Nonlinear algebra for network models

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In this talk, I will discuss how tools from nonlinear algebra can be used to construct finite-sample goodness-of-fit tests for latent variable stochastic block models. This work extends standard techniques from algebraic statistics for constructing exact tests for log-linear statistical models. The talk will focus on three variants of stochastic block models and include examples involving real data sets.