On Laplacian Eigenmaps for Dimensionality Reduction

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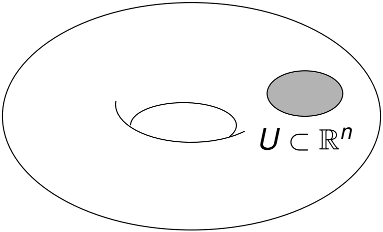

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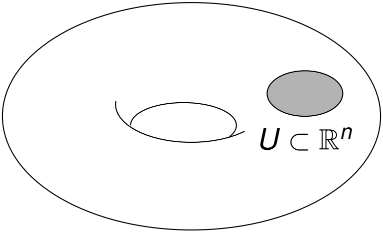

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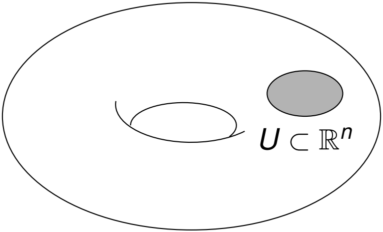

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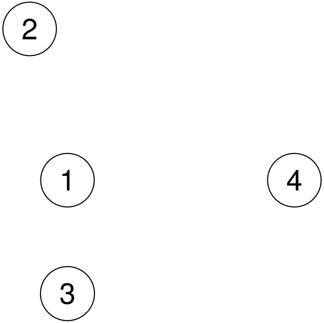

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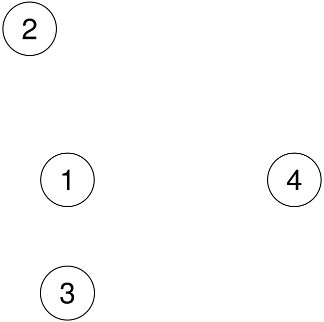

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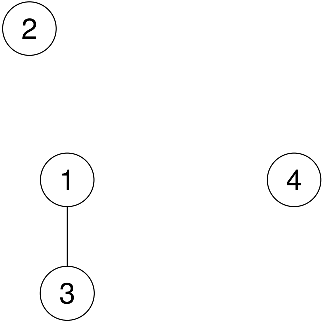

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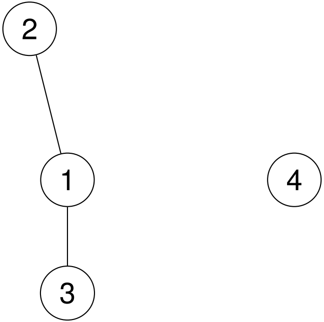

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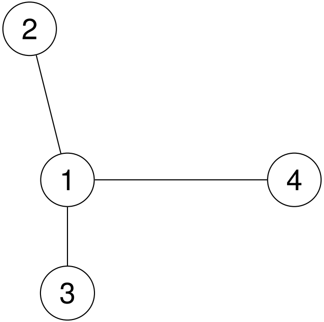

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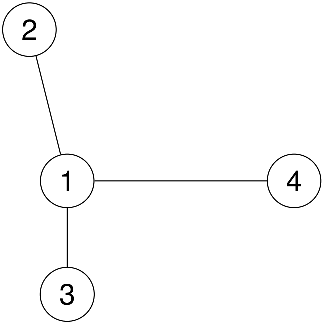

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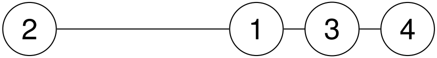

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4. **Construct Embedding**. Let $f_0, f_1, \cdots, f_{k-1}$ be the corresponding eigenvectors ordered according to their eigenvalues ($\lambda_0 = 0$). For $m < N$, set

$$F(i) := (f_1(i), \cdots, f_m(i)).$$

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Examples: Scikit-Learn

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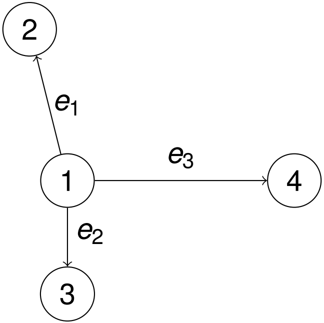
The Graph Laplacian as a Differential Operator



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