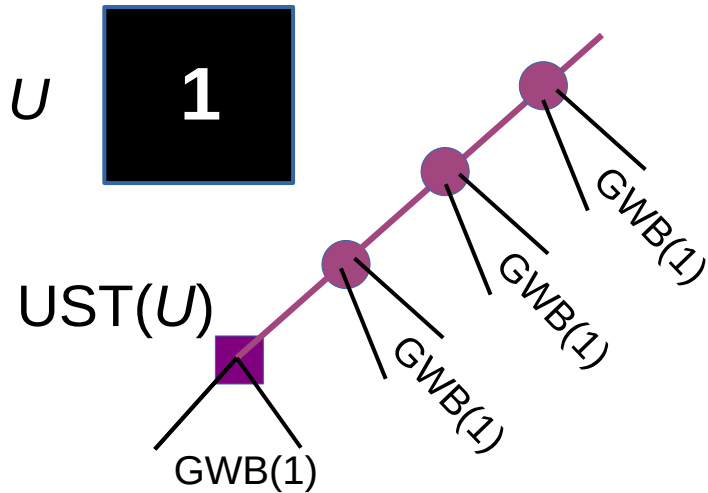
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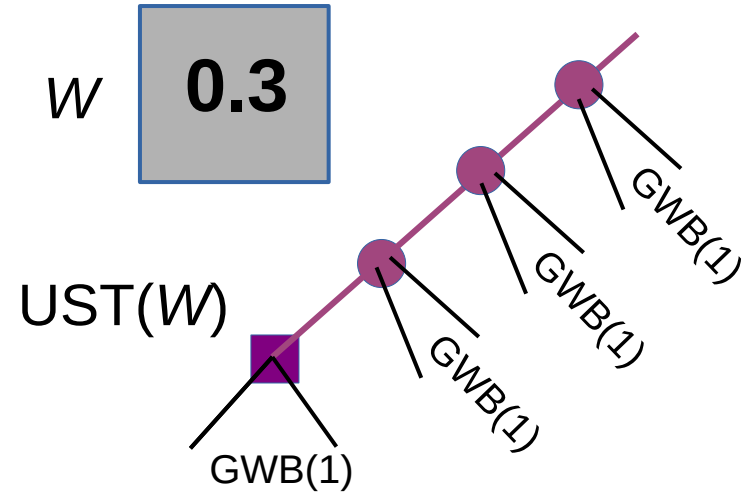
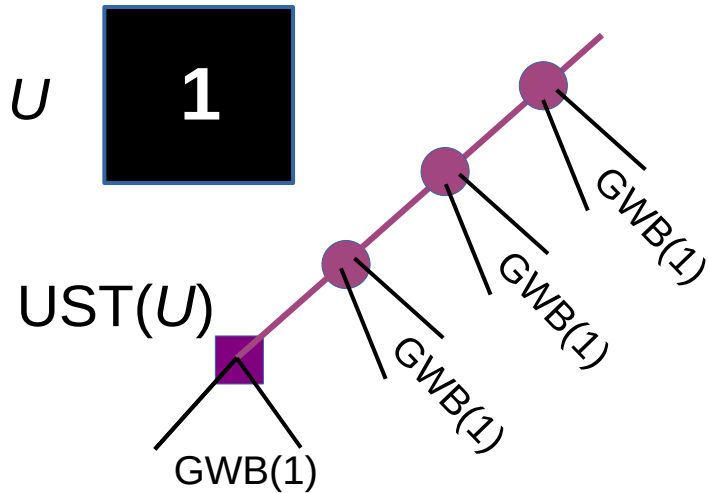


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