

Real birational implicitization for statistical models

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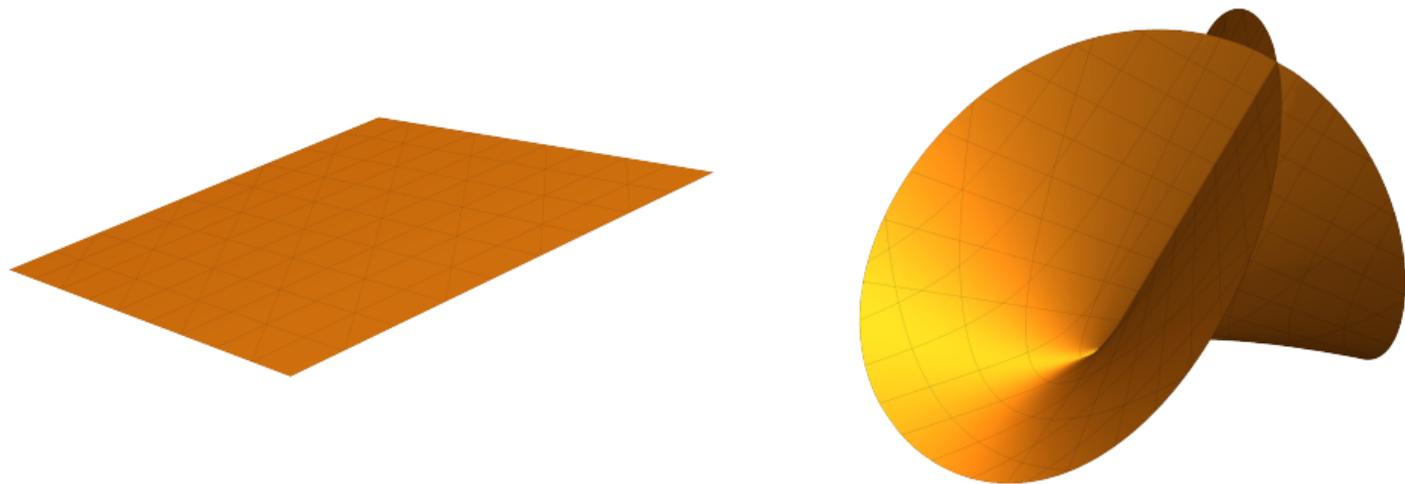
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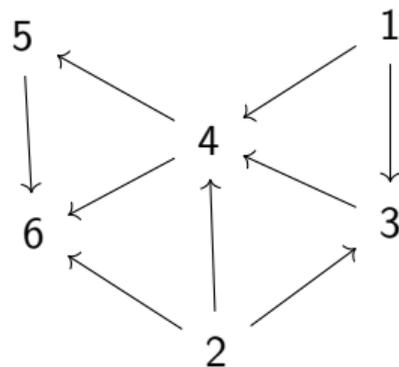
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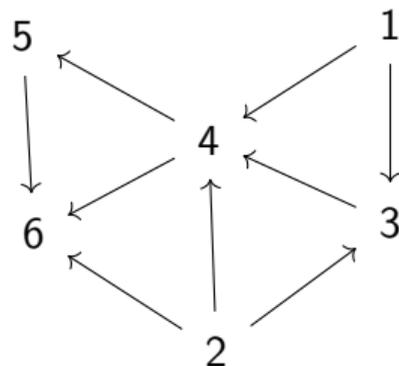
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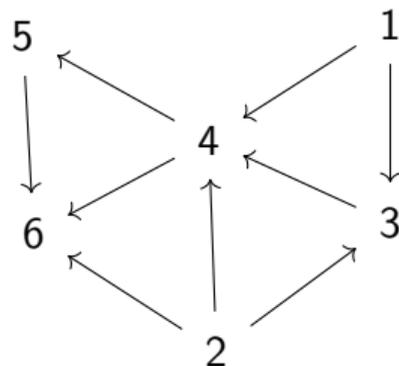
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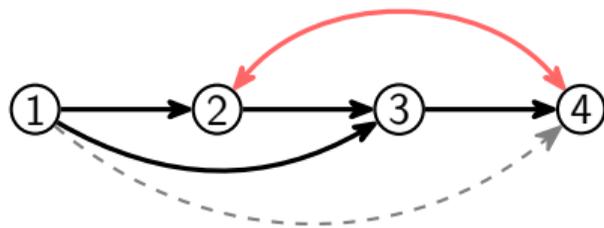
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  );  
  I2 = fold(saturate, J, prs);  
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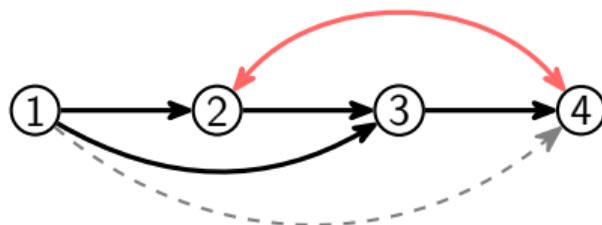
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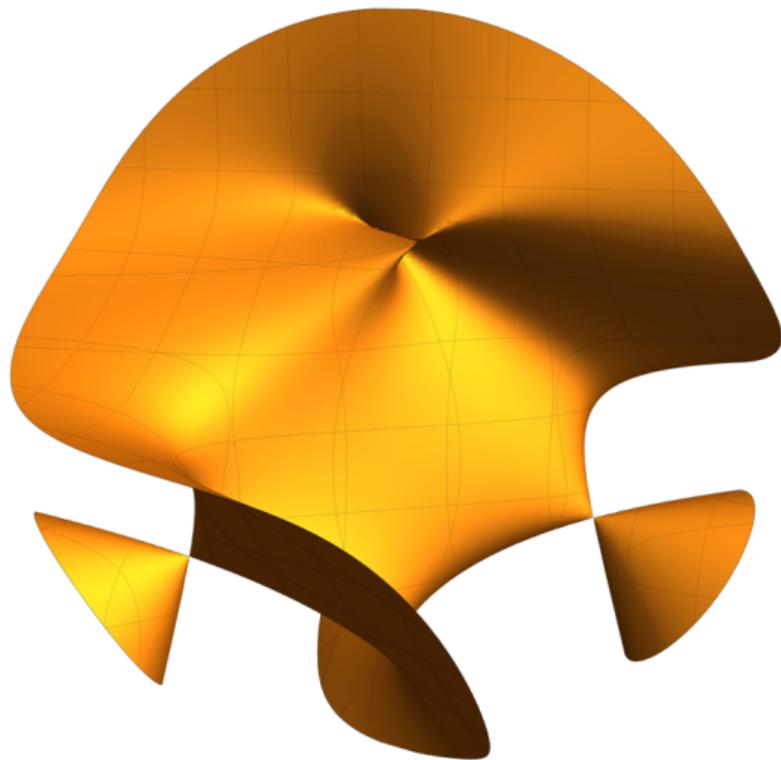
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