

# Structural degree-degree dependencies in large networks

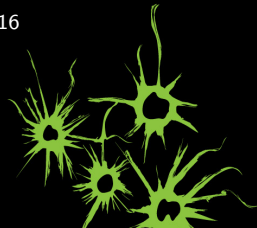
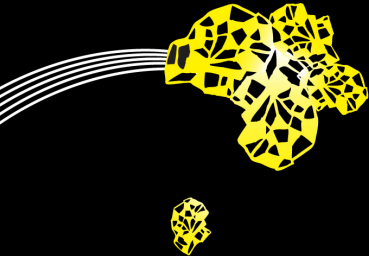
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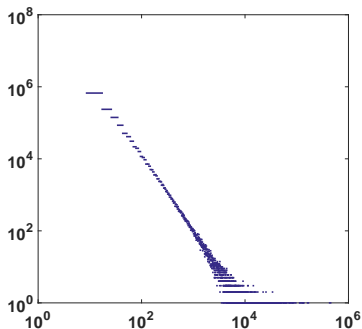


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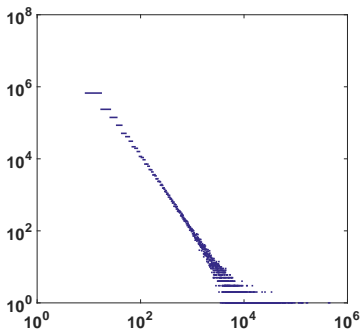
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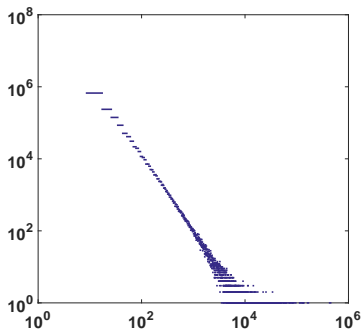


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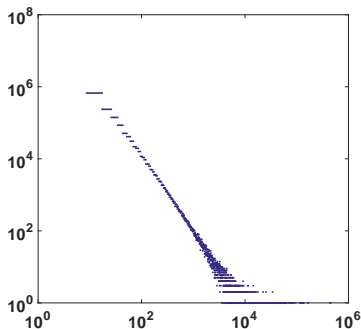
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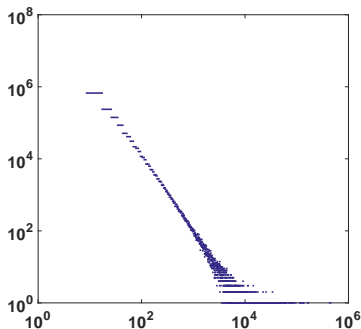
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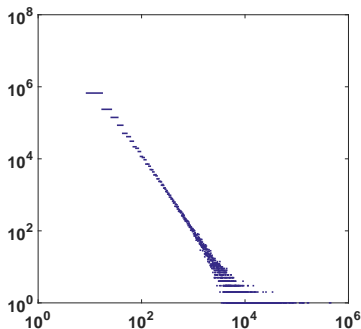
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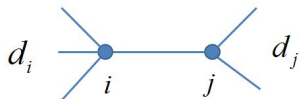
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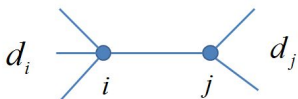
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- ▶ Newman (2002): assortativity measure  $\rho(G)$

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DOROGOVTSSEV ET AL. (2010), RASCHKE ET AL. (2010)



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- ▶ But also

$$\frac{1}{|E'|} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n D_i^2 \right)^2 \leq (C^2/c) n^{\max\{4/\gamma-1, 1\}}.$$

- ▶  $\rho^-(G) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in **ANY** power law graph with  $\gamma \in (1, 3)$

## Web and social networks

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Dataset	Description	# nodes	max $d$	$\rho(G_n)$	$\rho(G_n)^{\text{rank}}$	$\rho^-(G_n)$
stanford-cs	web domain	9,914	340	-0.1656	-0.1627	-0.4648
eu-2005	.eu web crawl	862,664	68,963	-0.0562	-0.2525	-0.0670
uk@100,000	.uk web crawl	100,000	55,252	-0.6536	-0.5676	-1.117
uk@1,000,000	.uk web crawl	1,000,000	403,441	-0.0831	-0.5620	-0.0854
enron	e-mailing	69,244	1,634	-0.1599	-0.6827	-0.1932
dblp-2010	co-authorship	326,186	238	0.3018	0.2604	-0.7736
dblp-2011	co-authorship	986,324	979	0.0842	0.1351	-0.2963
hollywood	co-starring	1,139,905	11,468	0.3446	0.4689	-0.6737

All graphs are made undirected

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- ▶ Alternative: **rank correlations**

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- ▶ Generalize to directed networks
- ▶ Use rank correlations
- ▶ Null-model: Directed Configuration Model (DCM)
- ▶ Rank correlations on DCM: asymptotics and finite-size effects

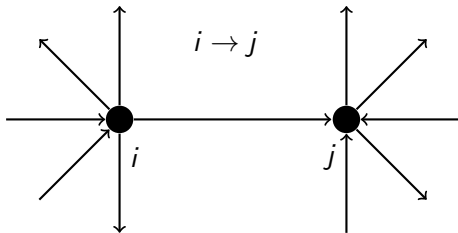
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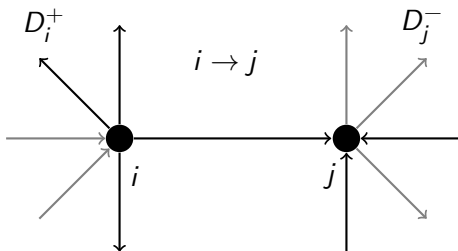
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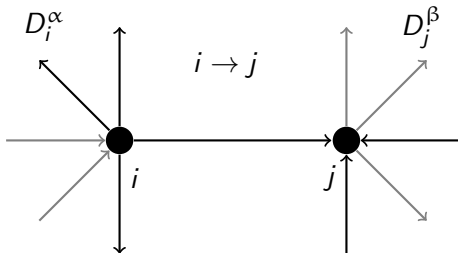
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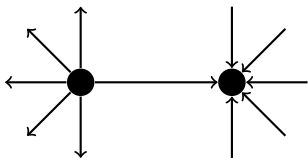
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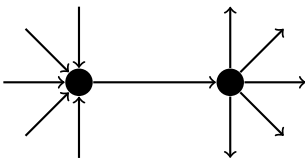
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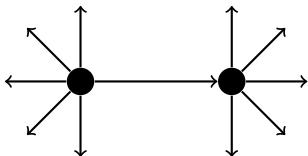
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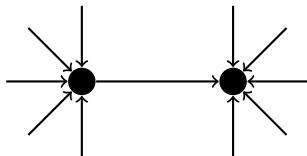
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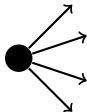
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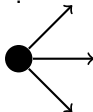


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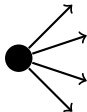


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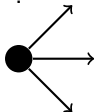


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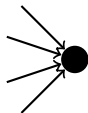


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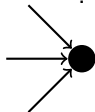


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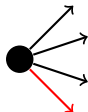


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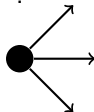


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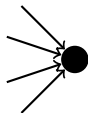


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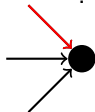


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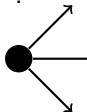


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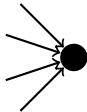


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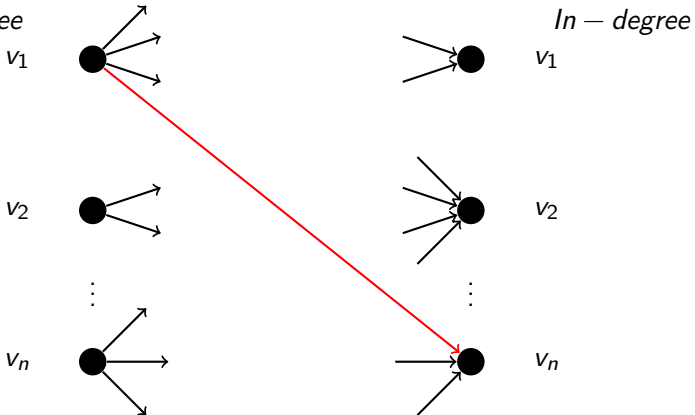


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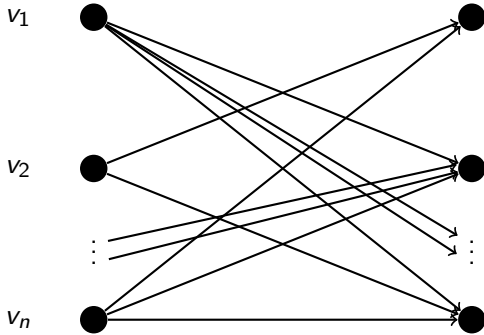


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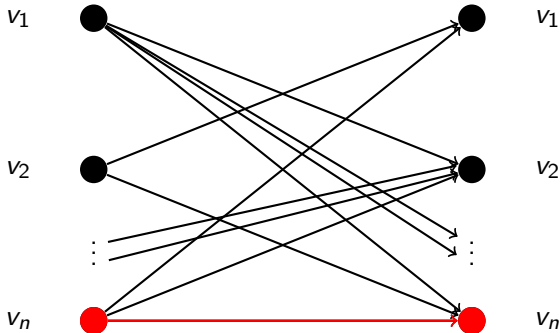


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Remove self-loops and double edges. The result is a simple graph

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## Statistical consistency Spearman's rho

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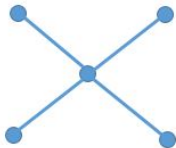
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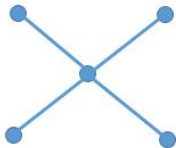
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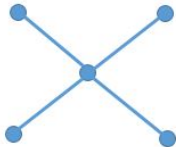


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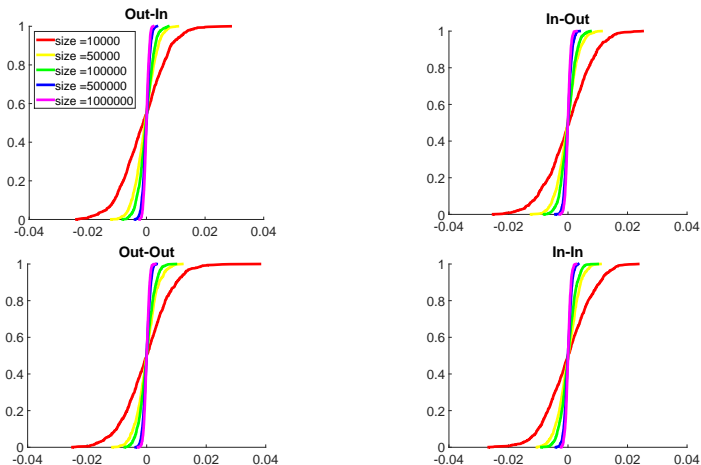


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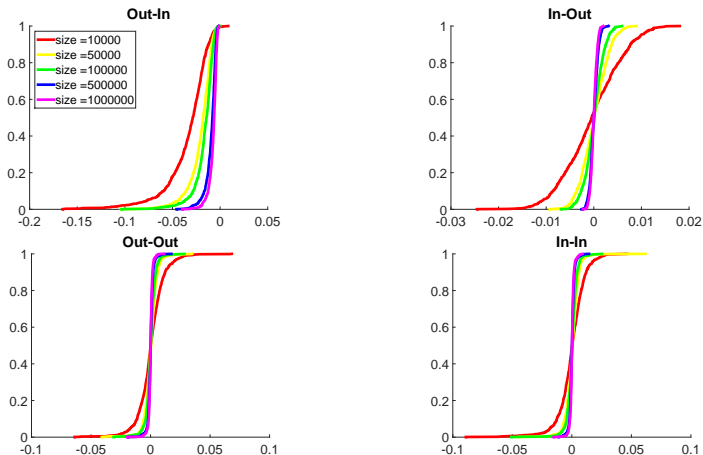


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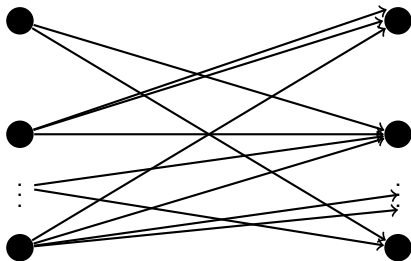


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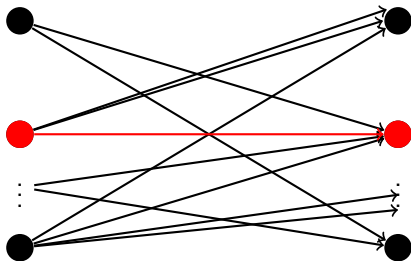
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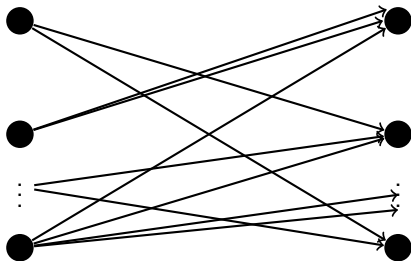
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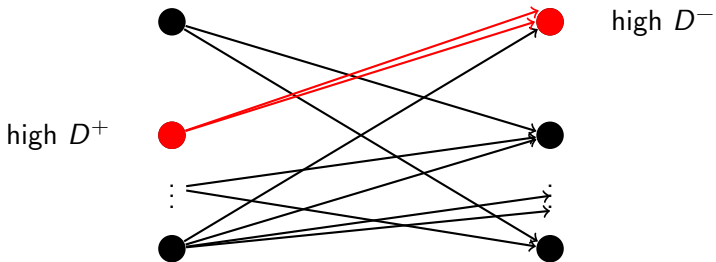
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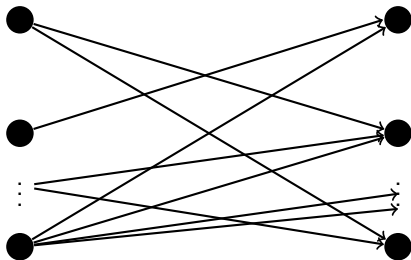
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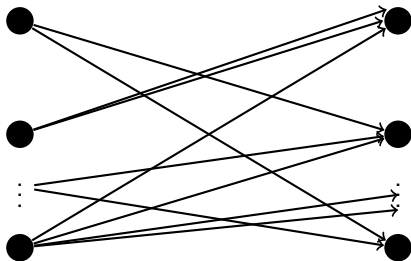


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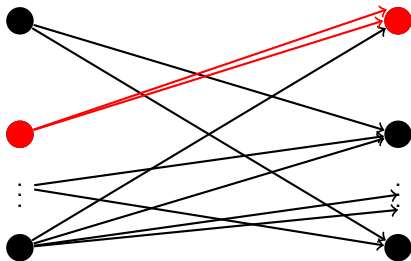
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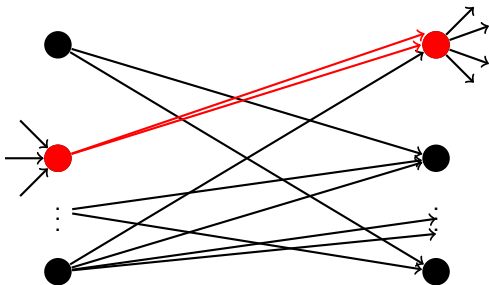
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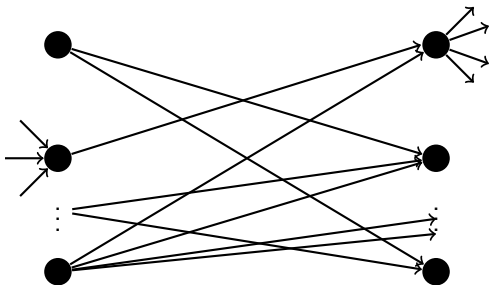
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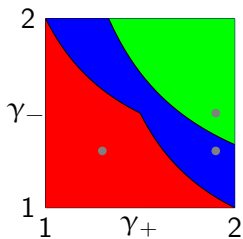
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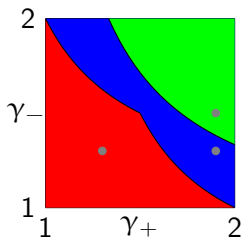
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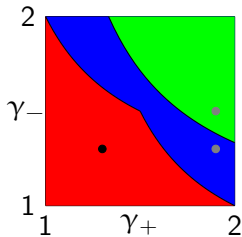
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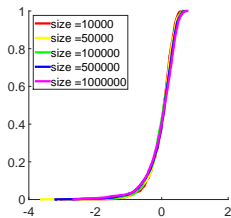
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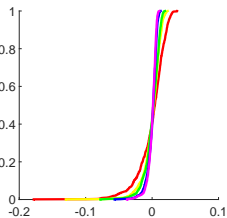
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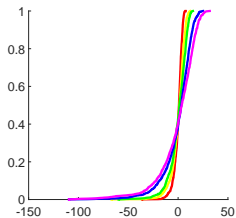
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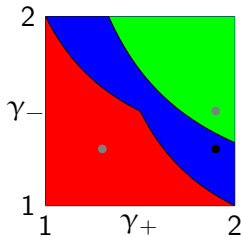


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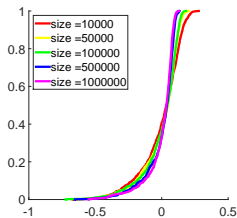


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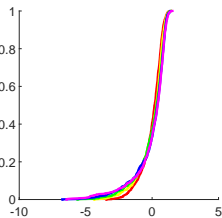
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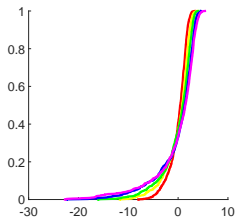
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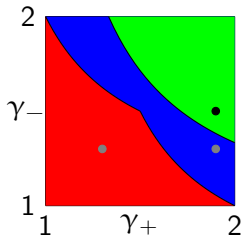


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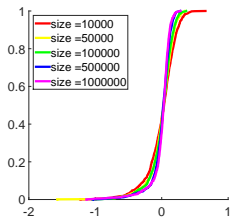


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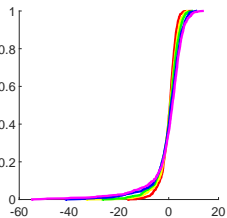
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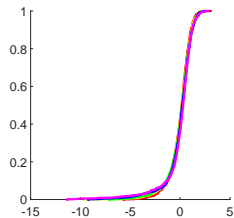
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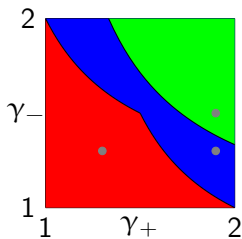
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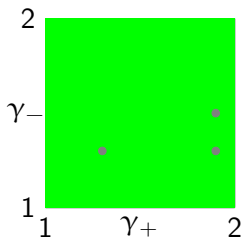
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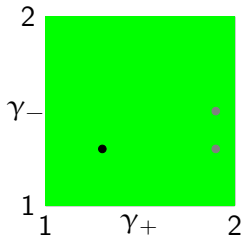
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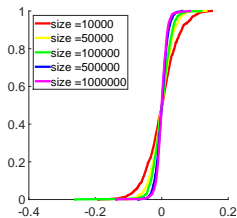


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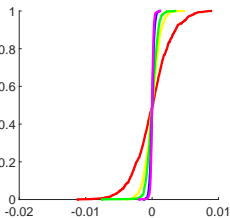
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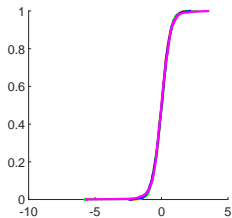
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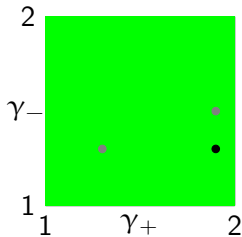


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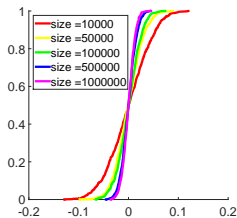


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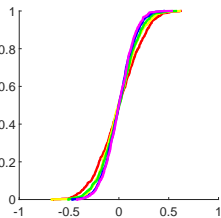
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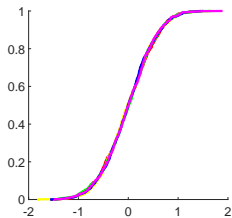
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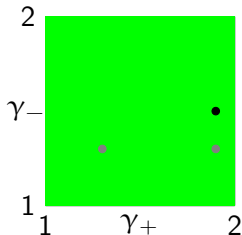
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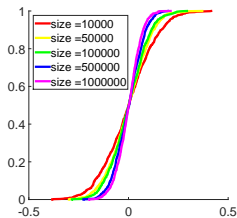
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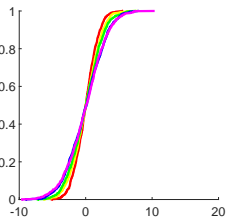
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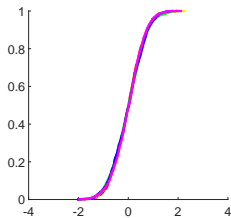
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