

## Abstract

Noise sensitivity was first introduced by Benjamini, Kalai and Schramm in their seminal work on Boolean functions. We propose a construction of a similar taste on binary relations. By flipping every relation with a small probability  $p$ , a natural question on recoverability arises, to which we give a positive answer in the case of an equivalence relation  $(X, \sim)$ . We prove that equivalence relations are noise-stable under the prescribed model. In particular, we propose a simple reconstruction algorithm, and show that it achieves an asymptotically zero misclassification error.

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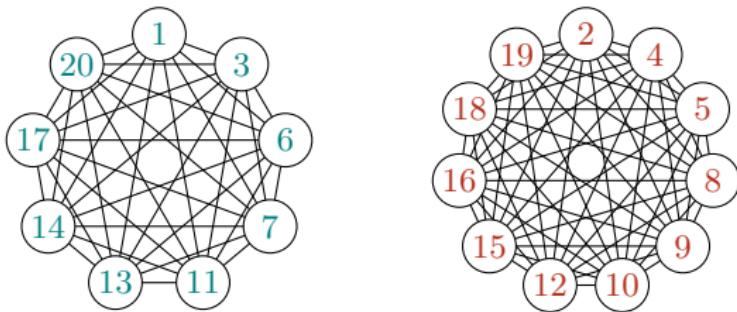
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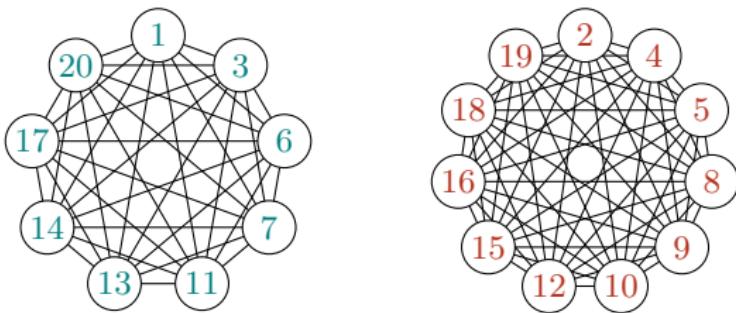
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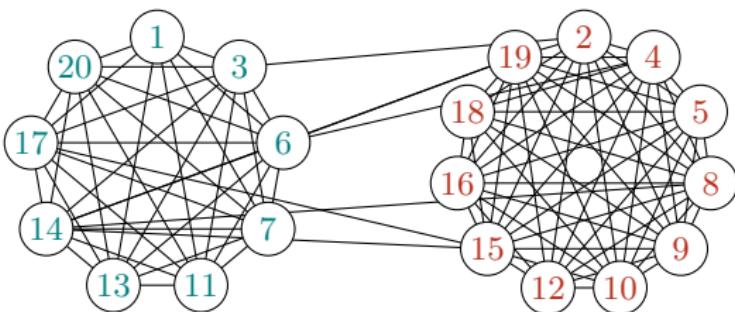
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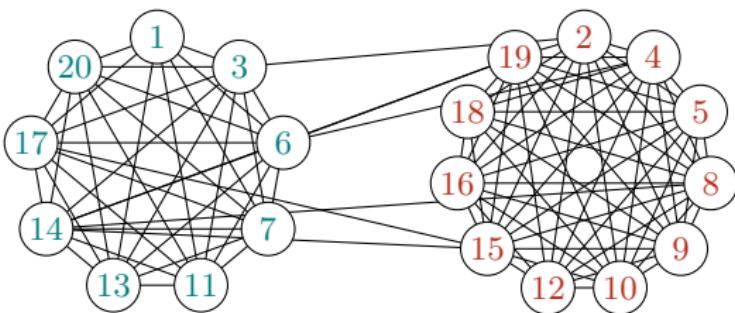
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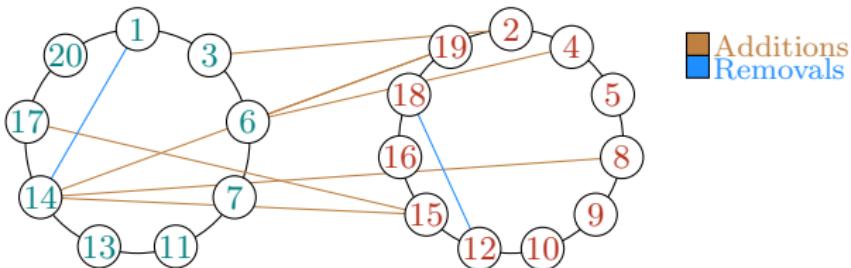
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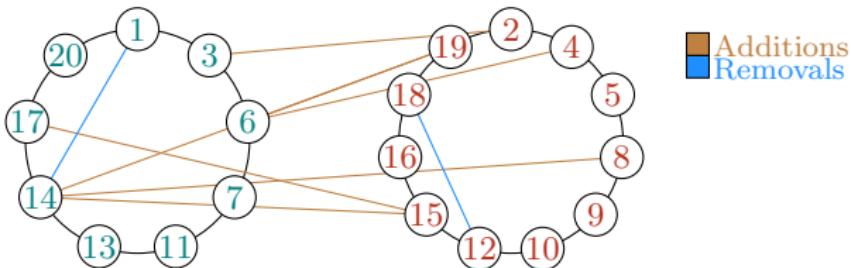


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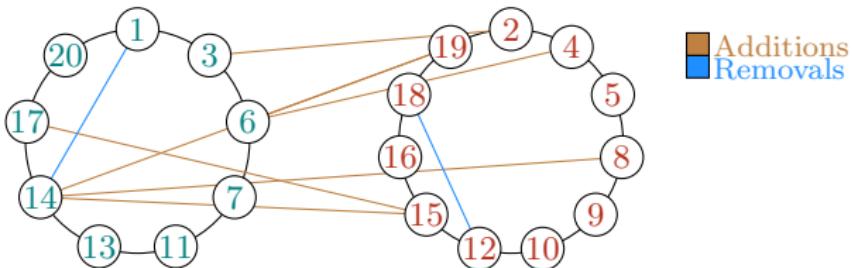
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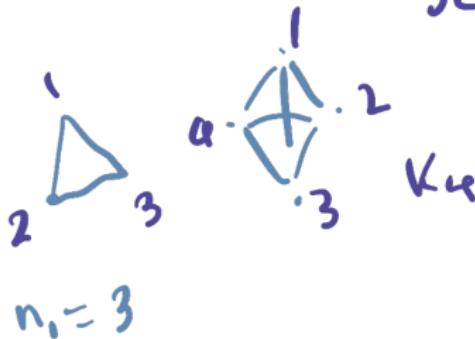
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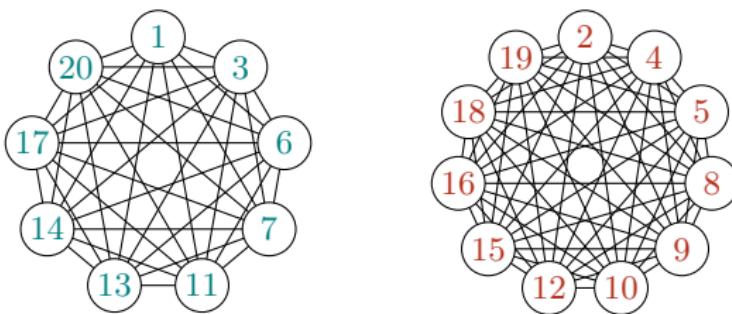
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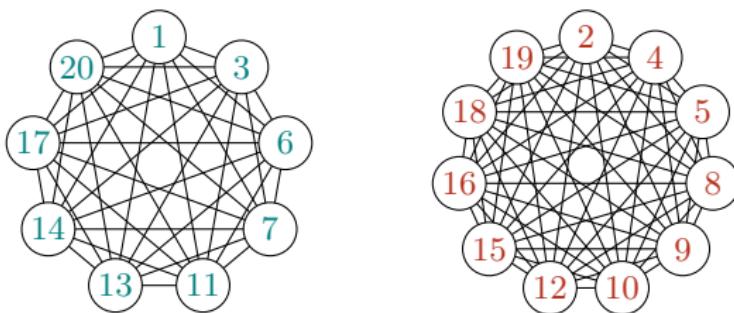
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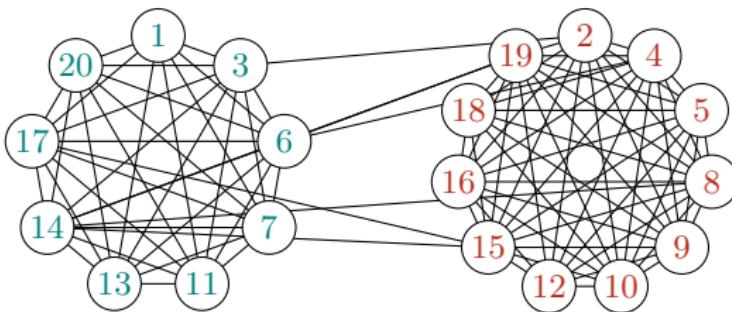
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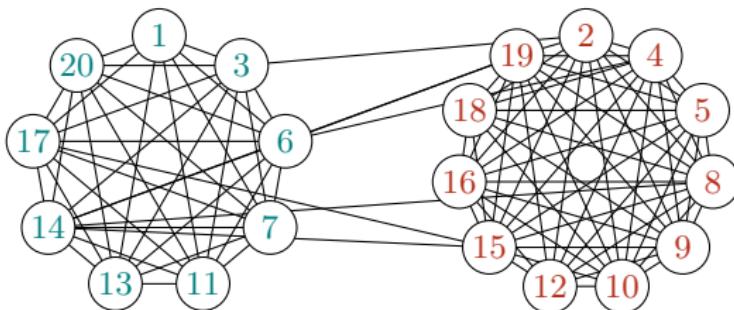
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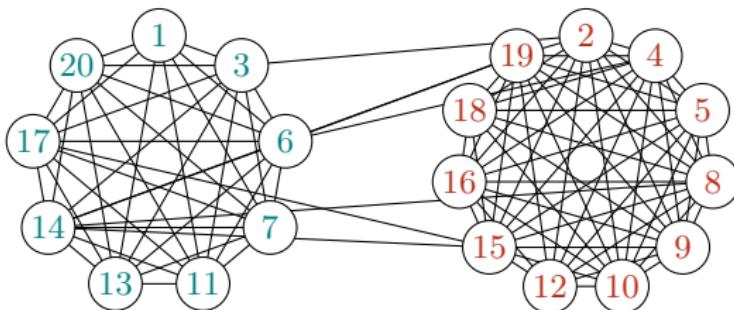
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EXAMPLE (NOISY EQUIVALENCE RELATION,  $p = 1/20$ ).

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OBSERVATION.

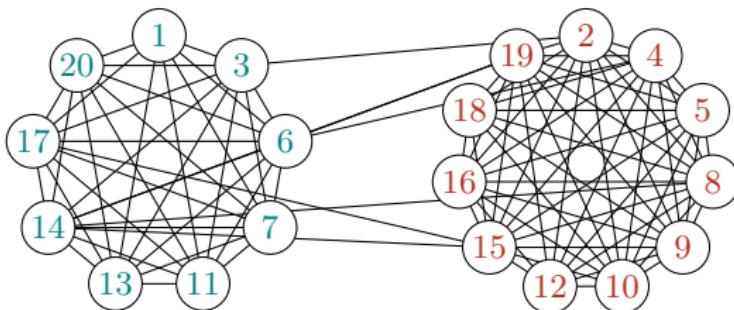
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1	11	0	9	9	3	1	9	9	9	1	8	1	4	9	9	2	8	9	1
6	0	9	2	1	7	7	2	1	1	7	1	7	6	3	1	7	1	3	7
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OBSERVATION. Visible gap between same-class & different-class scores.

# EXPERIMENT

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1	11	0	9	9	3	1	9	9	9	1	8	1	4	9	9	2	8	9	1	2
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1	9	3	10	9	2	2	10	9	9	2	8	2	3	10	9	3	8	12	2	19
6	1	7	1	0	7	7	1	0	0	7	0	7	6	2	0	7	0	2	8	20

OBSERVATION.

# EXPERIMENT

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EXAMPLE (NOISY EQUIVALENCE RELATION,  $p = 1/20$ ).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
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OBSERVATION. Not very useful.

# EXPERIMENT

QUESTION. Is this a global phenomena?

EXAMPLE (NOISY EQUIVALENCE RELATION,  $p = 1/20$ ).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
7	1	6	1	0	6	6	0	0	0	6	0	6	7	1	0	6	0	1	6	1
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6	1	7	1	0	7	7	1	0	0	7	0	7	6	2	0	7	0	2	8	20

OBSERVATION. Not very useful. Sort row values ascendingly.

# EXPERIMENT

EXAMPLE (NOISY EQUIVALENCE RELATION,  $p = 1/20$ ).

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OBSERVATION.

# EXPERIMENT

EXAMPLE (NOISY EQUIVALENCE RELATION,  $p = 1/20$ ).

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0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	8

OBSERVATION. There is a global phenomena!

# EXPERIMENT

EXAMPLE (NOISY EQUIVALENCE RELATION,  $p = 1/20$ ).

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	1
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0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	20

OBSERVATION. There is a global phenomena!

FORMALISM.

# EXPERIMENT

EXAMPLE (NOISY EQUIVALENCE RELATION,  $p = 1/20$ ).

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0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	8

OBSERVATION. There is a global phenomena!

FORMALISM. What is the expected score gap?

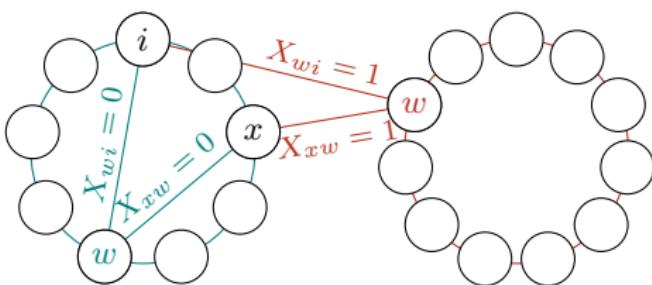
# EXPECTED IN-SCORE

Fix  $x \in X_i$ . If  $x \sim i$ , then

# EXPECTED IN-SCORE

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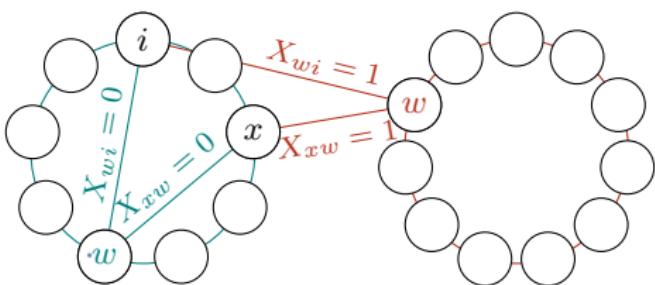
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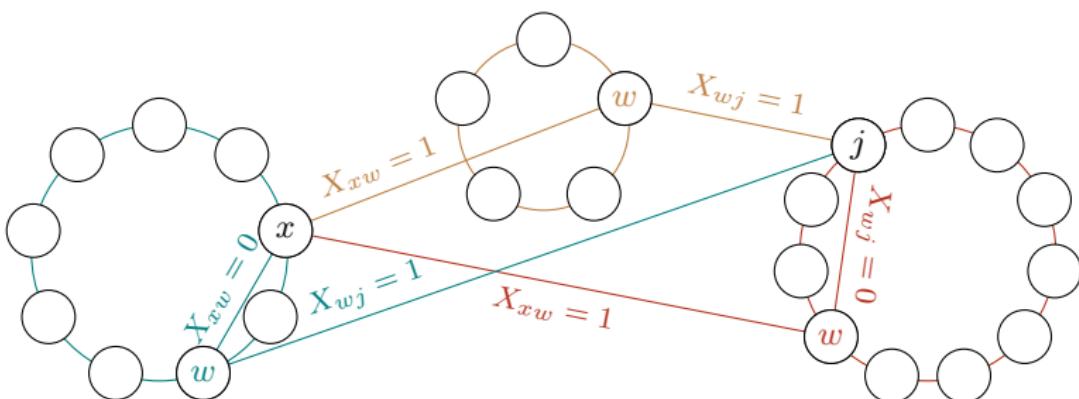
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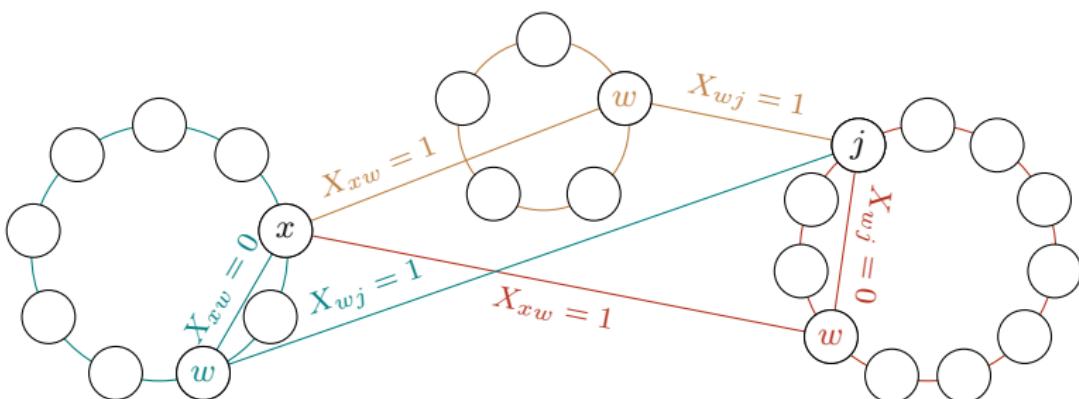
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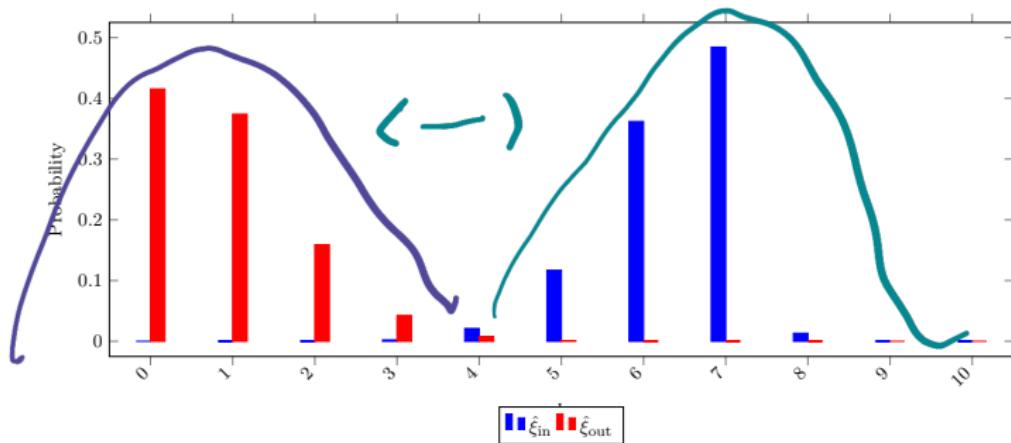
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$$\inf_{\mathbb{A}} \mathbb{P} [\mathbb{A}(X, \sim') \neq (X, \sim)] \xrightarrow{|X| \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

## PROOF.

Chose  $\mathbb{A}$  be as discussed earlier. We show that the distributions of  $\hat{\xi}_{\text{in}}$ ,  $\hat{\xi}_{\text{out}}$  are almost surely distinguishable.

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$$q \leq \overbrace{(n \times n)^2}^{\text{Possible Pairs}} \exp \left( -\frac{\alpha^2 \xi^2}{2\sigma^2 + 2/3 \cdot \alpha \cdot \xi} \right) \quad (\text{Union Bound})$$
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