

# Motifs for processes on networks

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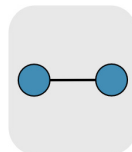
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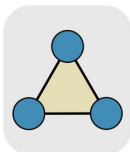
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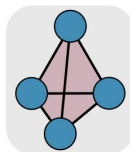
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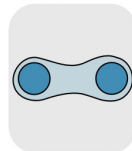


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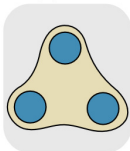


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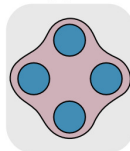
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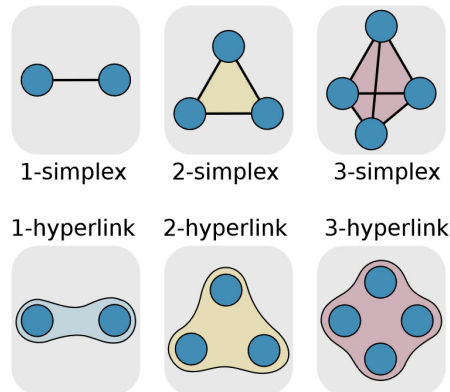
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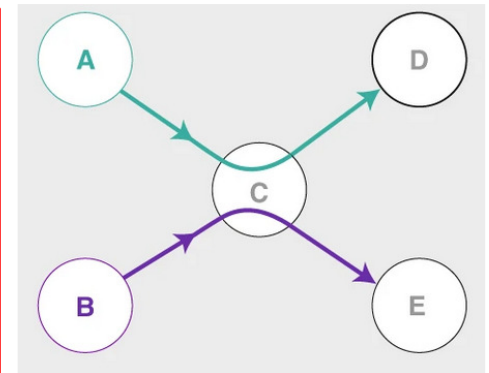
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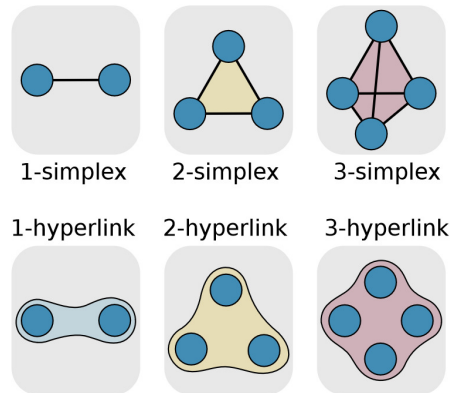
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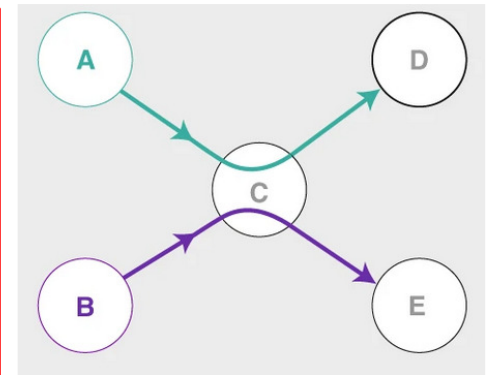
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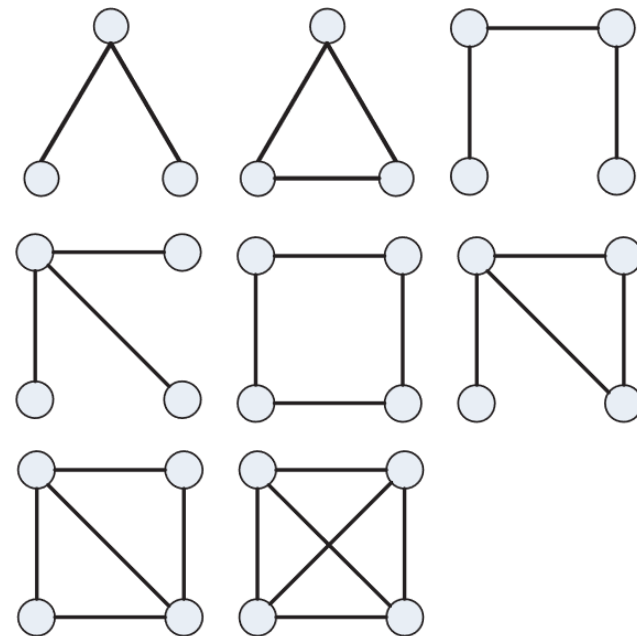
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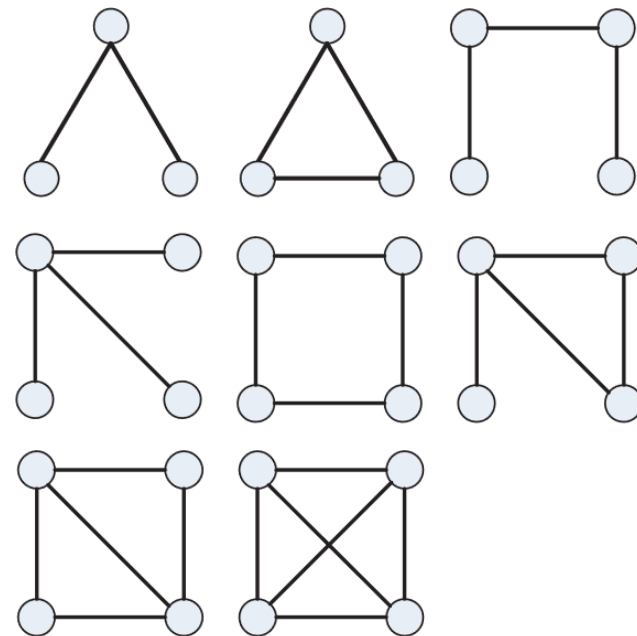
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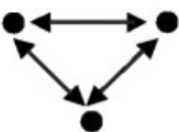
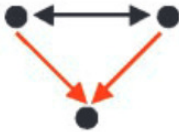
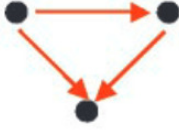
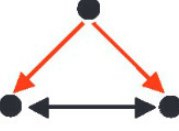
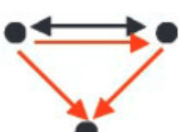


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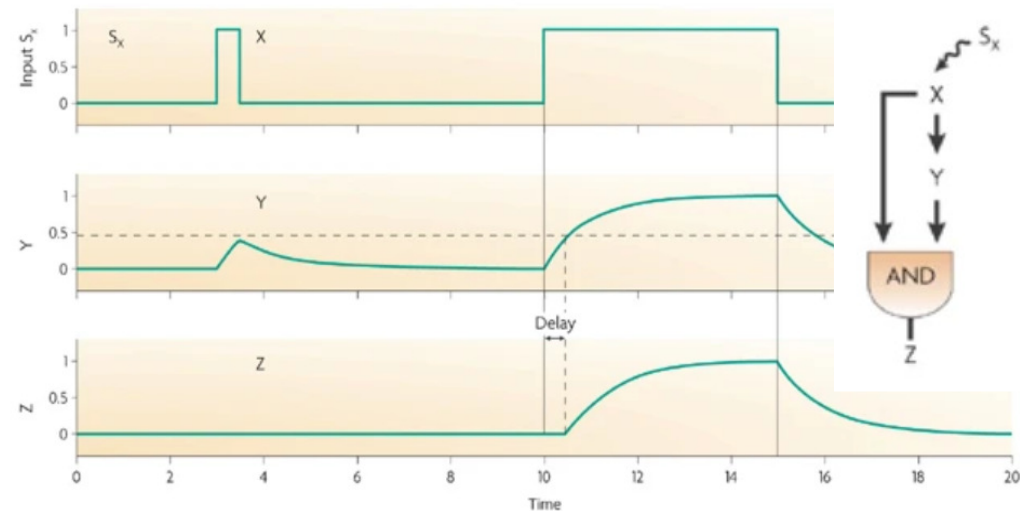
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[Yeager-Lotem et al. 2004](#)

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[Alon 2007](#)

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How can we identify motifs that are important for emergent properties of networks?

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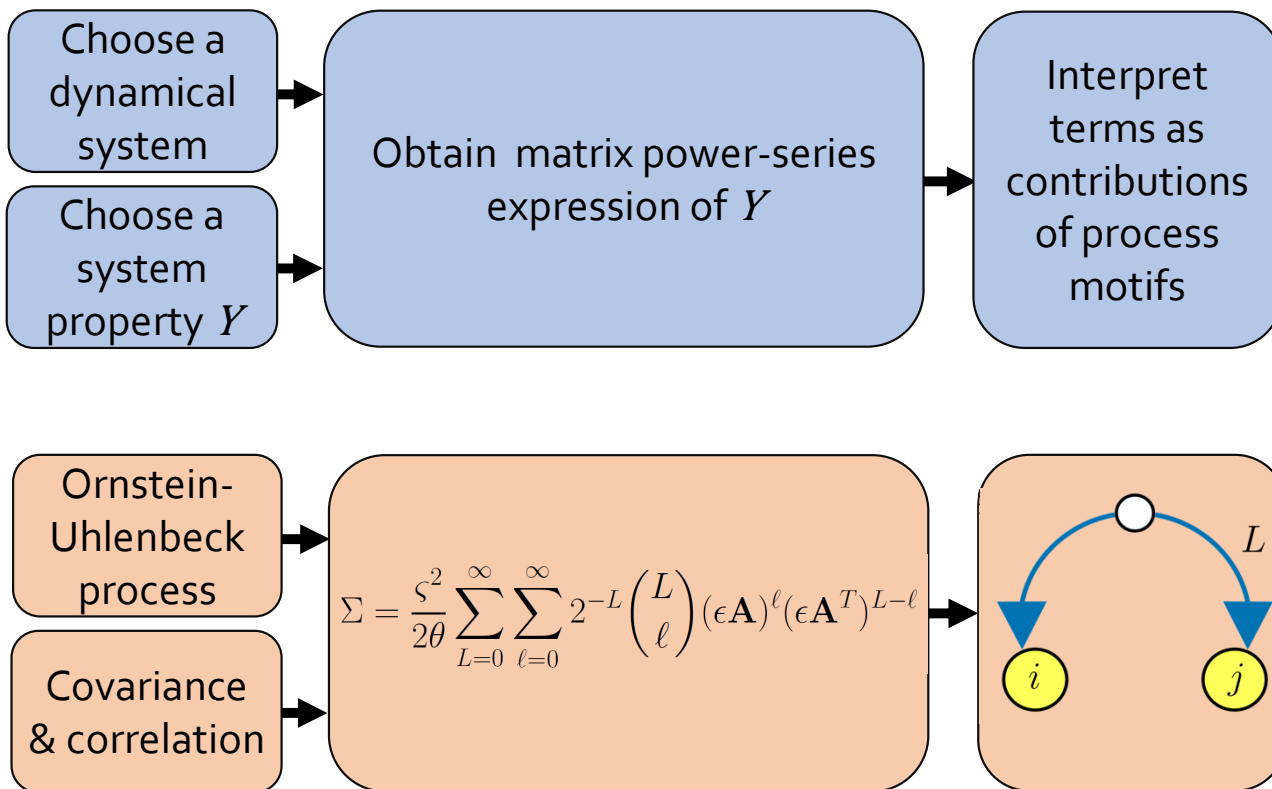


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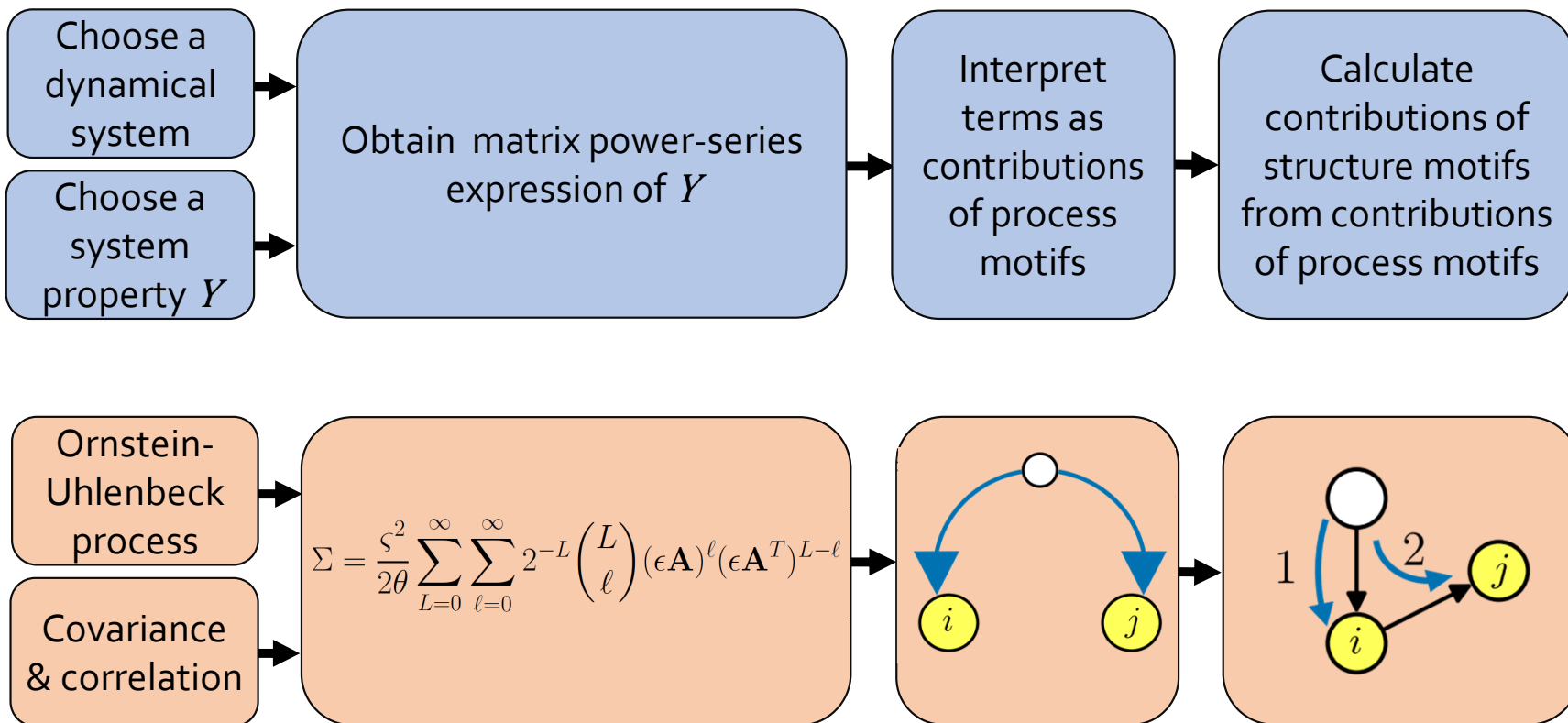
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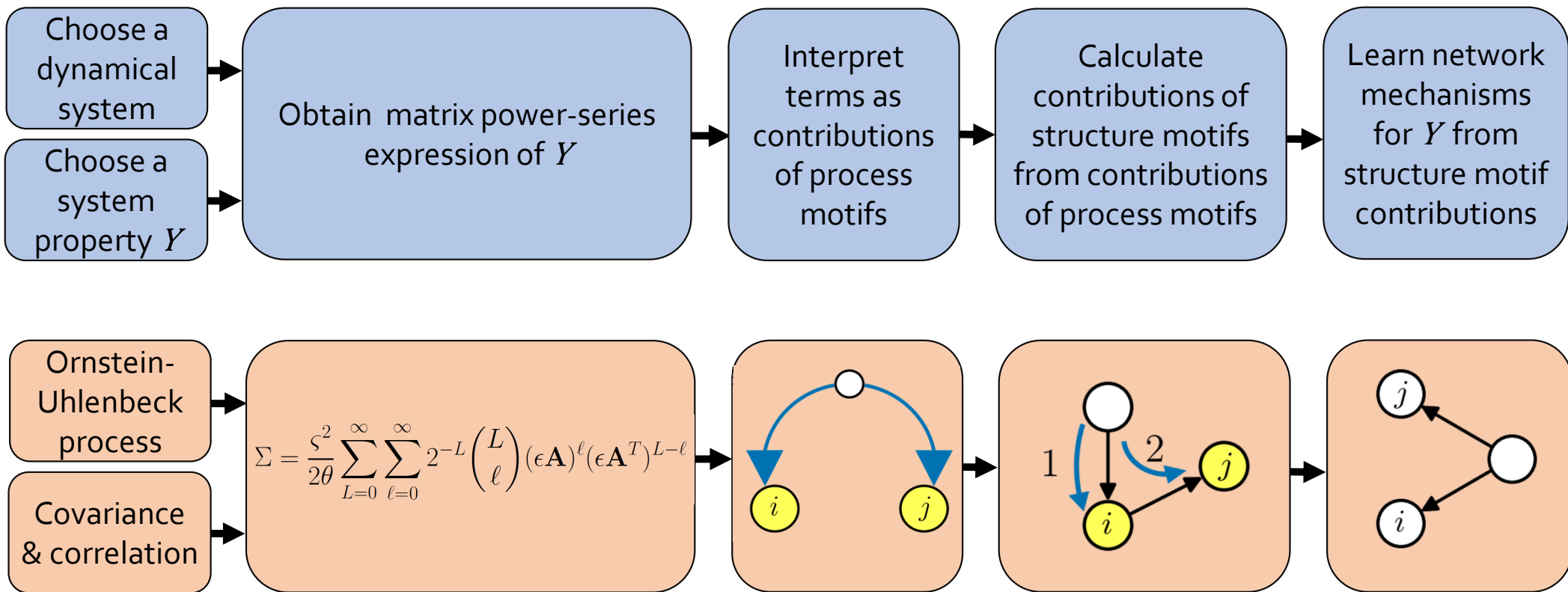
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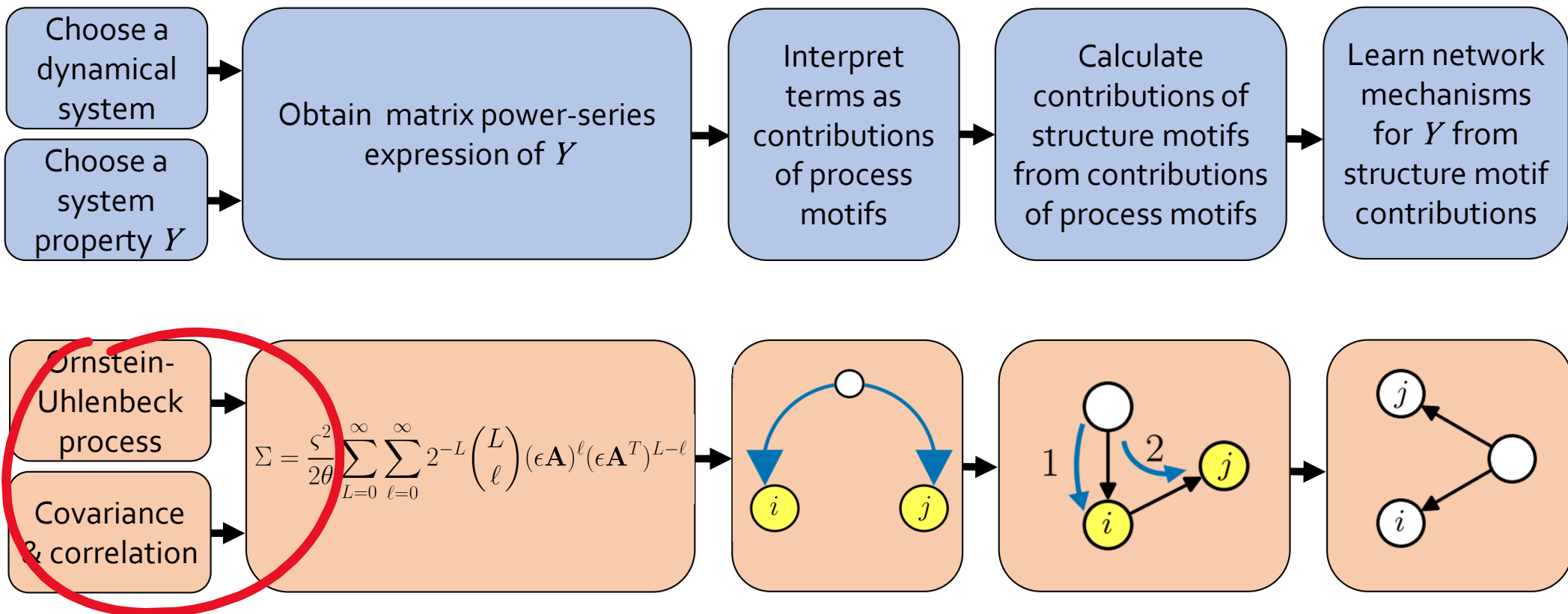
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For OU process, entropy, mutual information, etc. are functions of covariance and/or correlation

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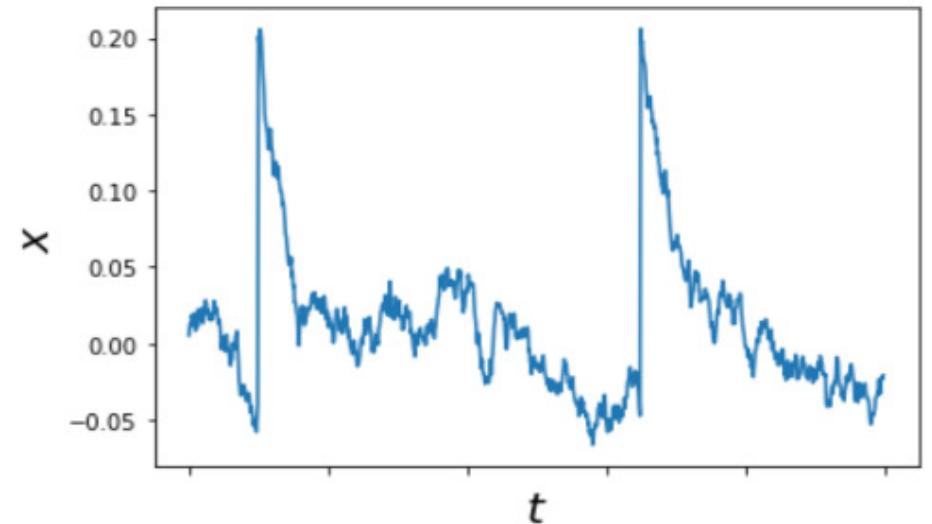
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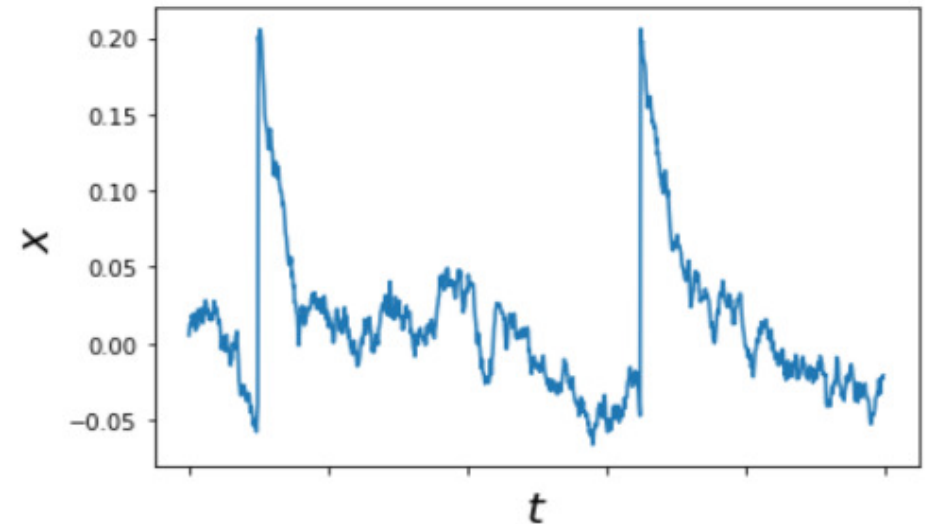
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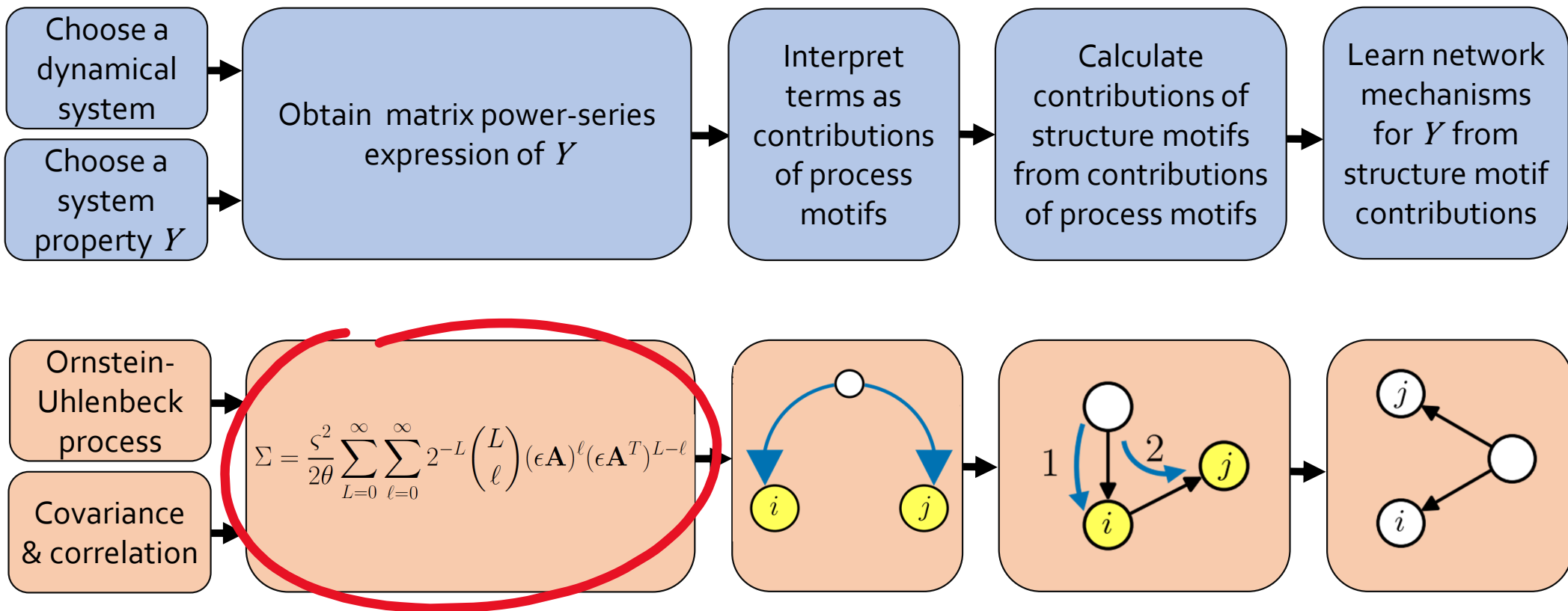
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$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma &= \langle \mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{x}_t^T \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}_{t+dt} \mathbf{x}_{t+dt}^T \rangle \\ &= \frac{\varsigma^2}{2\theta} \sum_{L=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} 2^{-L} \binom{L}{\ell} (\epsilon\mathbf{A})^{\ell} (\epsilon\mathbf{A}^T)^{L-\ell}\end{aligned}$$

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# Matrix powers and walks in networks

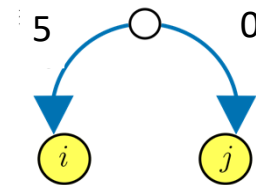
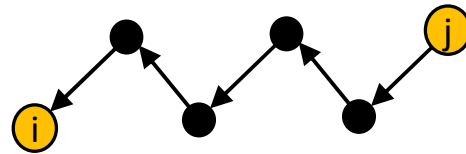
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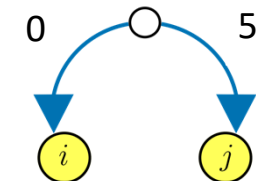
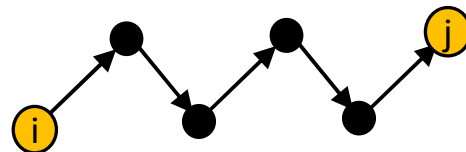
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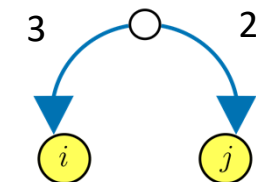
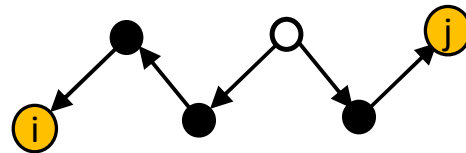
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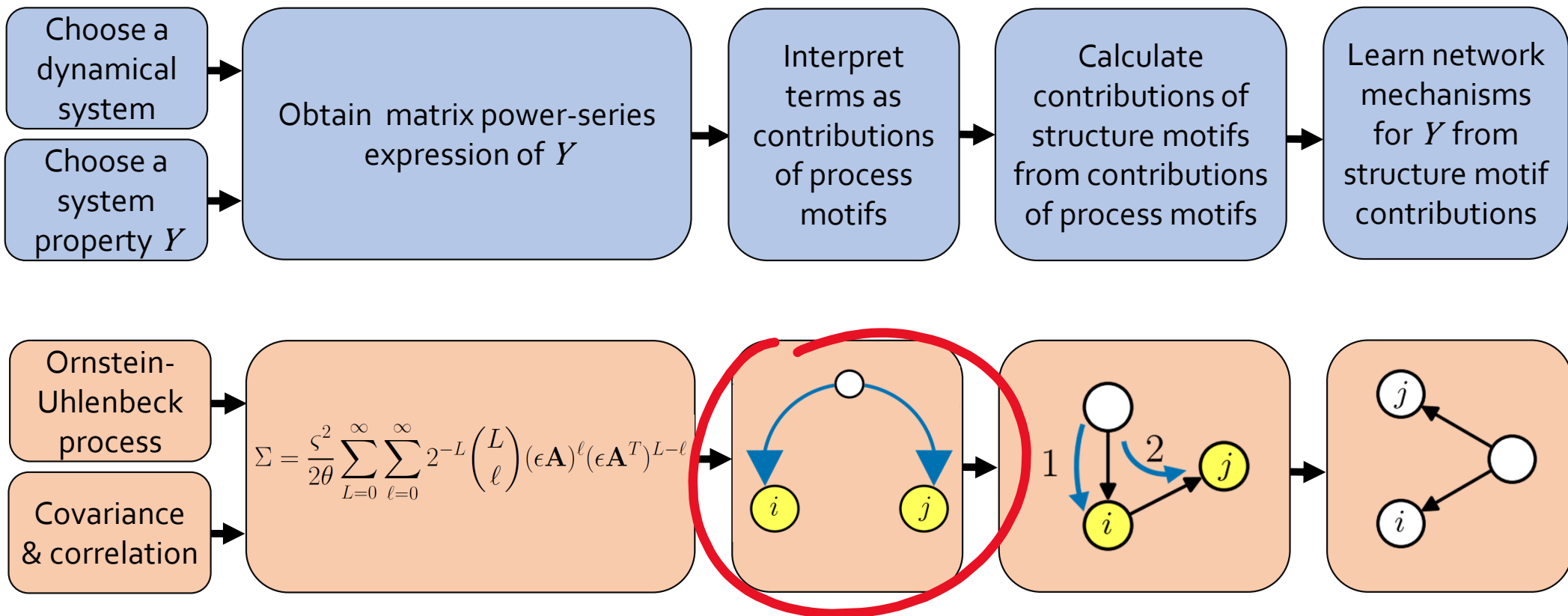
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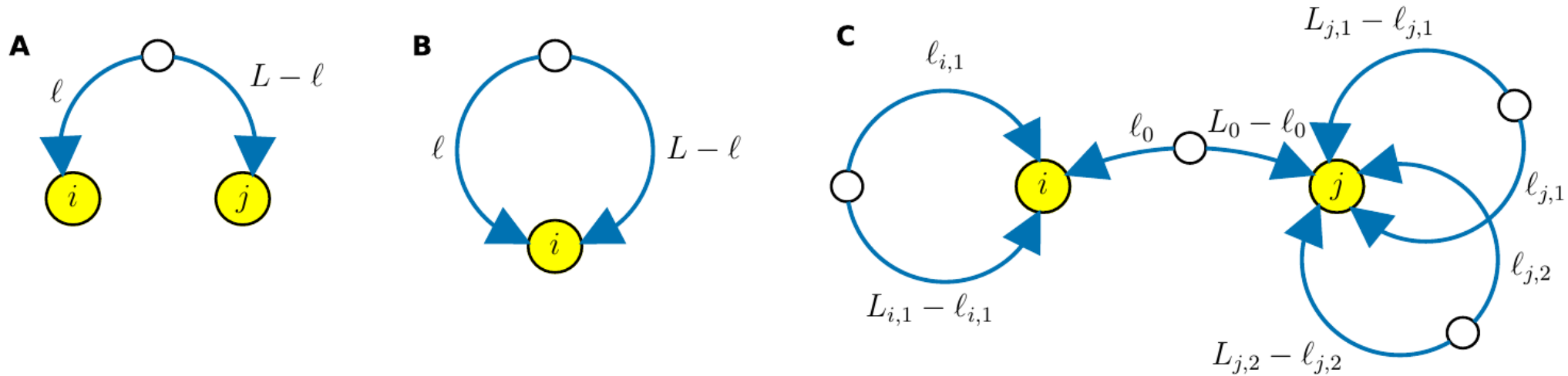
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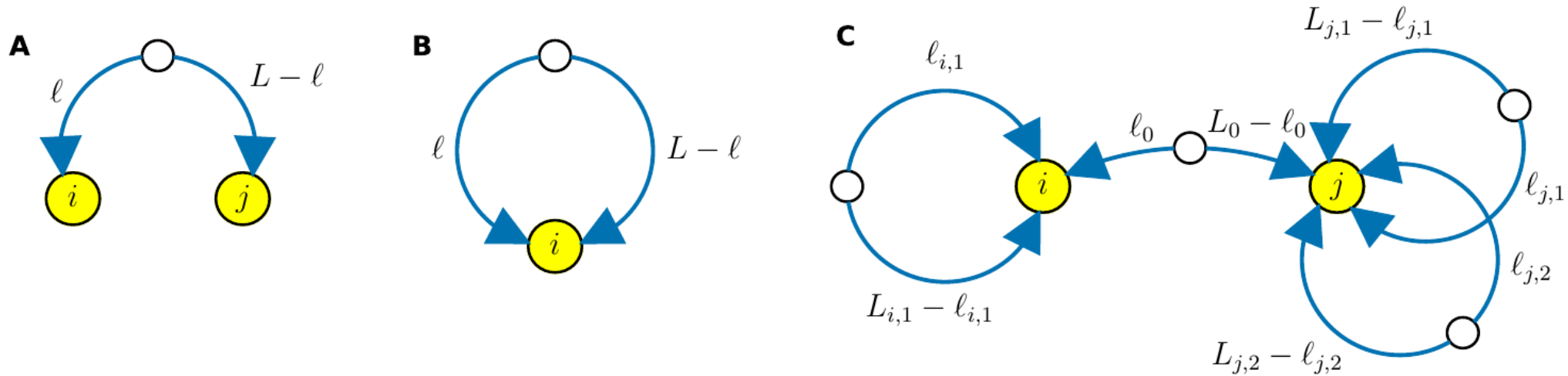
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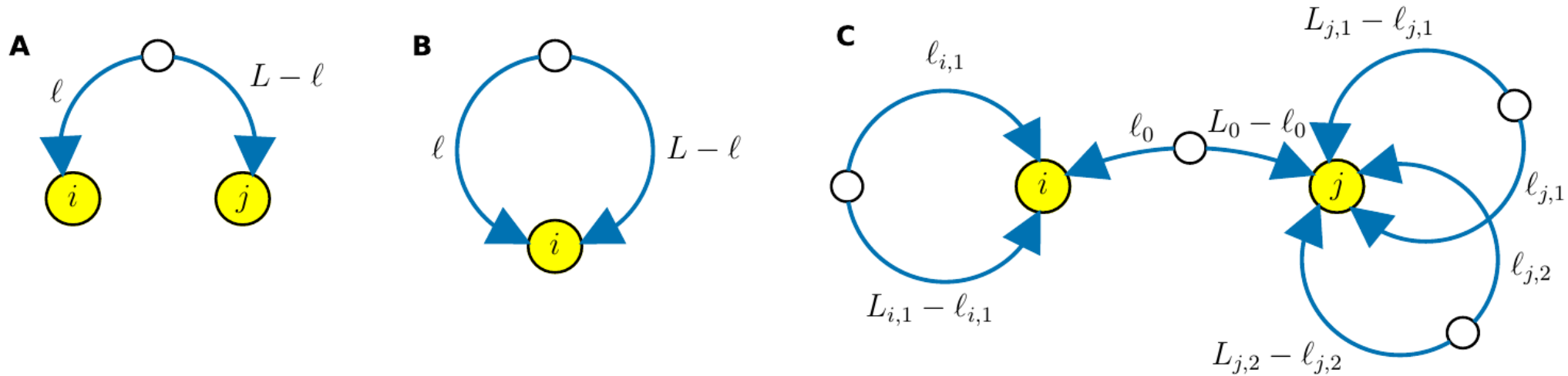
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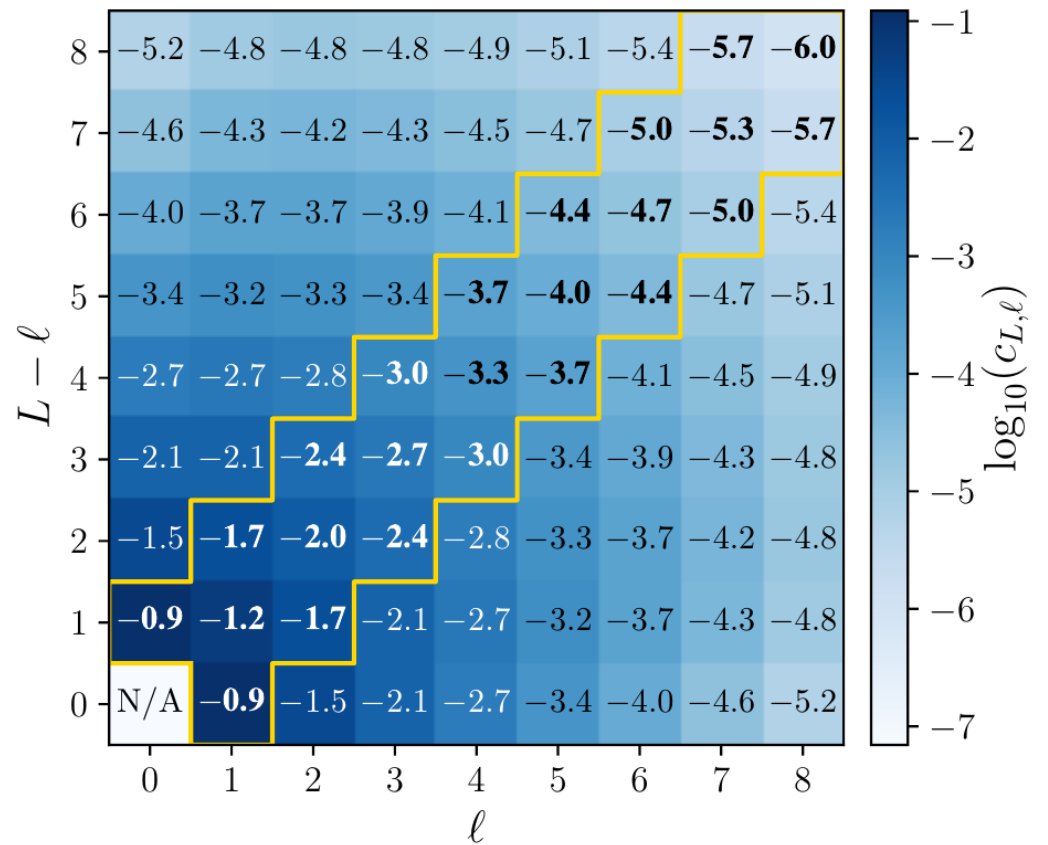
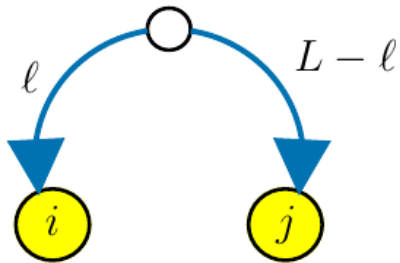
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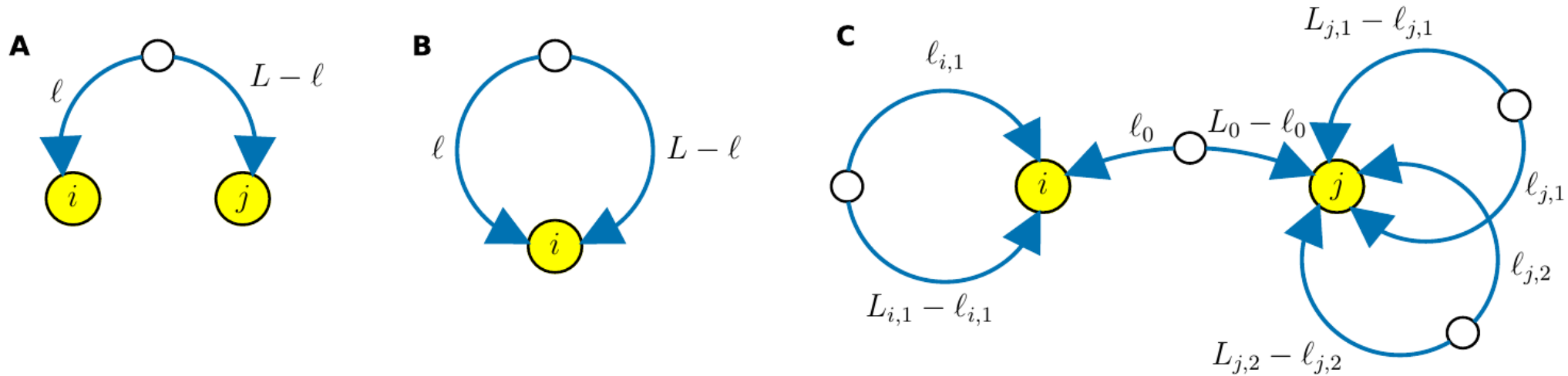


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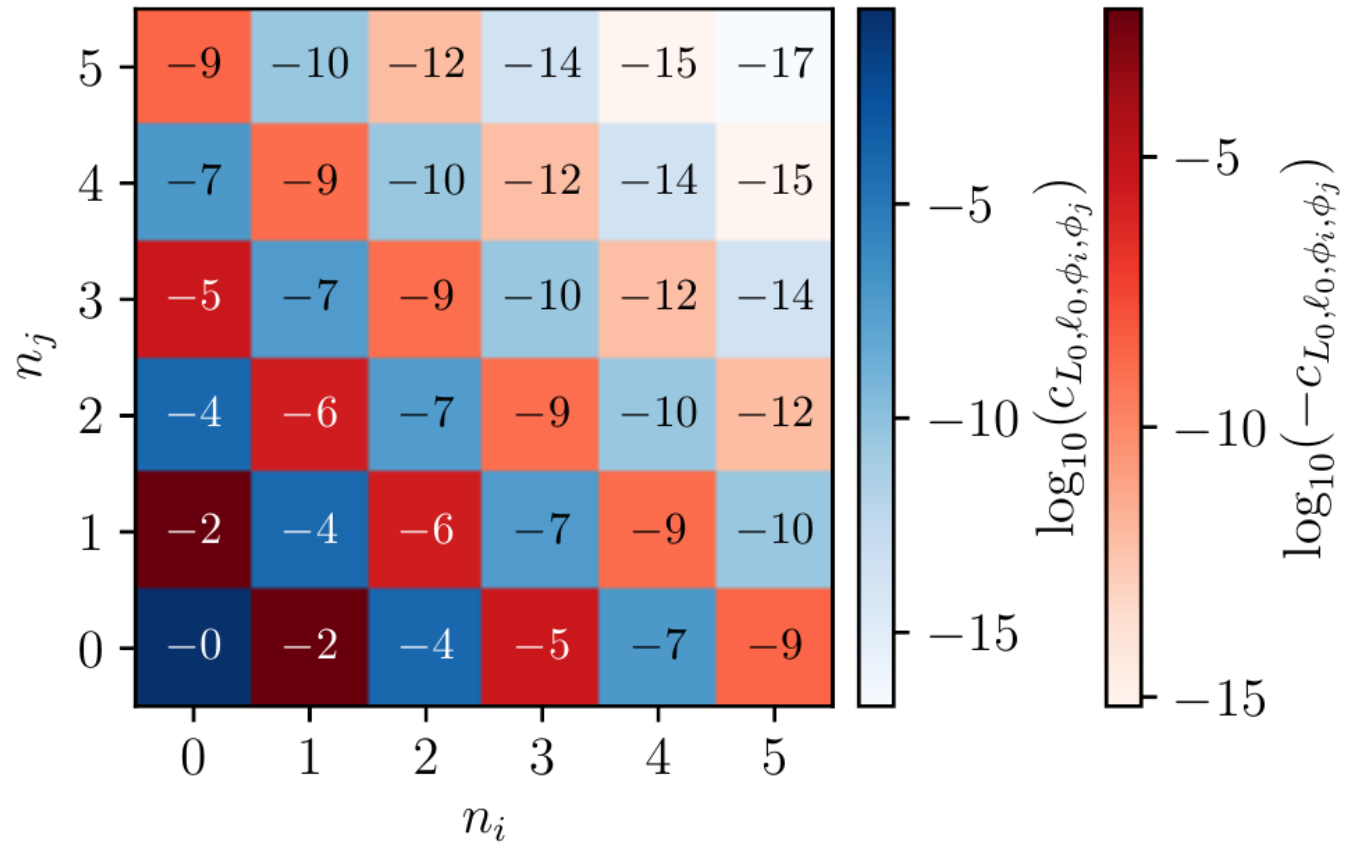
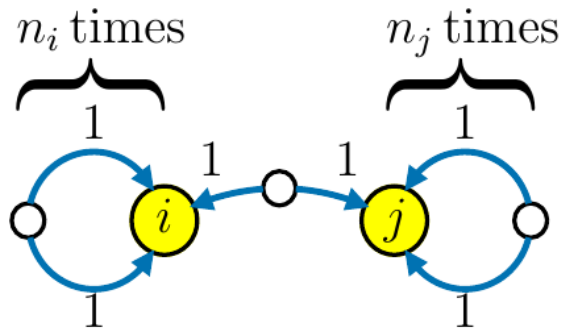
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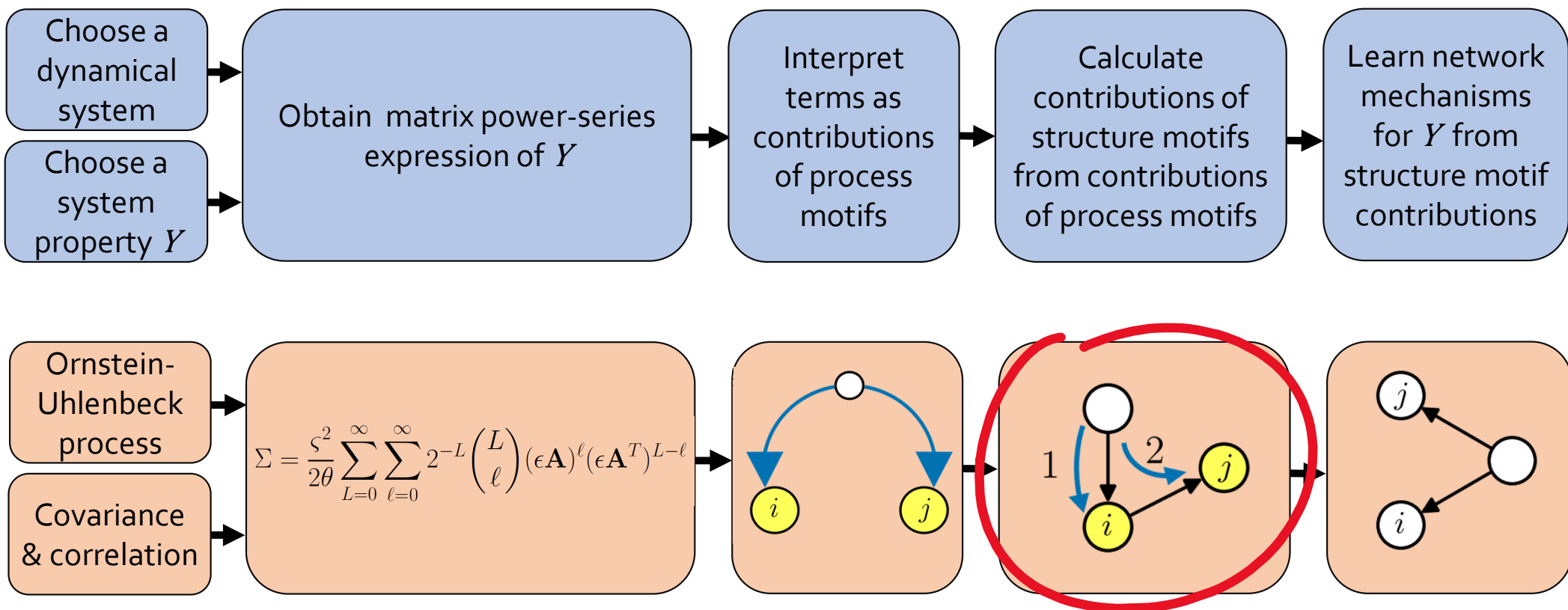
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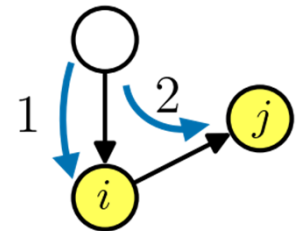
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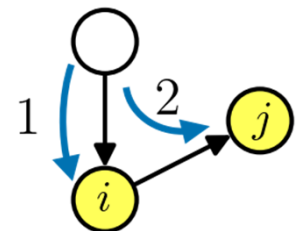
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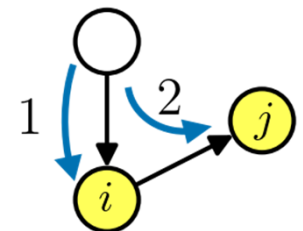
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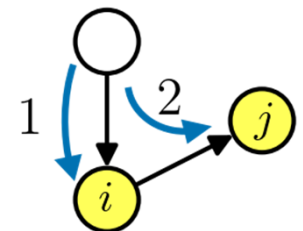
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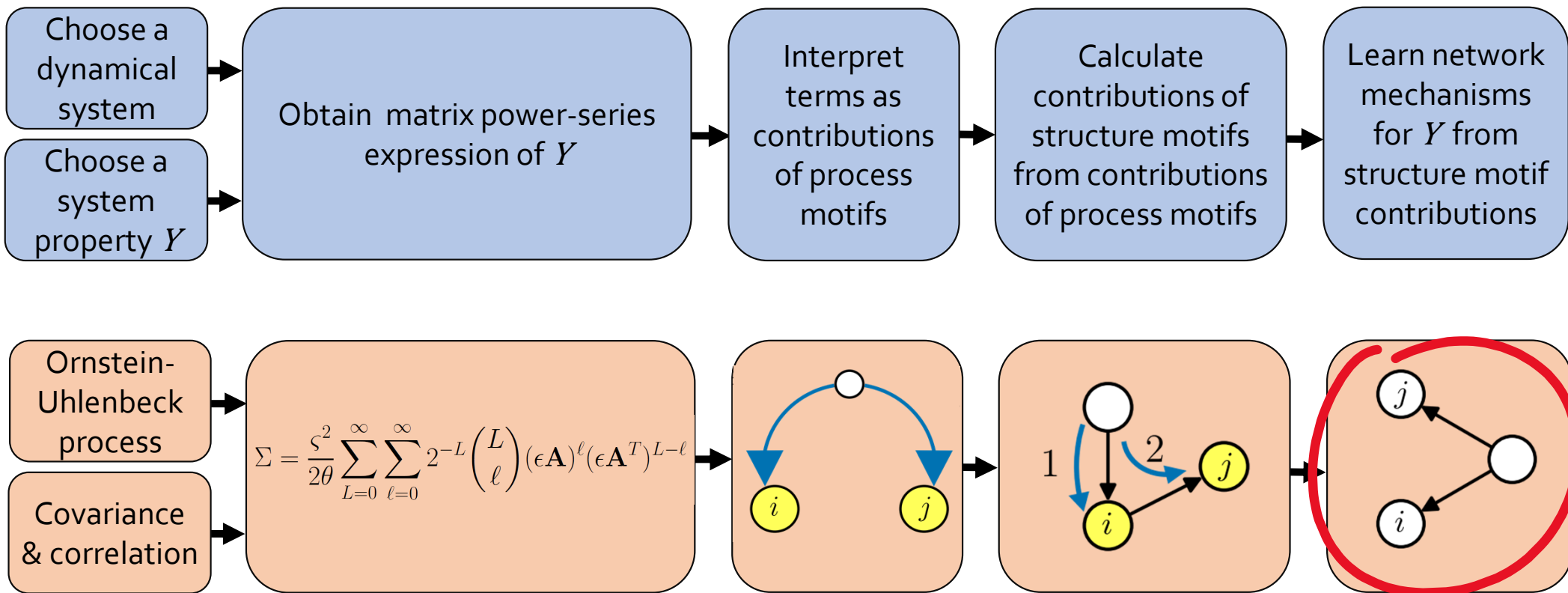
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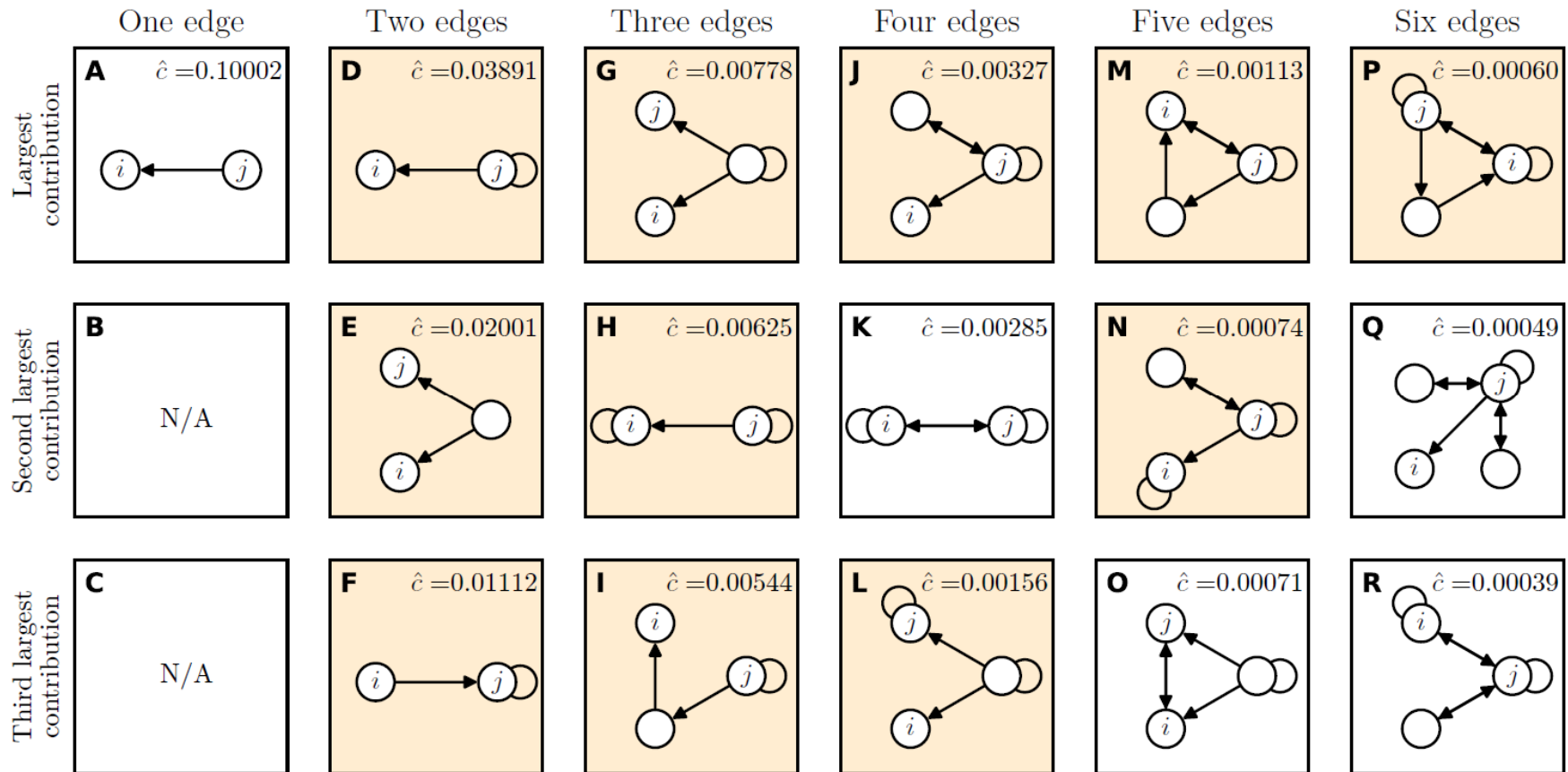


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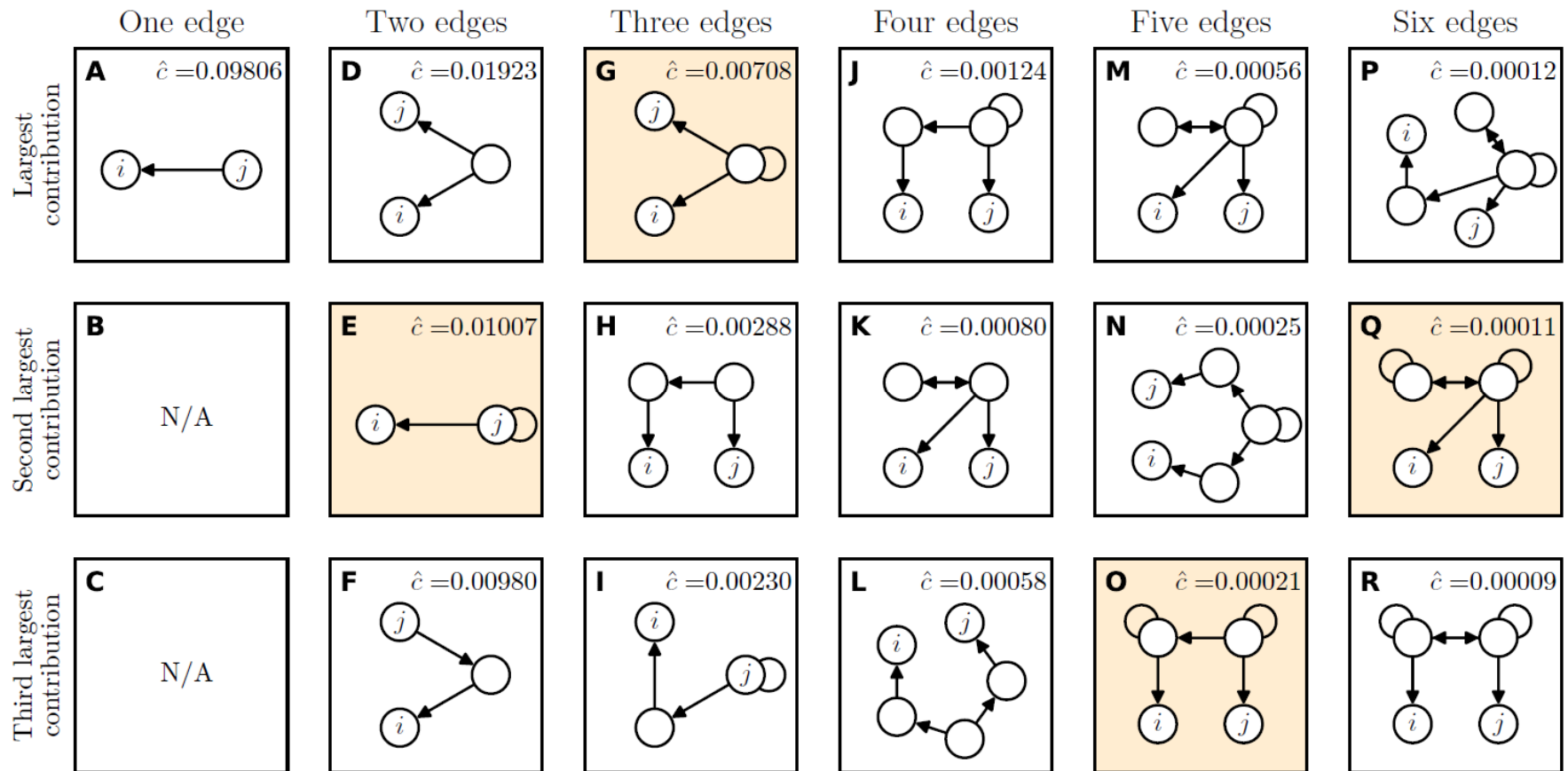
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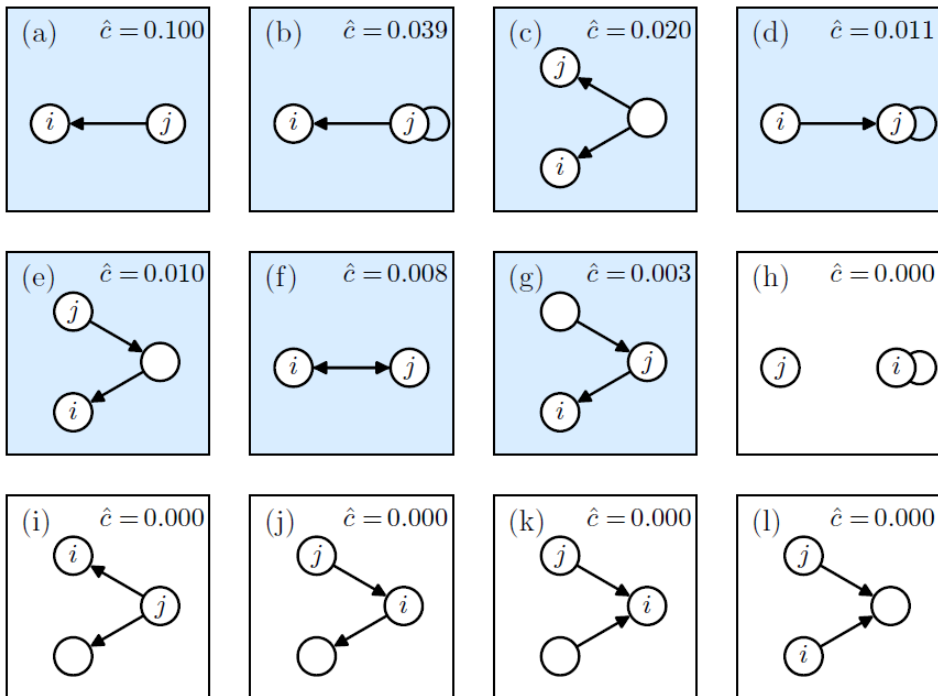


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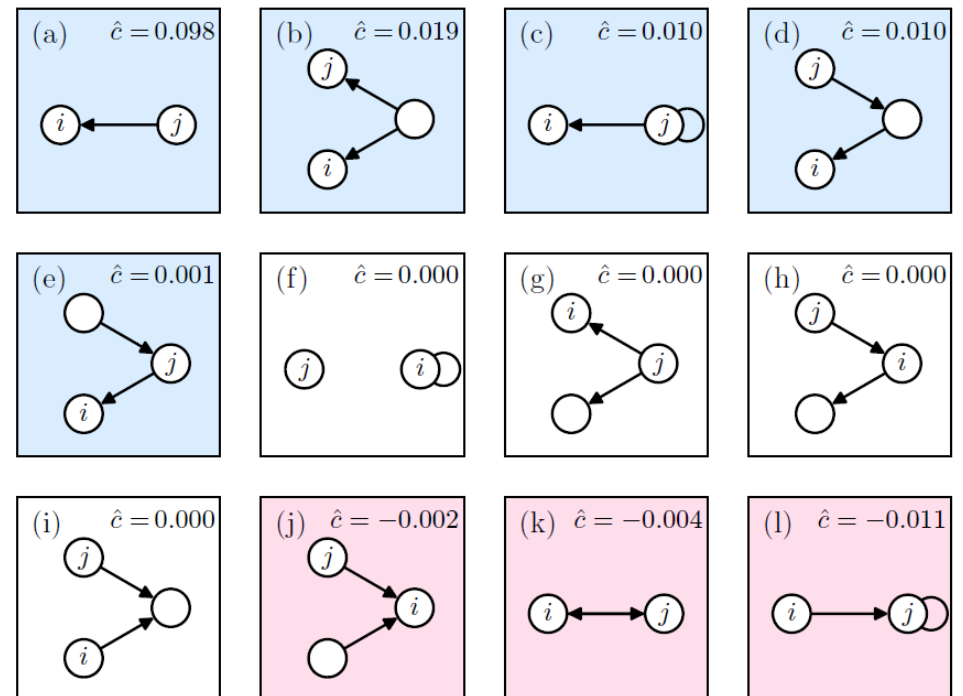


# Emergence in 2-edge motifs

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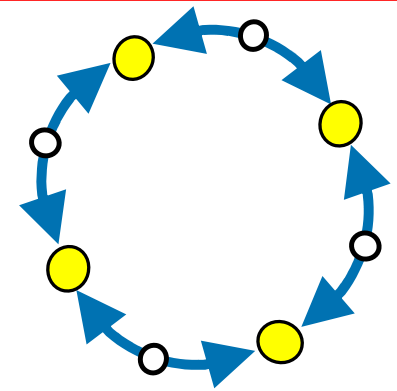
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- **Mechanistic connections** between structural motifs and their contribution to emergent properties of processes on networks
- Tool to explore the **importance of recurrence** for dynamics on networks for neuroscience, ML, epidemiology, opinion dynamics, etc.

# Plugs!

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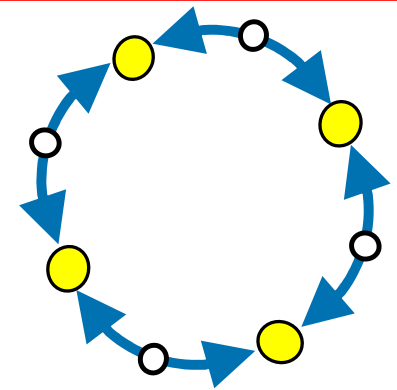
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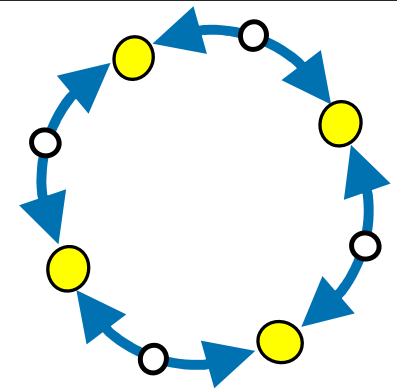


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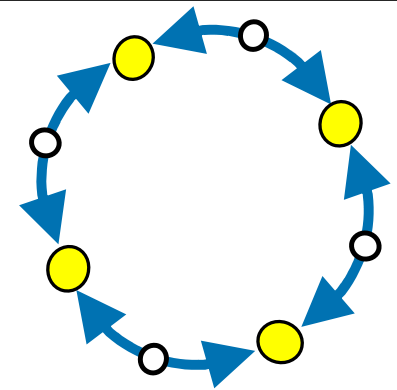


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