# THE INFINITY MIRROR TEST FOR GRAPH GENERATORS

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#### Evaluation

**Compare** graph  $G_i$  with  $G_0$  in a given chain to expose different biases.



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# EXAMPLE INFINITY MIRROR





 $\mathcal{M} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ 















#### EVOLUTION OF RELATIVE EDGE DENSITY ACROSS ITERATIONS



# EVOLUTION OF $\lambda$ -distance across iterations



#### PORTRAIT DIVERGENCE OVER TIME





















#### Key Findings and Contributions

- · Confirms previously known biases in Kronecker models.
- · Uncovers distortion patterns in popularly used graph models
- · Could be used as a tool to design better, more parsimonious graph models

