

# Data Mining & Machine Learning

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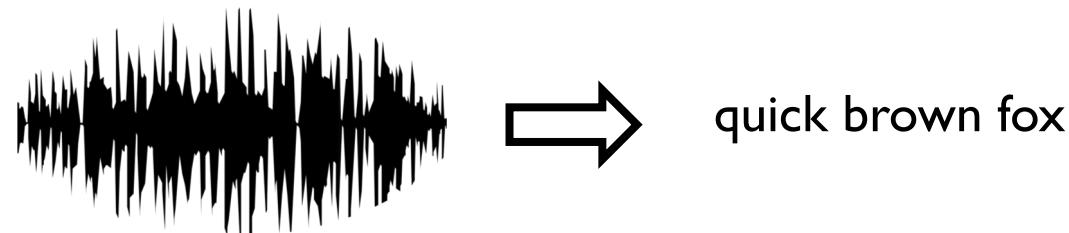
# Tasks Deep Learning Excels

- ▶ Image/Video Recognition



Image by Neurala

- ▶ Text Recognition / Prediction
  - ▶ The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog
- ▶ Speech Recognition



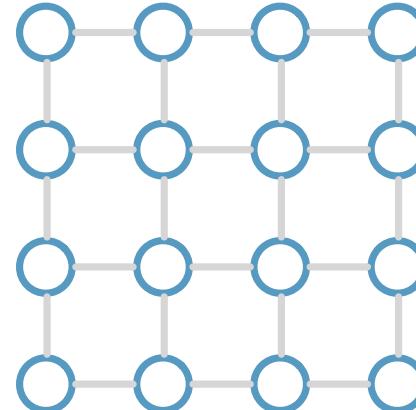
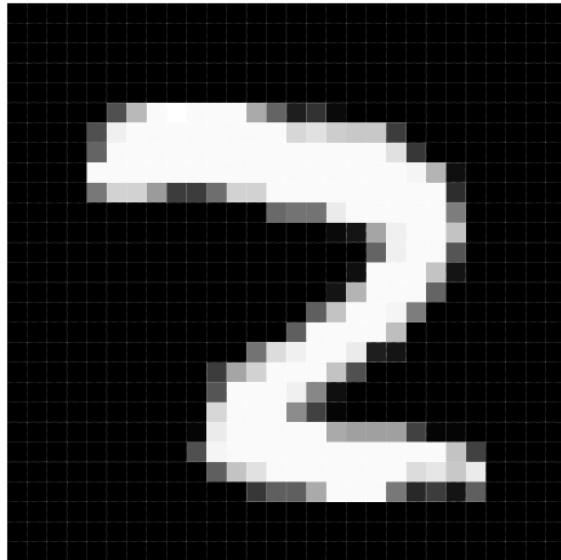
# Deep Learning Needs A Canonical Orientation

- ▶ Canonical orientation means that all training examples must have the same “orientation”



# Tasks where Deep Learning Really Well

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2D grid



1D grid

The lazy dog jumped over



1D grid

# Role of Structure (in images)

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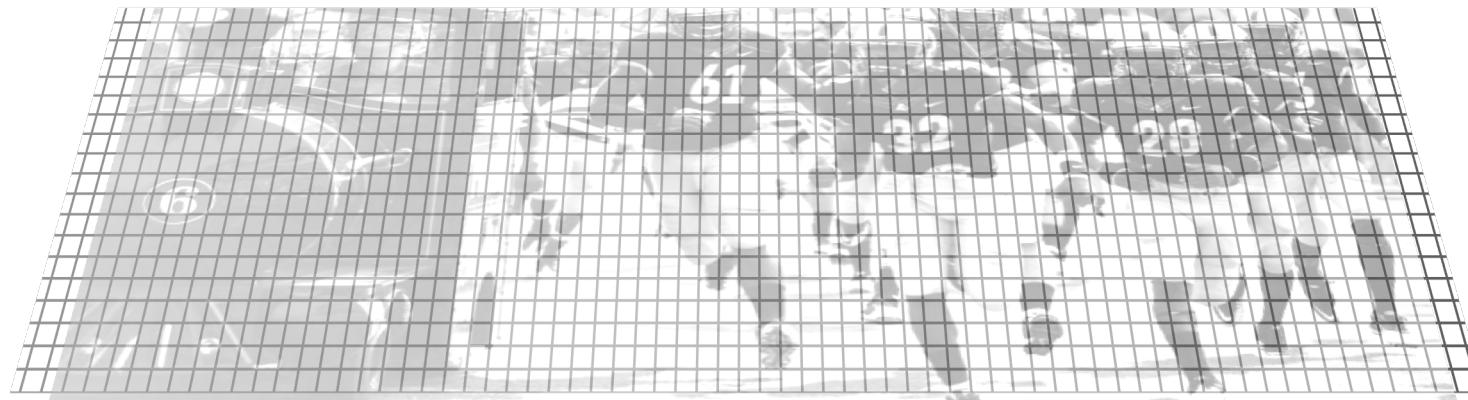
- Feedforward networks use image as input as a vector



- From image to vector... hard to account for spatial correlations in the vector representation (which pixels are next to each other?)



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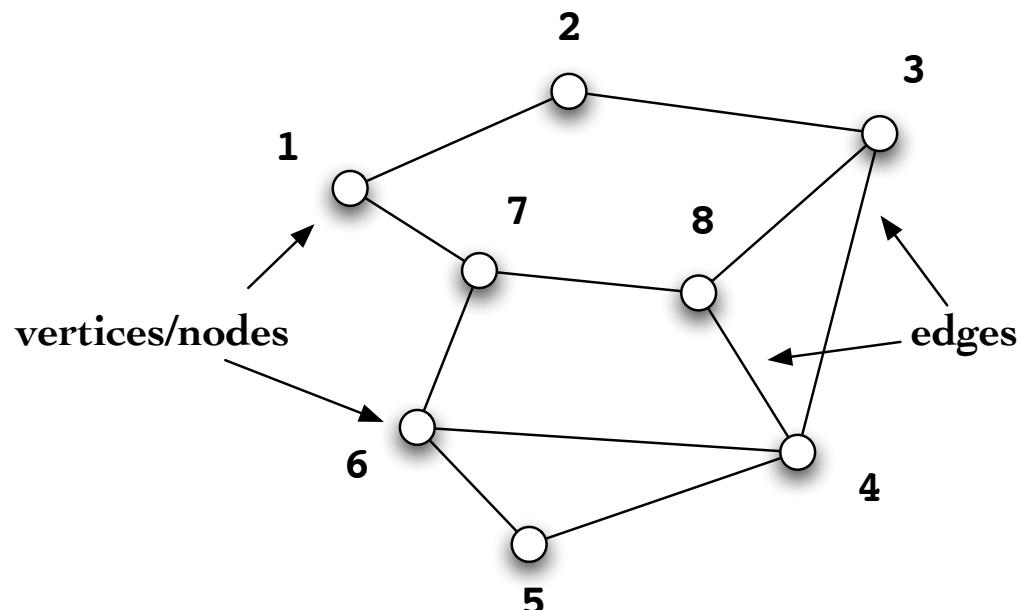


- Images are grids, can we make neural networks that consider more complex structure?



# What is a Graph?

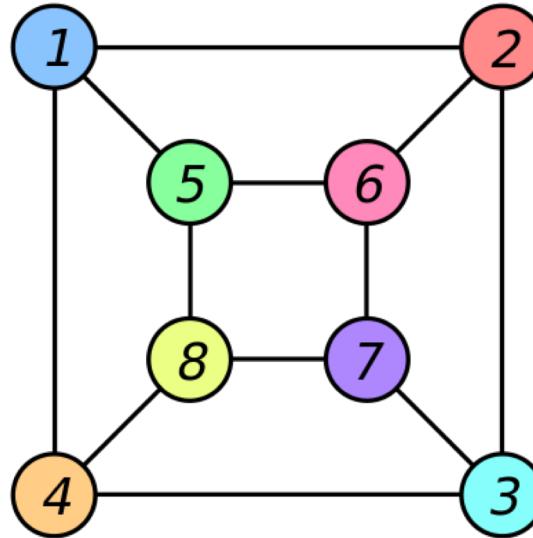
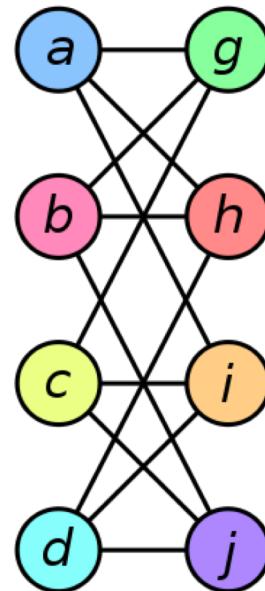
- A graph is a representation of a relationship



Adjacency matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

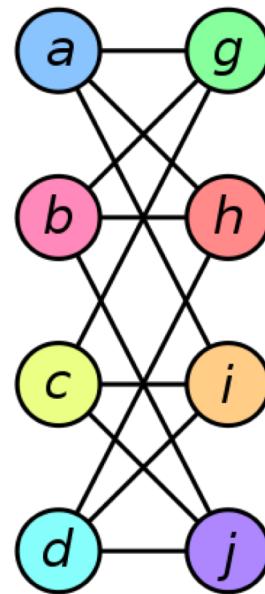
# Relationships Don't Have Simple Canonical "Orientations"



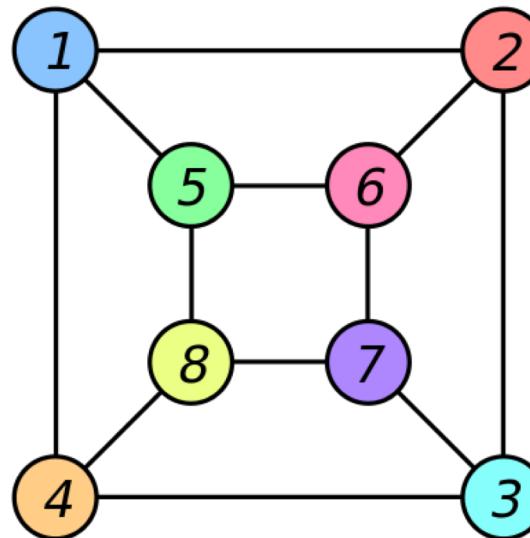
- ▶ These two graphs represent relationships in a dataset
- ▶ Are these two relationship graphs identical except for the node labels?
- ▶ No canonical orientation = deep learning will have difficulties

# The Anatomy of a Solution: Making Deep Learning Understand Relationships

- ▶ Solutions must come from solving the graph “canonical orientation” problem
  - This is called “the graph isomorphism problem” in CS/Math

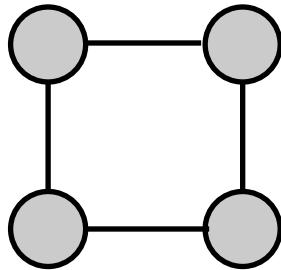


is isomorphic to



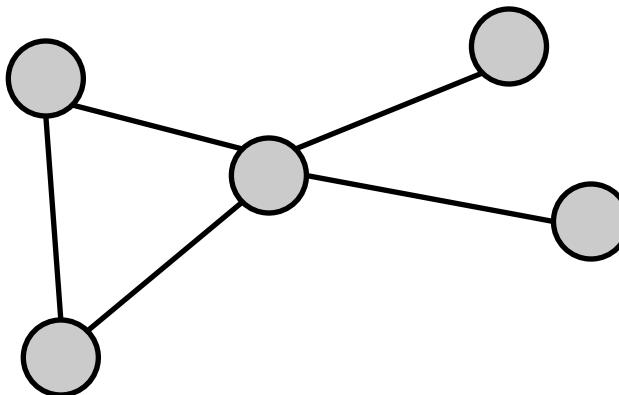
# How to Deal with Structure on Neural Networks?

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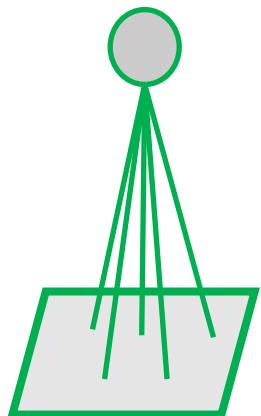
- Lattice

Conv. Net. Neuron



- Arbitrary graph

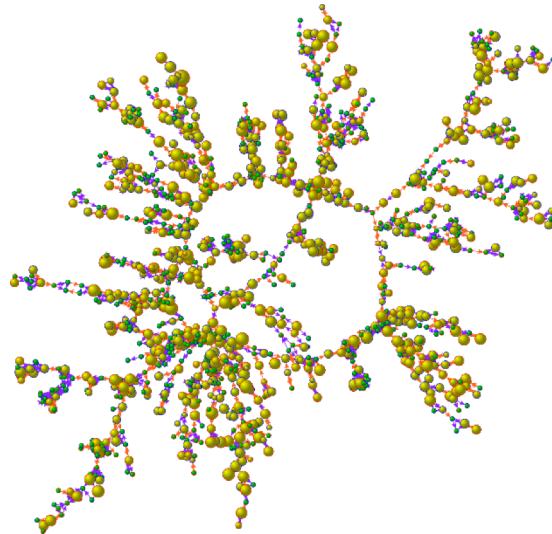
General Graph Neuron



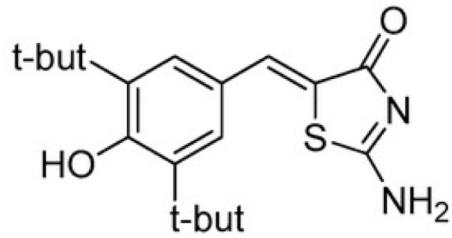
What would be the graph equivalent?

# Examples of Graphs

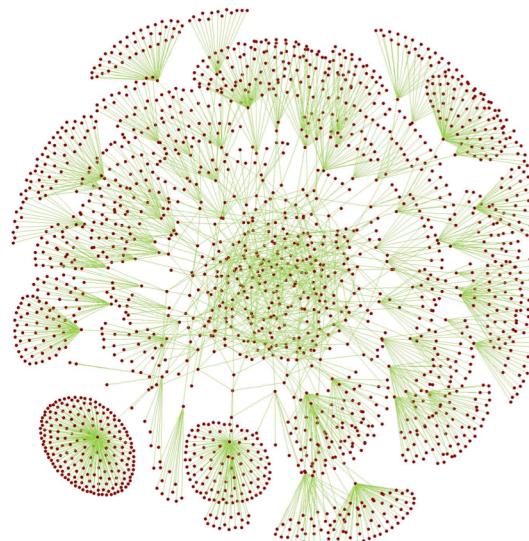
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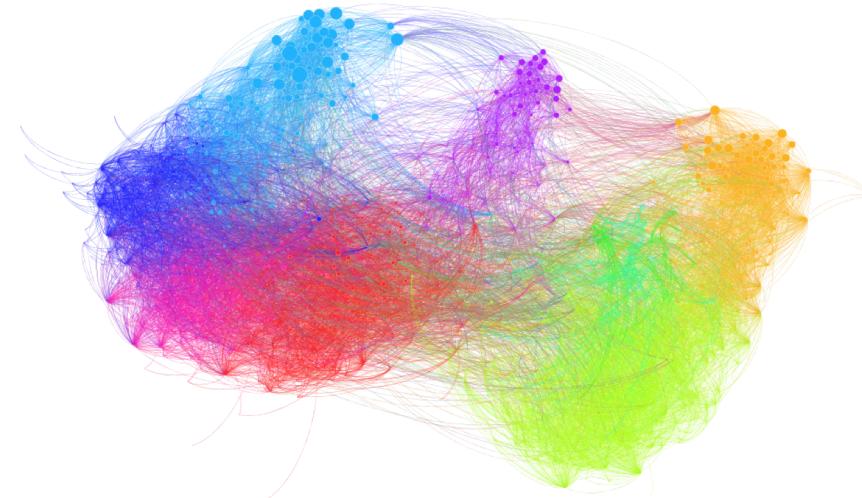
Biological Graphs



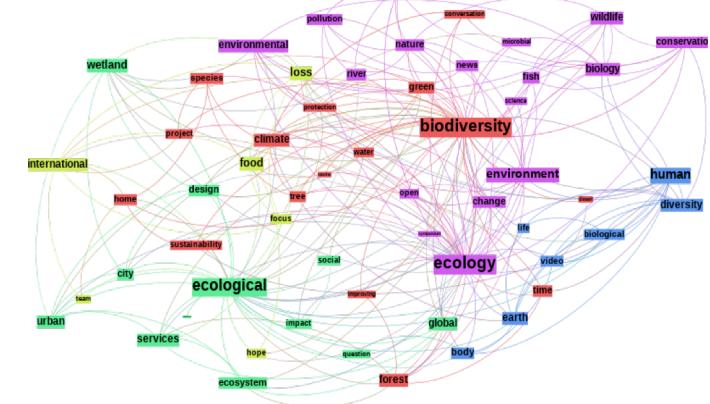
Molecules



The Web

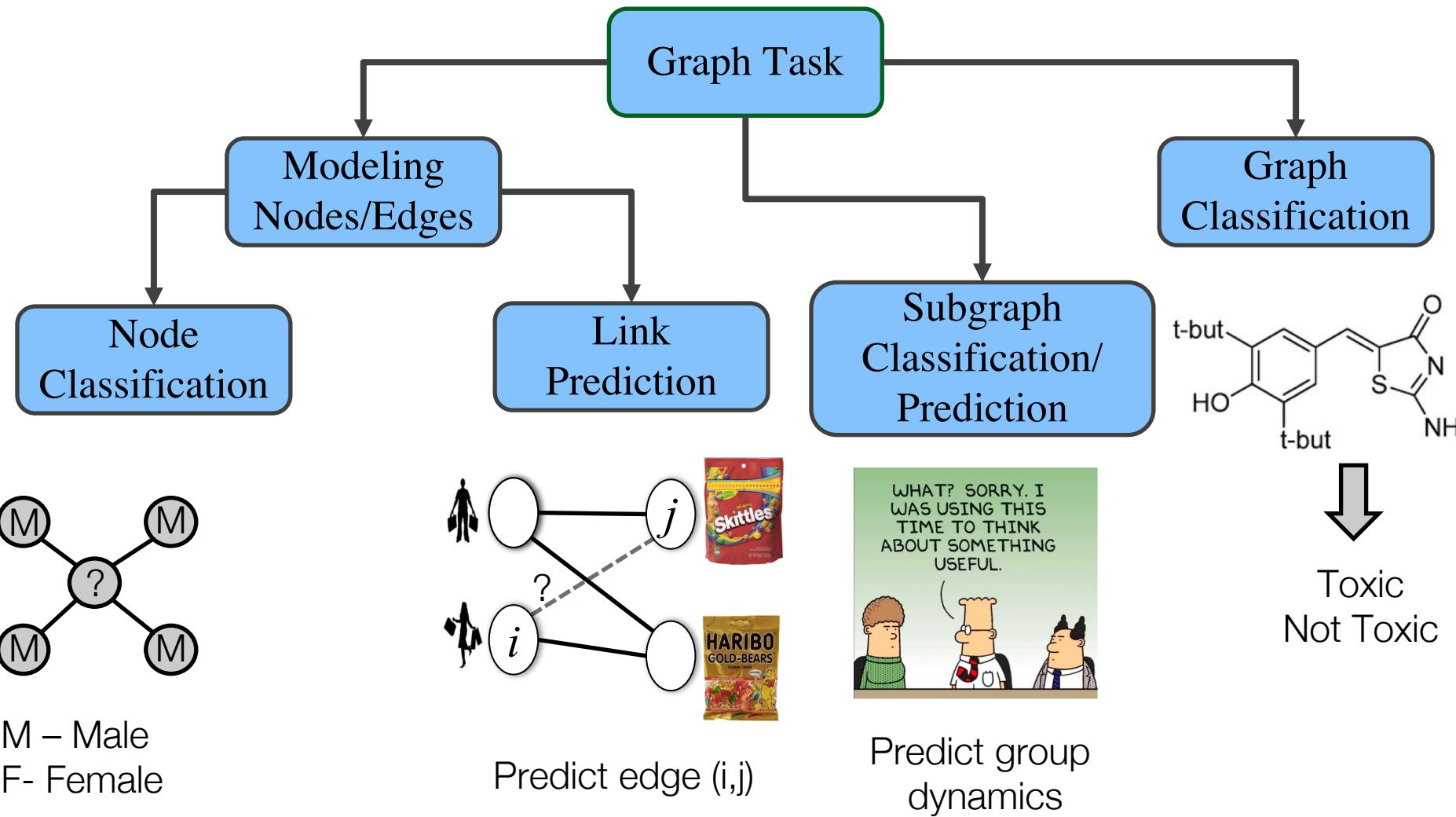


Social Graphs



Ecological Graphs

# Graph Tasks



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Before solutions,  
a few questions

# 1) Isomorphism Question

- Are two graphs different?

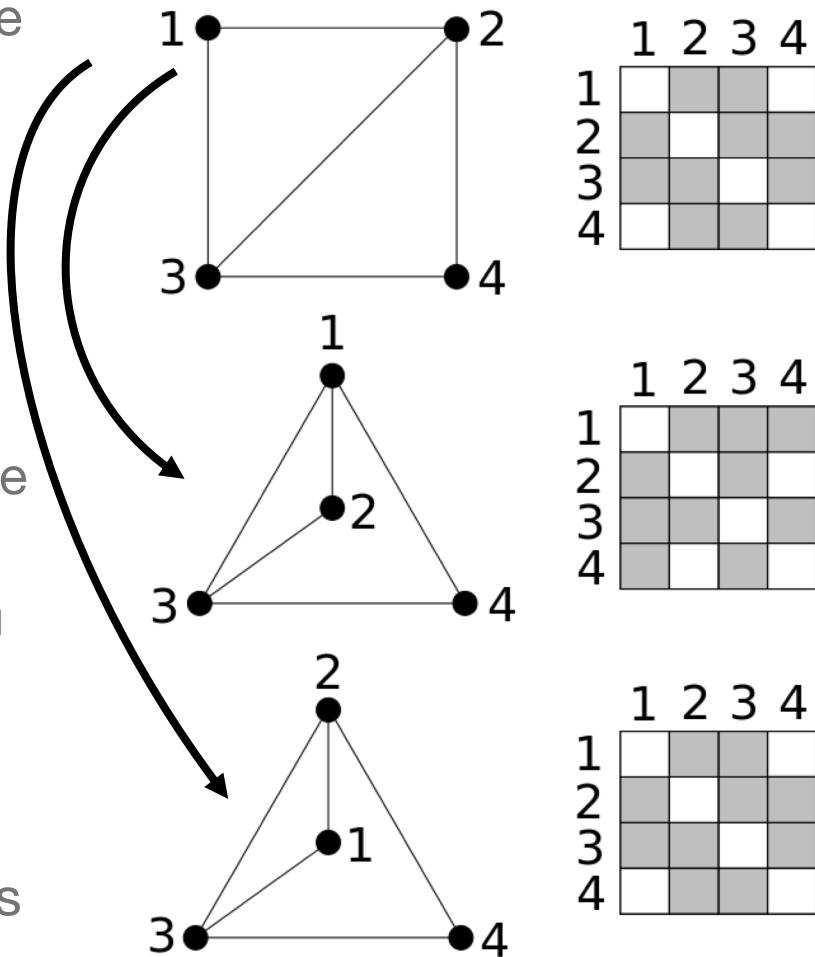
Isomorphic-invariant neural network gives same results over all isomorphic graphs

- If the adjacency matrices  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are the same, the graphs are the same

- If adjacency matrices are different... are the graphs different?

- Two graphs are isomorphic if there is a permutation  $\pi$  that when applied to rows and columns of  $A_1$  makes it equal to  $A_2$

- A neural network is invariant to isomorphism when its output is invariant to graph isomorphism



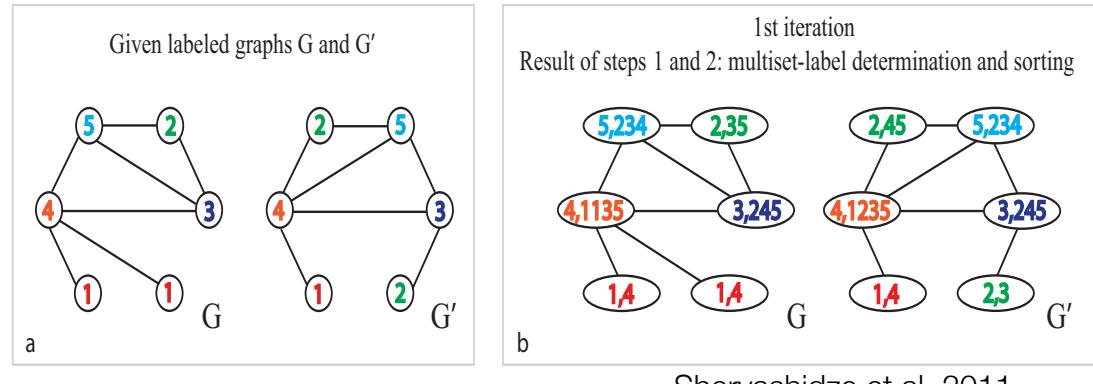
# Graph Isomorphism

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- Babai (2017)
  - Proves graph isomorphism can be solved in quasi-polynomial time.
  - Can be solved more quickly if we allow some false positives

# Weisfeiler-Lehmann Algorithm

- Recursive algorithm to determine if two graphs are isomorphic
  - Valid isomorphism test for almost all graphs (Babai and Kucera, 1979)
  - Cai et al., 1992 shows examples that cannot be distinguished by it
  - Belongs to class of color refinement algorithms that iteratively update vertex “colors” (hash values) until it has converged to unique assignments of hashes to vertices
  - Final hash values encode the structural roles of vertices inside a graph
  - Often fails for graphs with a high degree of symmetry, e.g. chains, complete graphs, tori and stars



## Algorithm 1: WL-1 algorithm (Weisfeiler & Lehmann, 1968)

**Input:** Initial node coloring  $(h_1^{(0)}, h_2^{(0)}, \dots, h_N^{(0)})$

**Output:** Final node coloring  $(h_1^{(T)}, h_2^{(T)}, \dots, h_N^{(T)})$

$t \leftarrow 0;$

**repeat**

**for**  $v_i \in \mathcal{V}$  **do**

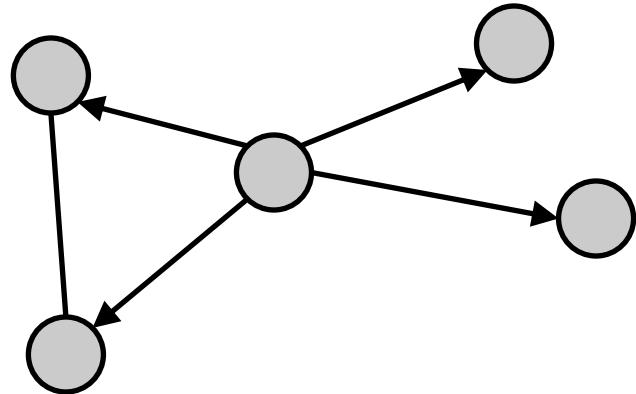
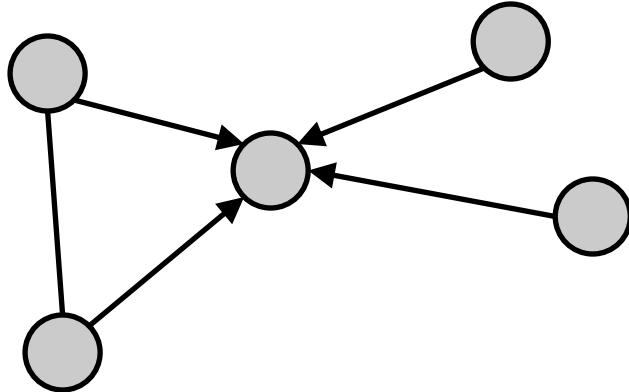
$h_i^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \text{hash} \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} h_j^{(t)} \right);$   
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**until** stable node coloring is reached;

Neighbors of node i

## 2) Is the Graph Directed?

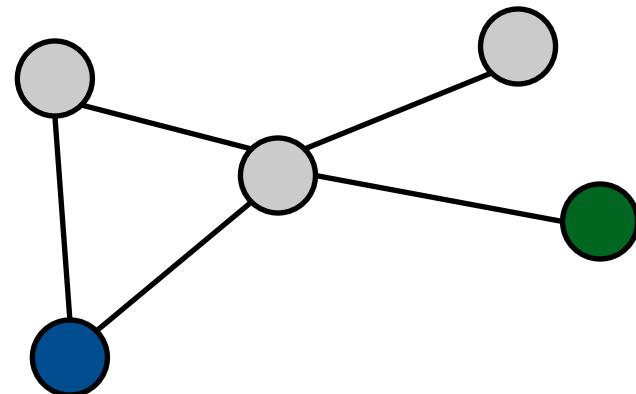
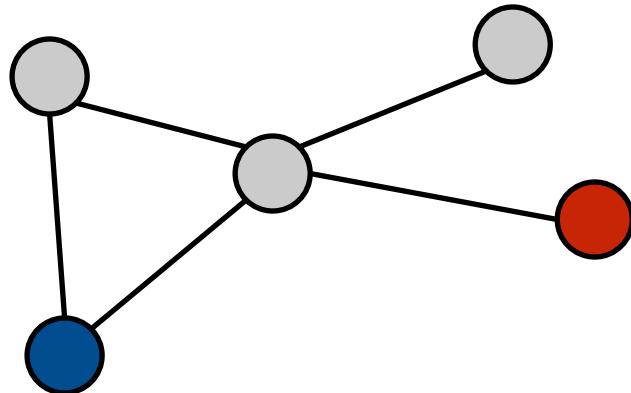
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- Should a neural network receiving these two graphs as input, give different output values?
- Some of the algorithms we see today cover directed graphs

### 3) Is the Attributed?

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- Graph attributes are node and edge categorical labels or real values associated to nodes and edges
- Should a neural network receiving these above topological equivalent graphs with distinct attributes give different output values?

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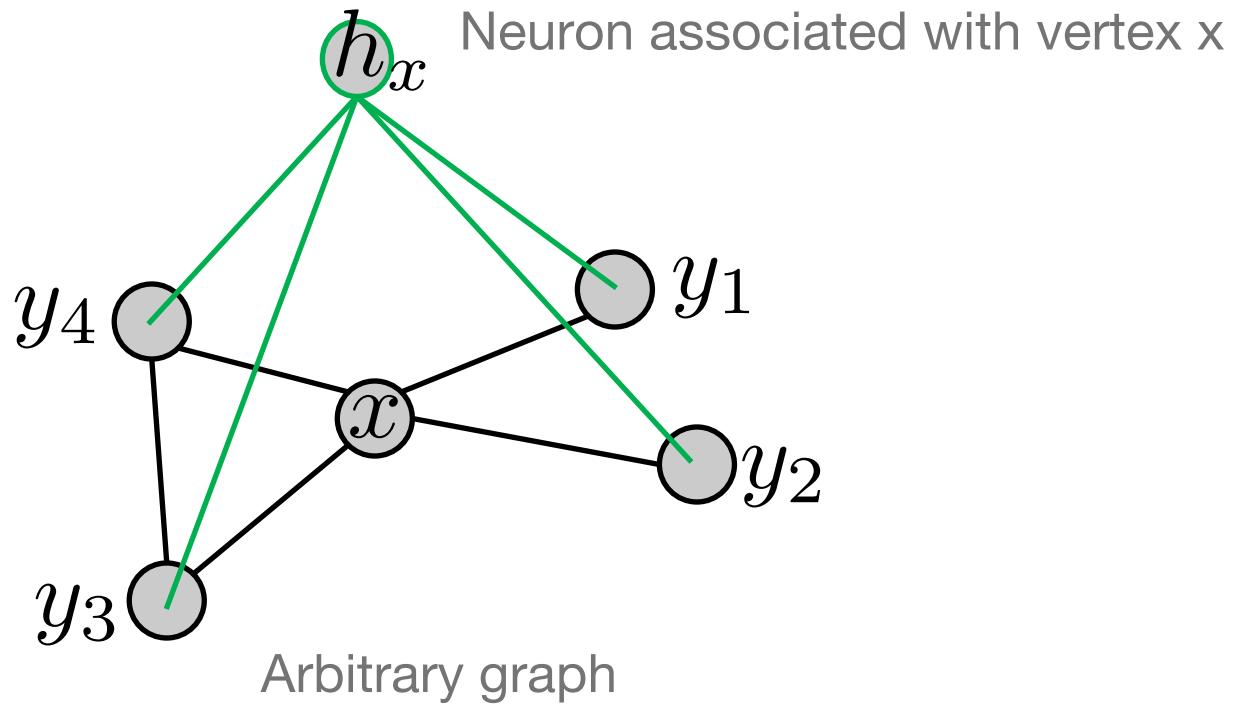
Our algorithms must have the above 3 properties

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Traditional Convolutional Networks are not  
Isomorphic-invariant

# Example of Graph Convolution that is not Isomorphic Invariant

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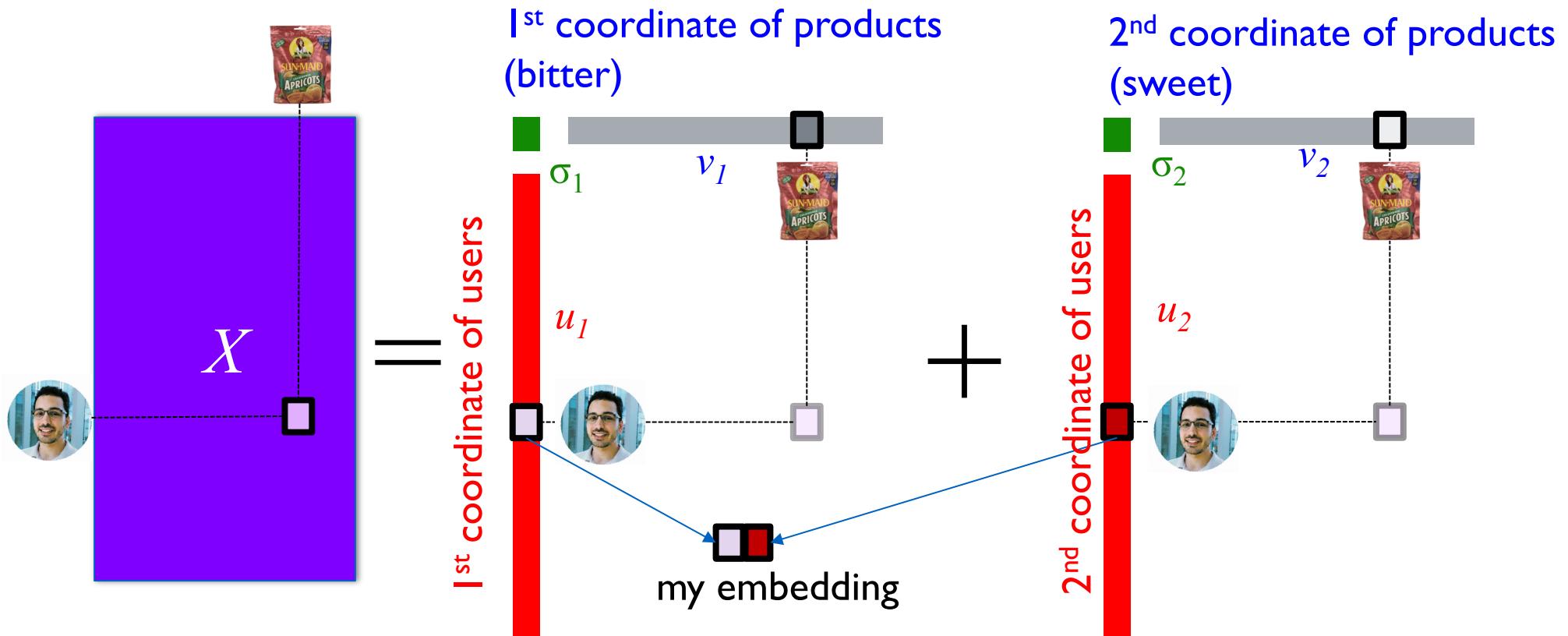
$$h_x = \sigma\left(\sum_i w_i y_i + b\right)$$

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## Revisiting an Example of an Isomorphic Invariant “Neural Network”

# Review: Matrix Factorization

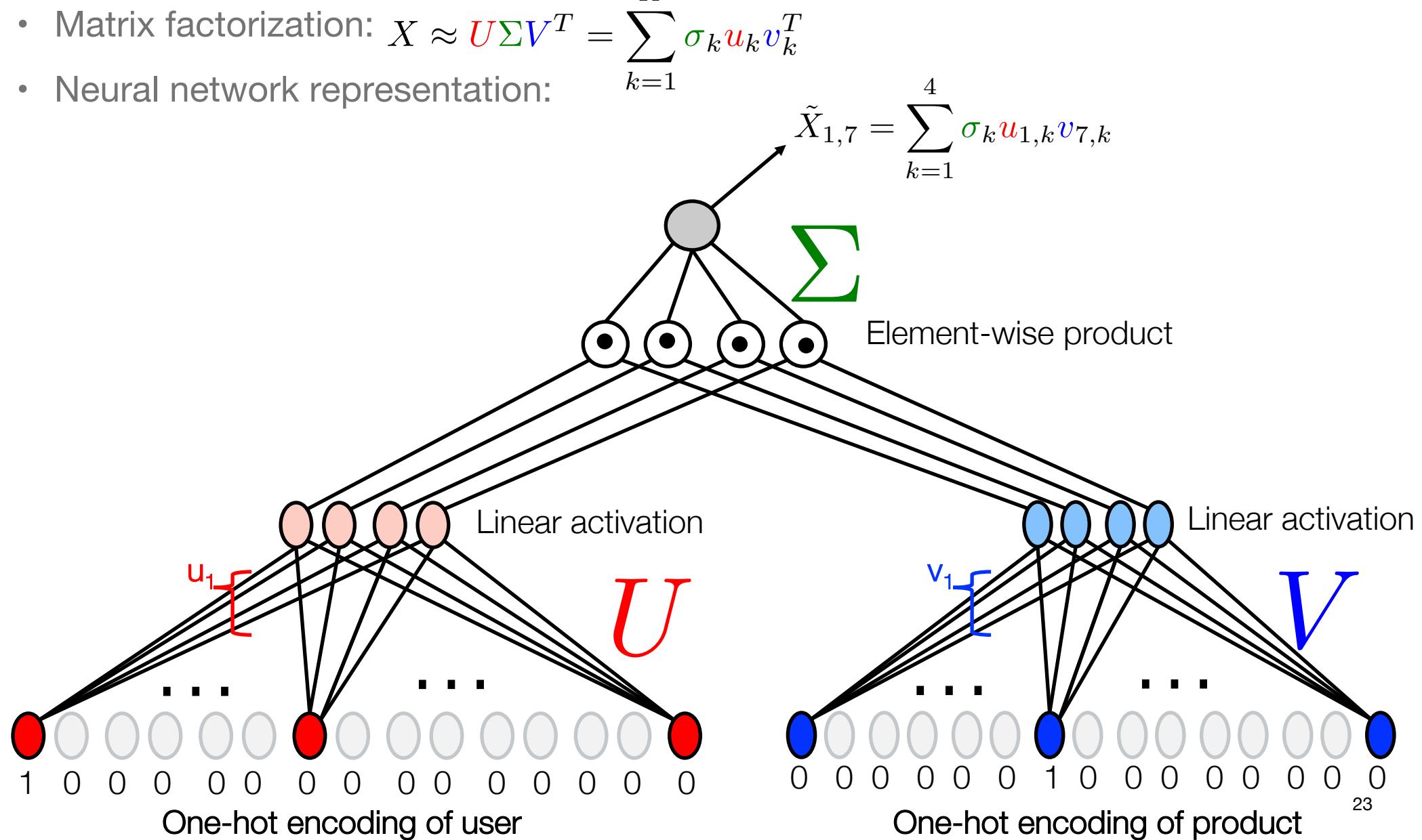
Illustration of a rank- $K$  matrix approximation (assuming  $\text{rank}(X) < K$ ) :



$$X \approx \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^T = \sum_{k=1}^K \sigma_k \mathbf{u}_k \mathbf{v}_k^T$$

# Matrix Factorization as a Neural Network (v2)

- But neural networks **can** have isomorphic network representations
- Matrix factorization:  $X \approx \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^T = \sum_{k=1}^K \sigma_k \mathbf{u}_k \mathbf{v}_k^T$
- Neural network representation:



# Possible Solutions

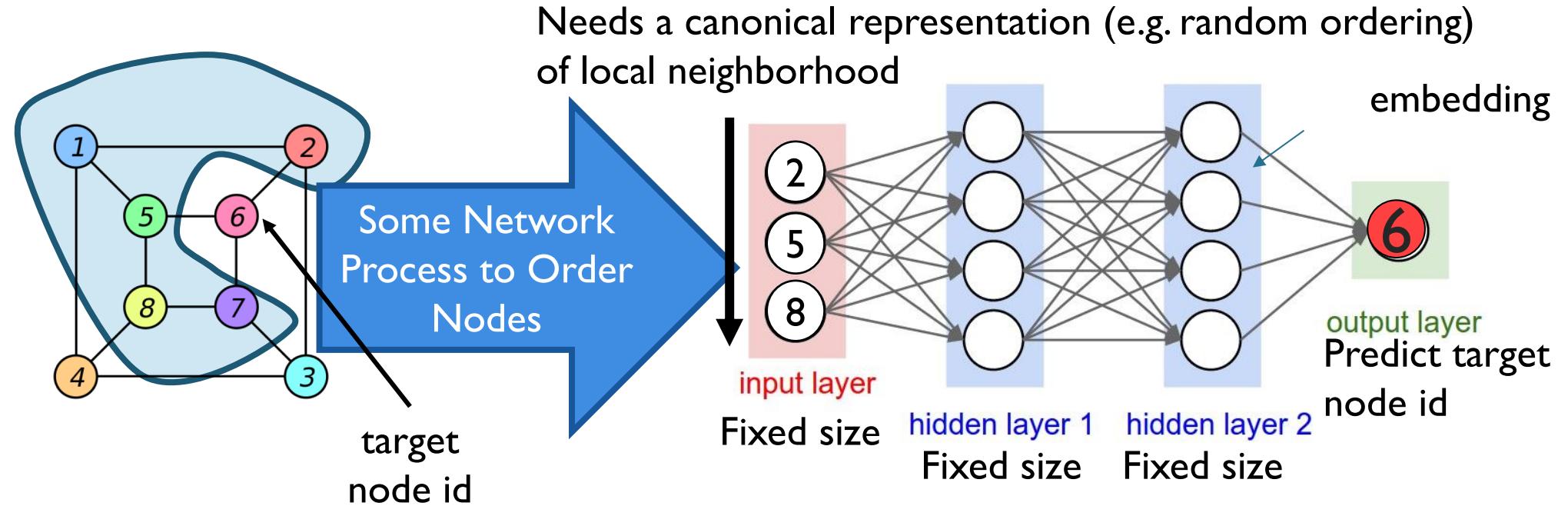
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- Transductive methods
  - Works only for the “training data” (seen examples)
- Inductive methods
  - Generalizes to “test data” (unseen examples)

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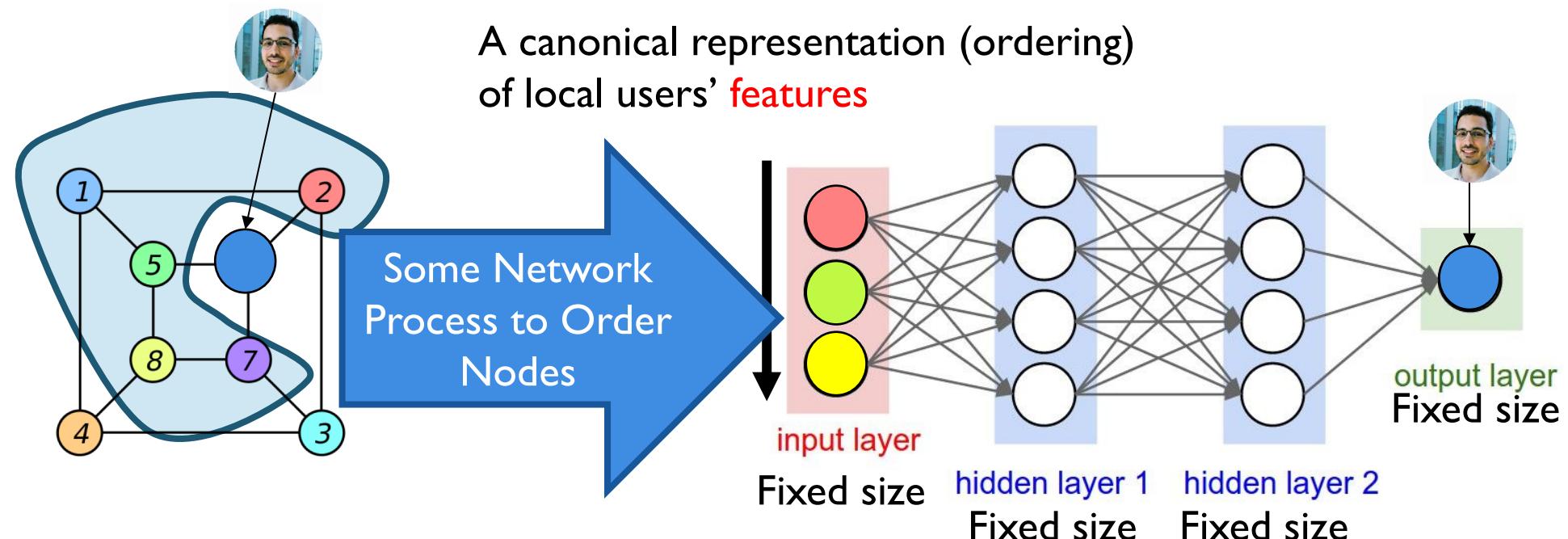
# Node Classification

# Transductive Learning with Node IDs



- ▶ Issues:
  - Node ids as input will not generalize to unseeing examples
  - Network neighborhoods of different sizes (needs to cut input)
  - Heuristic used to order neighbors
  - E.g. node2vec, DeepWalk, LINE, most \_\_\_\_2vec methods

# Inductive Learning with Node Features



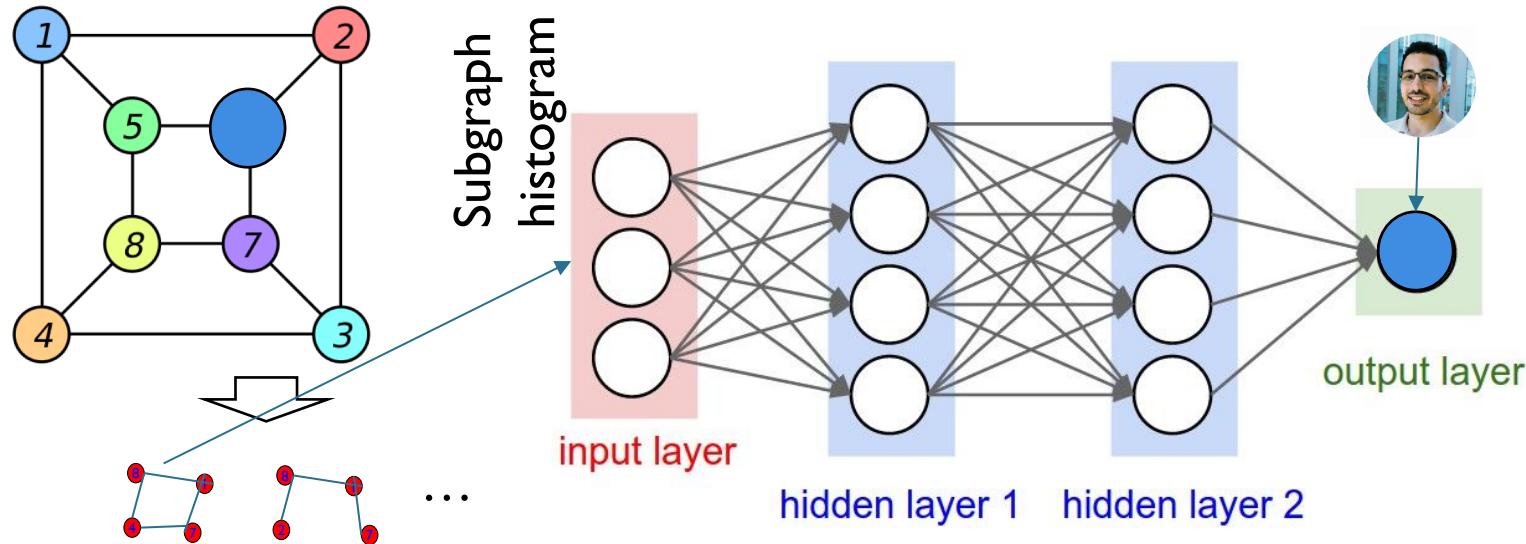
- ▶ Inductive Learning Uses Node Features Rather Than User IDs
- ▶ Works well if you have a task that has a canonical ordering
- ▶ Without a specific task, same issues as before:
  - Network neighborhoods of different sizes (needs to cut input)
  - Heuristic used to order neighbors

# Graph Kernels + Deep Learning

(Orsini et al. 2015) and (Yanardag and Vishwanathan, 2015a, 2015b)

Idea:

break network down  
graph into smaller  
subgraphs



- ▶ Input layer receives frequency of each subgraph patterns in a ball of radius  $B$  around node
- ▶ Issues:
  - Diameter of network
    - Because of social network have short diameters, problem quickly becomes intractable
    - 100,000 node social network can have as many as  $10^{20}$  subgraphs with 4-nodes
  - High-cost to capture more complex patterns (larger subgraphs)
  - Cannot interpret learned neural network parameters

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# Inductive Graph Convolutions

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# Node Classification and Edge Prediction

# Type A: (WL) Graph Convolution Neural Networks

- Weisfeiler-Lehman-type algorithm

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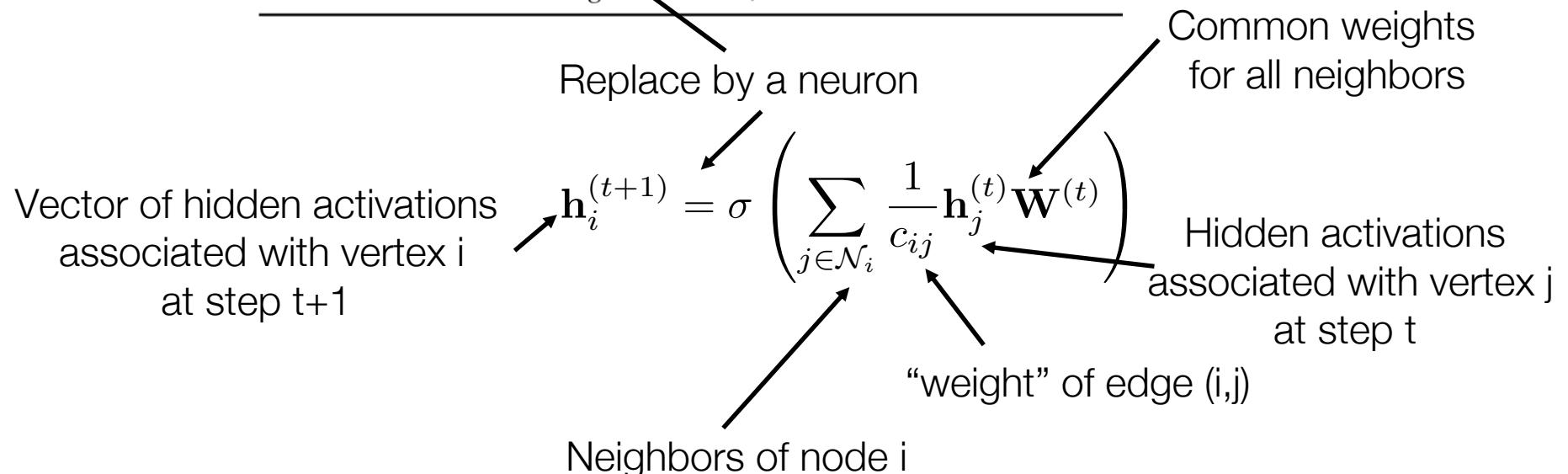
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# Node Label or Link Prediction from Node Embedding

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- At last step K, aggregate all intermediate representation of nodes in a vector:

$$(\mathbf{h}_i^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{h}_i^{(K)})$$

- Loss function is a function of this vector
- Node classification (classes 1 and 0):
  - Prediction:  $\hat{y}_i = \sigma((\mathbf{h}_i^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{h}_i^{(K)})^T \mathbf{w})$
  - Loss function:  $L = (\hat{y}_i)^{y_i} (1 - \hat{y}_i)^{1-y_i}$
- Edge prediction:
  - Predict  $A_{i,j}$ :  $\hat{A}_{i,j} = \sigma((\mathbf{h}_i^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{h}_i^{(K)})^T \mathbf{W}_F (\mathbf{h}_j^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{h}_j^{(K)}))$
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- Entire neural network is trained using backpropagation

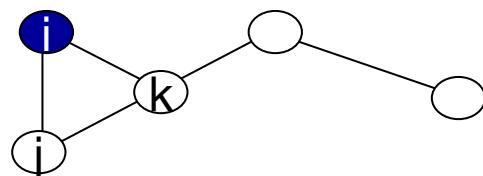
# Type B: (Diffusion Kernel) Graph Conv. Neural Networks

- Diffusion Kernel: Probability that a random walker starting at node  $i$  reaches node  $j$  in  $t$  steps
- If  $A$  is the adjacency matrix, one-step transition probability from node  $i$  to  $j$

$$P_{i,j} = \frac{1}{d_i} A_{i,j}$$

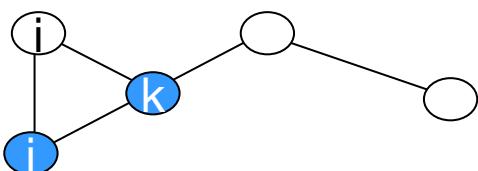
Evolution:

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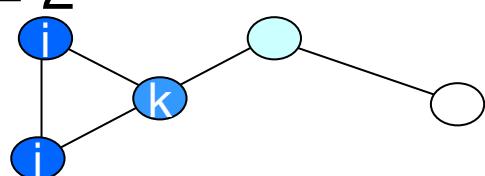
$$\pi^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

□  $t = 1$



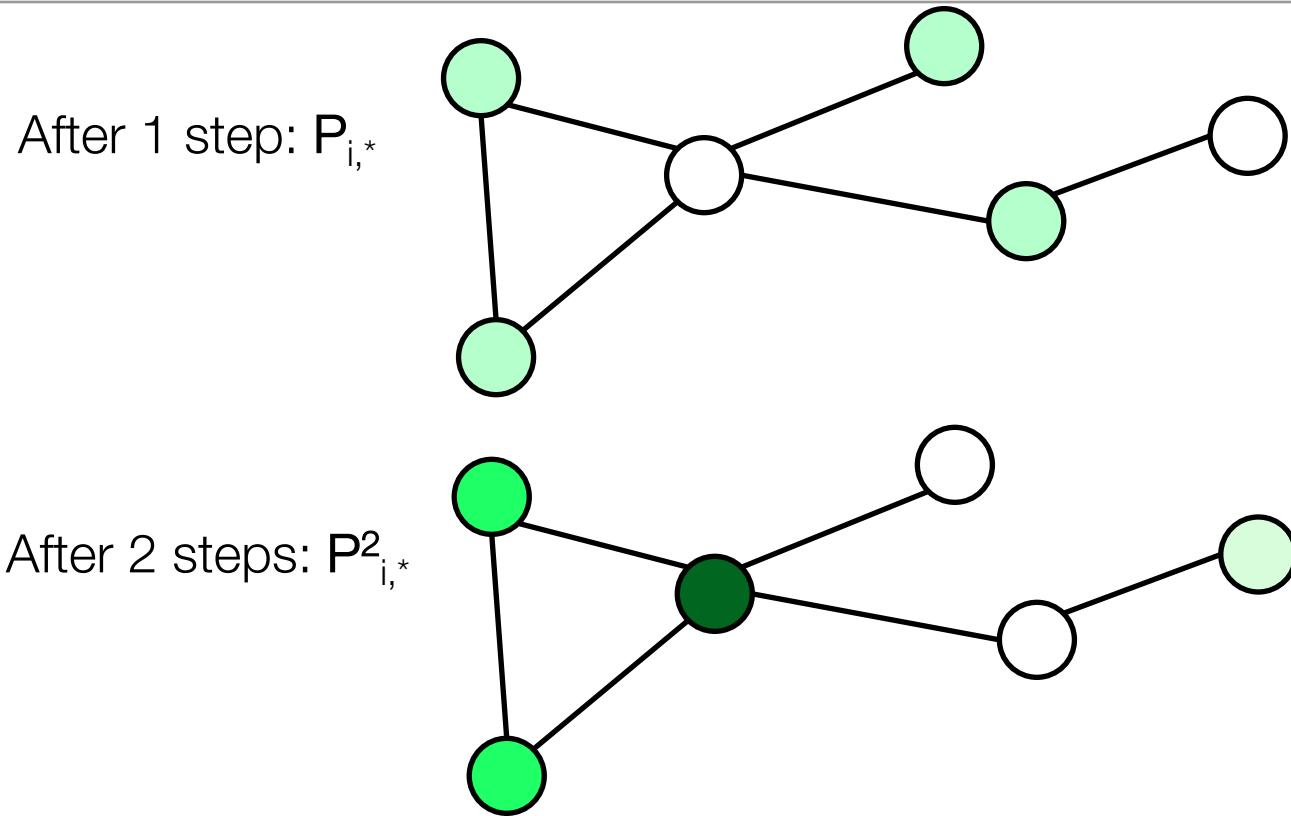
$$\pi^{(1)} = \pi^{(0)} P$$

□  $t = 2$



$$\pi^{(2)} = \pi^{(0)} P^2$$

# Type B: Diffusion Kernel (cont)



- Hidden activations associated with vertex  $i$  at step  $t+1$ :

Vector of hidden activations  
associated with vertex  $i$   
at step  $t+1$

$$\mathbf{h}_i^{(t+1)} = \sigma \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \frac{1}{c_{ij}} x_j (\mathbf{P}^t)_{i,*}^T \right)$$

Annotations for the equation:

- An arrow points to  $\mathbf{h}_i^{(t+1)}$  with the label "Vector of hidden activations associated with vertex  $i$  at step  $t+1$ ".
- An arrow points to  $x_j$  with the label "Encoding of vertex  $j$  (e.g., degree, label, centrality metric, ...)".
- An arrow points to  $(\mathbf{P}^t)_{i,*}^T$  with the label "Row  $i$  of  $\mathbf{P}^t$ ".
- An arrow points to  $\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i}$  with the label "Neighbors of node  $i$ ".

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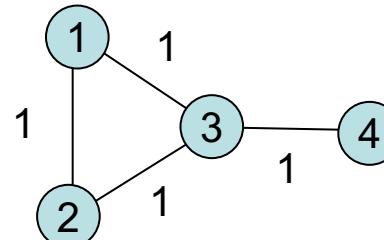
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# Laplacian Diffusion Kernel


$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

From  $A$  we construct the graph Laplacian matrix (Normalized Laplacian)

$$\mathcal{L} = I - T^{-1/2} A T^{-1/2}$$

where

$$T^{-1/2} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{d_1}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{d_2}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{d_3}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{d_4}} \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $d_v = 0$ ,  $T^{1/2}(v,v) = 0$

$d_v$  – degree of vertex  $v$

# Graph Laplacian

$$\mathcal{L} = I - T^{-1/2} A T^{-1/2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(u, v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } u = v \text{ and } d_v \neq 0, \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{d_u d_v}} & \text{if } u \text{ and } v \text{ are adjacent,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

# Graph Laplacian: applied over vertex values

For any real values  $g$  defined over the vertices

$$\langle g, \mathcal{L}g \rangle = \sum_{(u,v) \in E} \left( \frac{g(u)}{\sqrt{d_u}} - \frac{g(v)}{\sqrt{d_v}} \right)^2 , \text{ where } g = \begin{pmatrix} g(v_1) \\ g(v_2) \\ g(v_3) \\ g(v_4) \end{pmatrix}$$

Inner product

- The quantity  $\frac{g(u)}{\sqrt{d_u}} - \frac{g(v)}{\sqrt{d_v}}$  measures flow imbalance between neighbors  $u$  and  $v$ 
  - How much of the quantity  $g(u)$  node  $u$  can transfer to  $v$  minus the amount the  $v$  transfers to  $u$
  - This imbalance tells us how well nodes communicate in the graph
  - Node embedding at step  $t$  is:

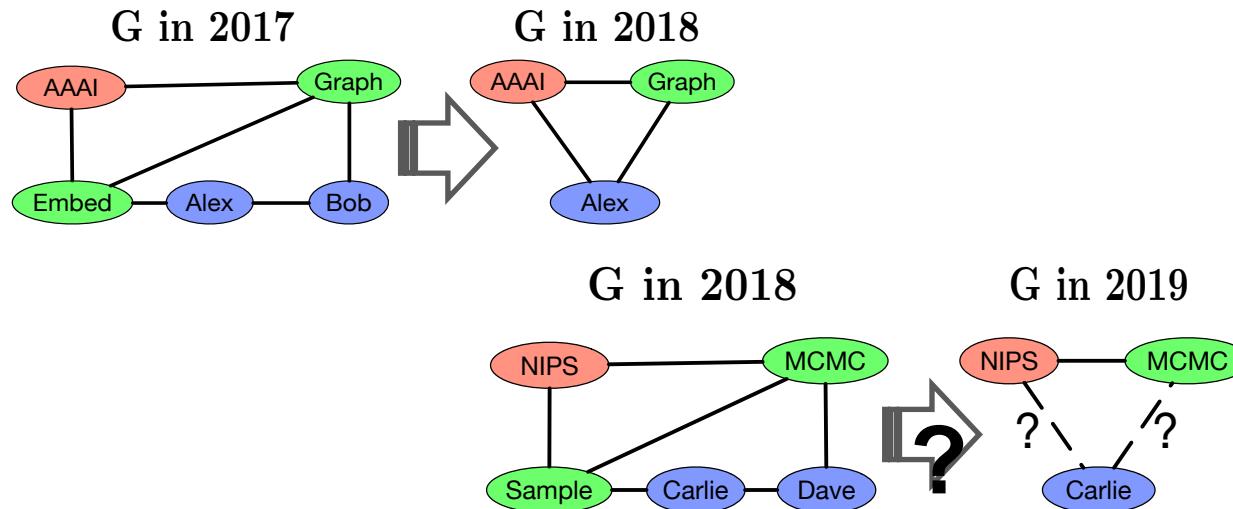
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# Subgraph Prediction Tasks

# Inductive Prediction of Complex Relationships

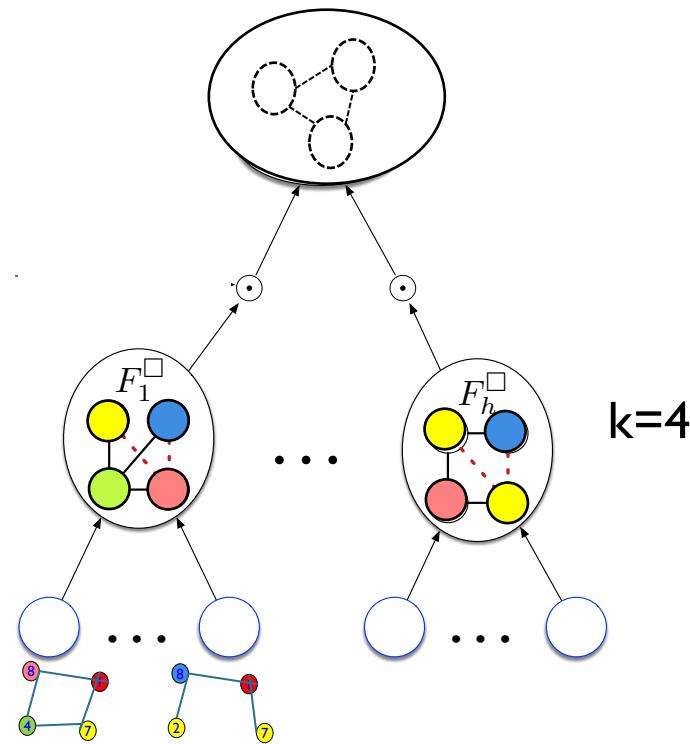
- Heterogeneous Relationships Evolving over Time



- Goal: Predict Relationship Evolution
  - More Accurate Multi-entity Predictions
    - Existing methods tend to perform no better than random guesses
  - Only existing technique: Subgraph Pattern Neural Network

# Subgraph Pattern Convolutional Neural Network

neural network  
structure represents  
relationships  
between subgraphs  
in the larger network



To train this model we need to sample  $k$ -node subgraphs from a very large graph.  
Using sampling it takes about 4 min in a 100,000 node graph with  $k=4$

J. Meng, C.M. Sekar, B. Ribeiro, J. Neville, *Predicting Subgraph Evolution in Heterogeneous Dynamic Networks*, AAAI 2018

# SPNN: Node Embeddings Bad for Subgraph Tasks

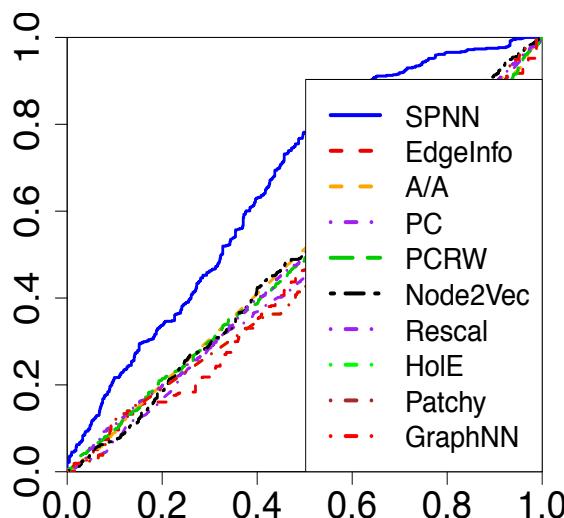
**Results:** Better subgraph prediction accuracy in 7 tasks (showing 2 here)

**(b) Activity Level Prediction, (c) Group dissolution**

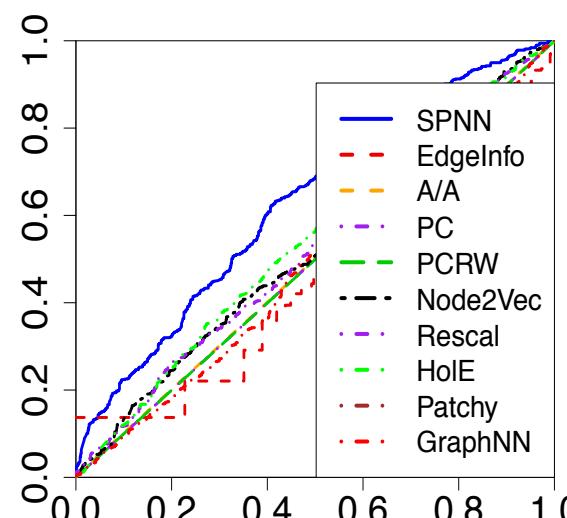
**Baselines:** Adamic–Adar ,EdgeInfo, PC, PCRW, Node2Vec, Rescal, HolE, Patchy, GraphNN

		Jointly Trained Multi-Link Task								<b>SPNN</b>
		EdgeInfo	PCRW	PC	N2V	Rescal	HolE	Patchy	GraphNN	
AUC score	DBLP	0.830	0.782	0.788	0.582	0.611	0.690	0.627	0.571	<b>0.846</b>
		±0.007	±0.007	±0.014	±0.007	±0.025	±0.024	±0.003	±0.021	±0.011
	Friendster (Activity)	0.502	0.516	0.515	0.524	0.502	0.506	0.519	0.521	<b>0.690</b>
	Friendster (Structure)	0.501	0.502	0.552	0.540	0.521	0.530	0.547	0.523	<b>0.607</b>
		±0.007	±0.012	±0.012	±0.018	±0.012	±0.013	±0.010	±0.023	±0.008
		±0.004	±0.002	±0.019	±0.017	±0.017	±0.021	±0.025	±0.019	±0.017

ROC curve



(b) Friendster Activity



(c) Friendster Structure

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## Extra: Graph Laplacian and Clustering

# Graph Laplacian: applied over vertex values

For any real values  $g$  defined over the vertices

$$\langle g, \mathcal{L}g \rangle = \sum_{(u,v) \in E} \left( \frac{g(u)}{\sqrt{d_u}} - \frac{g(v)}{\sqrt{d_v}} \right)^2, \text{ where } g = \begin{pmatrix} g(v_1) \\ g(v_2) \\ g(v_3) \\ g(v_4) \end{pmatrix}$$

Inner product

Special  $g$  functions: The  $k$ -th eigenvector is a special function

$$\lambda_k g_k = \mathcal{L}g_k$$

And

$$\langle g_k, \mathcal{L}g_k \rangle = \langle g_k, \lambda_k g_k \rangle = \lambda_k \langle g_k, g_k \rangle$$

From which we have

$$\lambda_k = \frac{\sum_{(u,v) \in E} \left( \frac{g_k(u)}{\sqrt{d_u}} - \frac{g_k(v)}{\sqrt{d_v}} \right)^2}{\sum_v g_k(v)^2}$$

# Graph Laplacian eigenvalues

$$\lambda_k = \frac{\sum_{(u,v) \in E} \left( \frac{g_k(u)}{\sqrt{d_u}} - \frac{g_k(v)}{\sqrt{d_v}} \right)^2}{\sum_v g_k(v)^2}$$

Assume  $\lambda_0 \leq \lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_{n-1}$  and  $\|g_k\| = 1$

## Properties of the eigenvalues

- All non-negative

- $\lambda_0 = ?$

- Zero

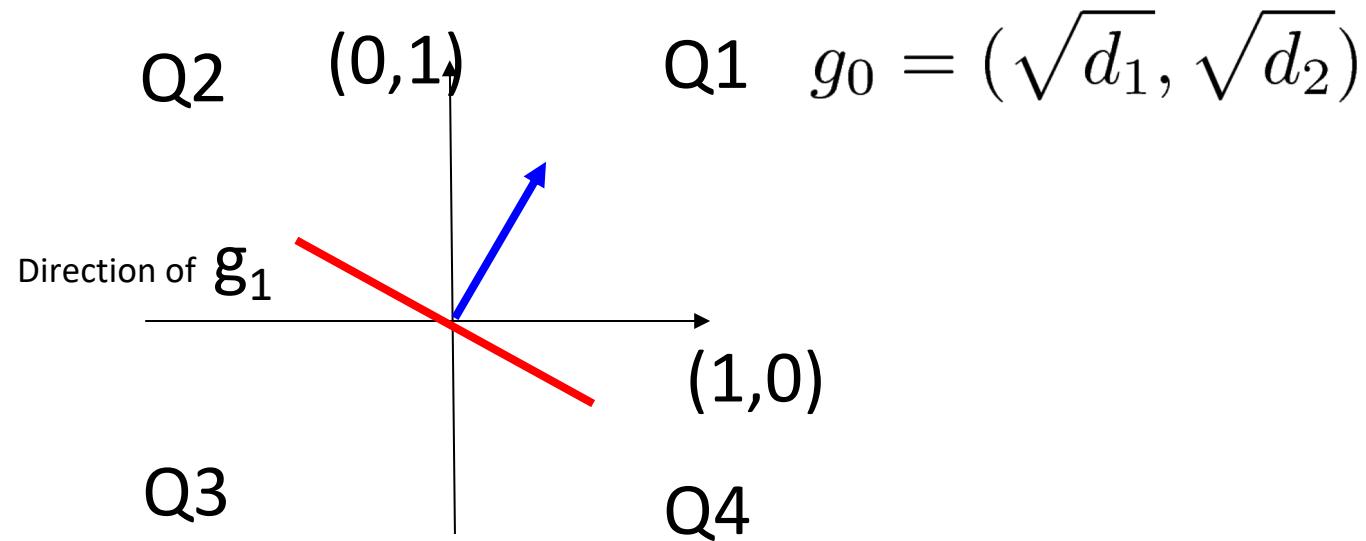
- $g_0 = ?$

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# Properties of $\lambda_1$

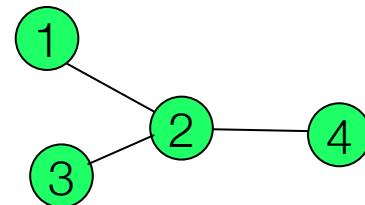
$$\lambda_1 = \inf_{g_1 \perp g_0} \frac{\sum_{(u,v) \in E} \left( \frac{g_1(u)}{\sqrt{d_u}} - \frac{g_1(v)}{\sqrt{d_v}} \right)^2}{\sum_v g_1(v)^2}$$

Geometric interpretation of  $g_1$  (in 2D) [we will use this later]



# Properties of zero-valued eigenvalues

- If  $\lambda_i = 0$  and  $\lambda_{i+1} > 0$  then G has exactly  $i+1$  connected components
  - Why?



$$\lambda_k = \frac{\sum_{(u,v) \in E} \left( \frac{g_k(u)}{\sqrt{d_u}} - \frac{g_k(v)}{\sqrt{d_v}} \right)^2}{\sum_v g_k(v)^2}$$

- 1) Divide G into  $i+1$  connected graphs  $G_k$ ,  $k=1,..,i+1$
- 2) Eigenvectors of  $G_k$  have dimension  $< n$  and are of the form  $g_0^{(k)}(u) = \sqrt{d_u}$
- 3) G has an eigenvector of dimension  $n$ :  $g_0(u) = \sqrt{d_u}$
- 4) Can we create  $i$  eigenvectors that are perpendicular to  $g_0$  whose eigenvalues are all zero?

$$g_k = \alpha(0, 0, \sqrt{d_3}, 0) + \beta(\sqrt{d_1}, \sqrt{d_2}, 0, \sqrt{d_4})$$

$$\langle g_0, g_k \rangle = \alpha d_3 + \beta(d_1 + d_2 + d_4) = 0$$

# Smallest non-zero eigenvalue

Assume  $G$  is **connected**

$$\lambda_1 = \inf_{g_1 \perp g_0} \frac{\sum_{(u,v) \in E} \left( \frac{g_1(u)}{\sqrt{d_u}} - \frac{g_1(v)}{\sqrt{d_v}} \right)^2}{\sum_v g_1(v)^2}$$

Another formulation is

$$\lambda_1 = \min \sum_{(u,v) \in E} \left( \frac{x_u}{d_u} - \frac{x_v}{d_v} \right)^2$$

s.t.  $\sum_i x_i = 0$  , and  
 $\|x\| = |V|$

where

$$g_1(i) = \frac{x_i}{\sqrt{d_i}}$$

Recall our **geometric remark about  $g_1$** ?

# Minimum cut problem

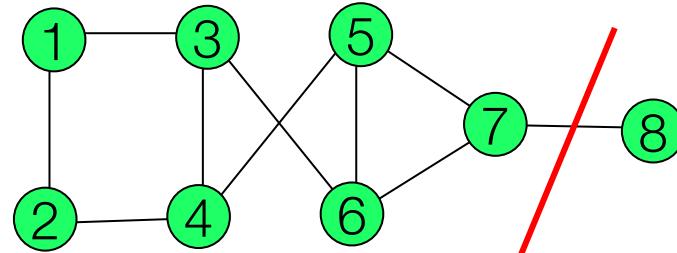
$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_G = \min \quad & \sum_{(u,v) \in E} (x_u - x_v)^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_i x_i = 0, \quad \text{and} \\ & x_i \in \{-1, 1\}\end{aligned}$$

## Semi-definite relaxation

$$\begin{aligned}\min \quad & \sum_{(u,v) \in E} (x_u - x_v)^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_i x_i = 0, \quad \text{and} \\ & x_i \in [-1, 1]\end{aligned}$$

# Clustering and the MinCut problem

- Clustering can be seen as a MinCut problem



- MinCut is easy to solve
  - What is the problem with MinCut?

Clusters should be “reasonably large”

- Addressing the problem  $\text{Ncut}(A_1, \dots, A_k) = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\text{cut}(A_i, \overline{A}_i)}{\sum_{v \in A_i} d_v}$

# Minimum Ncut partition

Let  $\text{vol}(A) = \sum_{v \in A} d_v$

$$\text{Ncut}(A_1, \dots, A_k) = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\text{cut}(A_i, \overline{A}_i)}{\text{vol}(A_i)}$$

With two partitions

$$\min_A \left\{ \frac{\text{cut}(A; \overline{A})}{\text{vol}(A)} + \frac{\text{cut}(A; \overline{A})}{\text{vol}(\overline{A})} \right\}$$

Ncut is the conductance of the graph  $\Phi_G$

# Conductance & Laplacian

Let  $\alpha = \frac{\text{vol}(\bar{A})}{\text{vol}(A)}$  and

$$g'(v) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{d_v \alpha} & \text{if } v \in A \\ -\sqrt{d_v \alpha^{-1}} & \text{if } v \in \bar{A} \end{cases}$$

$$\langle g', \mathcal{L}g' \rangle = \sum_{(u,v) \in E} \left( \frac{g'(u)}{\sqrt{d_u}} - \frac{g'(v)}{\sqrt{d_v}} \right)^2$$

# Conductance & Laplacian

$$\begin{aligned}\langle g', \mathcal{L}g' \rangle &= \sum_{(u,v) \in E} \left( \frac{g'(u)}{\sqrt{d_u}} - \frac{g'(v)}{\sqrt{d_v}} \right)^2 = \\ &= \sum_{(u,v) \in E(A)} \left( \alpha^{1/2} - \alpha^{1/2} \right)^2 + \sum_{(u,v) \in E(\bar{A})} \left( -\alpha^{-1/2} + \alpha^{-1/2} \right)^2 + \\ &\quad \sum_{(u,v) \in E(A, \bar{A})} \left( \alpha^{1/2} + \alpha^{-1/2} \right)^2 = \\ &= \sum_{(u,v) \in E(A, \bar{A})} (\alpha + 2 + \alpha^{-1}) = \delta(A, \bar{A})(\alpha + 2 + \alpha^{-1}) =\end{aligned}$$

(cont...)

$$\text{cut}(A, \overline{A})(\alpha + 2 + \alpha^{-1}) =$$

$$= \text{cut}(A, \overline{A})\left(\frac{\text{vol}(A)}{\text{vol}(\overline{A})} + \frac{\text{vol}(\overline{A})}{\text{vol}(A)} + 2\right)$$

$$= \text{cut}(A, \overline{A})\left(\frac{\text{vol}(A) + \text{vol}(\overline{A})}{\text{vol}(\overline{A})} + \frac{\text{vol}(\overline{A}) + \text{vol}(A)}{\text{vol}(A)}\right)$$

$$= \text{vol}(V) \text{Ncut}(A, \overline{A})$$

# Find two cluster with minimal Ncut

Traditional definition:

$$\min_A \left( \frac{\text{cut}(A, \bar{A})}{\text{vol}(A)} + \frac{\text{cut}(A, \bar{A})}{\text{vol}(\bar{A})} \right)$$

Alternate definition:

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_A \langle g', \mathcal{L}g' \rangle \\ & \text{s.t. } g' \perp g_0, \\ & \|g'\| = \text{vol}(V), \end{aligned}$$

**where**

$$g'(v) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{d_v \alpha} & \text{if } v \in \bar{A} \\ -\sqrt{d_v \alpha^{-1}} & \text{if } v \in A \end{cases} \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha = \frac{\text{vol}(\bar{A})}{\text{vol}(A)}$$

# Relax minimal Ncut problem

Allowing  $g'$  to be real valued

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{g'} \langle g', \mathcal{L}_{g'} \rangle \\ & \text{s.t. } g' \perp g_0, \text{ and} \\ & \|g'\| = \text{vol}(V) \end{aligned}$$

**Warning:** There is no guarantee on the approximation ratio

Drineas' CUR technique? Chooses  $g'$  from columns of  $A$ .