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MCS/MINF/MAI Master Course – High-Performance Computing

# **Parallel Graph-Partitioning on HPC Architectures**

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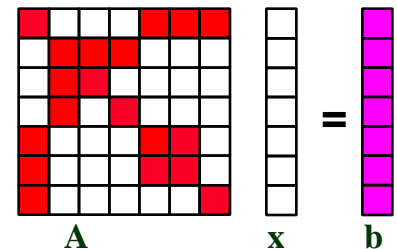
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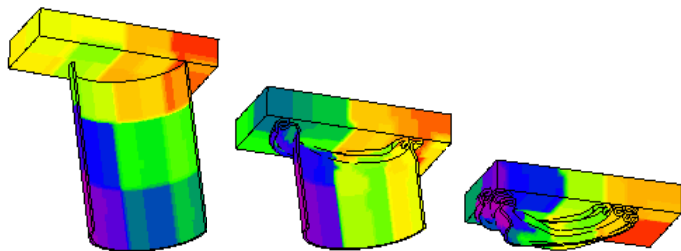
# Partitioning and Load Balancing

- **Goal:** assign data to processors to
  - minimize parallel application runtime
  - maximize utilization of computing resources
- **Metrics:**
  - minimize processor idle time (balance workloads)
  - keep inter-processor communication costs low
- Impacts performance of a wide range of simulations

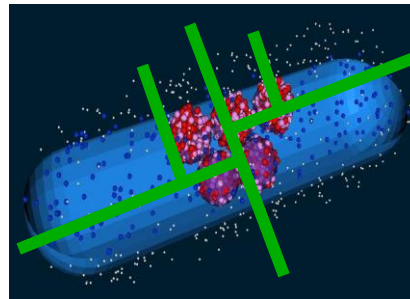


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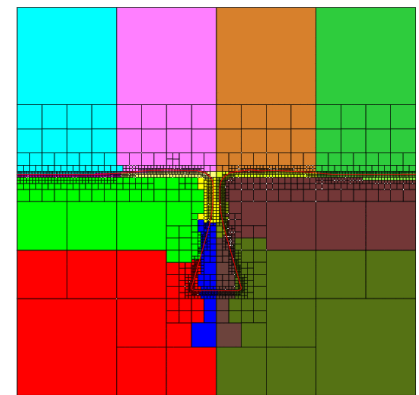
Linear solvers & preconditioners



Contact detection



Particle simulations



Adaptive mesh refinement

# Graph Partitioning

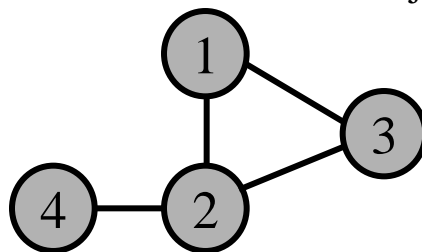
- Work-horse of load-balancing community.
- **Highly successful model for PDE problems.**
- Model problem as a graph:
  - vertices = work associated with data (computation)
  - edges = relationships between data/computation (communication)
- Goal: Evenly distribute vertex weight while minimizing weight of cut edges.
- **Excellent software available**
  - METIS (U. Minnesota)



George Karypis (top), an Amazon senior principal scientist, and Vipin Kumar, a University of Minnesota professor, have been awarded the SC21 Test of Time Award for a 1998 paper they coauthored which presented algorithms that have subsequently been applied in diverse application domains, from electronic design automation tools for field programmable gate arrays, to determining state-level electoral districts in the United States.

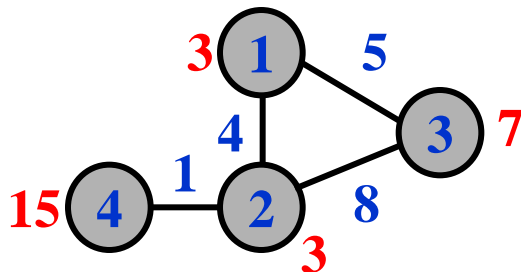
# Definition of Graph

- Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$  with
  - Vertices  $V = \{ v_i \mid i=1, \dots, n \}$
  - Edges  $E = \{ e_{ij} \mid v_i \text{ and } v_j \text{ are connected} \}$



$$V = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4 \} \quad E = \{ (1,2), (1,3), (2,3), (2,4) \}$$

- A weighted graph  $G = (V, E, W_v, W_e)$  has **node weights** and **edge weights**
  - $W_v = \{ w_v(v_i) \mid v_i \in V \}$  („weight of vertices“).
  - $W_e = \{ w_e(e_{ij}) \mid e_{ij} \in E \}$  („weight of edges“).



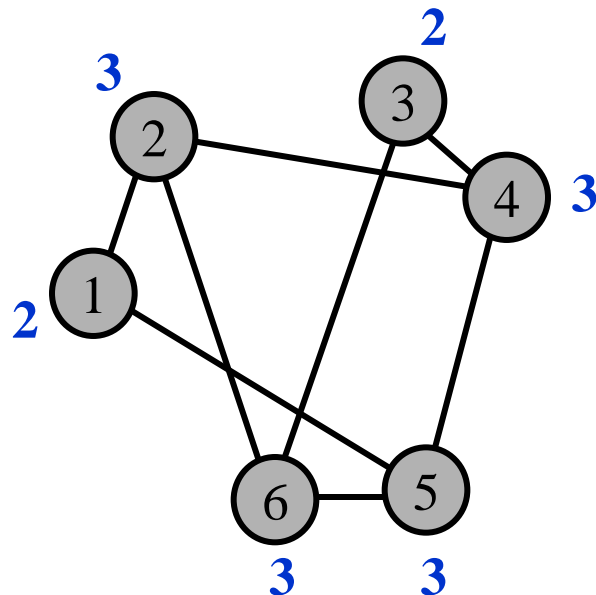
$$W_v = \{ 3, 3, 7, 15 \}, \quad W_e = \{ 4, 5, 8, 1 \}$$

# Examples for Graphs

- Symmetric sparse matrix and Graph  $G_A$

$$A =$$

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	1	1			7	
2	8	6		1		1
3			3	1		1
4		5	1	2	1	
5	2			1	5	1
6		1	5		1	1



- $G_A = (V, E, W_v, W_e); V = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\},$

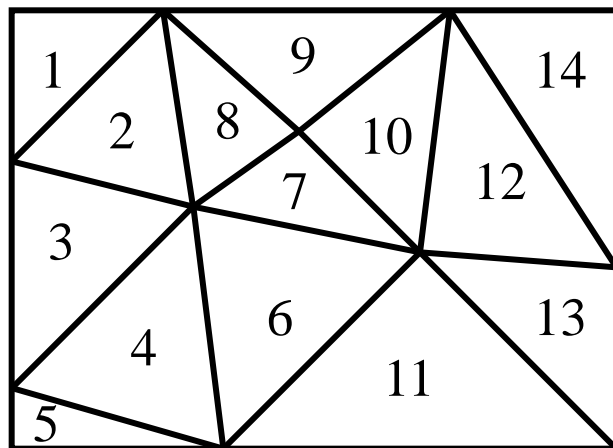
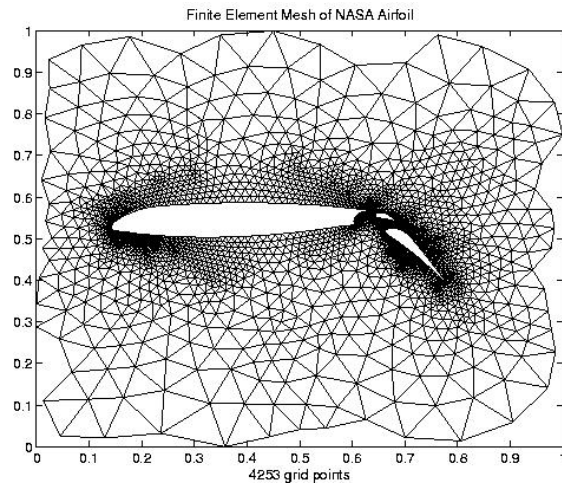
$$E = \{ (1,2), (1,5), (2,4), (2,6), (3,4), (3,6), (4,5), (5,6) \}$$

$$W_v = \{2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 3\} \text{ e.g. numbers of nonzeros in each row}$$

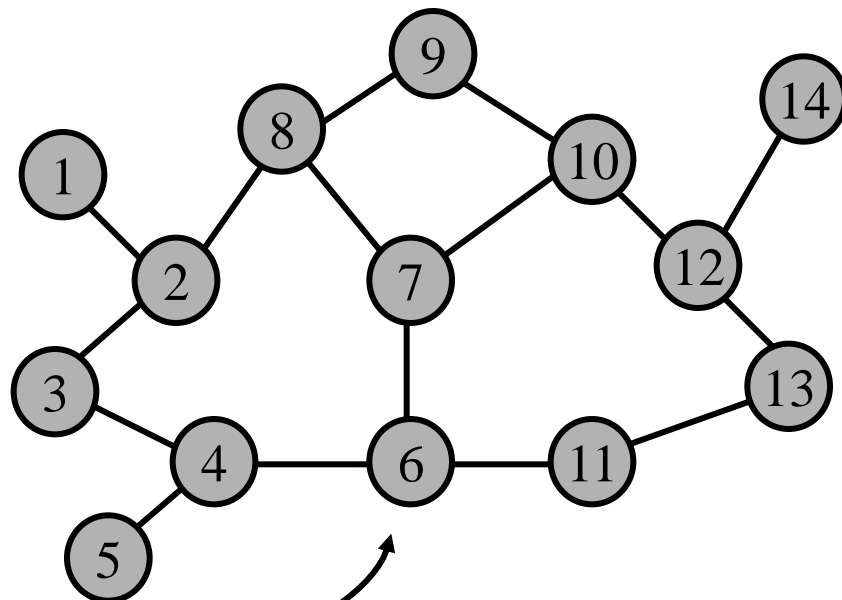
$$W_e = \{1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1\}$$

# Examples for Graphs

- Finite-Element Simulations



Finite-Element Mesh



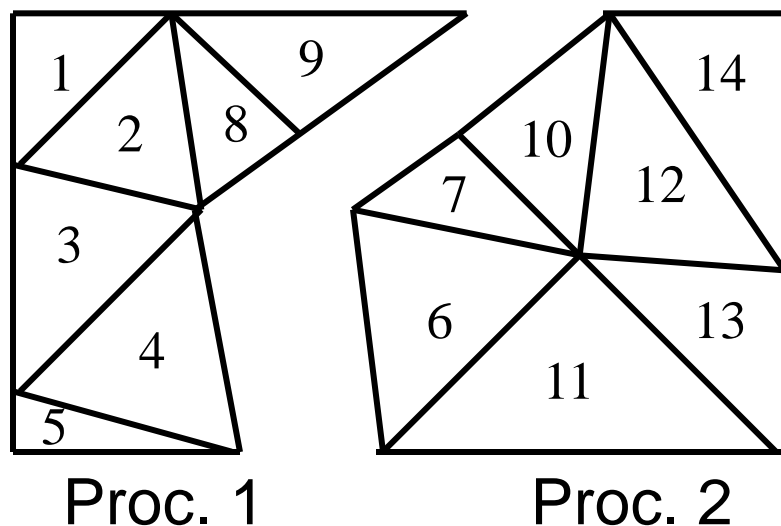
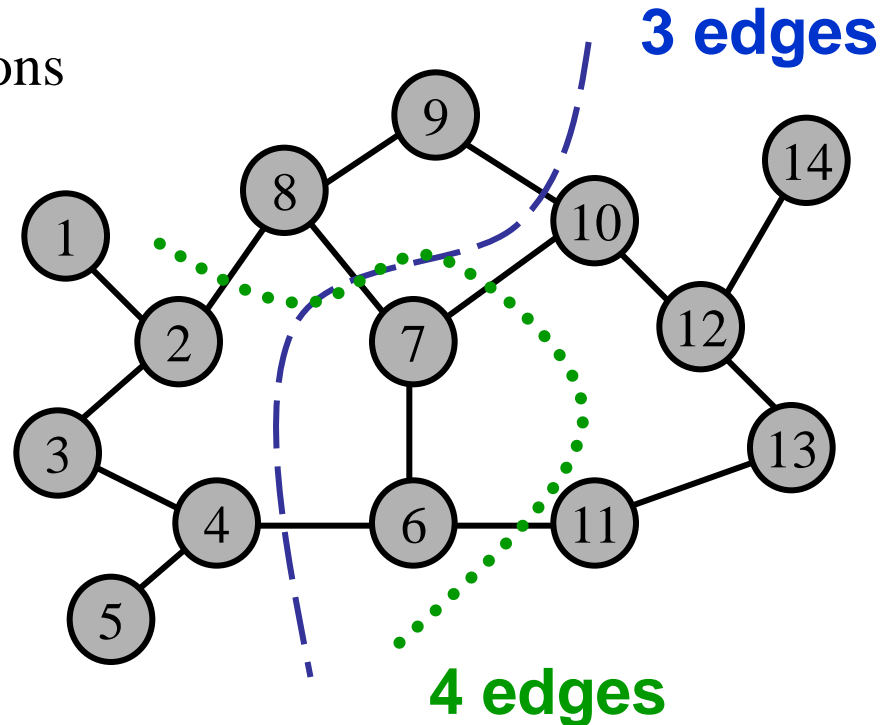
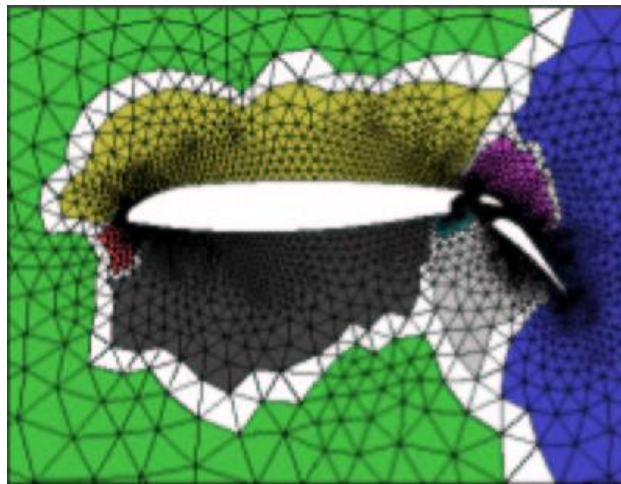
$$G_{FE} = (V, E), V = \{1, \dots, 14\}$$

$$E = \{(1,2), \dots, (12,14)\}$$

$$W_e \equiv 1, W_v \equiv 1$$

# Examples for Graph Partitioning

- Parallel Finite-Element Simulations



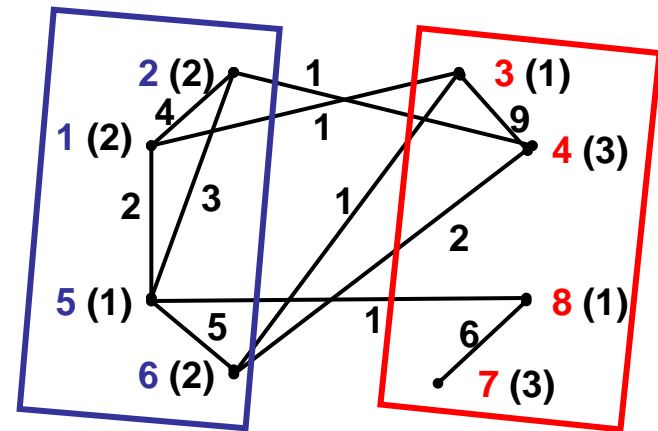
A good partitioning  $G_{FE}$  results in

- equal #elements/processor („load“ and „storage balancing“).
- Minimal #edges between P1 and P2 (minimal communication volume).



# Definition of Graph Partitioning: Bisection

- Given a graph  $G = (V, E, W_V, W_E)$ 
  - $V$  = nodes (or vertices)
  - $E$  = edges



- Choose a partition  $V = V_1 \cup V_2$  such that:  
The sum of the node in each  $V_j$  is “about the same”

$$V = V_1 \cup V_2, \quad V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset, \quad |V_1| = |V_2|$$

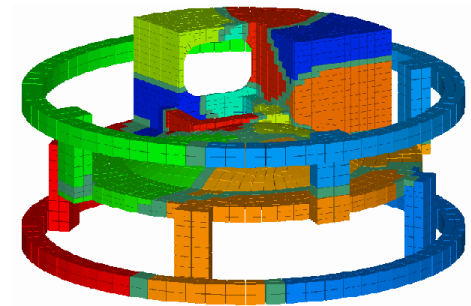
The sum of edge connecting pairs  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  is minimized

$$\min |\{e_{ij} \in E \mid v_i \in V_1 \text{ und } v_j \in V_2\}|$$

# Heuristics — Overview of Bisection Algorithms

- Partitioning with nodal coordinates — e.g. each node has x,y,z coordinates → partition space

Algorithms: **Recursive Coordinate Bisection**  
**Inertial Partitioning**

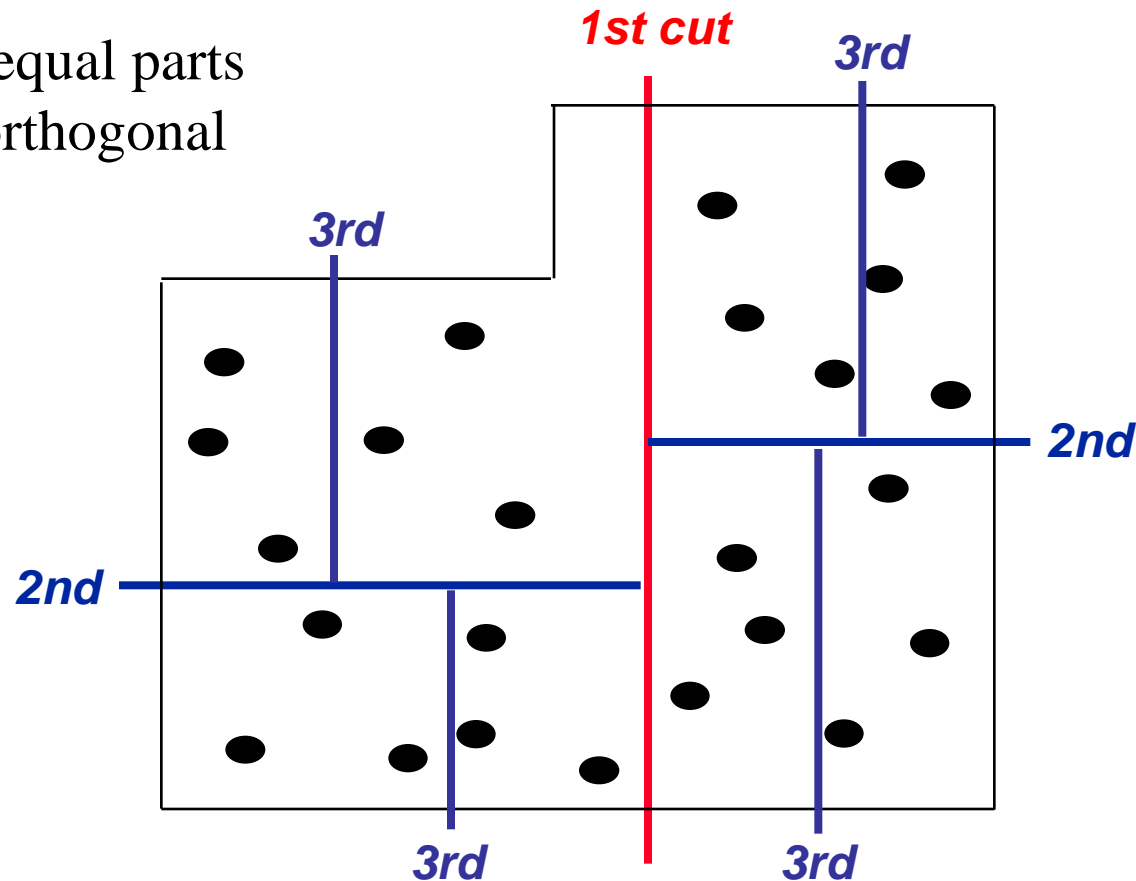


- Partitioning without Nodal Coordinates — e.g. indexing of web documents  $A(j,k) = \# \text{ times keyword } j \text{ appears in URL } k$

Algorithms: **Fiduccia-Matteyes**  
**Spectral Methods**

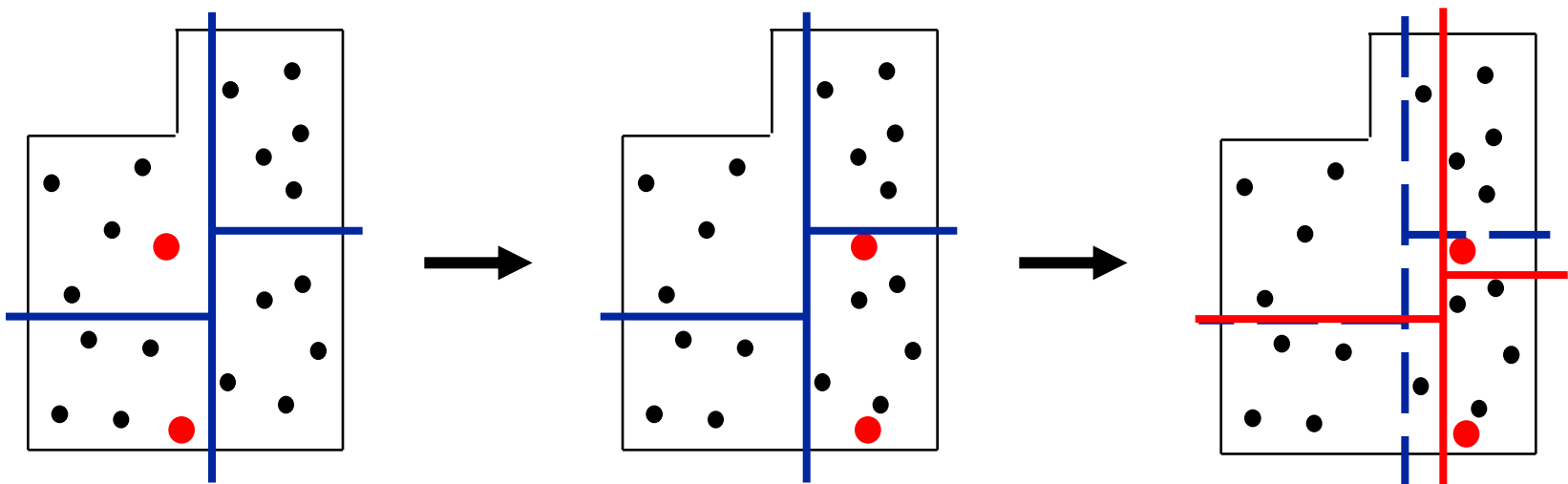
- Multilevel acceleration
  - Approximate problem by “coarse graph,” do so recursively

- Developed by Berger & Bokhari (1987)
  - Independently discovered by others.
- Idea:
  - Divide work into two equal parts using a cutting plane orthogonal to a coordinate axis.
  - Recursively cut the resulting subdomains.



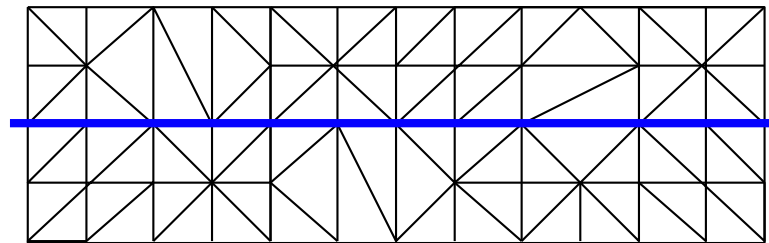
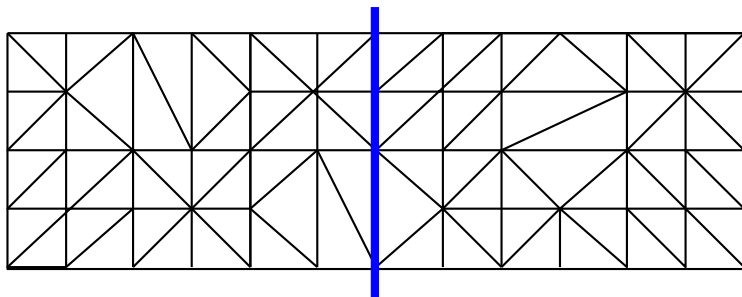
# Nodal Coordinates — RCB Advantages

- Conceptually simple; fast and inexpensive.
- Regular subdomains.
  - Can be used for structured or unstructured applications.
- Effective when connectivity info is not available.
- **Incremental, but no control** of communication costs.

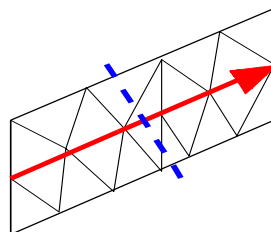
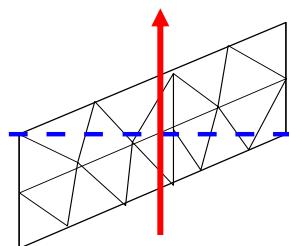
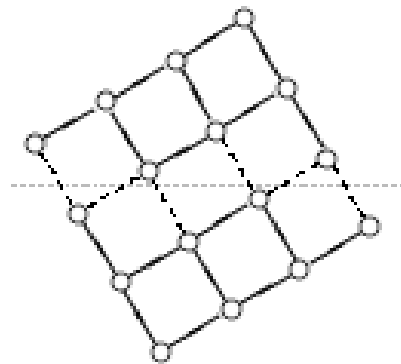
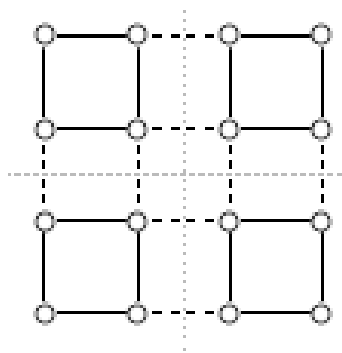
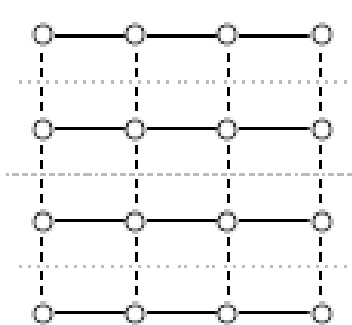


# Nodal Coordinates — Coordinate Bisection

- Partition the domain along hyperplanes with node coordinates



- Change the coordinate systems



Good choice of coordinate  
system leads to  
inertial bisection

# Nodal Coordinates — Inertial Partitioning

- Choose a line  $L$ , and then choose a line  $H$  orthogonal to it, with half the nodes on either side

**(1) Center of mass:  $x_m, y_m$**

**(2) Choose a line  $L$  through the points:**

$L$  given by  $a*(x-x_m)+b*(y-y_m)=0$   
with  $a^2+b^2=1$ ;  $(a, b)$  is a unit  
vector orthogonal to  $L$

**(3) Project each point to the line**

For each  $n_j = (x_j, y_j)$  compute coordinate

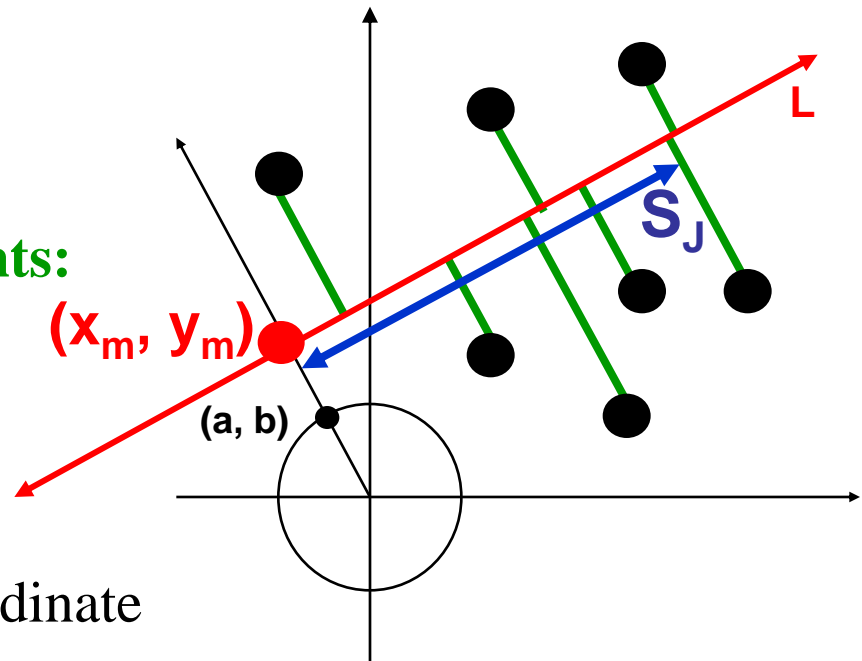
$S_j = -b*(x_j-x_m) + a*(y_j-y_m)$  along  $L$

**(4) Compute the median**

– Let  $S_k = \text{median}(S_1, \dots, S_n)$

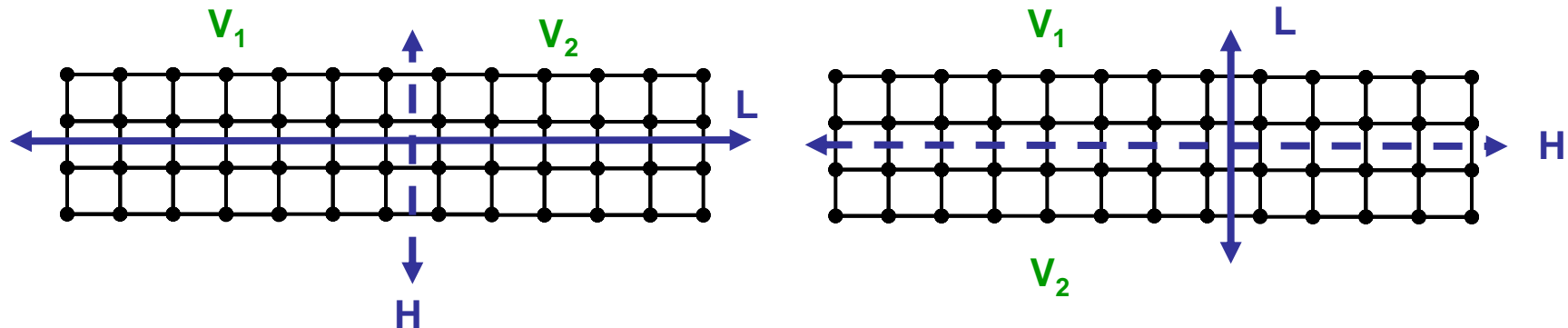
**(5) Use median to partition the nodes**

– Let nodes with  $S_j < S_m$  be in  $V_1$ , rest in  $V_2$



# Nodal Coordinates — Inertial Partitioning, Choosing L

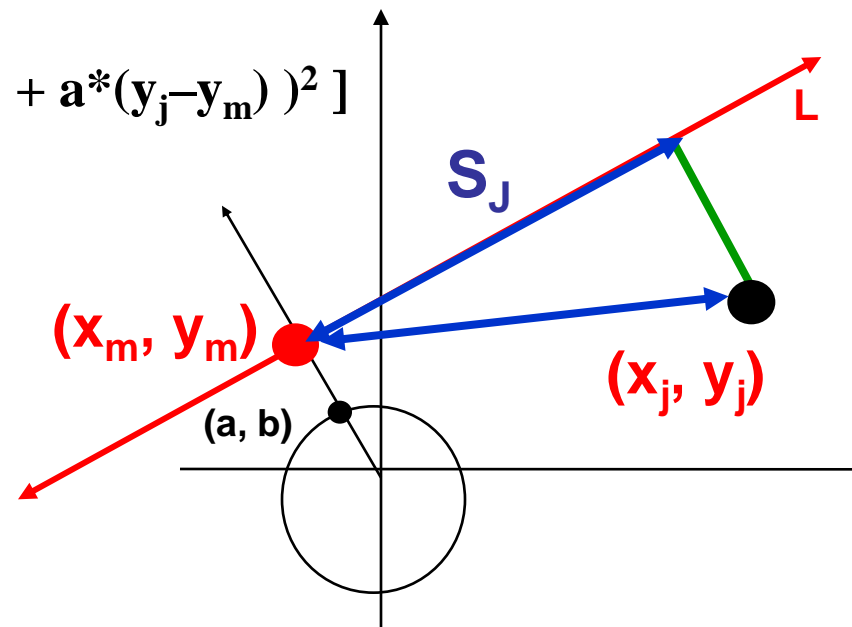
- Clearly prefer L on left below



- Mathematically, choose L to be a **total least squares fit of the nodes**
  - Minimize sum of squares of distances to L (green lines on last slide)
  - Equivalent to choosing L as axis of rotation that minimizes the moment of inertia of nodes (unit weights) - source of name

# Nodal Coordinates — Inertial Partitioning, Choosing L

- $\sum_j (\text{length of } j\text{-th green line})^2$   
 $= \sum_j [ (x_j - x_m)^2 + (y_j - y_m)^2 - ( -b*(x_j - x_m) + a*(y_j - y_m) )^2 ]$   
 ... **Pythagorean Theorem**



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (1 - b^2) * \sum_j (x_j - x_m)^2 + 2*a*b* \sum_j (x_j - x_m)*(y_j - y_m) + (1-a^2) \sum_j (y_j - y_m)^2 \\
 &= a^2 * \sum_j (x_j - x_m)^2 + 2*a*b* \sum_j (x_j - x_m)*(y_j - y_m) + b^2 \sum_j (y_j - y_m)^2 \\
 &= a^2 * \begin{matrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \end{matrix} + 2*a*b* \begin{matrix} X_2 \\ X_3 \end{matrix} + b^2 * \begin{matrix} X_3 \end{matrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} a & b \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} X_1 & X_2 \\ X_2 & X_3 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \underline{\text{minimum}} = \lambda
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M u &= \lambda u \\
 u^T M u &= u^T \lambda u = \lambda u^T u = \lambda
 \end{aligned}$$

Minimizing  $\lambda$  ?

**Minimized** by choosing

$(x_m, y_m) = (\sum_j x_j, \sum_j y_j) / n = \text{center of mass}$

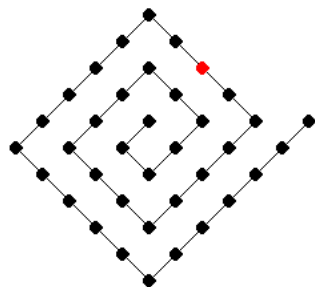
$(a, b) = \text{eigenvector of smallest eigenvalue of } 2 \times 2 \text{ matrix } M = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 & X_2 \\ X_2 & X_3 \end{bmatrix}$



# Nodal Coordinates — Summary

- Algorithms using nodal coordinates are efficient
- Rely on graphs having nodes connected (mostly) to “nearest neighbors” in space
  - algorithm does **not depend on where actual edges** are!
- Common when graph arises from physical model
- **Ignores edges**, but can be used as good starting guess for subsequent partitioners that do examine edges
- Can do very poorly if graph connection is not spatial

Example (graph that is not spatial connected)



In the printed version, the solutions can be found in the appendix

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**Fiduccia-Matteyes**

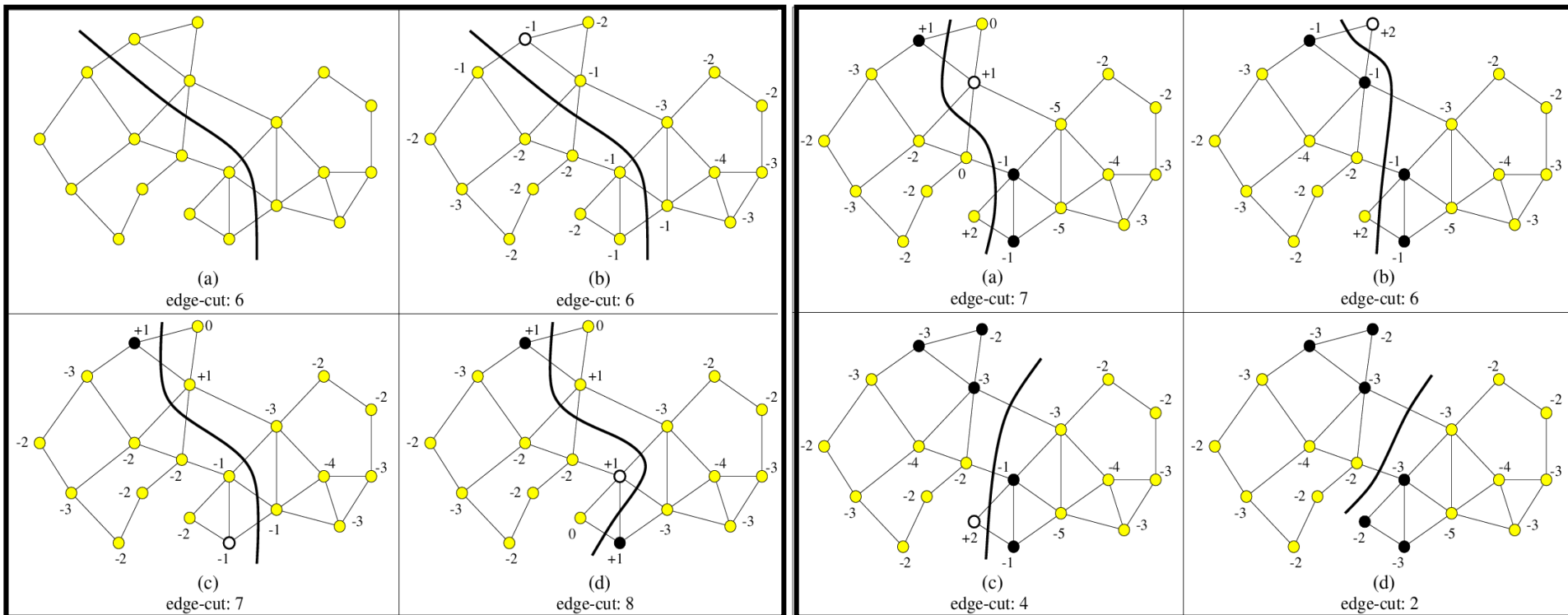
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# Coordinate-Free: Kernighan/Lin

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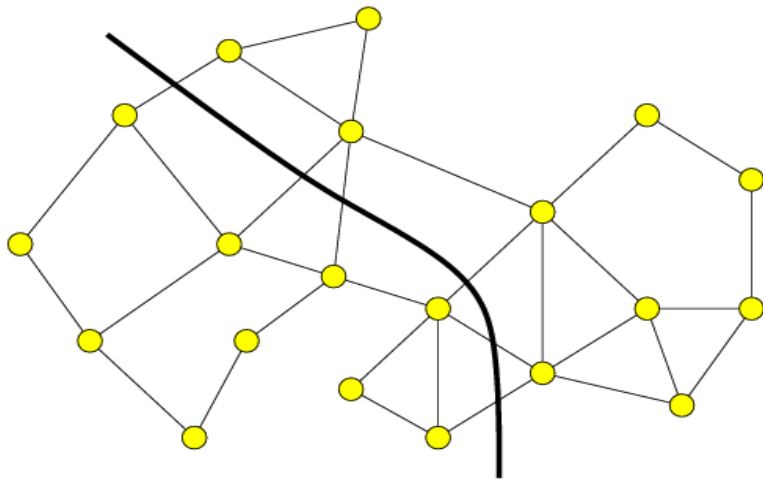
- Take a initial partition and iteratively improve it
  - Kernighan/Lin (1970), cost =  $O(|N|^3)$  but easy to understand
  - Fiduccia/Mattheyses (1982), cost =  $O(|E|)$ , much better, but more complicated
- Given  $G = (N, E, W_E)$  and a partitioning  $N = A \cup B$ , where  $|A| = |B|$ 
  - **$T = \text{cost}(A, B) = \sum \{W(e) \text{ where } e \text{ connects nodes in } A \text{ and } B\}$**
  - **Find subsets  $X$  of  $A$  and  $Y$  of  $B$  with  $|X| = |Y|$**
  - **Consider swapping  $X$  and  $Y$  if it decreases cost:**
    - $\text{newA} = (A - X) \cup Y$  and  $\text{newB} = (B - Y) \cup X$
    - $\text{newT} = \text{cost}(\text{newA}, \text{newB}) < T = \text{cost}(A, B)$
- Need to compute newT efficiently for many possible  $X$  and  $Y$ , choose smallest (best)

## • Example:

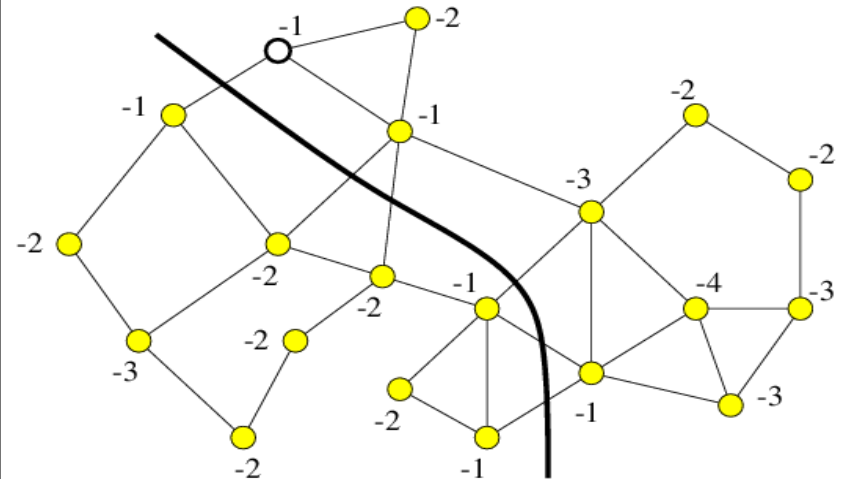


- All vertices  $v$  are marked with  $D(v)$  — Reduction of edge-cut.
- Load imbalance: 10% - therefore in iteration (c) the vertex marked with  $D(v) = +1$  can not move into other domain.

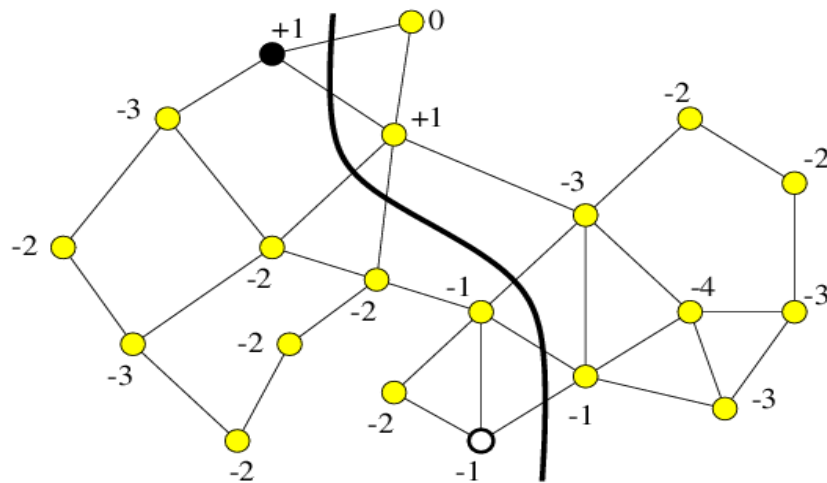
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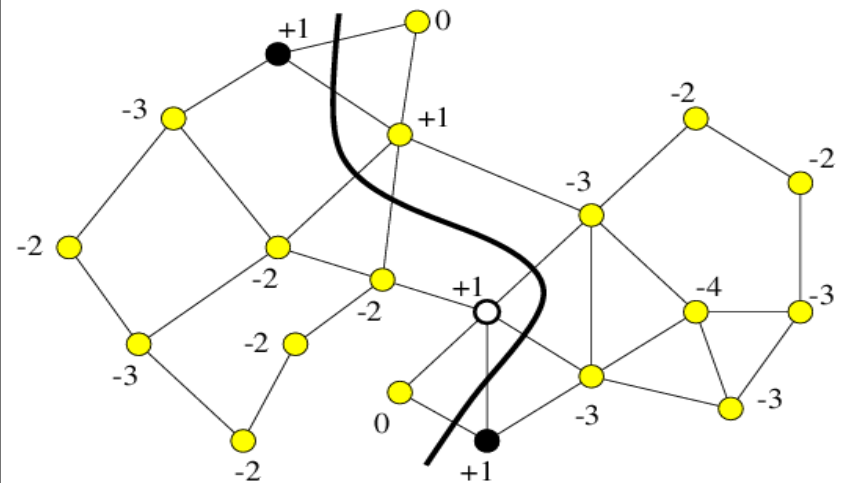
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edge-cut: 6



(b)  
edge-cut: 6

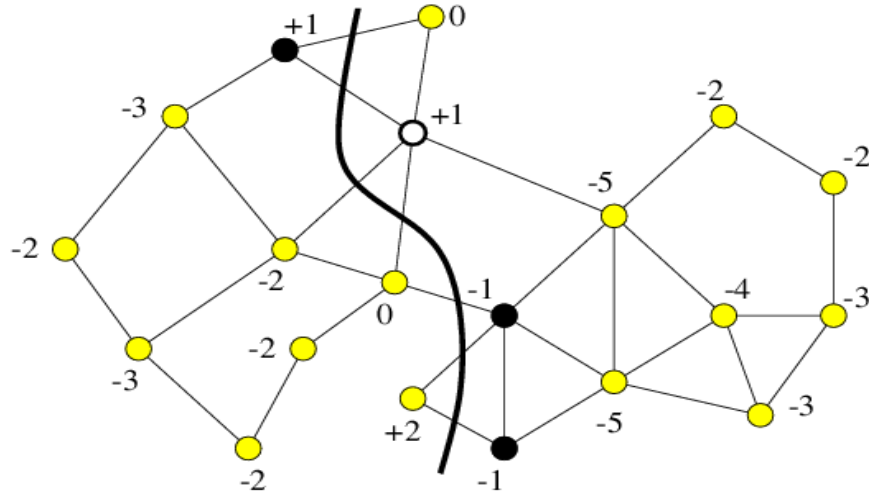


(c)  
edge-cut: 7

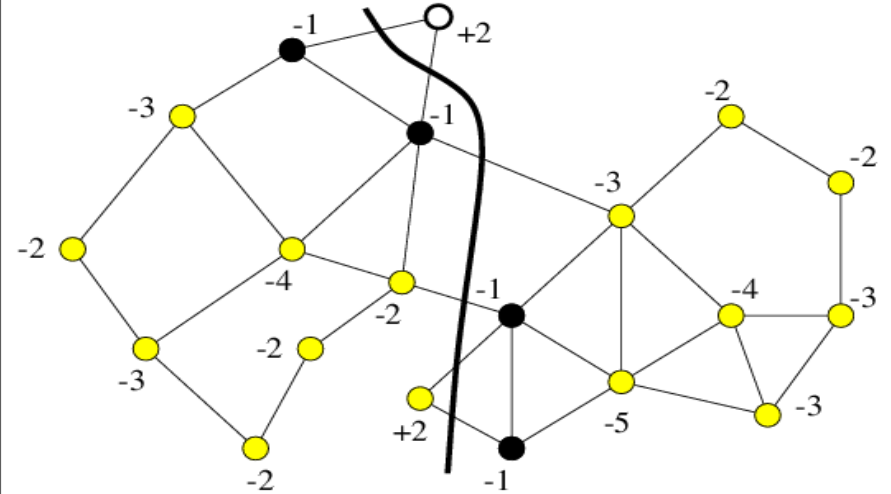


(d)  
edge-cut: 8

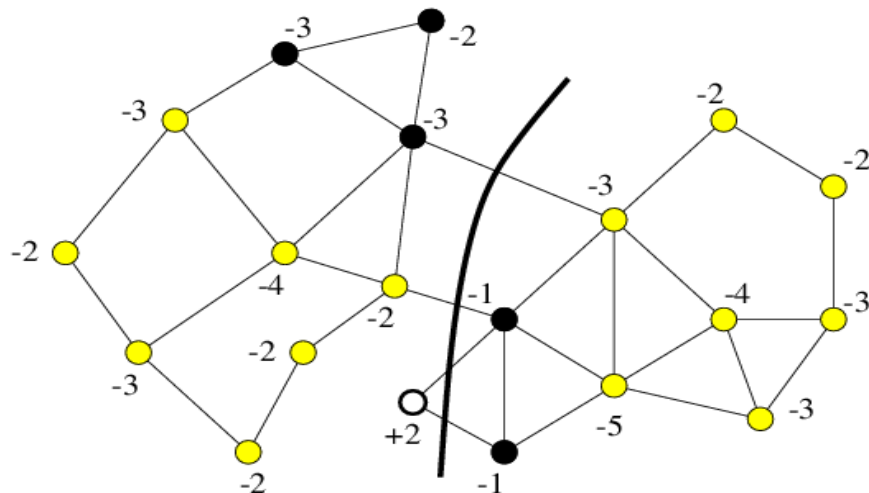
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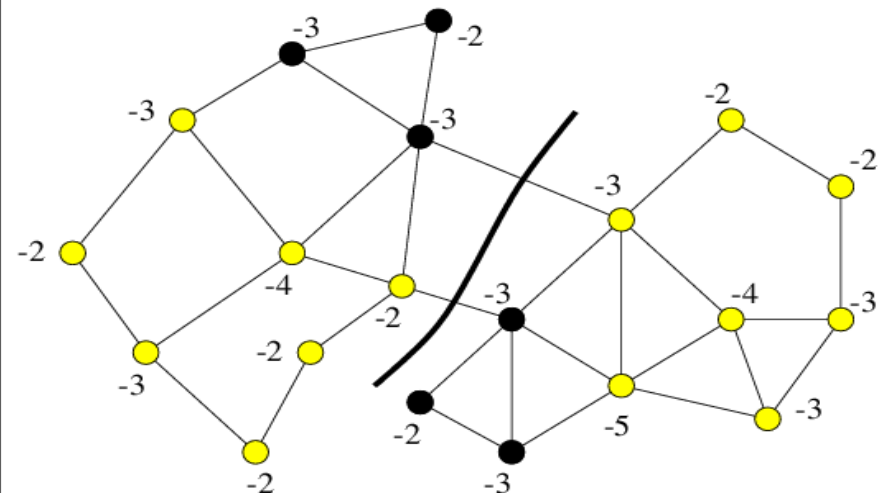
(a)  
edge-cut: 7



(b)  
edge-cut: 6



(c)  
edge-cut: 4



(d)  
edge-cut: 2

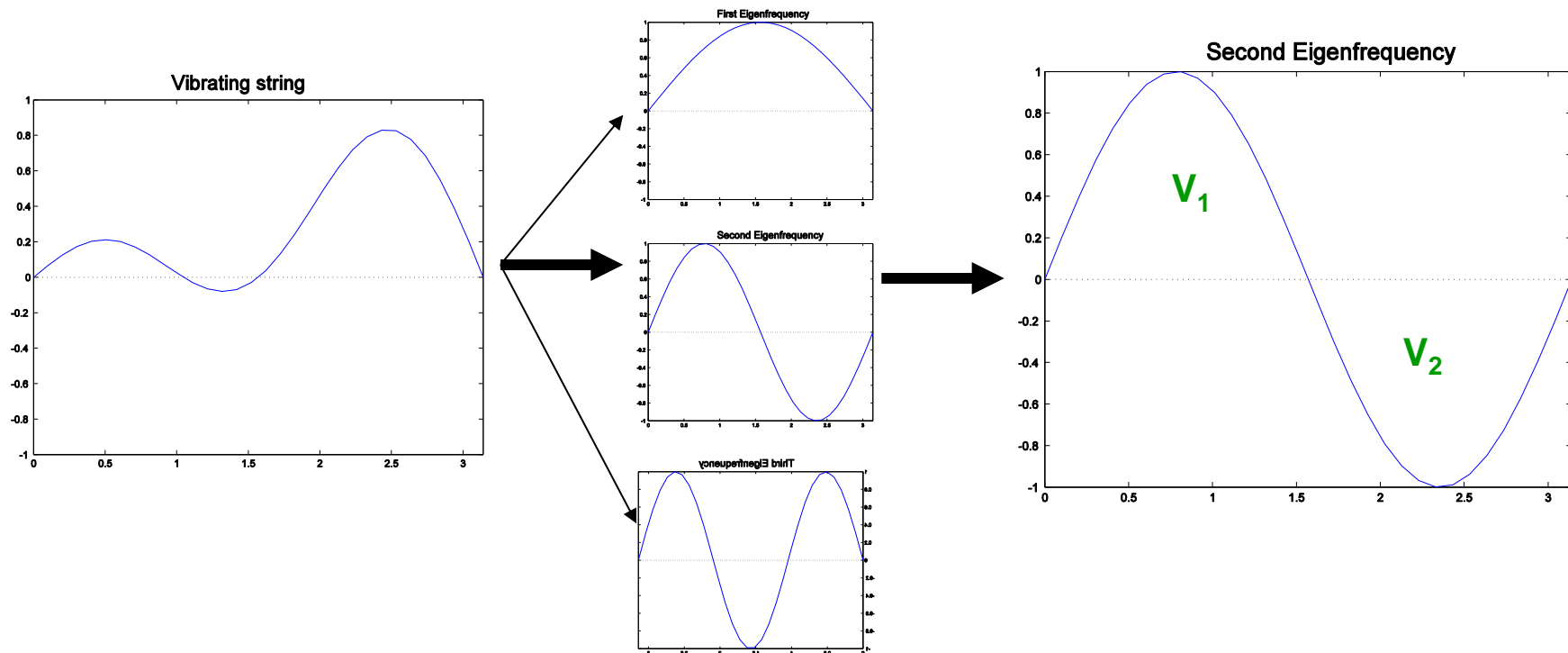
# Coordinate-Free — Spectral Methods

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- **Spectral methods** as an example for global partitioning algorithms
- Heavily use of Eigenvalue/Eigenvector analysis

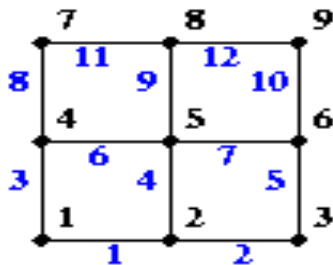
# Coordinate-Free — Spectral Methods

- Based on theory of Fiedler (1970s), popularized by Horst Simon (1995)
- First motivation with vibrating string
- Label nodes by whether mode - or + to partition into  $V_1$  and  $V_2$





- Definition:** The **Laplacian matrix  $L(G)$**  of a graph  $G(V, E)$  is a  $|V|$  by  $|V|$  symmetric matrix, with one row and column for each node. It is defined by
  - $L(G)(i,i) = \text{degree of node } i$  (number of incident edges)
  - $L(G)(i,j) = -1$  if  $i \neq j$  and there is an edge  $(i,j)$
  - $L(G)(i,j) = 0$  otherwise



$$\begin{matrix}
 & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \end{matrix} \\
 \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix}
 2 & -1 & & & & & & \\
 -1 & 3 & -1 & & & & & & \\
 & -1 & 2 & & & -1 & & & \\
 -1 & & & 3 & -1 & & -1 & & \\
 & -1 & & -1 & 4 & -1 & & -1 & \\
 & & -1 & & -1 & 3 & & & -1 \\
 & & & -1 & & & 2 & -1 & \\
 & & & & -1 & & -1 & 3 & -1 \\
 & & & & & -1 & & -1 & 2
 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{matrix}$$

# Properties of Laplacian matrices

- **Theorem:** Given a graph  $G$ ,  $L(G)$  has the following properties
  - $L(G)$  is symmetric — this means the eigenvalues of  $L(G)$  are **real** and its **eigenvectors are real** and **orthogonal**.
  - Let  $e = [1, \dots, 1]^T$ , i.e. the column vector of all ones. Then  $L(G) \cdot e = 0 \cdot e = 0$
  - The eigenvalues of  $L(G)$  are **nonnegative**:  

$$0 = \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$$
  - The number of connected components of  $G$  is equal to the number of  $\lambda_i$  equal to 0.
- **Definition:**  $\lambda_2(L(G))$  is the **algebraic connectivity** of  $G$ 
  - The magnitude of  $\lambda_2$  measures connectivity
  - In particular,  $\lambda_2 \neq 0$  if and only if  $G$  is connected

# Relation between Laplace Matrix and Graph Partitioning

- **Theorem (Fiedler, 1975):**

Let  $G$  be connected,  $L(G)$  the Laplace matrix, and  $N_+$  and  $N_-$  a partitioning with

$$\begin{aligned} x(i) &= +1 && \text{if } v_i \text{ in } N_+ \\ x(i) &= -1 && \text{if } v_i \text{ in } N_- \end{aligned}$$

Then we have the following property:

**#edge-cut between  $N_+$  and  $N_-$**

$$= \frac{1}{4} * \mathbf{x}^T * L(G) * \mathbf{x}$$

Proof: (next slide)

# Relation between Laplace Matrix and Graph Partitioning

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^T \cdot L(G) \cdot x &= \sum_j \sum_i L(G)_{(i,j)} \cdot x_i \cdot x_j \\
 &= \sum_{i=j} L(G)_{(i,i)} \cdot x_i^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} L(G)_{(i,j)} \cdot x_i \cdot x_j \\
 &= \sum_{i=j} L(G)_{(i,i)} \cdot x_i^2 \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i \neq j; i, j \in N^+} L(G)_{(i,j)} \cdot x_i \cdot x_j + \sum_{i \neq j; i, j \in N^-} L(G)_{(i,j)} \cdot x_i \cdot x_j \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i \neq j; i \in N^+, j \in N^-} L(G)_{(i,j)} L(G)_{(i,j)} \cdot x_i \cdot x_j \\
 &= \sum_i \text{degree}(i) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i \neq j; i, j \in N^+} (-1) \cdot (+1) \cdot (+1) + \sum_{i \neq j; i, j \in N^-} (-1) \cdot (-1) \cdot (-1) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i \neq j; i \in N^+, j \in N^-} (-1) \cdot (+1) \cdot (-1)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Relation between Laplace Matrix and Graph Partitioning

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^T \cdot L(G) \cdot x &= \sum_j \sum_i L(G)_{(i,j)} \cdot x_i \cdot x_j \\
 &= \sum_{i=j} L(G)_{(i,i)} \cdot x_i^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} L(G)_{(i,j)} \cdot x_i \cdot x_j \\
 &= \sum_{i=j} L(G)_{(i,i)} \cdot x_i^2 \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i \neq j; i, j \in N^+} L(G)_{(i,j)} \cdot x_i \cdot x_j + \sum_{i \neq j; i, j \in N^-} L(G)_{(i,j)} \cdot x_i \cdot x_j \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i \neq j; i \in N^+, j \in N^-} L(G)_{(i,j)} L(G)_{(i,j)} \cdot x_i \cdot x_j \\
 &= \sum_i \text{degree}(i) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i \neq j; i, j \in N^+} (-1) \cdot (+1) \cdot (+1) + \sum_{i \neq j; i, j \in N^-} (-1) \cdot (-1) \cdot (-1) \\
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 &\quad + \sum_{i \neq j; i \in N^+, j \in N^-} (-1) \cdot (+1) \cdot (-1) \\
 &= 2 \cdot \# \text{edges in } G \\
 &\quad - 2 \cdot (\# \text{edges connecting node in } N^+ \text{ to nodes in } N^+) \\
 &\quad - 2 \cdot (\# \text{edges connecting node in } N^- \text{ to nodes in } N^-) \\
 &\quad + 2 \cdot (\# \text{edges connecting node in } N^+ \text{ to nodes in } N^-) \\
 &= 4 \cdot (\# \text{edges connecting node in } N^+ \text{ to nodes in } N^-)
 \end{aligned}$$

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- With the theorem we can formulate the **graph bisection** as a discrete optimization problem

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 1. & |V_1| = |V_2| \quad \Leftrightarrow \sum_i x(i) = 0 \\
 2. & \min \# \text{cut edges between } V_1 \text{ and } V_2 \quad \Leftrightarrow \min x^T * L(G) * x
 \end{array}$$

or

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \min & f(x) = \frac{1}{4} x^T * L(G) * x \\
 \text{constraints} & x_i = \{+/- 1\}, \quad x^T * x = n \\
 & x^T * e = 0 \text{ with } e = [1, 1, \dots, 1]^T
 \end{array}$$

- The **discrete combinatorial** problem is NP-hard  $\rightarrow$  use a **continuous problem**

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \min & f(z) = \frac{1}{4} z^T * L(G) * z \\
 \text{constraints} & z^T * z = n, \text{ } z \text{ real vector} \\
 & z^T * e = 0 \text{ with } e = [1, 1, \dots, 1]^T
 \end{array}$$

# Relation between Laplace Matrix and Graph Partitioning

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- Let' try to solve the continuous graph bisection problem



# Relation between Laplace Matrix and Graph Partitioning

- Minimal solution of  $z^T * L(G) * z$  is easy to find.
- $L(G)$  is symmetric  $\rightarrow L(G)$  has  $n$  orthonormal eigenvectors  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  with eigenvalues  $0 = \lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$  and  $u_1 = \text{sqrt}(n) * e$ ,  $e = [1, 1, \dots, 1]^T$ .
- A vector  $z$  is a linear combination of eigenvectors  $u_i$ :  

$$z = \sum \alpha_i u_i = \alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \dots + \alpha_n u_n.$$
- First constrained:**  $z^T * e = 0$  or  $z^T * u_1 = 0$  it is necessary that  

$$z^T * u_1 = (\sum \alpha_i u_i)^T * u_1 = \alpha_1 u_1^T * u_1 = \alpha_1 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 0$$
- Second constrained:**  $z^T * z = n$  it is necessary that  

$$z^T * z = (\sum \alpha_i u_i)^T * (\sum \alpha_j u_j) = \sum \sum \alpha_i \alpha_j u_i^T * u_j = \sum \alpha_i^2 = n$$
- Minimize  $4 * f(z) = z^T * L(G) * z$**

$$z^T * L(G) * z = (\sum \alpha_i u_i) * L * (\sum \alpha_j u_j) = (\sum \alpha_i u_i)^T * (\sum \alpha_j \lambda_j u_j) = \sum \sum \alpha_j \alpha_i \lambda_j u_i^T * u_j = \sum \alpha_i^2 \lambda_j \geq \lambda_2 \sum \alpha_i^2 = \lambda_2 * n$$

# Relation between Laplace Matrix and Graph Partitioning

- **Minimize**  $f(z) = z^T * L(G) * z$

$$\begin{aligned} z^T * L(G) * z &= (\sum \alpha_i u_i)^T * L * (\sum \alpha_j u_j) = (\sum \alpha_i u_i)^T * (\sum \alpha_j \lambda_j u_j) = \\ \sum \sum \alpha_j \alpha_i \lambda_j u_i^T * u_j &= \sum \alpha_i^2 \lambda_j \geq \lambda_2 \sum \alpha_i^2 = \lambda_2 * n \end{aligned}$$

- Minimum is at  $z = \sqrt{n} * u_2$ .

- **Spectral Bisection Algorithm:**

- Compute eigenvector  $u_2$  corresponding to  $\lambda_2 (L(G))$
- For each vertex  $v$  of  $G$ 
  - if  $u_2(v) < 0$  put node  $v$  in partition  $V_1$
  - else put vertex  $v$  in partition  $V_2$

- The second eigenvector  $u_2$  is called **Fiedler Eigenvector** of the Graph Partitioning problem.

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# Multilevel Partitioning — Introduction

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- If we want to partition  $G(V, E)$ , but it is too big to do efficiently, what can we do?
  - 1) Replace  $G(V, E)$  by a **coarse approximation**  $G_C (V_C, E_C)$ , and partition  $G_C$  instead
  - 2) Use partition of  $G_C$  to get a rough partitioning of  $G$ , and then iteratively improve it
- What if  $G_C$  still too big?
  - Apply same idea recursively

# Multilevel Partitioning — High Level Algorithm

$(V_+, V_-) = \text{Multilevel\_Partition}(V, E)$

// recursive partitioning routine returns  $V_+$  and  $V_-$  where  $V = V_+ \cup V_-$   
if  $|V|$  is small

(1) Partition  $G = (V, E)$  directly to get  $V = V_+ \cup V_-$   
Return  $(V_+, V_-)$

else

(2) Coarsen  $G$  to get an approximation  $G_c = (V_c, E_c)$

(3)  $(V_{c+}, V_{c-}) = \text{Multilevel\_Partition}(V_c, E_c)$

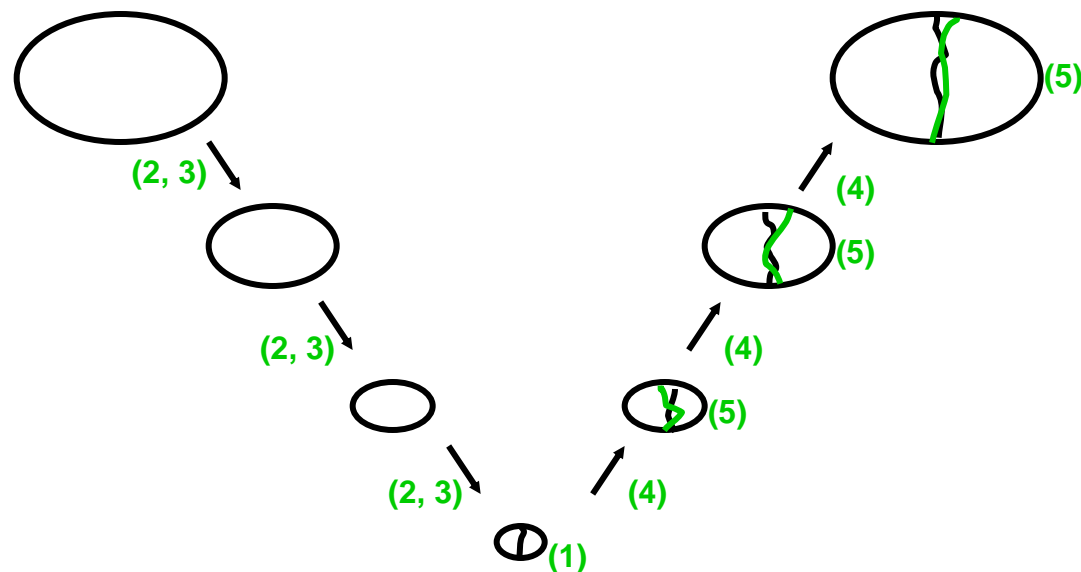
(4) Expand  $(V_{c+}, V_{c-})$  to a partition  $(V_+, V_-)$  of  $V$

(5) Improve the partition  $(V_+, V_-)$

Return  $(V_+, V_-)$

endif

How do we  
Coarsen?  
Expand?  
Improve?



# Multilevel Partitioning — Multilevel Fiduccia-Matteyes

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- **Coarsen** graph and **expand** partition using **maximal matchings**
- **Improve** partition using Fiduccia-Matteyes

# Multilevel Partitioning — Maximal Matching

- *Definition:* A **matching** of a graph  $G(V, E)$  is a subset  $E_m$  of  $E$  such that no two edges in  $E_m$  share an endpoint
- *Definition:* A **maximal matching** of a graph  $G(V, E)$  is a matching  $E_m$  to which no more edges can be added and remain a matching
- A simple greedy algorithm computes a maximal matching:

let  $E_m$  be empty

mark all nodes in  $V$  as unmatched

for vertex  $i = 1$  to  $|V|$     **// visit the nodes in any order**

  if  $i$  has not been matched

    mark vertex  $i$  as matched

    if there is an edge  $e=(i, j)$  where vertex  $j$  is also unmatched

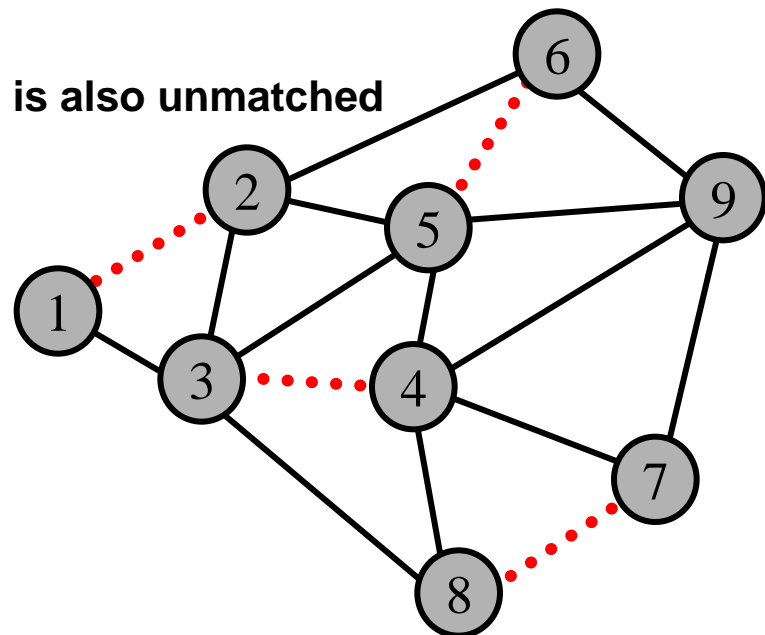
      add  $e$  to  $E_m$

      mark vertex  $j$  as matched

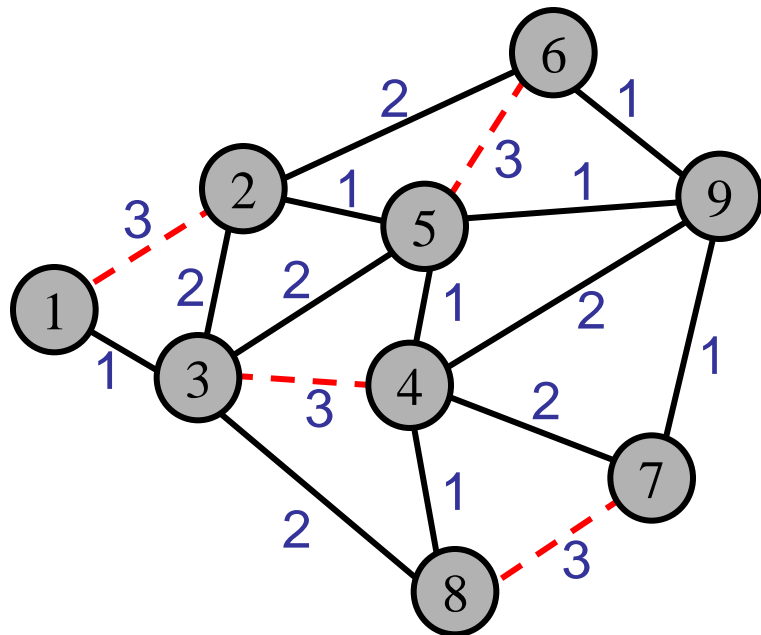
    endif

  endif

end



# Multilevel Partitioning — Coarsening

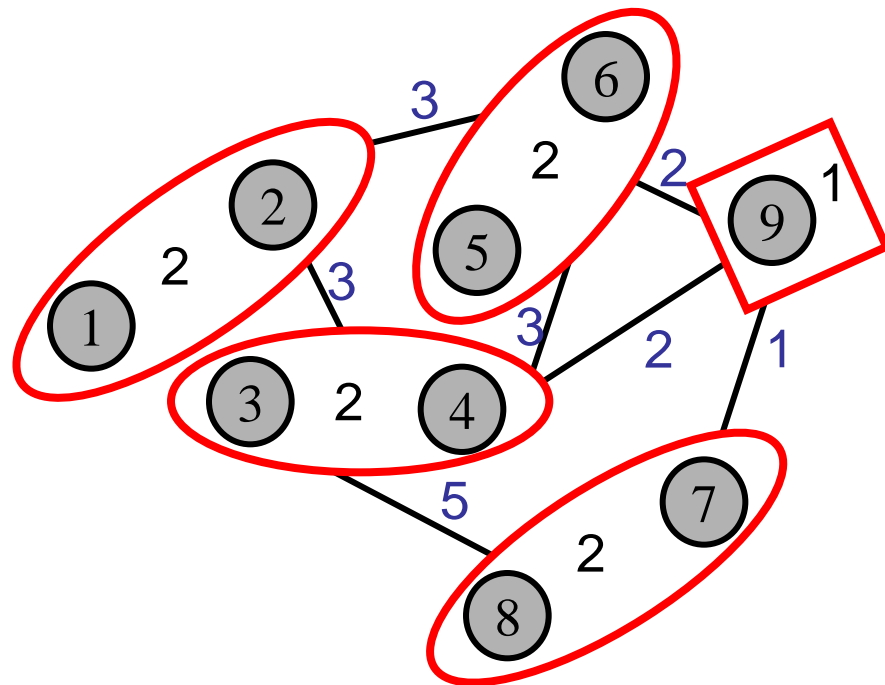


$G = (V, E)$

**Matching  $E_m$  is red**

**Edge weights are blue**

**Vertex weights all 1**



$G_c = (V_c, E_c)$

**Vertices  $V_c$  are red**

**Edge weights are blue**

**Vertex weights are black**



# Multilevel Partitioning — Coarsening with maximal matchings

1) Construct a maximal matching  $E_m$  of  $G(V, E)$

2) Collapse matched nodes into a single one

for all edges  $e = (j, k)$  in  $E_m$

Put vertex  $v(e)$  in  $V_c$

$W(v(e)) = W(j) + W(k)$  // update vertex weights

3) Add unmatched vertices

for all vertices  $v$  in  $V$  not incident on an edge in  $E_m$

Put  $v$  in  $V_c$  // do not change  $W(n)$

// Now each vertex  $r$  in  $V$  is “inside” a unique node  $v(r)$  in  $V_c$

// Compute now the edges and edge weights of the coarse graph

4) Connect two vertices in  $V_c$  if vertices inside them are connected in  $C$

for all edges  $e = (j, k)$  in  $E_m$

for each other edge  $e' = (j, r)$  or  $(k, r)$  in  $E$

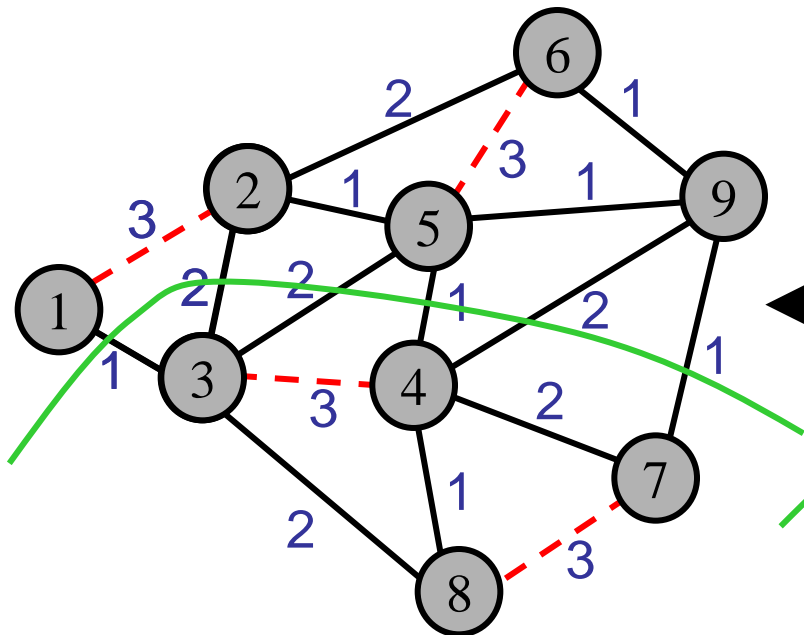
Put edge  $ee = (v(e), v(r))$  in  $E_c$

$W(ee) = W(e')$

If there are multiple edges connecting two vertices in  $C_c$ , collapse them,  
adding edge weights

# Multilevel Partitioning — Expanding a partitioning of $G_c$ to $G$

Partition shown in green

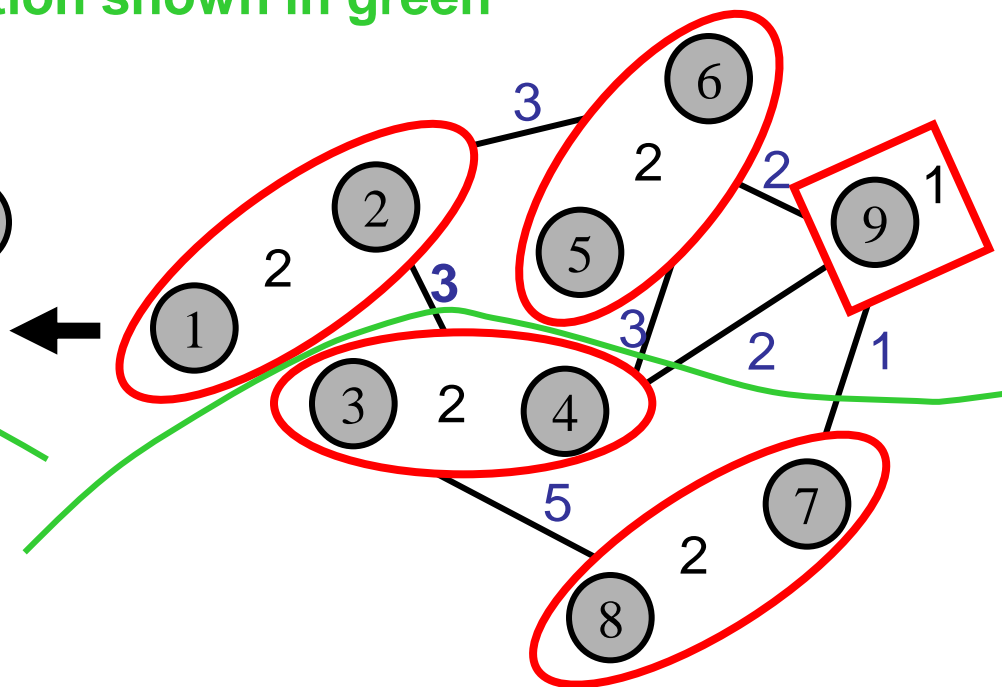


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# Multilevel Spectral Bisection

$f = \text{Fiedler} (V, E)$

... **Recursive computation of Fiedler Vector of Laplacian  $L(G)$**

if  $|V|$  is small

(1) Calculate  $f=u_2$  using eigenvalue/eigenvector algorithms

Return  $f$

else

(2) **Coarsen**  $G$  to get an approximation  $G_c = (V_c, E_c)$

(3)  $f' = \text{Fiedler} (V_c, E_c)$

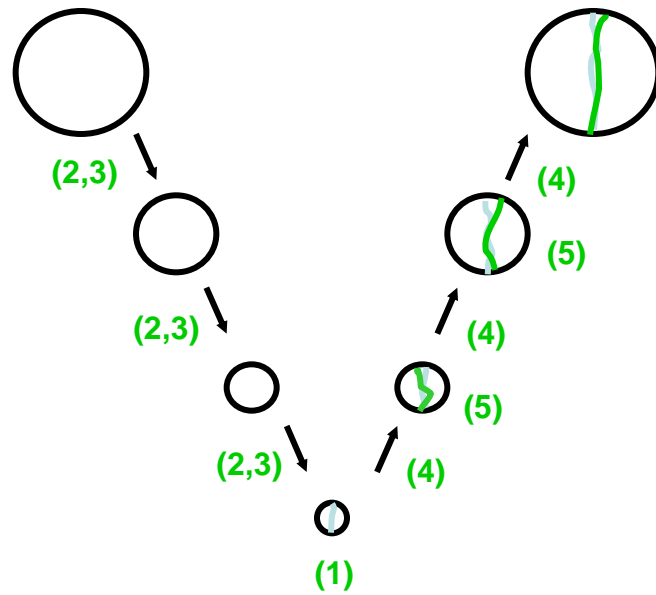
(4) **Use**  $f'$  to find an initial guess for  $f^{(0)}$

(5) **improve**  $f$  from the initial guess  $f^{(0)}$

Return  $f$

endif

How do we  
**Coarsen?**  
**use initial guess?**  
**improve the initial guess?**



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# Available Implementations


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- Multilevel Kernighan/Lin
  - METIS and ParMETIS ([glaros.dtc.umn.edu/gkhome/views/metis](http://glaros.dtc.umn.edu/gkhome/views/metis))
  - SCOTCH and PT-SCOTCH ([www.labri.fr/perso/pelegrin/scotch/](http://www.labri.fr/perso/pelegrin/scotch/))
- Matlab toolbox for geometric and spectral partitioning by Gilbert, Tang, and Li: <https://github.com/YingzhouLi/meshpart>
- Multilevel Spectral Bisection
  - S. Barnard and H. Simon, “A fast multilevel implementation of recursive spectral bisection ...”, 1993
  - Chaco (SC’14 Test of Time Award)
- Hybrids possible
  - Ex: Use Kernighan/Lin to improve a partition from spectral bisection
- Recent packages with collection of techniques
  - Zoltan ([www.cs.sandia.gov/Zoltan](http://www.cs.sandia.gov/Zoltan))
  - KaHIP (<http://algo2.iti.kit.edu/kahip/>)

# METIS - Family of Graph and Hypergraph Partitioning Software



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**Family of Graph and Hypergraph Partitioning Software**

**METIS - Serial Graph Partitioning and Fill-reducing Matrix Ordering**

METIS stable version: 5.1.0, 3/30/2013; MT-METIS version: 0.6.0, 10/30/2016

METIS is a set of serial programs for partitioning graphs, partitioning finite element meshes, and producing fill reducing orderings for sparse matrices. The algorithms implemented in METIS are based on the multilevel recursive-bisection, multilevel  $k$ -way, and multi-constraint partitioning schemes developed in our lab.

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**ParMETIS - Parallel Graph Partitioning and Fill-reducing Matrix Ordering**

Current stable version: 4.0.3, 3/30/2013

ParMETIS is an MPI-based parallel library that implements a variety of algorithms for partitioning unstructured graphs, meshes, and for computing fill-reducing orderings of sparse matrices. ParMETIS extends the functionality provided by METIS and includes routines that are especially suited for parallel AMR computations and large scale numerical simulations. The algorithms implemented in ParMETIS are based on the parallel multilevel  $k$ -way graph-partitioning, adaptive repartitioning, and parallel multi-constrained partitioning schemes developed in our lab.

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**hMETIS - Hypergraph & Circuit Partitioning**

Current version: 1.5.3, 11/22/98 [Alpha version: 2.0pre1, 5/24/07]

hMETIS is a set of programs for partitioning hypergraphs such as those corresponding to VLSI circuits. The algorithms implemented by hMETIS are based on the multilevel hypergraph partitioning schemes developed in our lab.

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# Demo – Partitioning in Matlab

