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## EXPONENTIAL VARIETIES AND HYPERBOLIC POLYNOMIALS

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Exponential varieties arise from exponential families in statistics. These real algebraic varieties have strong positivity and convexity properties, generalizing those of toric varieties and their moment maps. Another special class, including Gaussian graphical models, are varieties of inverses of symmetric matrices satisfying linear constraints. We develop a general theory of exponential varieties, with focus on those defined by hyperbolic polynomials.

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