Graph Signal Processing - Graph Laplacian

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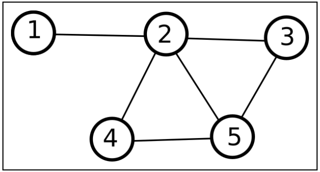

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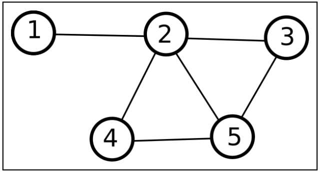

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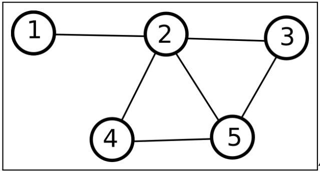

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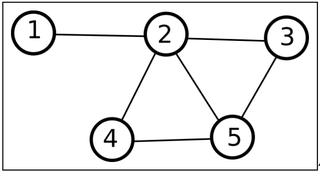

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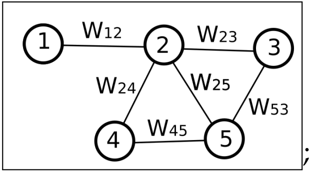

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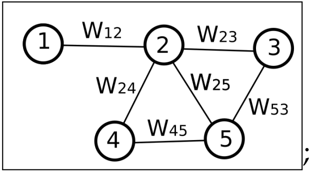

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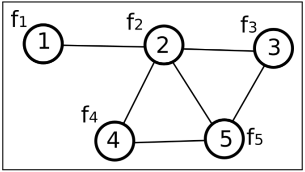

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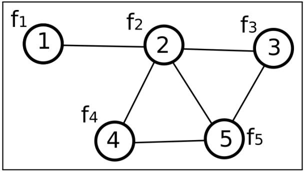

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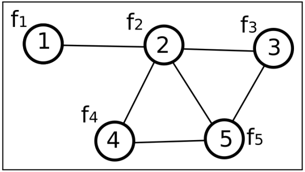

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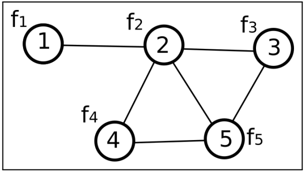

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$$f_i = \frac{1}{l_{ii}} \sum_{j \neq i} f_j$$

(the value in each node is the average of values in neighbor nodes)

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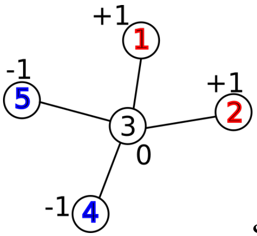

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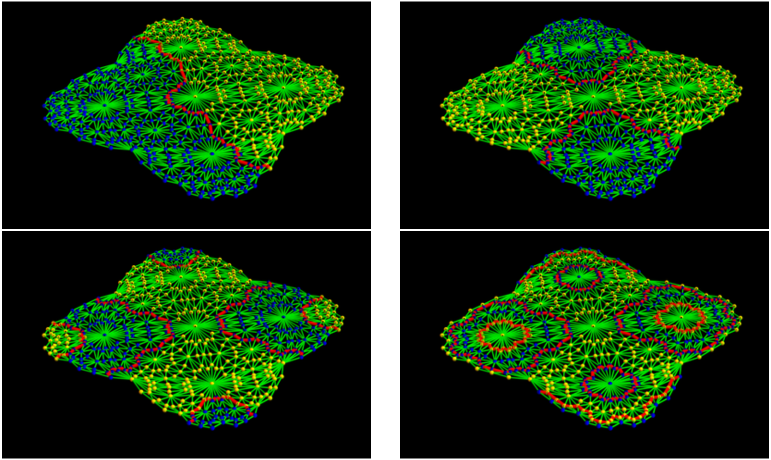

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- Normalized Graph Laplacian is also closely related with random walks on graphs.

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