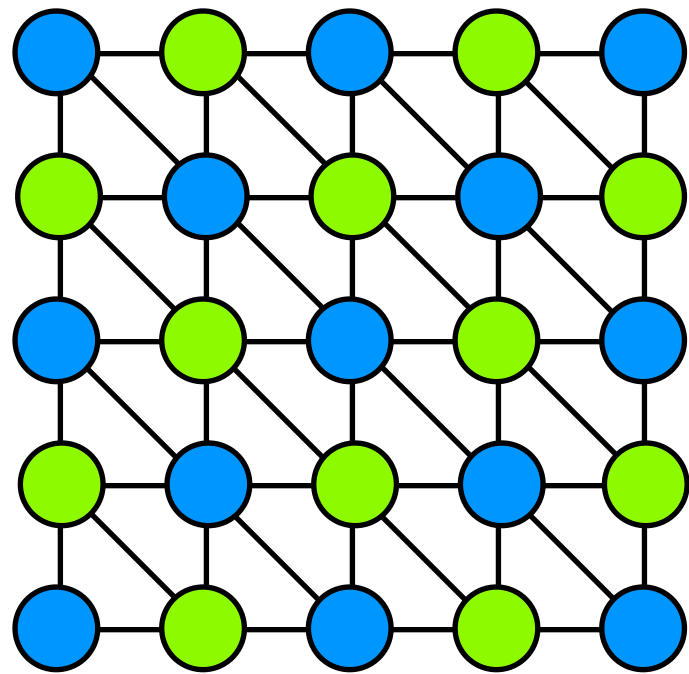


# Correlation Decay *up to* Uniqueness *in* Spin Systems

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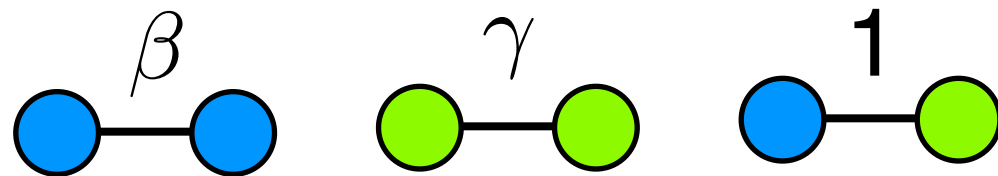
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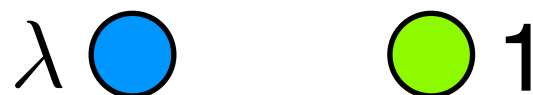
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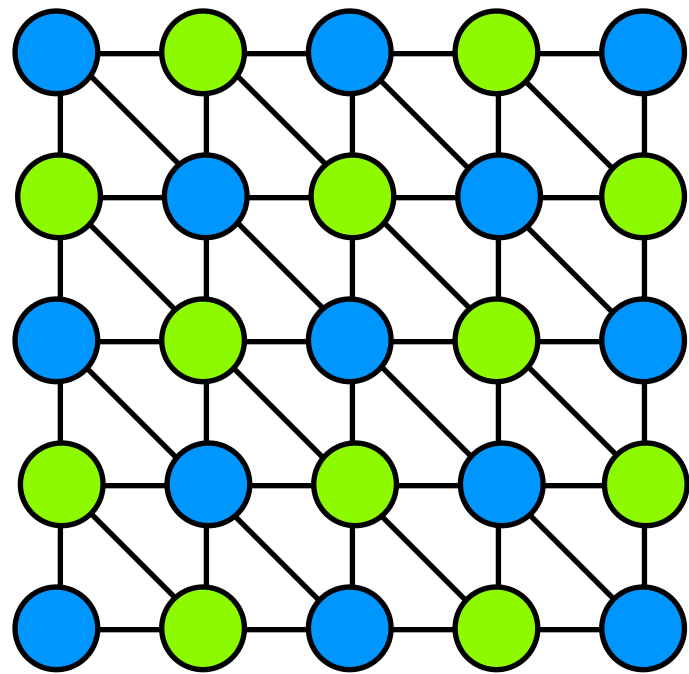
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**Gibbs measure:**

$$\Pr(\sigma) = \frac{w(\sigma)}{Z(G)}$$

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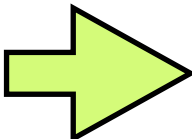
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**marginal probability:**  $\Pr_{\sigma}[\sigma(v) = 0 \mid \sigma(v_1), \dots, \sigma(v_k)]$

$$\Pr(\tau) = \prod_{k=1}^n \Pr_{\sigma}[\sigma(v_k) = \tau(v_k) \mid \sigma(v_i) = \tau(v_i), 1 \leq i < k]$$

$$= \frac{w(\tau)}{Z}$$

1/poly(n) additive error  
for marginal in poly-time  FPTAS for  $Z(G)$



ferromagnetic:  $\beta\gamma > 1$

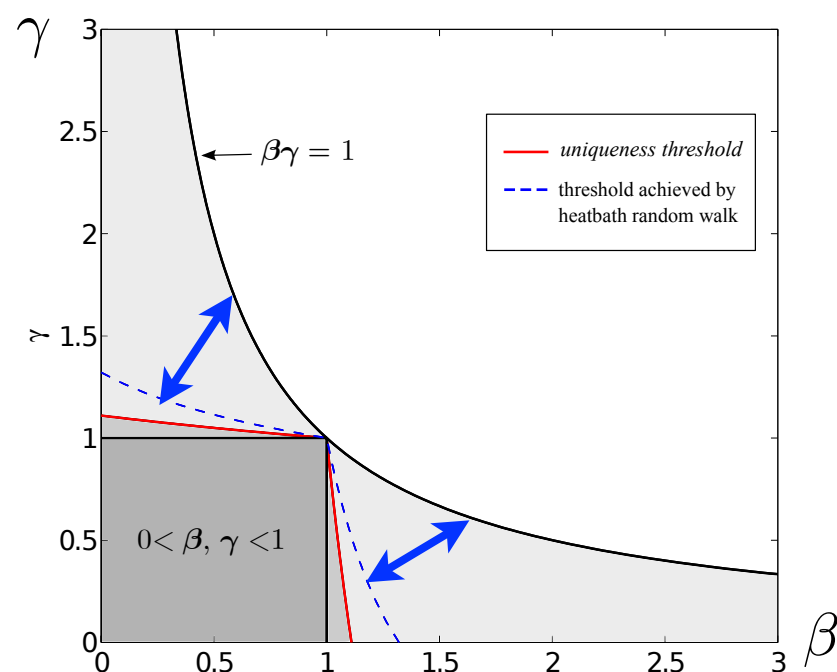
FPRAS: [Jerrum-Sinclair'93] [Goldberg-Jerrum-Paterson'03]

anti-ferromagnetic:  $\beta\gamma < 1$

hardcore model:  $\beta = 0, \gamma = 1$  [Weitz'06]

Ising model:  $\beta = \gamma$  [Sinclair-Srivastava-Thurley'12]

$(\beta, \gamma, \lambda)$  lies in the interior of uniqueness region of  $\Delta$ -regular tree  $\Rightarrow \exists$  FPTAS for graphs of max-degree  $\Delta$



[Goldberg-Jerrum-Paterson'03]

FPRAS for arbitrary graphs

[Li-Lu-Y.'12]: no external field

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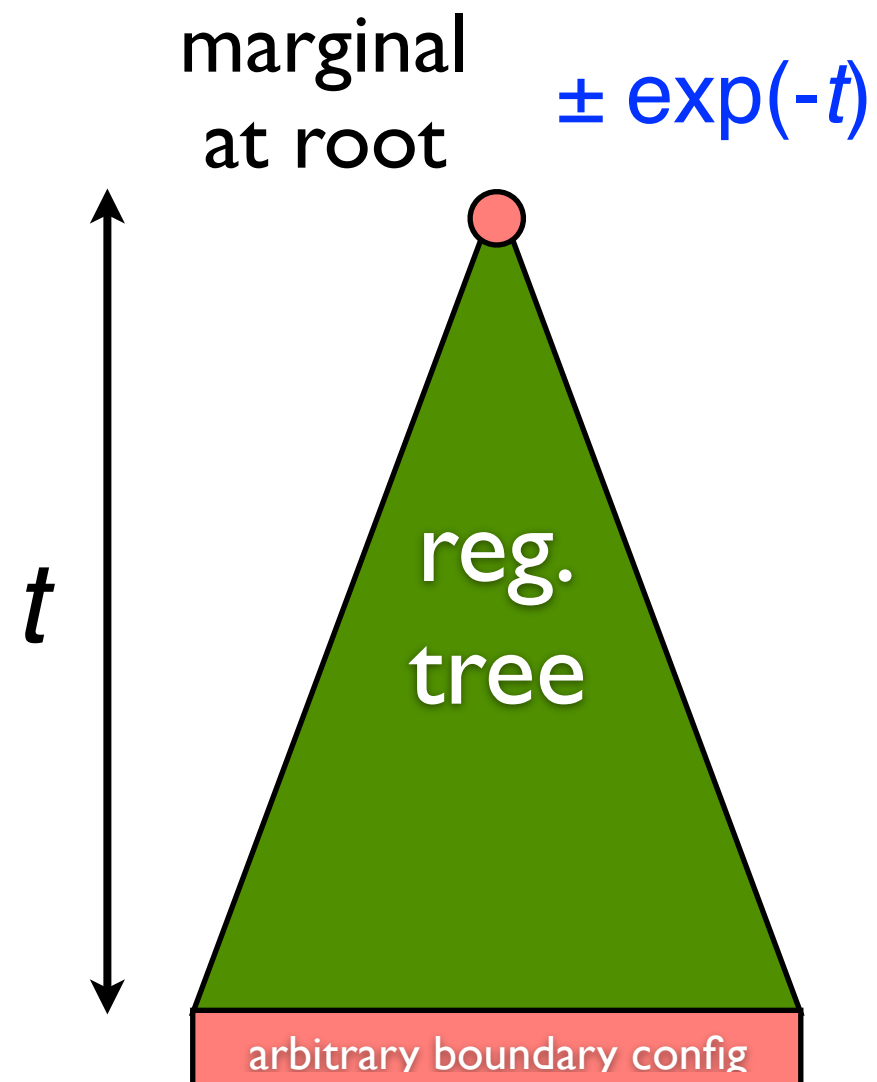
[Sly-Sun'12] [Galanis-Stefankovic-Vigoda'12]:

$(\beta, \gamma, \lambda)$  lies in the interiors of **non-uniqueness** regions of  $d$ -regular trees for some  $d \leq \Delta$ .

assuming  
 $NP \neq RP$

→  $\nexists$  FPRAS for graphs of max-degree  $\Delta$

# Uniqueness Condition



$(d+1)$ -regular tree

$$f_d(x) = \lambda \left( \frac{\beta x + 1}{x + \gamma} \right)^d$$

$$\hat{x}_d = f_d(\hat{x}_d)$$

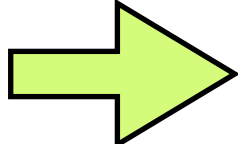
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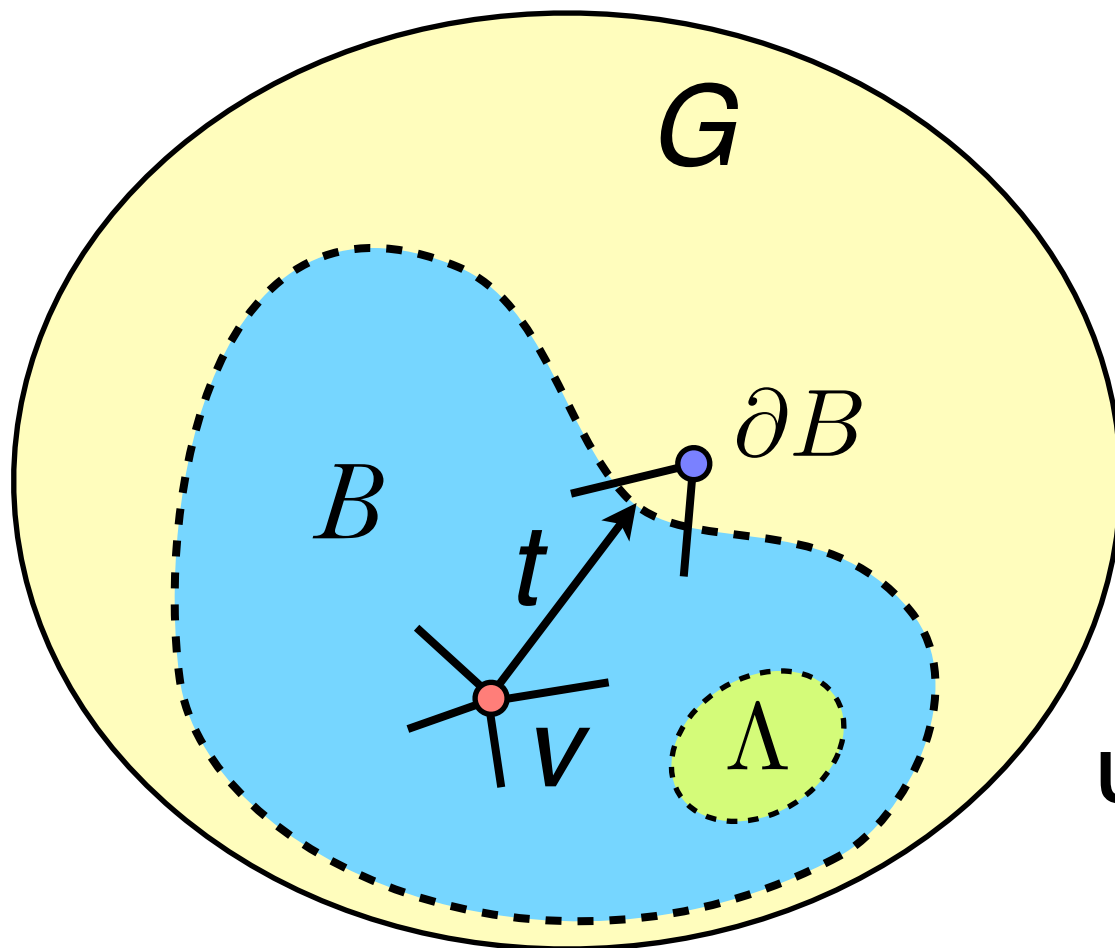
# Correlation Decay

weak spatial mixing (WSM):  $\forall \sigma_{\partial B}, \tau_{\partial B} \in \{0, 1\}^{\partial B}$

$$\Pr_{\sigma}[\sigma(v) = 0 \mid \sigma_{\partial B}] \approx \Pr_{\sigma}[\sigma(v) = 0 \mid \tau_{\partial B}]$$

strong spatial mixing (SSM):

$$\Pr_{\sigma}[\sigma(v) = 0 \mid \sigma_{\partial B}, \sigma_{\Lambda}] \approx \Pr_{\sigma}[\sigma(v) = 0 \mid \tau_{\partial B}, \sigma_{\Lambda}]$$



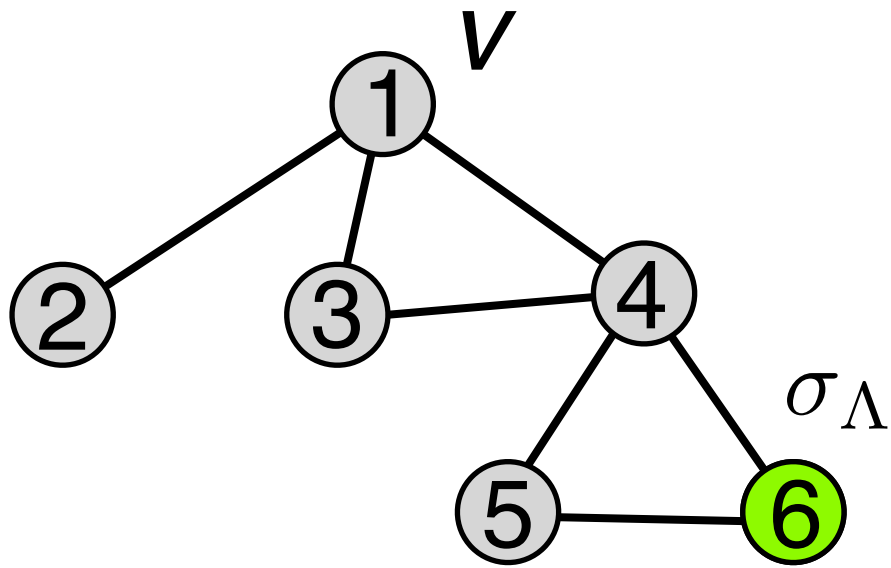
error  $< \exp(-t)$

exponential  
correlation decay

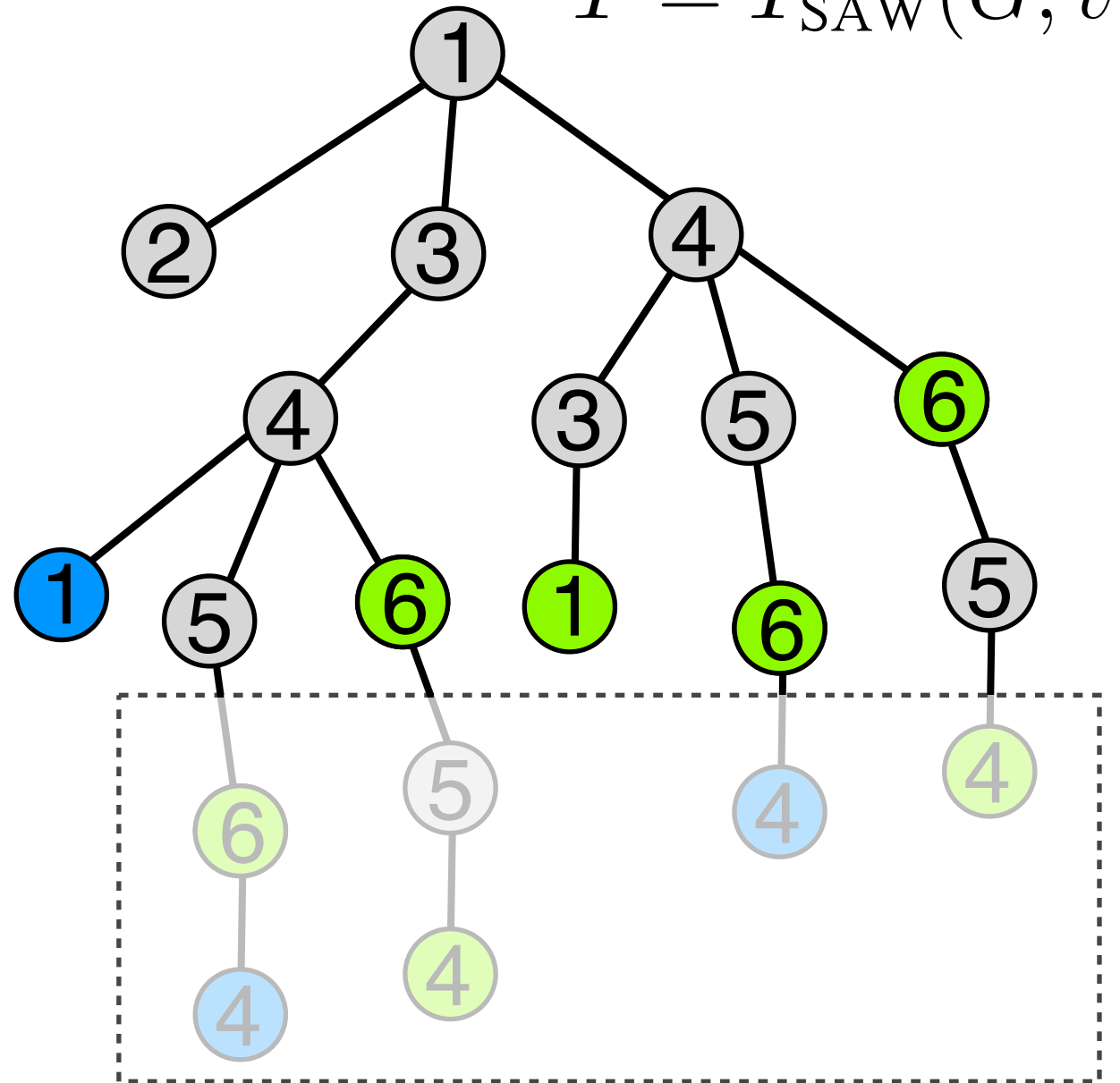
uniqueness: WSM in reg. tree

# Self-Avoiding Walk Tree


due to Weitz (2006)

$$G=(V,E)$$


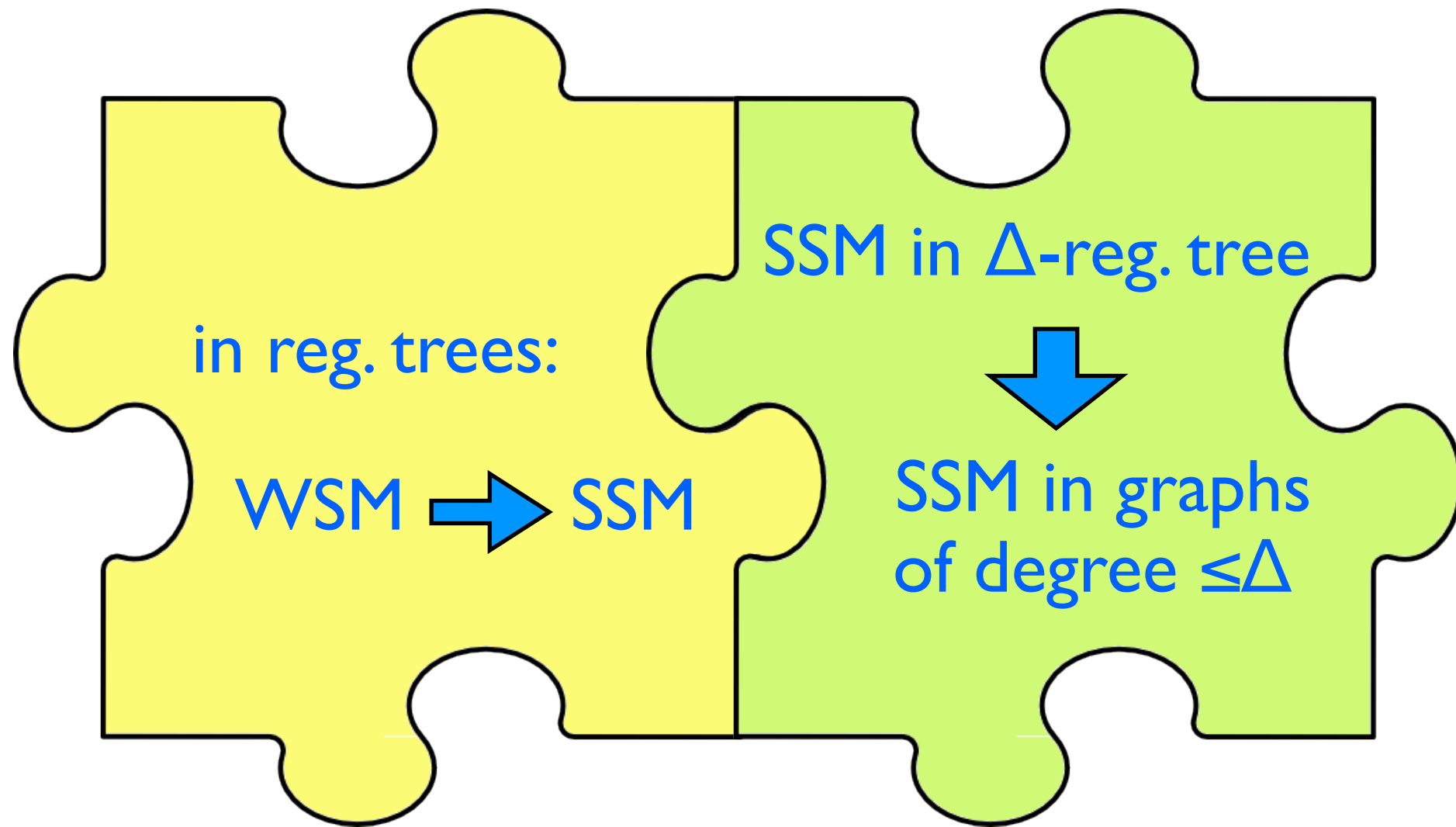
preserve the marginal dist. at  $v$

$$T = T_{\text{SAW}}(G, v)$$


on bounded degree graphs:

SSM  FPTAS

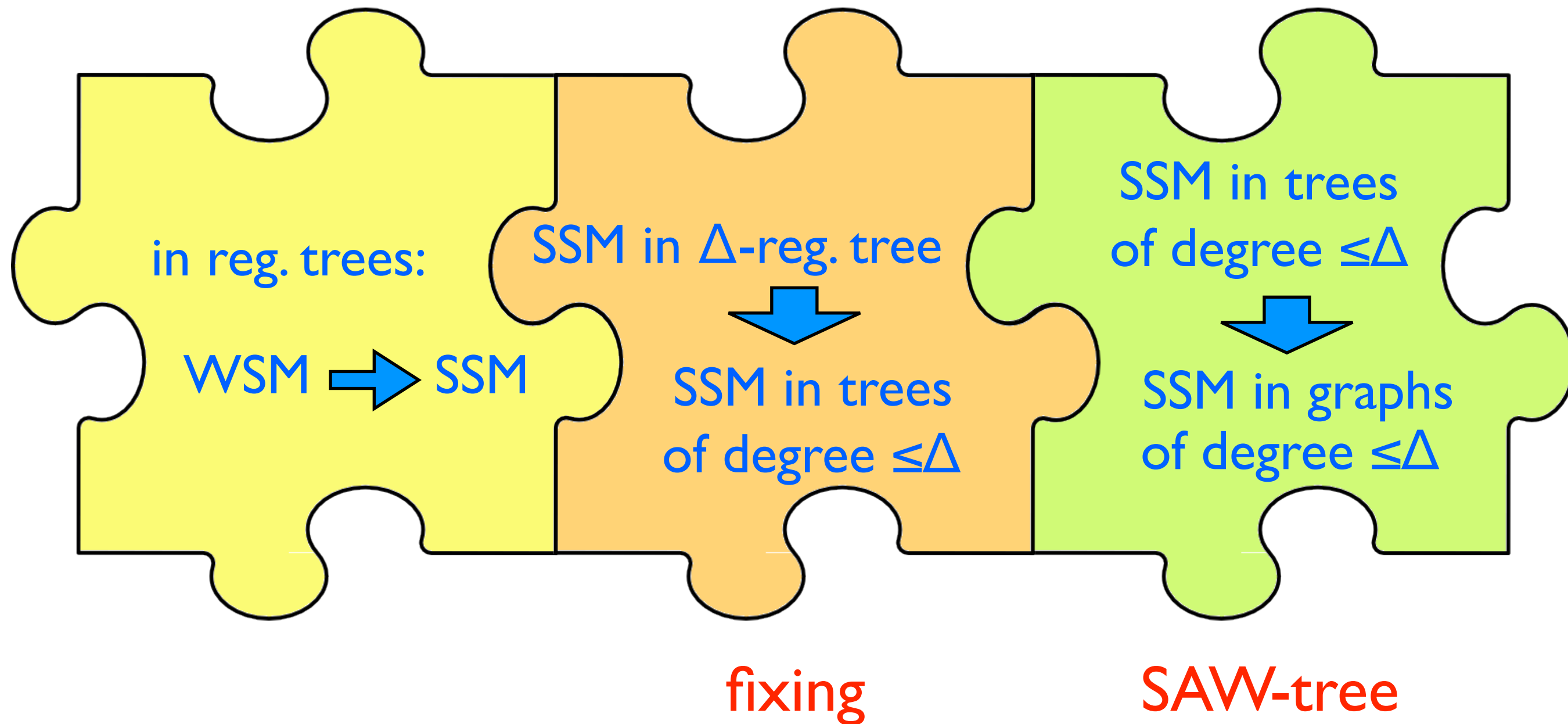
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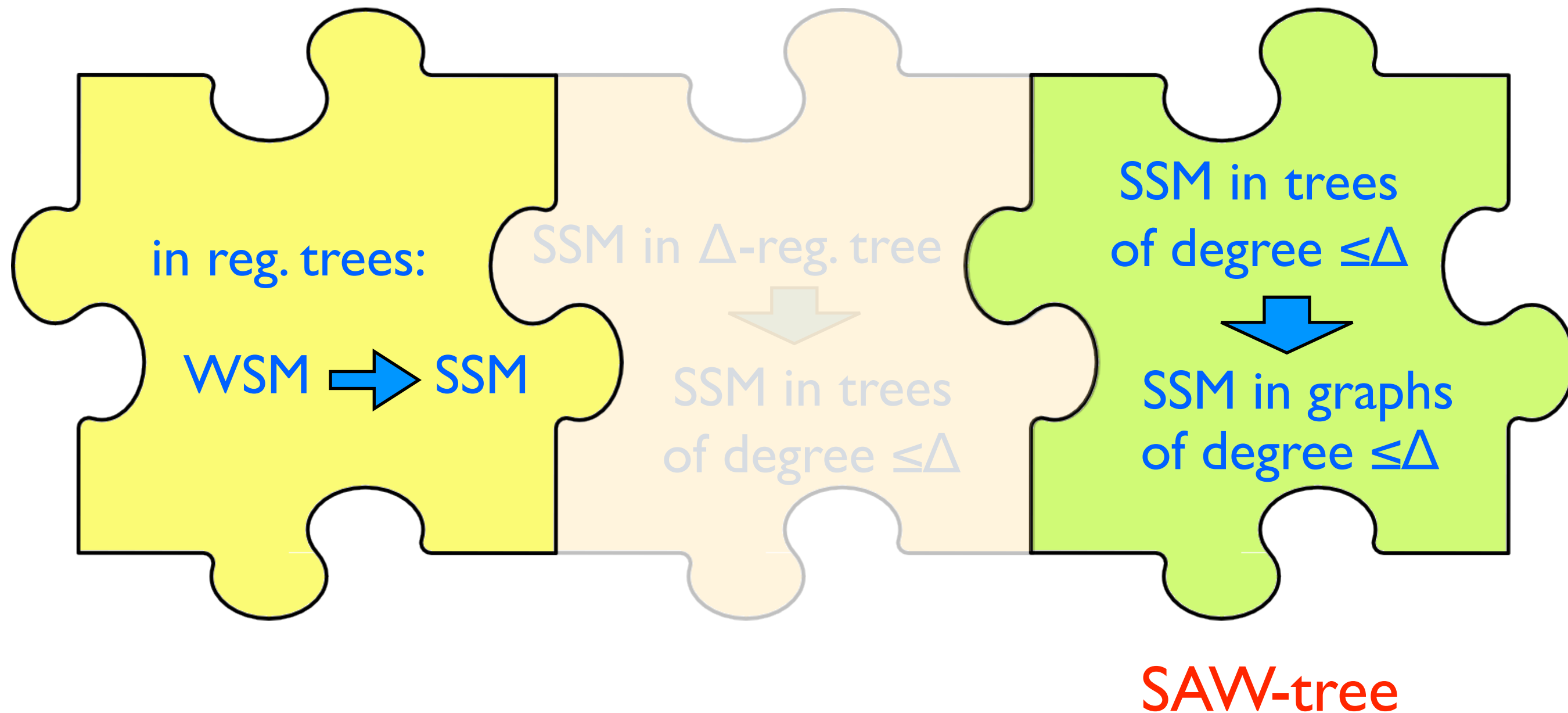
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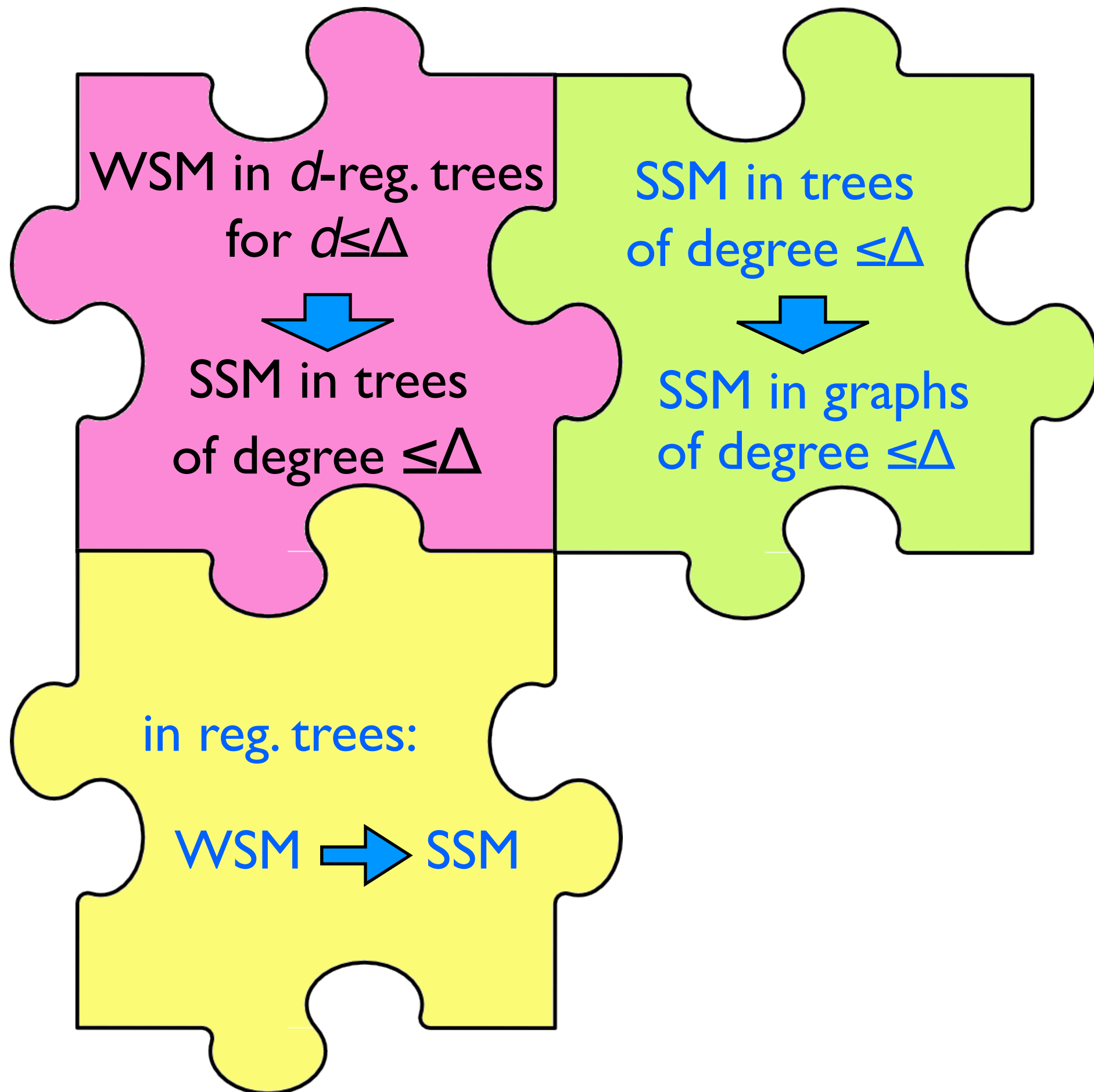
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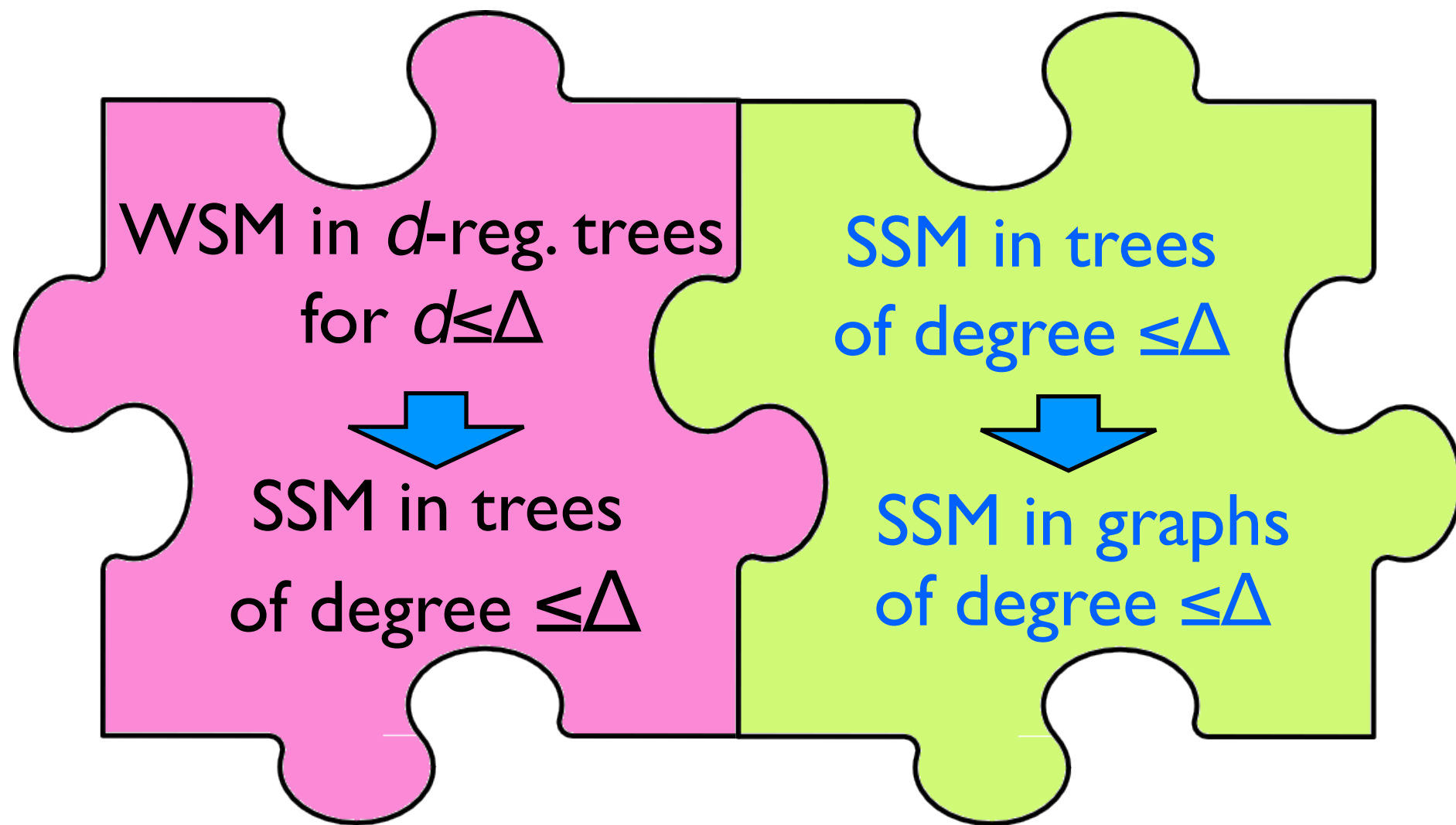


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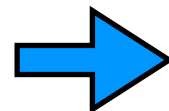




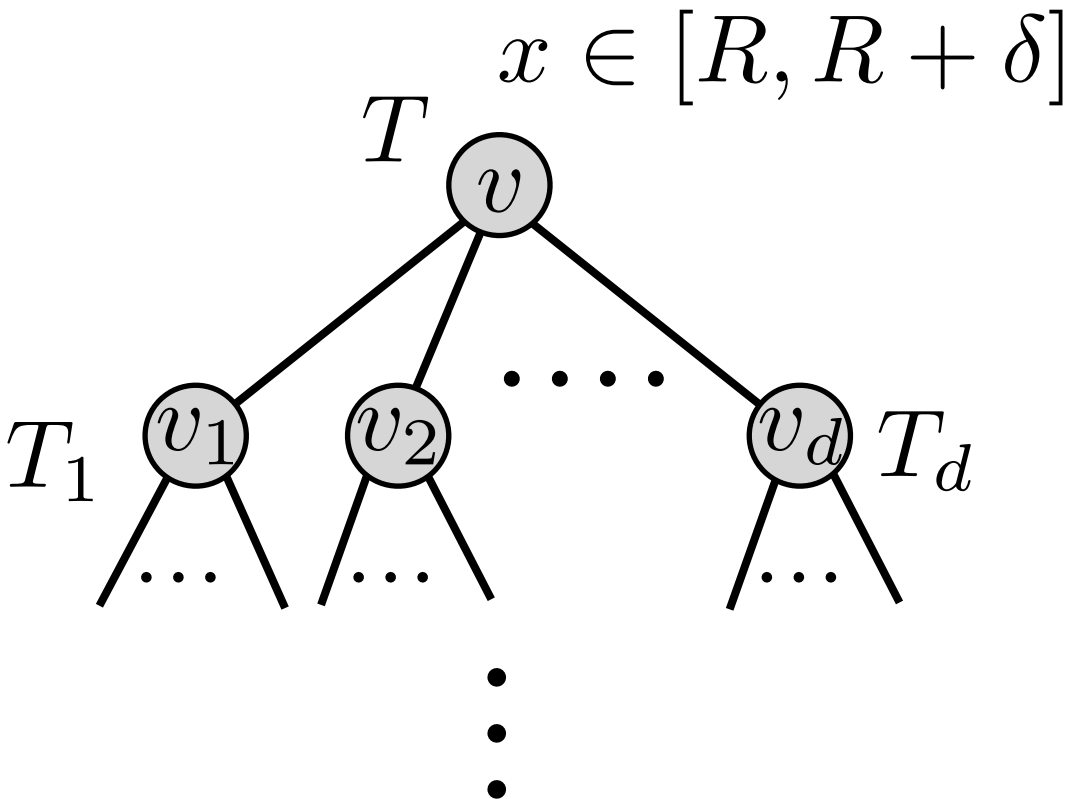
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WSM in  $d$ -reg. trees  
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SSM in graphs  
of degree  $\leq \Delta$



$$\delta = \exp(-\Omega(n))$$

$$x = \frac{\Pr[\sigma(v) = \textcolor{blue}{0} \mid \sigma_\Lambda]}{\Pr[\sigma(v) = \textcolor{green}{1} \mid \sigma_\Lambda]}$$

$x$ 's in level  $n \in [0, \infty)$

$$x = f(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \lambda \prod_{i=1}^d \left( \frac{\beta x_i + 1}{x_i + \gamma} \right)$$

# Potential Analysis

$$\begin{array}{c} f(x) \\ \uparrow f \\ x \end{array}$$

$$F_n(x) = \underbrace{f \circ f \circ \cdots \circ f}_n(x)$$

$$F_n(x + \delta) - F_n(x) = F'_n(x_0) \cdot \delta$$

$$= \delta \cdot \prod_{t=0}^{n-1} f'(x_t) \quad x_t = f(x_{t-1})$$

$$= \delta \cdot \frac{\Phi(x_0)}{\Phi(x_n)} \cdot \prod_{t=0}^{n-1} \frac{\Phi(f(x_t))}{\Phi(x_t)} f'(x_t)$$

# Potential Analysis

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 f(x) & \xrightarrow{\phi} & g(y) \\
 \uparrow f & & \uparrow g \\
 x & \xleftarrow{\phi^{-1}} & y
 \end{array}$$

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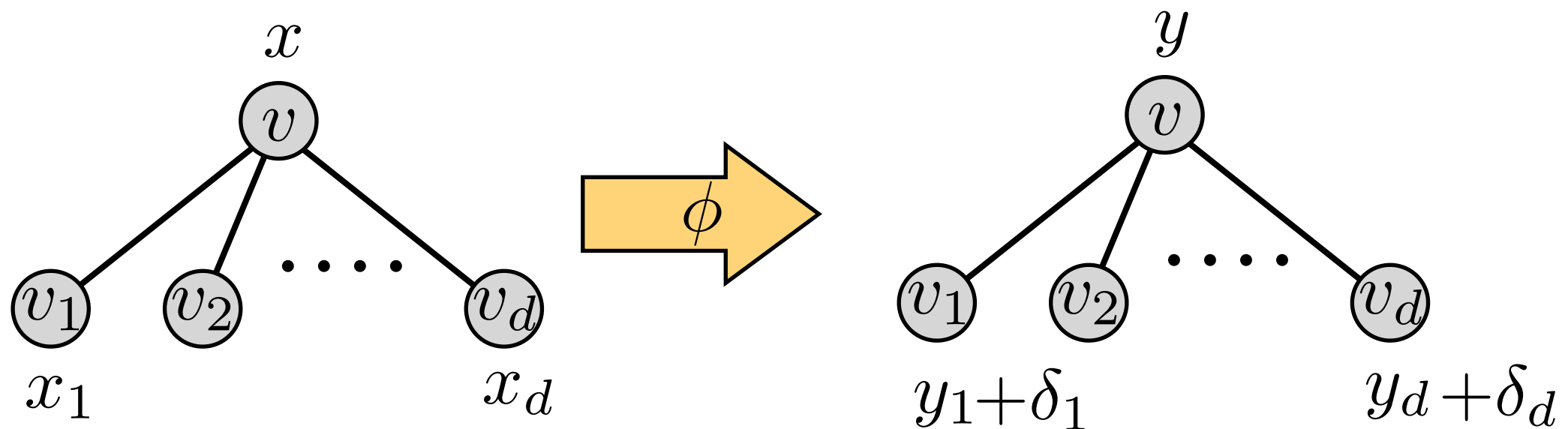
$$G'_n(x_0) = \prod_{t=0}^{n-1} g'(x_t)$$

$$= \prod_{t=0}^{n-1} [\phi(f(\phi^{-1}(y_t)))]'$$

$$= \prod_{t=0}^{n-1} \frac{\Phi(f(x_t))}{\Phi(x_t)} f'(x_t)$$

$$\phi'(x) = \Phi(x)$$

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$$f(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \lambda \prod_{i=1}^d \left( \frac{\beta x_i + 1}{x_i + \gamma} \right) \quad g(y_1, \dots, y_d) = \phi(f(\phi^{-1}(y_1), \dots, \phi^{-1}(y_d)))$$

$$g(y_1, \dots, y_d) - g(y_1 + \delta_1, \dots, y_d + \delta_d) \\ = -\nabla \phi(f(\phi^{-1}(y_1), \dots, \phi^{-1}(y_d))) \cdot (\delta_1, \dots, \delta_d)$$

$$\leq \alpha(d; x_1, \dots, x_d) \cdot \max_{1 \leq i \leq d} \{\delta_i\}$$

**amortized** decay rate

$\alpha(d; x_1, \dots, x_d)$  **amortized** decay rate

$$= \frac{(1 - \beta\gamma) \left( \lambda \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{\beta x_i + 1}{x_i + \gamma} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\left( \beta \lambda \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{\beta x_i + 1}{x_i + \gamma} + 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \lambda \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{\beta x_i + 1}{x_i + \gamma} + \gamma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{x_i^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(\beta x_i + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} (x_i + \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

**Cauchy-Schwarz** arithmetic and geometric means

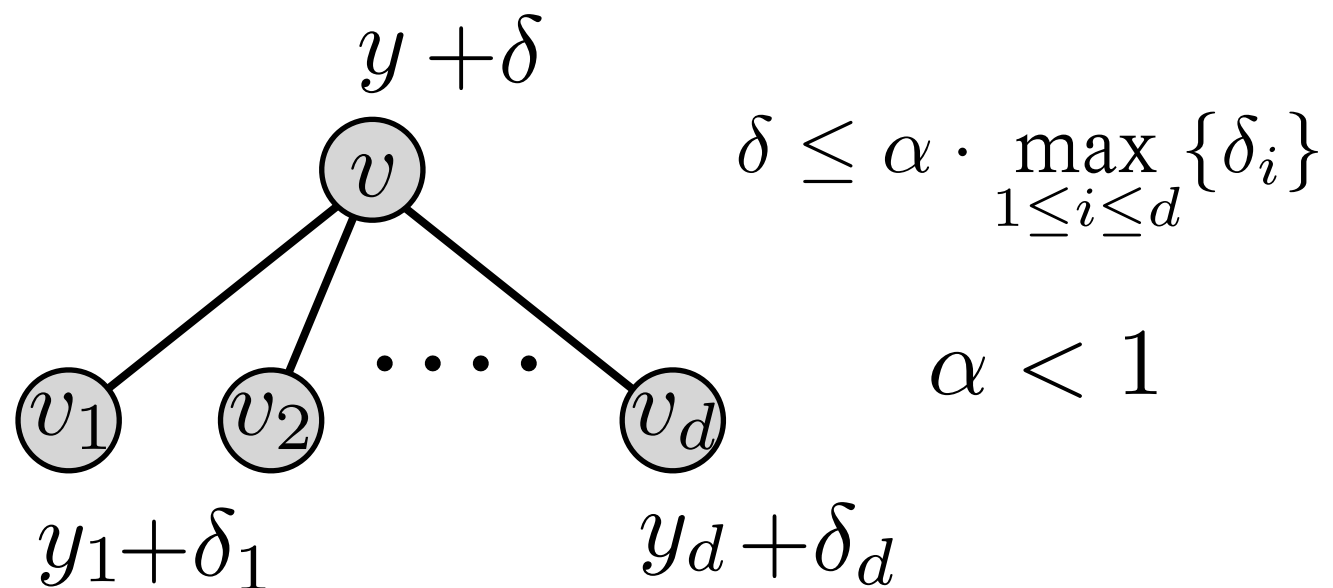
$$\leq \alpha_d(x) \triangleq \alpha(d; \underbrace{x, \dots, x}_d)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{d(1 - \beta\gamma)x}{(\beta x + 1)(x + \gamma)}} \sqrt{\frac{d(1 - \beta\gamma)\lambda \left( \frac{\beta x + 1}{x + \gamma} \right)^d}{\left( \beta \lambda \left( \frac{\beta x + 1}{x + \gamma} \right)^d + 1 \right) \left( \lambda \left( \frac{\beta x + 1}{x + \gamma} \right)^d + \gamma \right)}}$$

$$= \frac{\Phi(f(x))}{\Phi(x)} |f'(x)|$$



$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_d(x) &= \sqrt{\frac{d(1-\beta\gamma)x}{(\beta x+1)(x+\gamma)}} \sqrt{\frac{d(1-\beta\gamma)\lambda\left(\frac{\beta x+1}{x+\gamma}\right)^d}{\left(\beta\lambda\left(\frac{\beta x+1}{x+\gamma}\right)^d+1\right)\left(\lambda\left(\frac{\beta x+1}{x+\gamma}\right)^d+\gamma\right)}} \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{d(1-\beta\gamma)x}{(\beta x+1)(x+\gamma)}} \sqrt{\frac{d(1-\beta\gamma)f_d(x)}{(\beta f_d(x)+1)(f_d(x)+\gamma)}} \\
&\leq \sqrt{\frac{d(1-\beta\gamma)\hat{x}}{(\beta\hat{x}+1)(\hat{x}+\gamma)}} \\
&= \sqrt{|f'_d(\hat{x}_d)|}
\end{aligned}$$



$$f_d(x) = \lambda \left( \frac{\beta x + 1}{x + \gamma} \right)^d$$

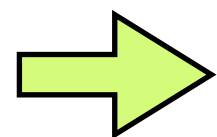
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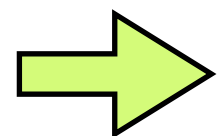
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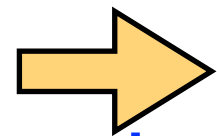
$$\forall d < \Delta, |f'_d(\hat{x}_d)| < 1$$



SSM in trees of max-degree  $\Delta$

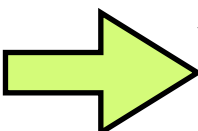
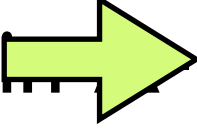


SSM in graphs of max-degree  $\Delta$



$\exists$  FPTAS for graphs of max-degree  $\Delta$

bounded  $\Delta$

$|f'_\Delta(\hat{x}_\Delta)| < 1$  in reg. trees:  WSSM  reg. SSM

[Weitz'06] + [Sinclair-Srivastava-Thurley'12] + translation

requirement of potential function:

$$f(x) = \lambda \left( \frac{\beta x + 1}{x + \gamma} \right)^d \quad \hat{x} = f(\hat{x})$$

uniqueness:  $|f'(\hat{x})| < 1$

amortized decay:  $|f'(x)| \cdot \frac{\Phi(f(x))}{\Phi(x)} < 1$

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$$\left[ f'(x) \cdot \frac{\Phi(f(x))}{\Phi(x)} \right]' \bigg|_{x=\hat{x}} = 0$$

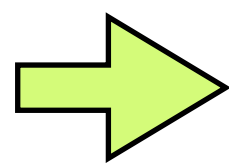
➡  $(\ln(\Phi(\hat{x})))' = -\frac{f''(\hat{x})}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\hat{x}} + \frac{1}{\hat{x} + \gamma} + \frac{\beta}{\beta \hat{x} + 1} \right)$

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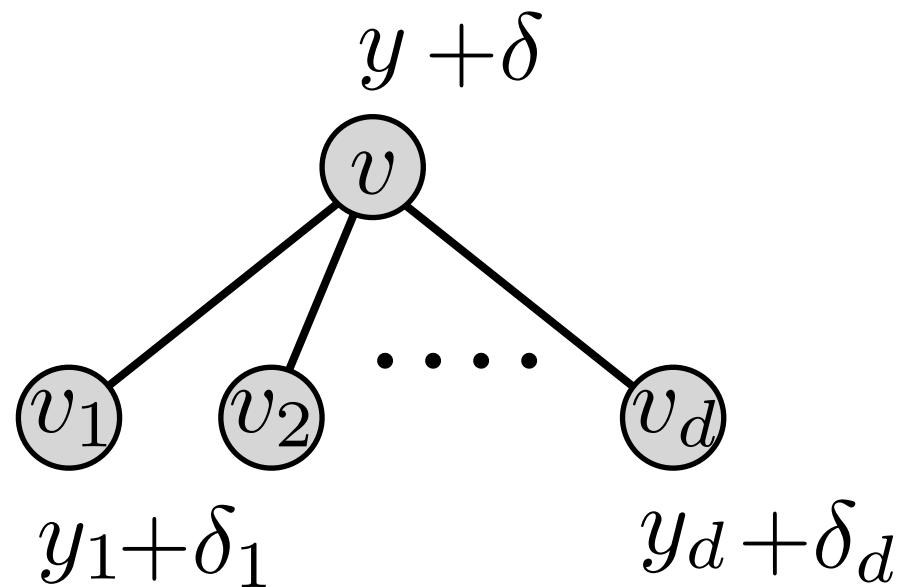
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strengthen the requirement:

$$(\ln(\Phi(x)))' = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x + \gamma} + \frac{\beta}{\beta x + 1} \right)$$


$$\Phi(x) = \frac{C}{\sqrt{x(\beta x + 1)(x + \gamma)}}$$

# Computationally Efficient Correlation Decay

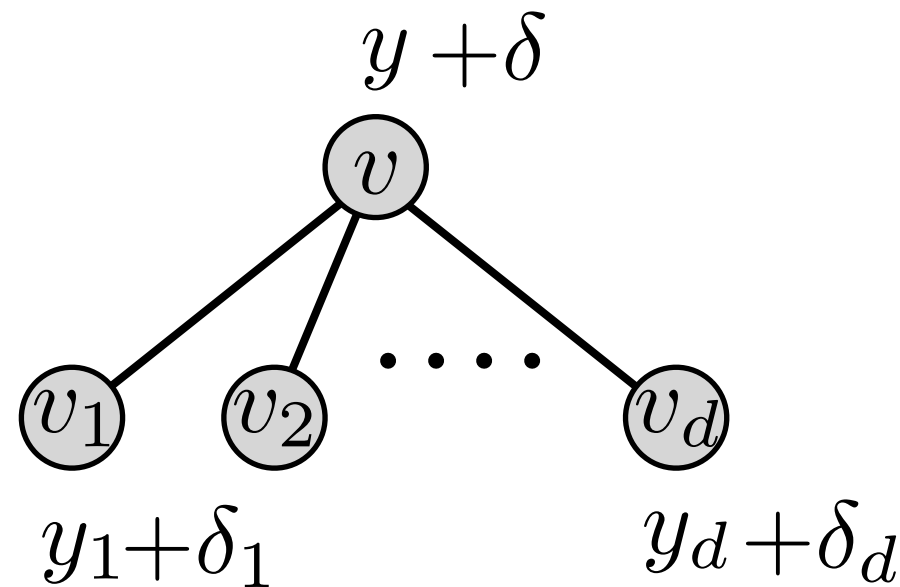


$$\delta \leq \alpha_d(x) \cdot \max_{1 \leq i \leq d} \{\delta_i\}$$

$$\alpha_d(x) = \sqrt{\frac{d(1 - \beta\gamma)x}{(\beta x + 1)(x + \gamma)}} \sqrt{\frac{d(1 - \beta\gamma)f_d(x)}{(\beta f_d(x) + 1)(f_d(x) + \gamma)}}$$

$$\leq \alpha^{\lceil \log_M(d+1) \rceil} \quad \text{for some } \alpha < 1, M > 1$$

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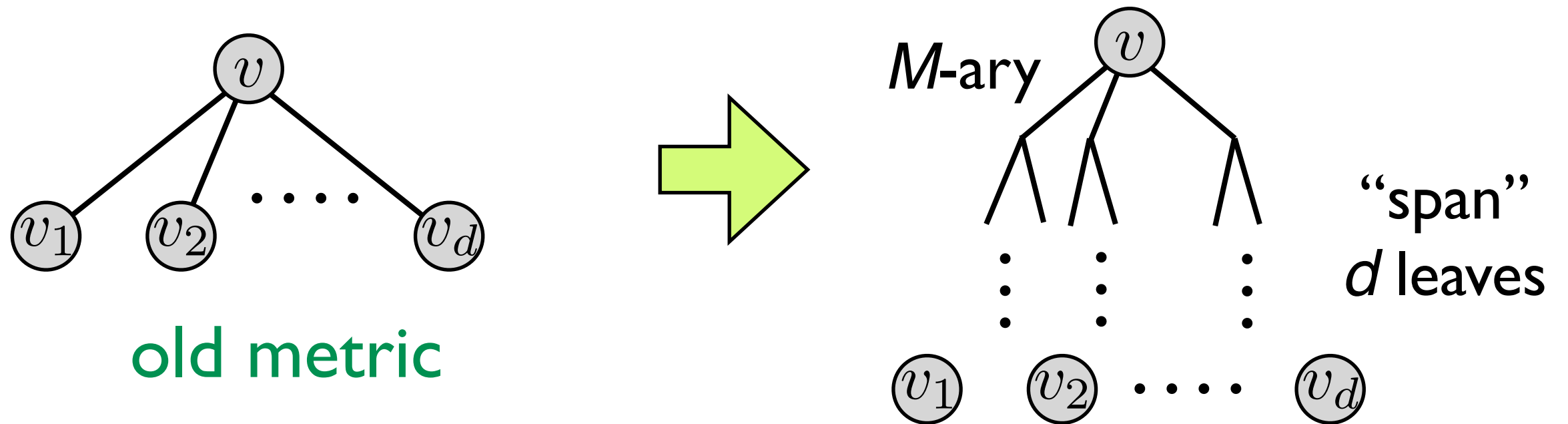
$$\alpha_d(x) \leq \alpha^{\lceil \log_M(d+1) \rceil} \quad \text{for some } \alpha < 1 \quad M > 1$$

for **small**  $d < M$  one-step recursion decays  $\alpha$

for **large**  $d \geq M$  one-step recursion decays  $\alpha^{\lceil \log_M(d+1) \rceil}$

behaves like  $\lceil \log_M(d+1) \rceil$  steps!

# Computationally Efficient Correlation Decay



correlation decay in new metric  $\alpha^{\text{distance}}$

size grows exponentially:  $M^{\text{distance}}$

distance =  $O(\log n)$  1/poly-precision in poly-time



anti-ferromagnetic:  $\beta\gamma < 1$

WSM in  $d$ -reg. trees for  $d \leq \Delta$

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[Weitz'06] hardcore model

[Sinclair-Srivastava-Thurley'12] Ising model

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WSM in  $\Delta$ -reg. tree

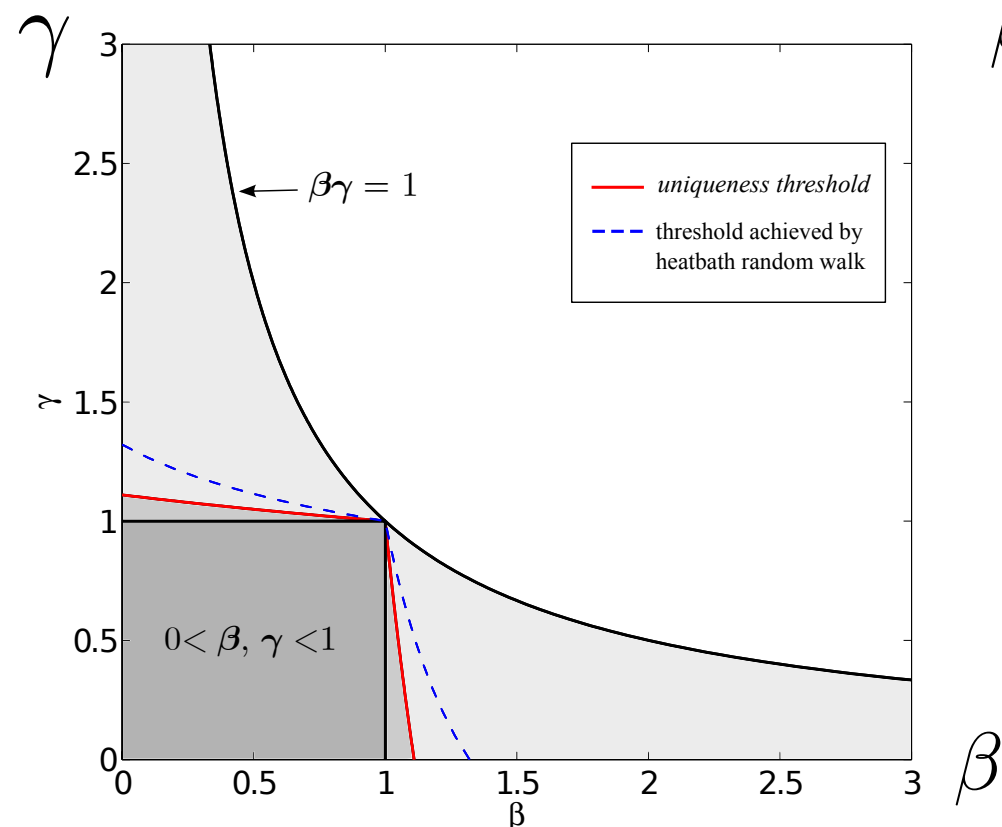
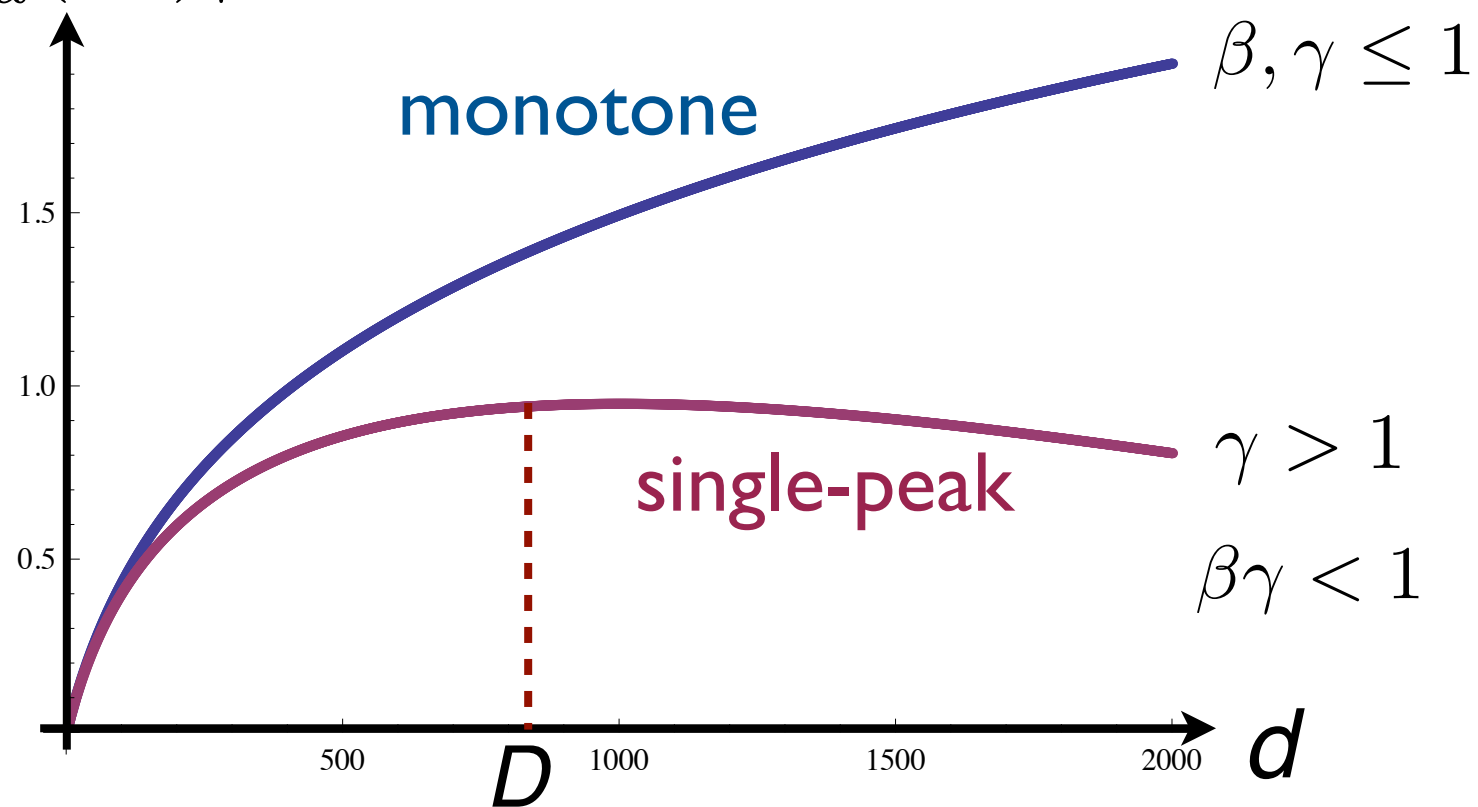
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due to [Guo'12]



$$\beta, \gamma \leq 1$$

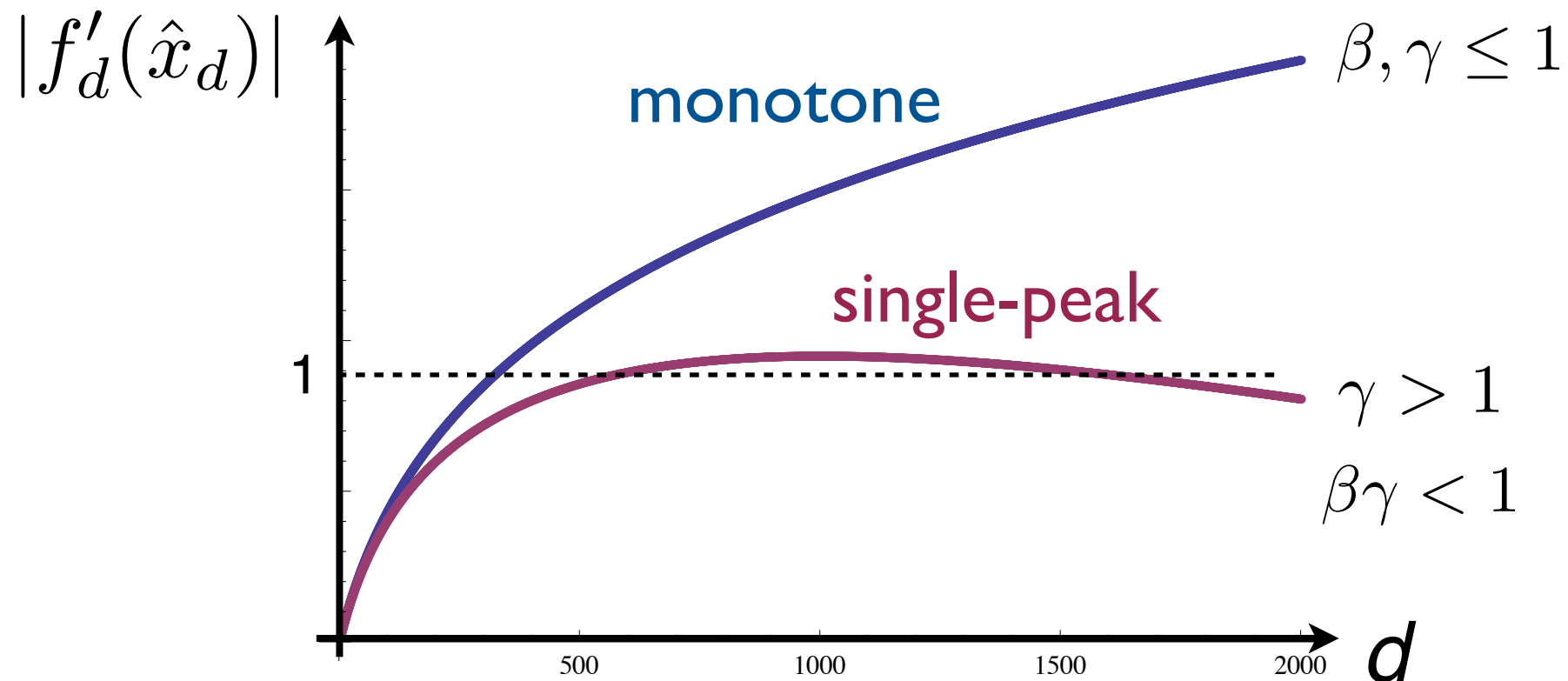
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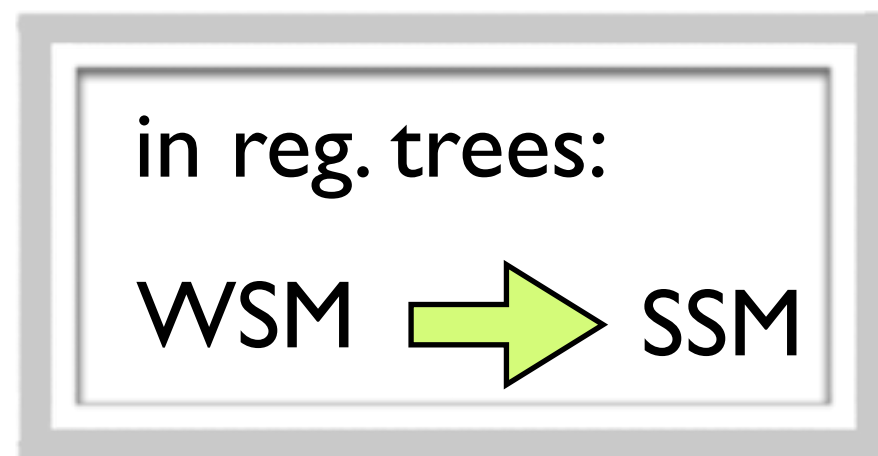
$$\gamma > 1 \quad \beta\gamma < 1$$

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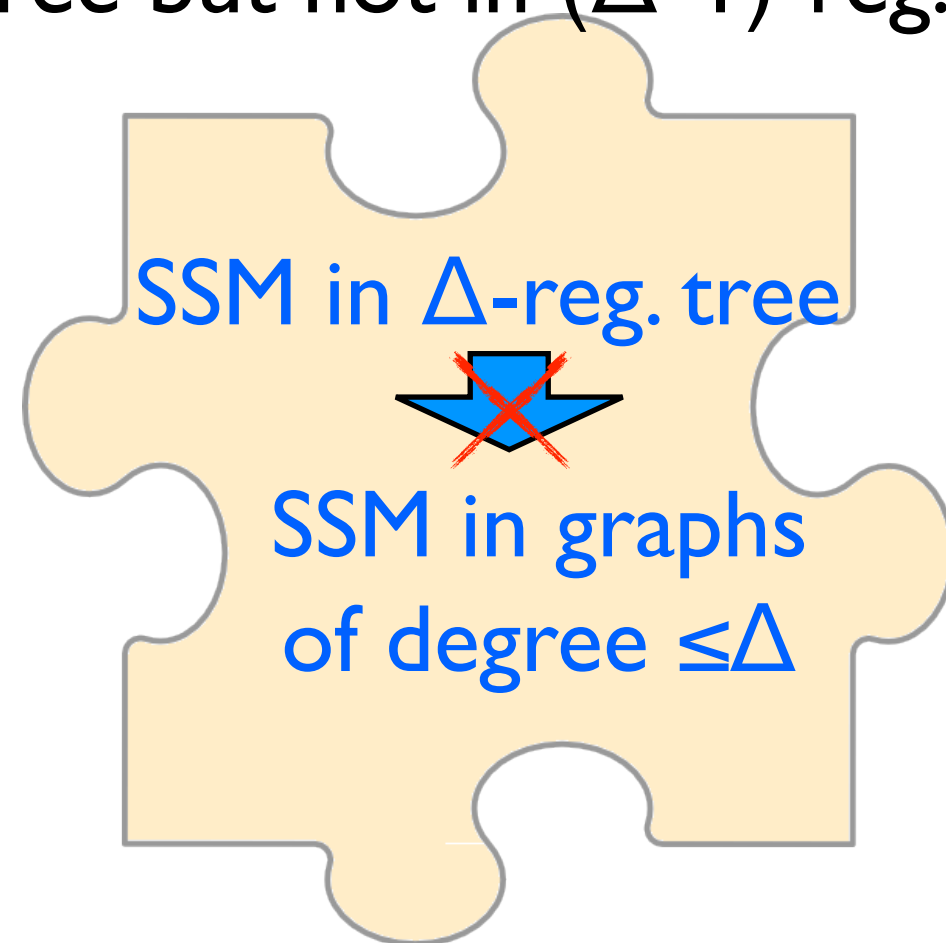
WSM in all  $d$ -reg. trees



$(\beta, \gamma, \lambda)$  that WSM in  $\Delta$ -reg. tree but not in  $(\Delta-1)$ -reg. tree

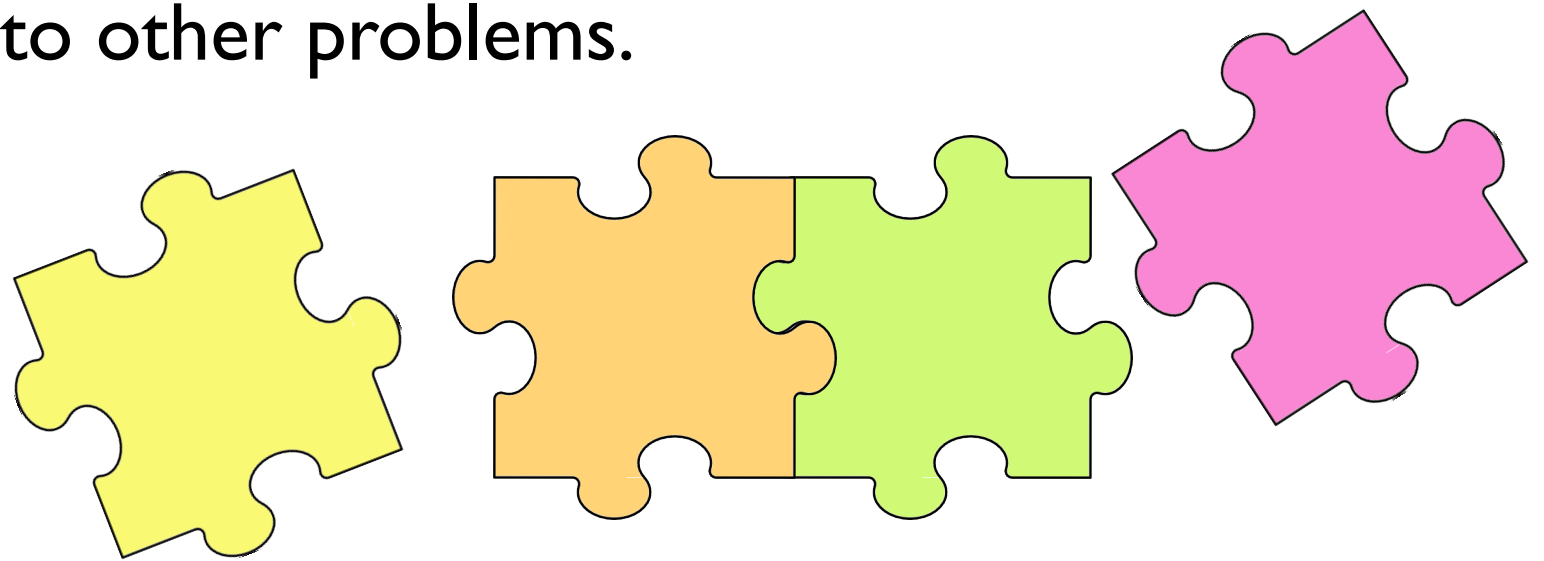


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# Open Problems

- Characterization of SSM in **ferromagnetic** 2-state spin systems.
- SSM in multi-state spin systems:
  - difficulty: no SAW-tree;
  - implications: WSM vs. SSM in reg. trees, monotonicity of WSM/SSM w.r.t degree.
- Apply potential analysis and computationally efficient correlation decay to other problems.



*Thank you!*

