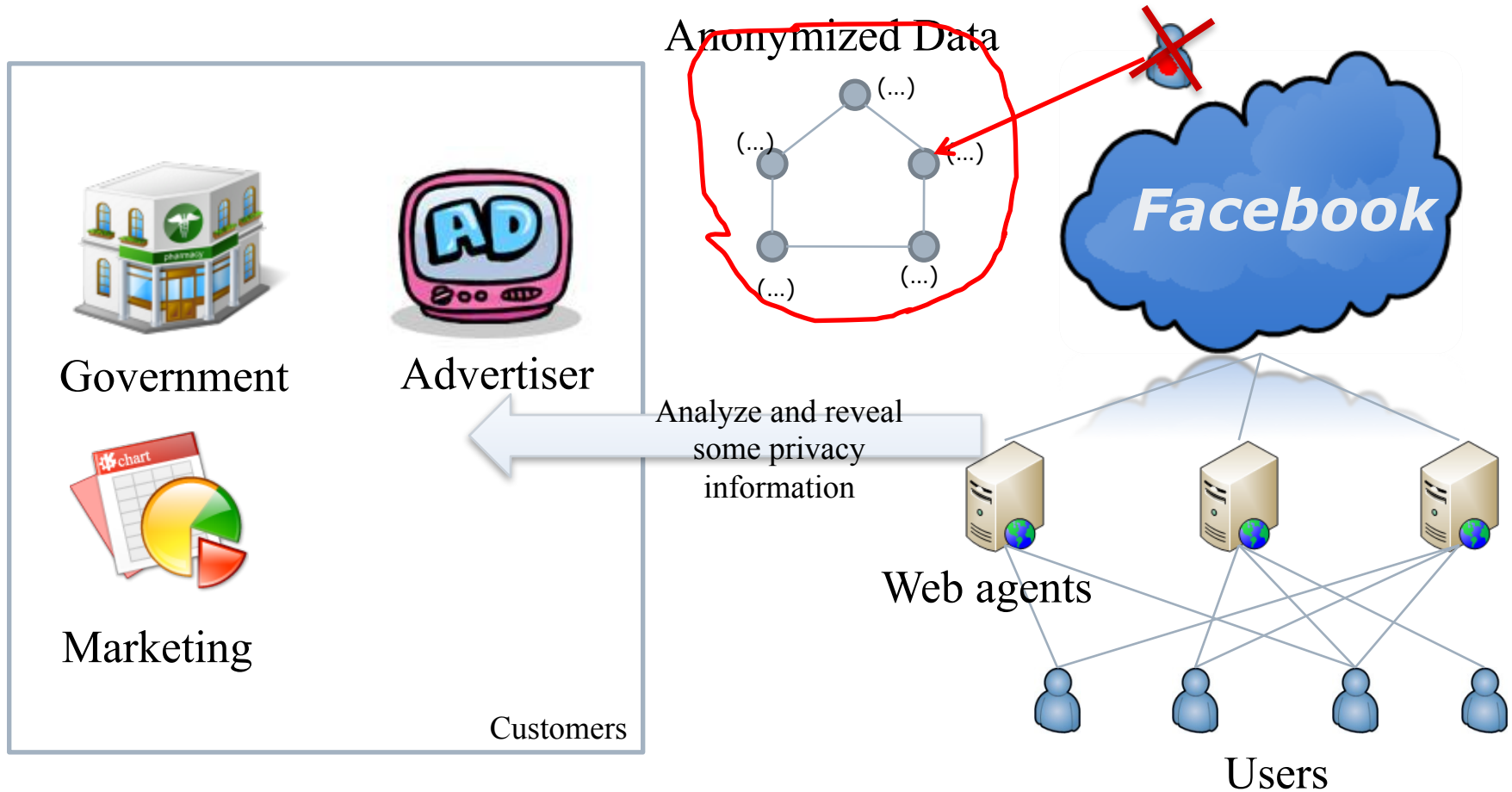


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# Privacy Preserving Graph Publication



# Social Network Benefits



# Protection Methods

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## ☐ Two methods

- Publishing sanitized graph
- Publishing noised aggregate information
  - ☐ Differential privacy on graph

# Publishing sanitized graph

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- ① Privacy protection and the attack models
- ② Preventing passive attacks
- ③ Preventing active attacks
- ④ Other works

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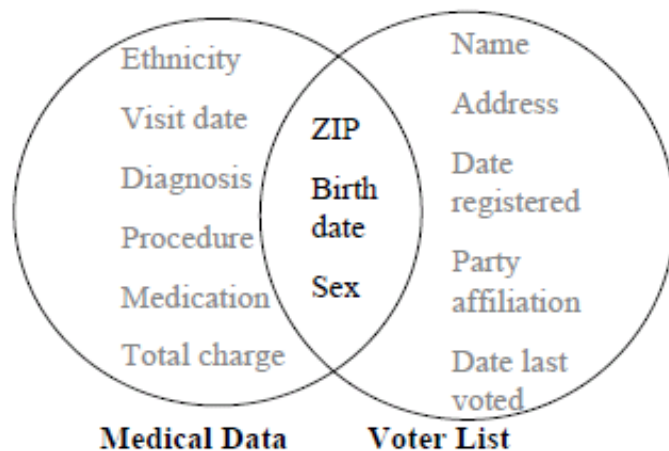
## □ An attacker

### ■ Background knowledge

□ The information he knows about a victim

### ■ Sensitive information

□ The information that user cares



Race	BirthDate	Gender	ZIP	Problem
black	9/20/1965	male	02141	short of breath
black	2/14/1965	male	02141	chest pain
black	10/23/1965	female	02138	painful eye
black	8/24/1965	female	02138	wheezing
black	11/7/1964	female	02138	obesity
black	12/1/1964	female	02138	chest pain
white	10/23/1964	male	02138	short of breath
white	3/15/1965	female	02139	hypertension
white	8/13/1964	male	02139	obesity
white	5/5/1964	male	02139	fever
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Hospital Data

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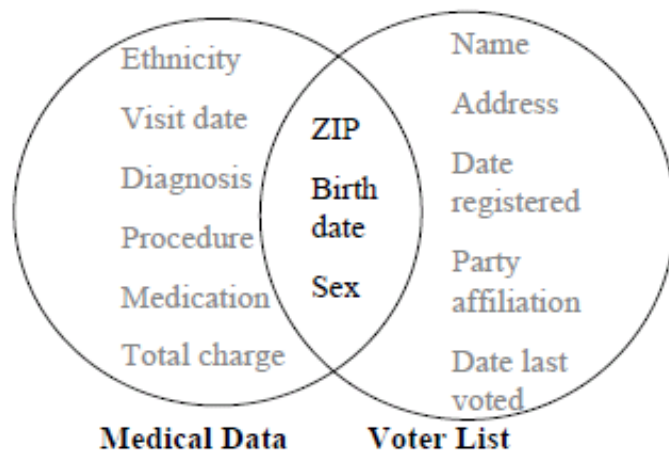
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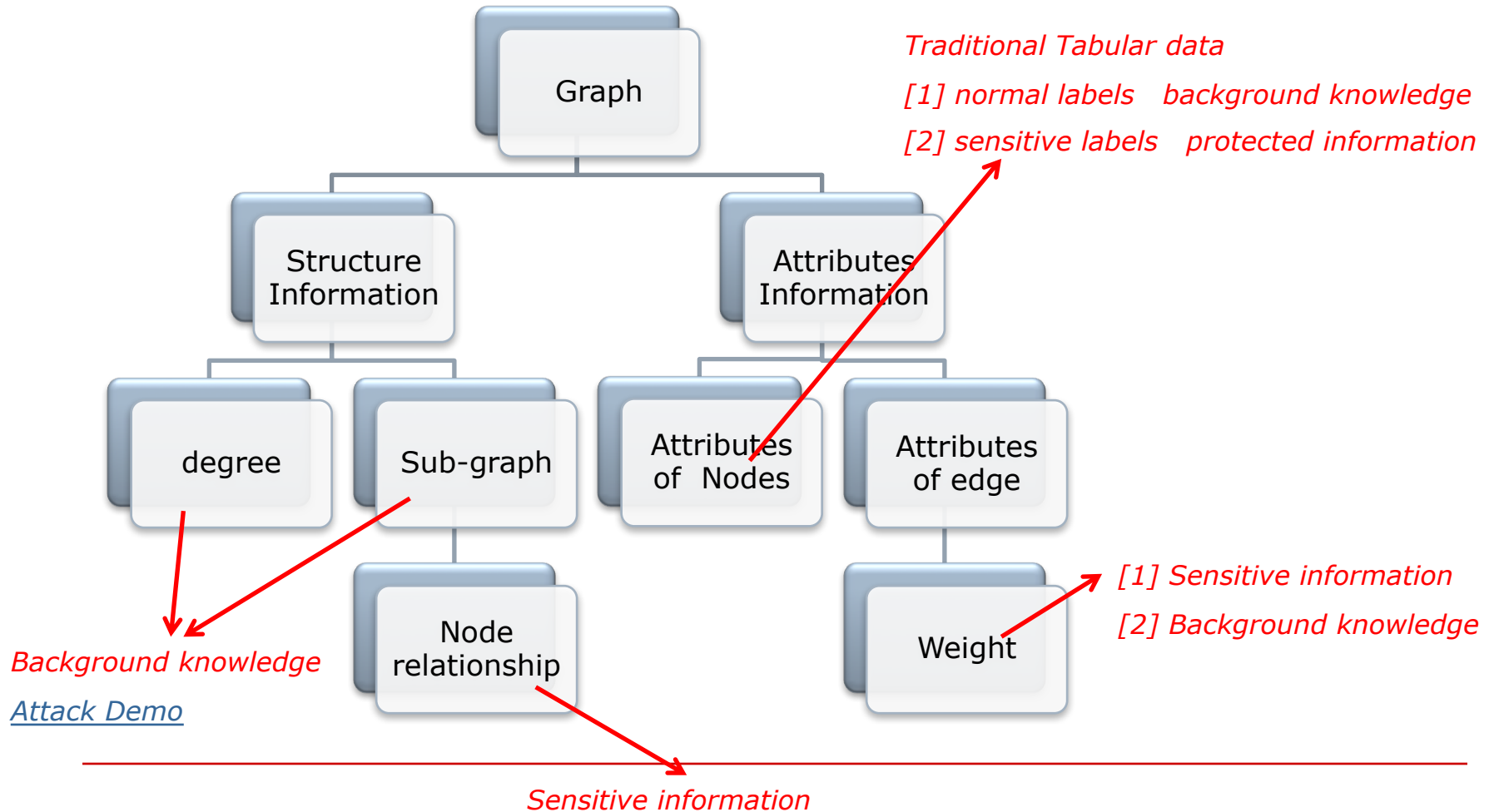


	Race	Birth	Gender	ZIP	Problem
t1	Black	1965	m	0214*	short breath
t2	Black	1965	m	0214*	chest pain
t3	Black	1965	f	0213*	hypertension
t4	Black	1965	f	0213*	hypertension
t5	Black	1964	f	0213*	obesity
t6	Black	1964	f	0213*	chest pain
t7	White	1964	m	0213*	chest pain
t8	White	1964	m	0213*	obesity
t9	White	1964	m	0213*	short breath
t10	White	1967	m	0213*	chest pain
t11	White	1967	m	0213*	chest pain

2-Anonymous Hospital Data

# Information in Social Networks

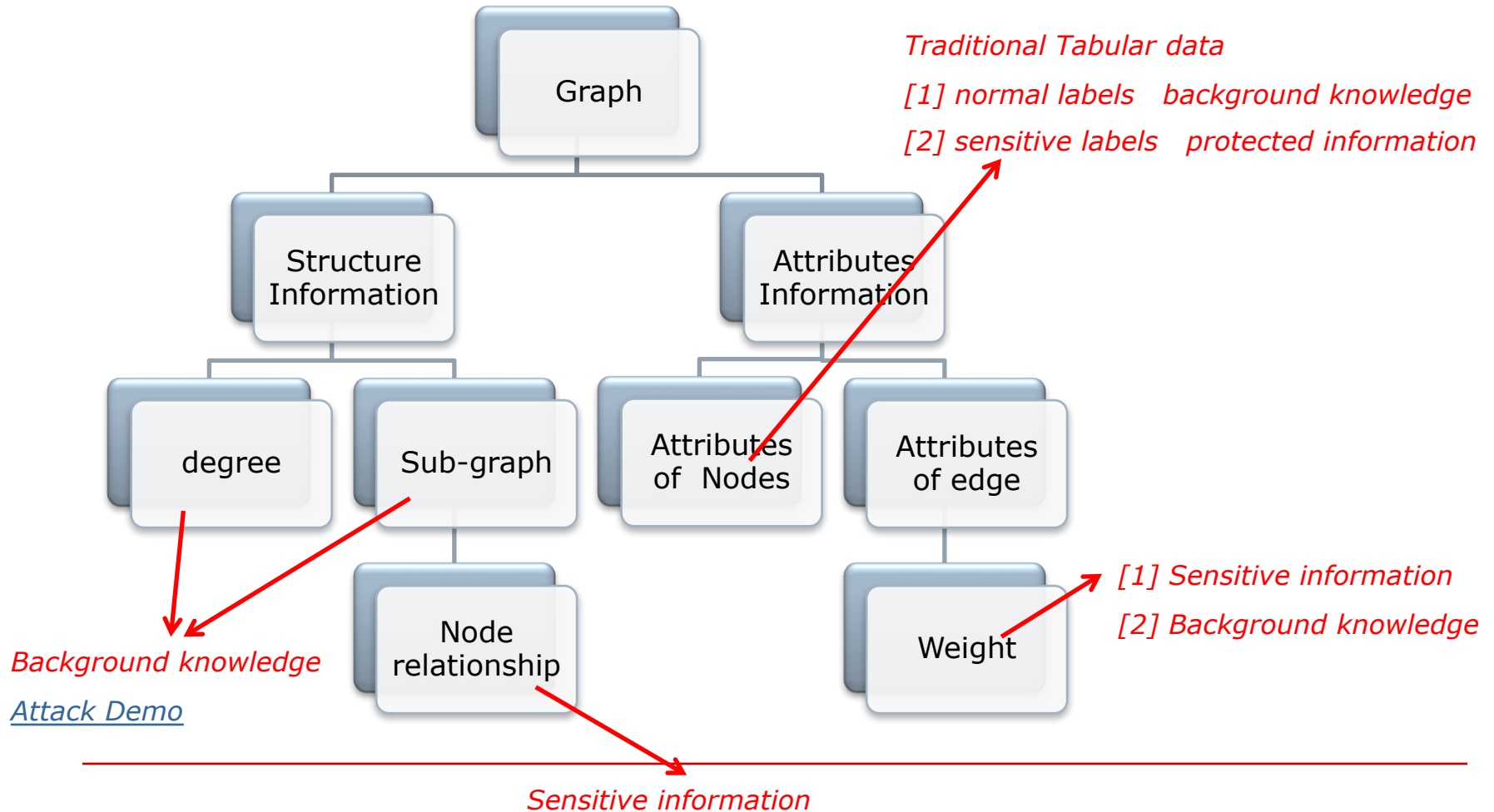
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# Information in Social Networks

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# Protection objectives

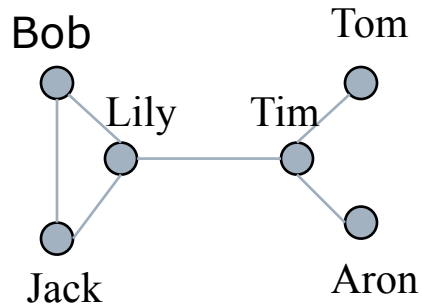
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Graph Model	Protection		Works
Unweighted Graph	Node Protection (Anti Node re-identification)	$\Pr ob(u \Rightarrow n) \leq \frac{1}{k}$	[8][12][13][14] [15][21][22][23]
	Link Protection	$\Pr ob(con(u_1, u_2)) \leq \frac{1}{k}$	[13][22]
		$\Pr ob(u \in e) \leq \frac{1}{k}$	[13]
Weighted Graph	Edge weights	Hide the real edge weights	[17][24]
		Hide the relative order between weights	[24]

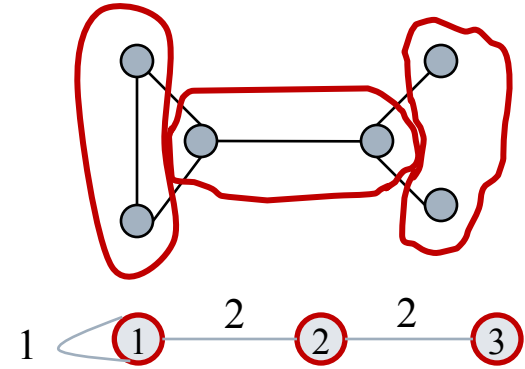
# Privacy Protection Method

$k=2$

An attack can only correctly re-identify a node  
with probability at most 50%



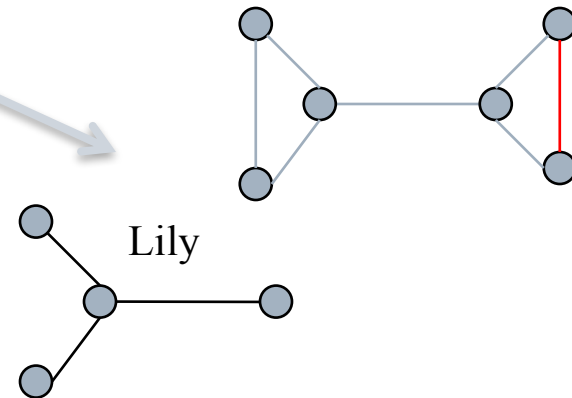
*Clustering*



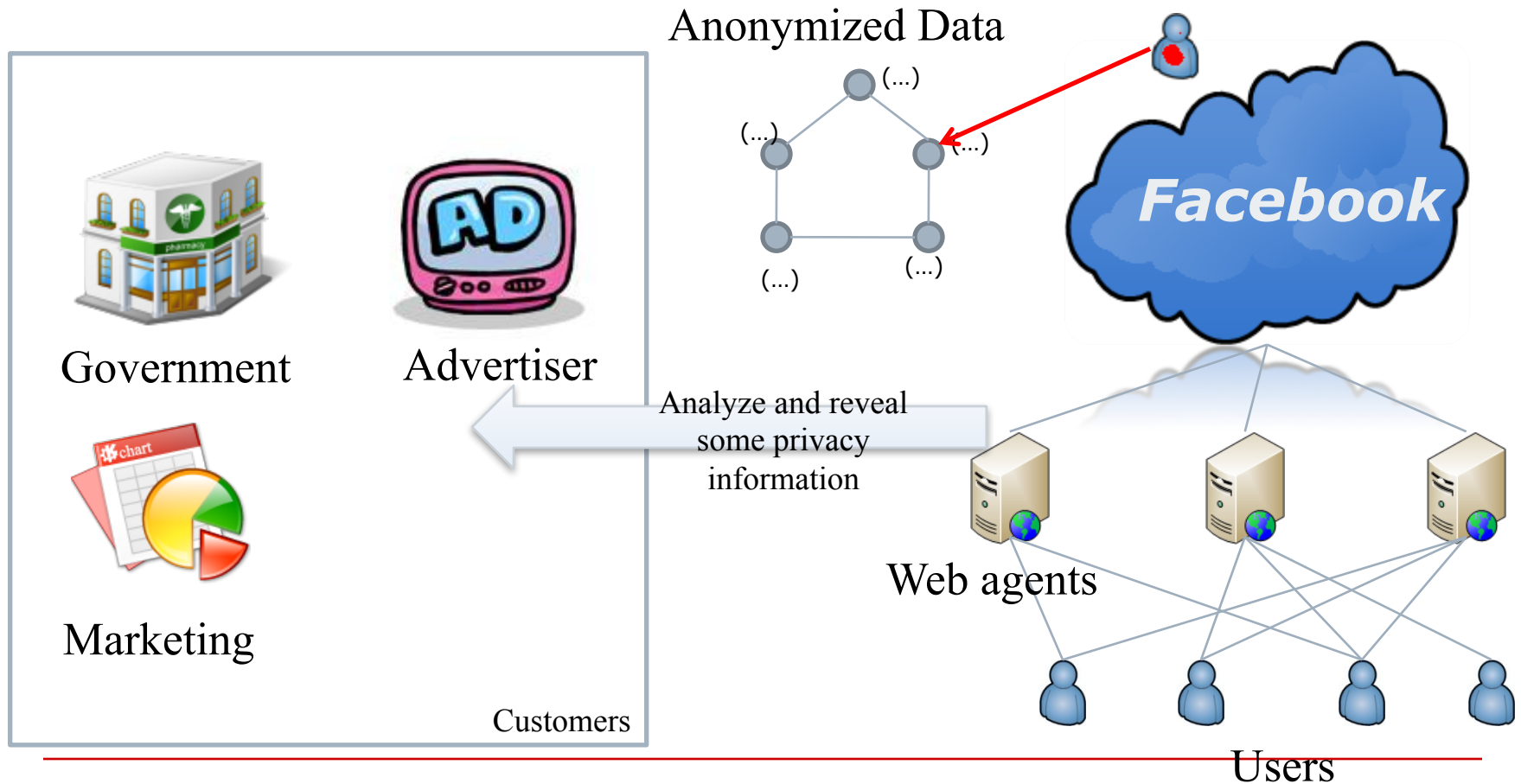
Super node's size  $\geq 2$

*Editing*

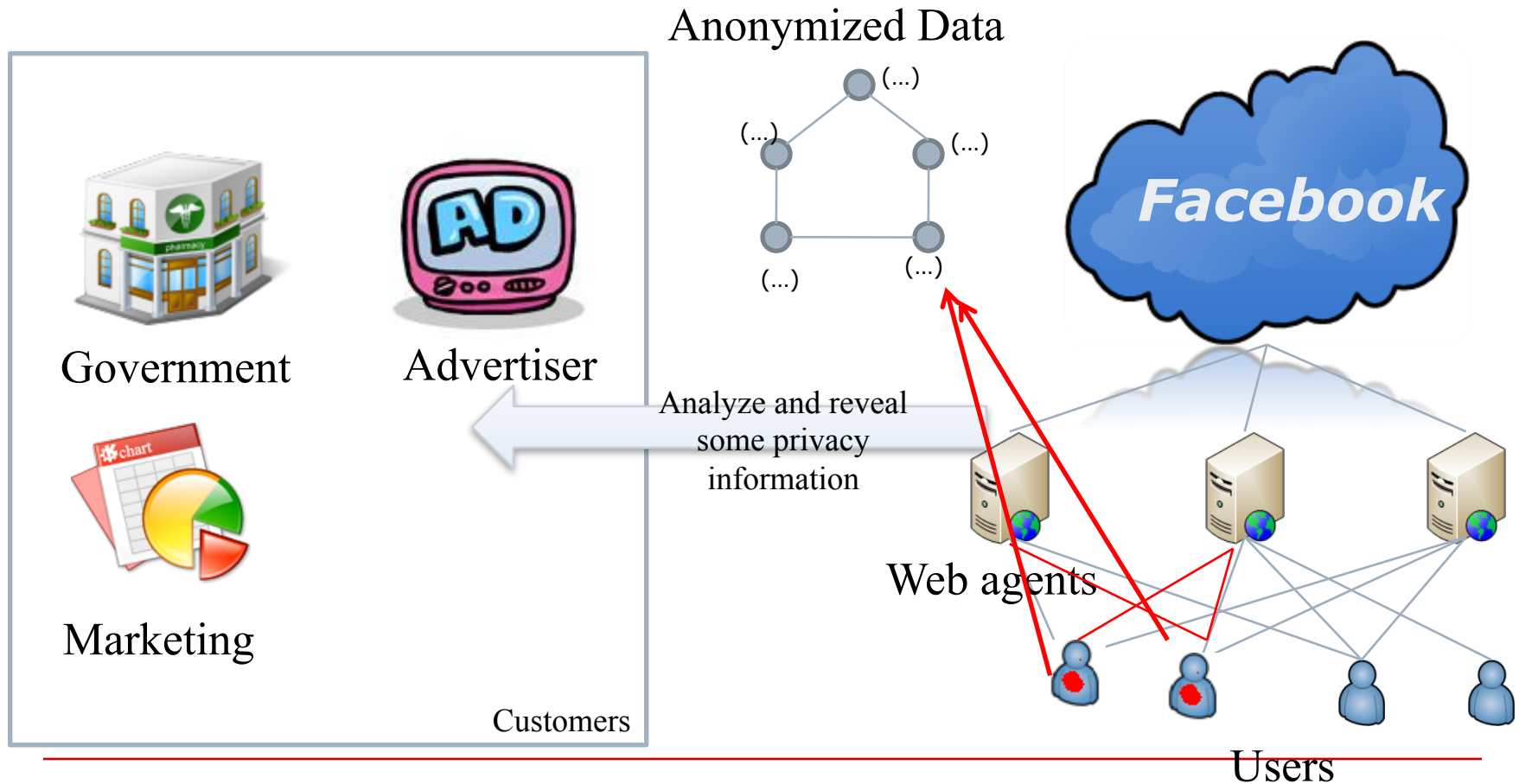
An attacker's knowledge



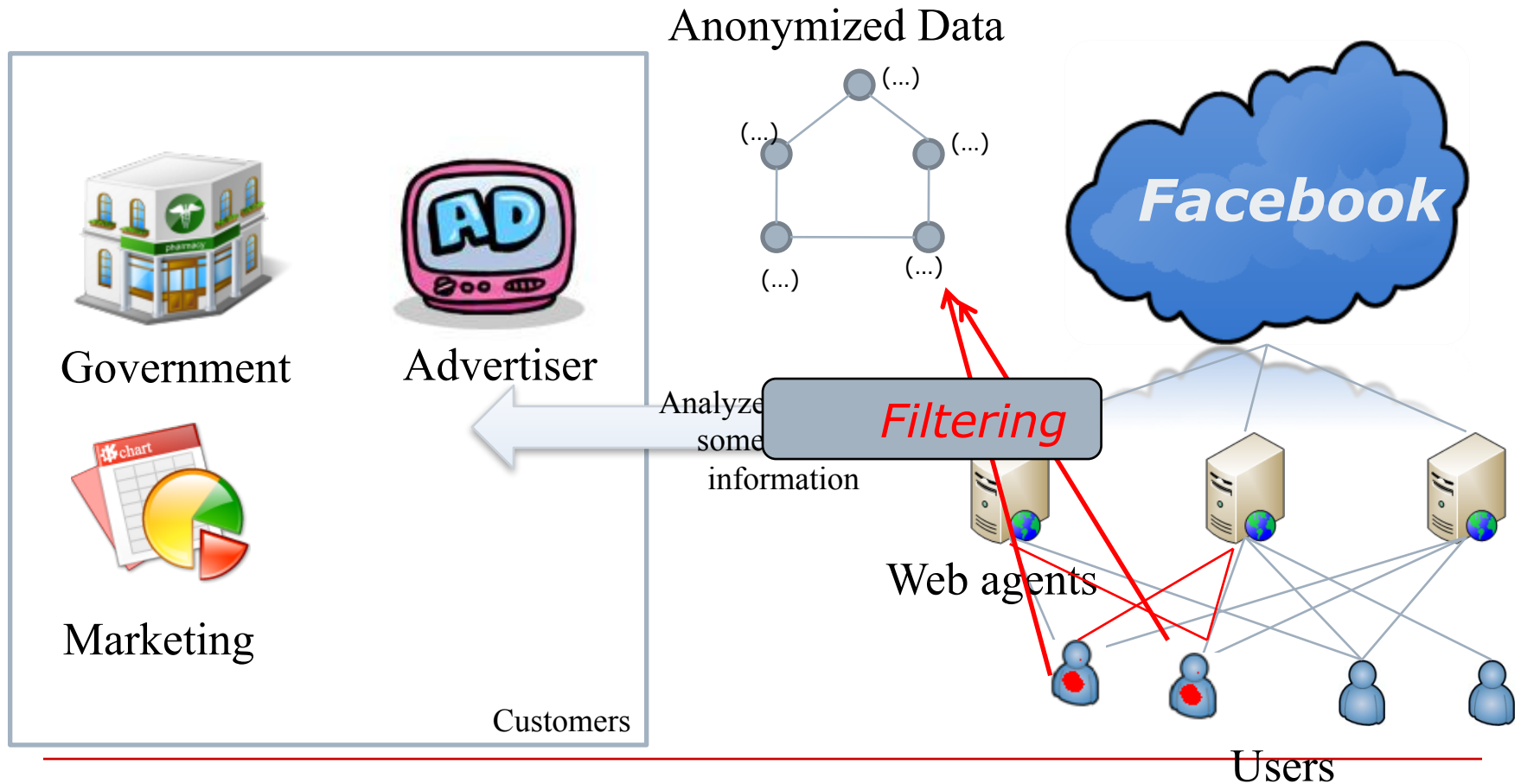
# Passive attack and Active attack



# Passive attack and Active attack



# Anti Active attack



# Current works

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Prevent Attack Type	Method	Papers
Passive Attack	Clustering	[8][13] [15][16]
	Node/Edge Editing	[10][11][12][14][16][18][21] [22][23]
	Protecting edge weights	[17][24]
Active Attack	Fake Nodes Recognition	[11][25]
	Parameter Analysis	[9]

# Publishing sanitized graph

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- ① Privacy protection and the attack models
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# Edge editing based models

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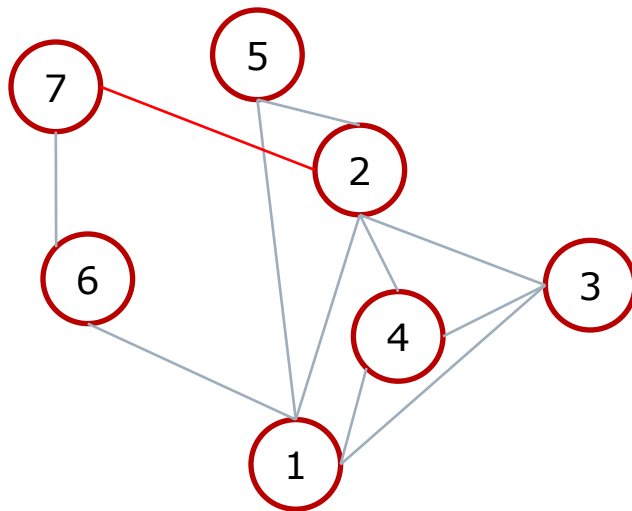
Name	Structure knowledge	Protection objective
K-degree anonymous	Node degrees	Avoid Node re-identification
K-neighborhood anonymous	Neighborhood graph	Avoid Node re-identification
K-automorphism anonymous	Any subgraph	Avoid Node re-identification
K-symmetric anonymous	Any subgraph	Avoid Node re-identification
K-isomorphism	Any subgraph	Avoid Node re-identification Avoid Edge discovery
Random change edge model	Neighborhood graph	Avoid Node re-identification Avoid Edge discovery

# K-degree anonymous<sup>[12]</sup>

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## □ K-degree anonymous

- For every node  $v$ , there exist at least  $k-1$  other nodes in the graph with the same degree as  $v$ 
  - No single node class is identified at  $H_0$  vertex refinement queries

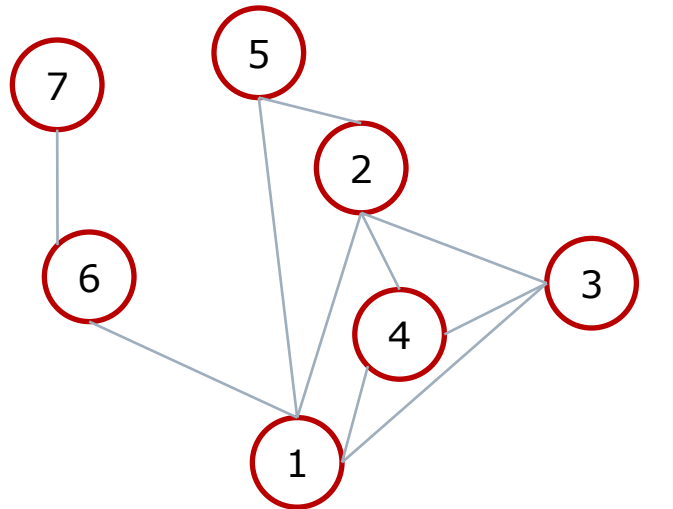


Node	Degree
1	5
2	5
3	3
4	3
5	2
6	2
7	2

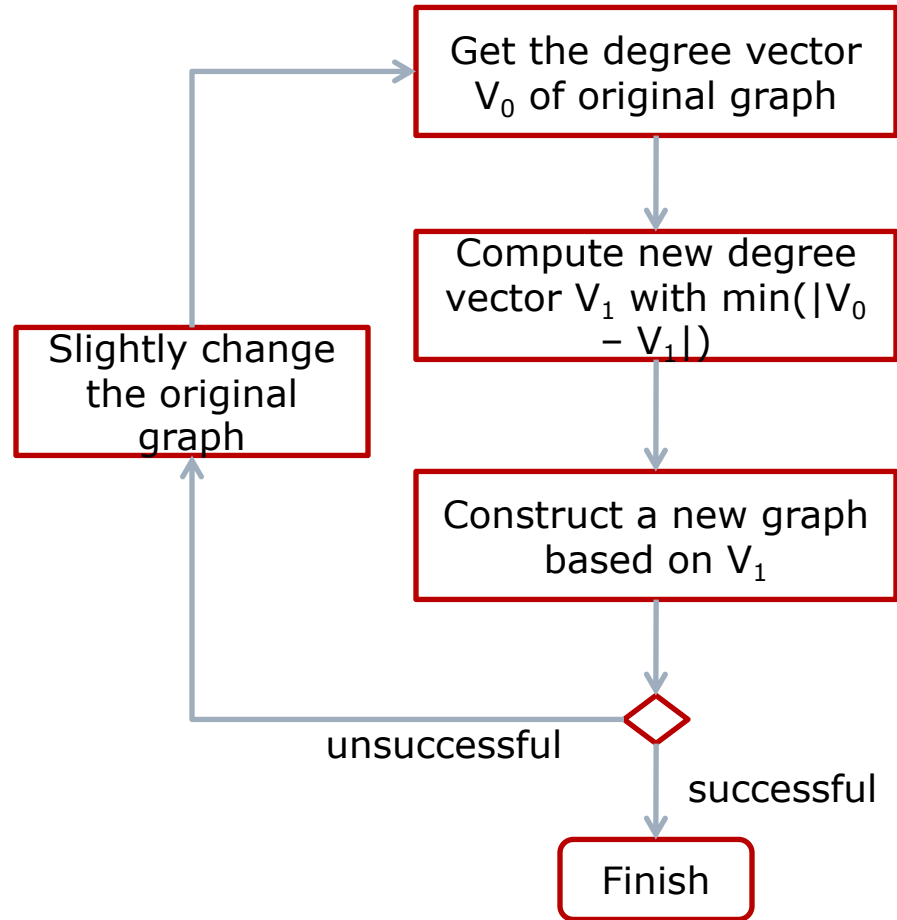
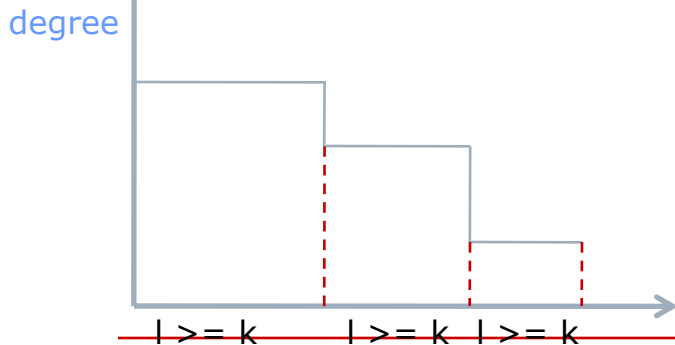
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Achieve k-degree anonymous by adding/deleting edges

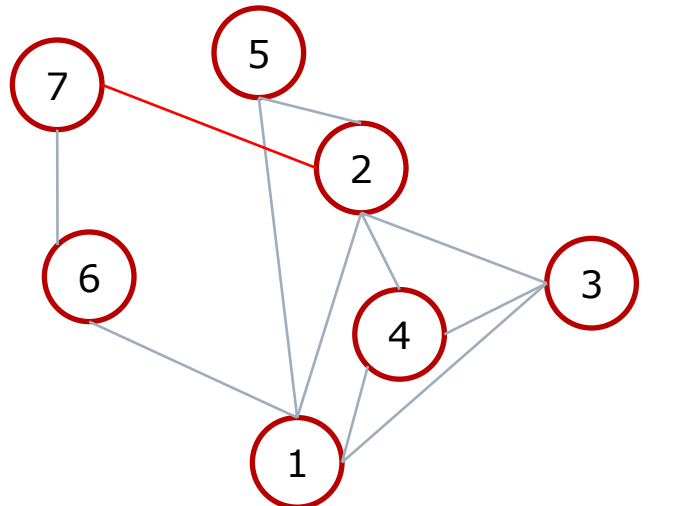
# K-degree algorithm skeleton



$V_0 = [5, 4, 3, 3, 2, 2, 1]$



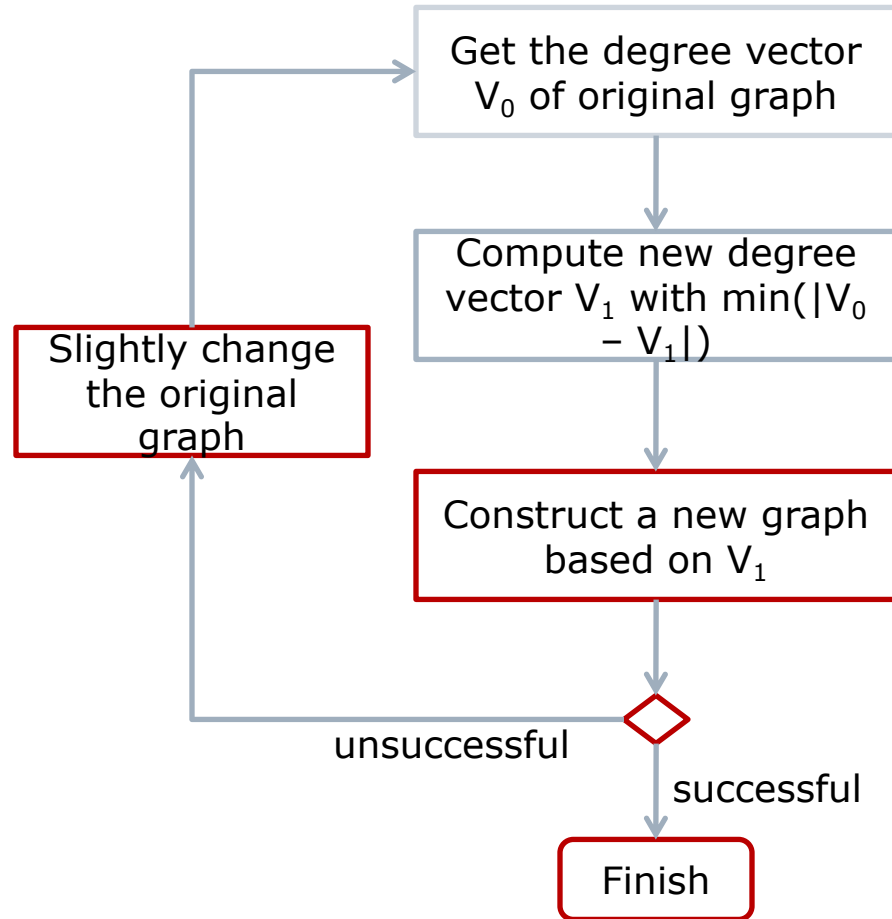
# K-degree algorithm skeleton



$V_0 = [5, 4, 3, 3, 2, 2, 1]$



$V_1 = [5, 5, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2]$

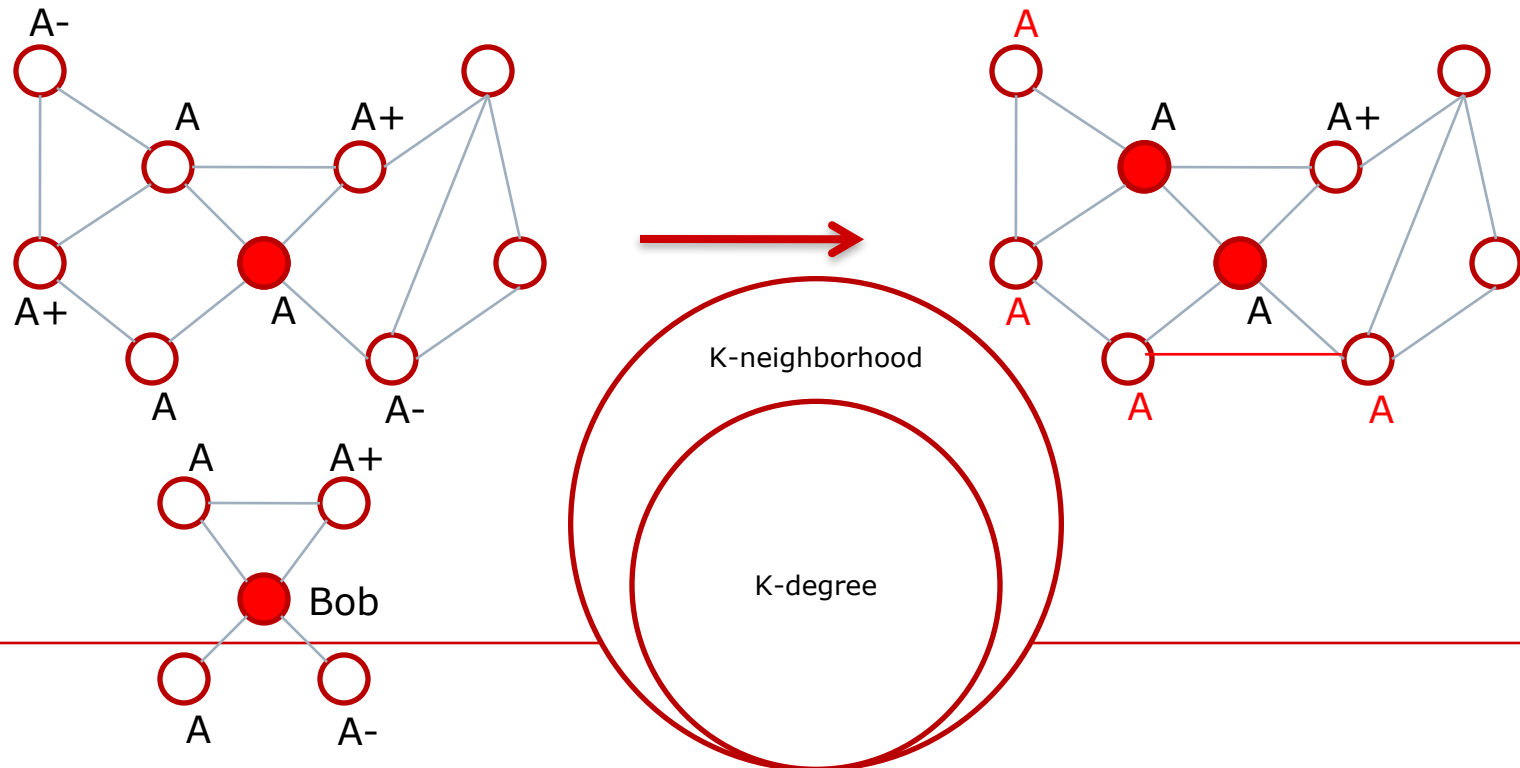


# K-neighborhood<sup>[14]</sup>

## □ K-neighborhood anonymous

- For every node  $v$ , there exist at least  $k-1$  other nodes in the graph with the same  $m$ -hop neighborhood sub-graph

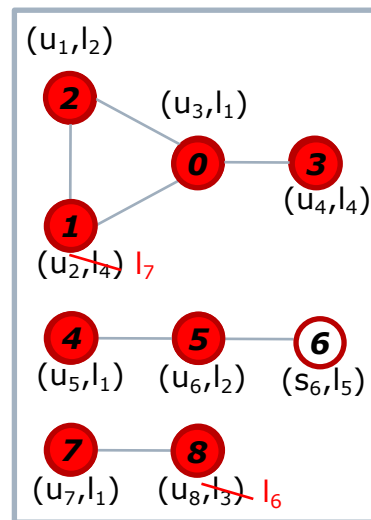
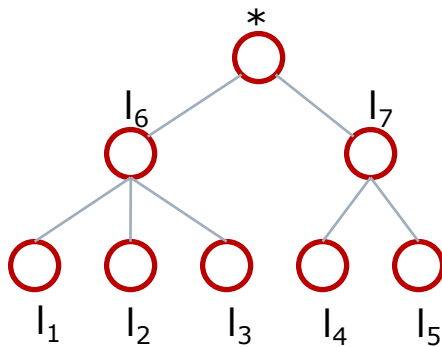
- No single node class is identified by sub-graph queries



# K-neighborhood algorithm skeleton

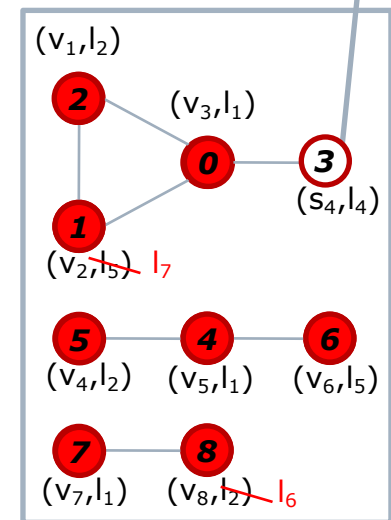
- Neighborhood representation problem
  - Minimum DFS code is unique
- Two nodes' neighborhood anonymous problem

Label Category Tree



$u$ 's neighborhood graph

Unanonymized, smallest degree and most similar label

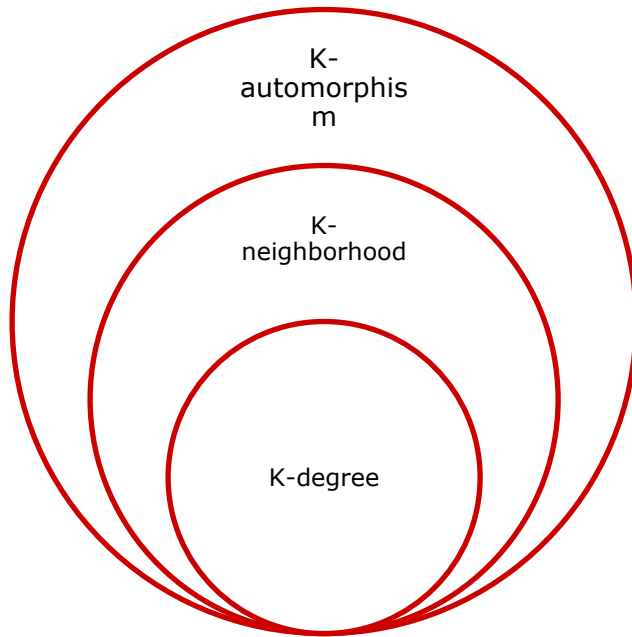


$v$ 's neighborhood graph

# K-automorphism<sup>[21]</sup>

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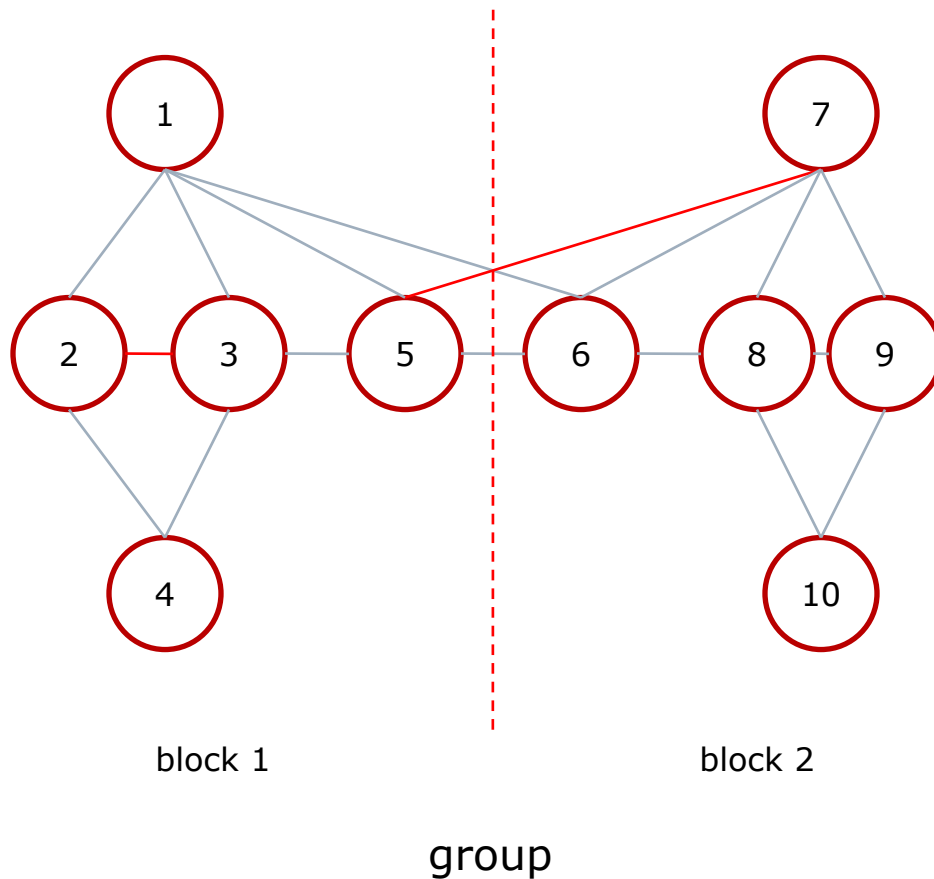
- K-automorphism <sup>[21]</sup> (k-symmetric <sup>[23]</sup>) anonymous
  - For every node  $v$ , there exist at least  $k-1$  other nodes in the graph that are same on the
  - The graph should be k-symmetry
  - No single node class is identified by any kind of structure queries



When k-neighborhood consider the neighborhood of nodes in  $l$  step,  $l =$  the longest path in graph,  $k$ -neighborhood =  $k$ -automorphism

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# K-automorphism Algorithm Skeleton



Partition the graph to groups, each group has at least  $k$  blocks

For each block, perform graph alignment

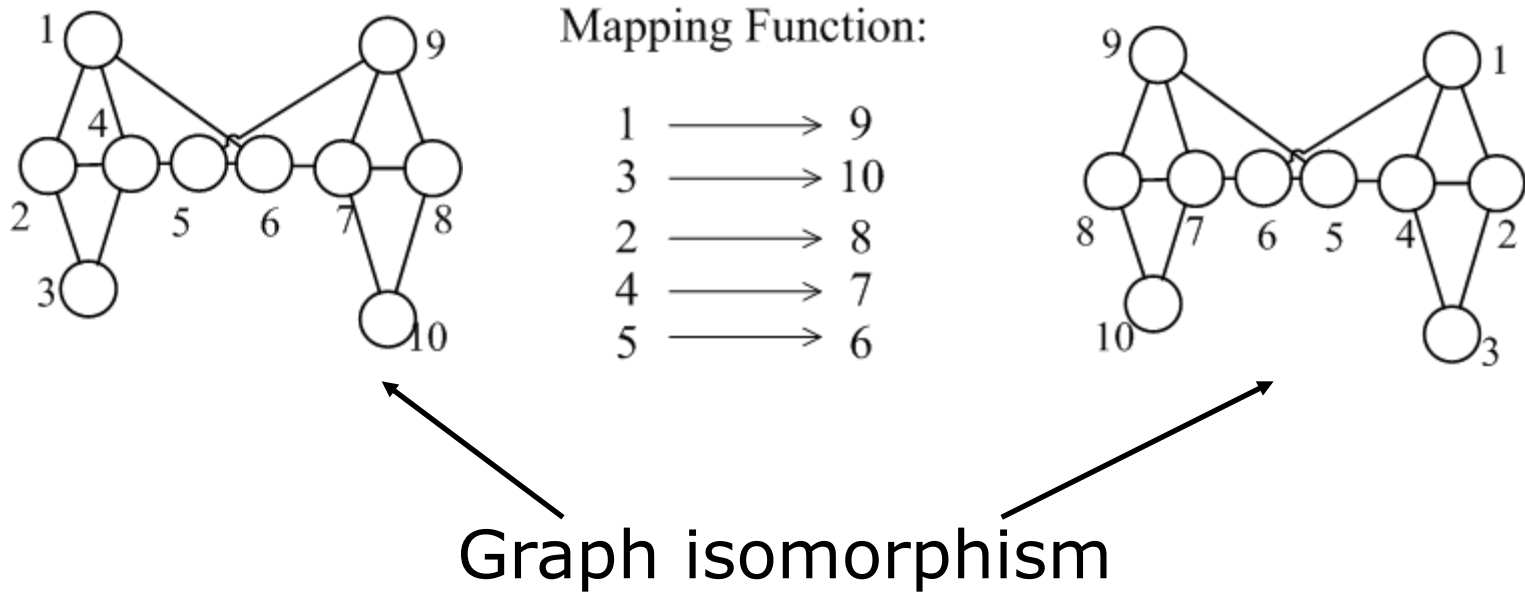
For all crossing edges of blocks, perform edge copy

Finish



# K-Automorphism Network

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# The Motivation

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If the released graph is a  $k$ -automorphism network,  
It can resist any attack.

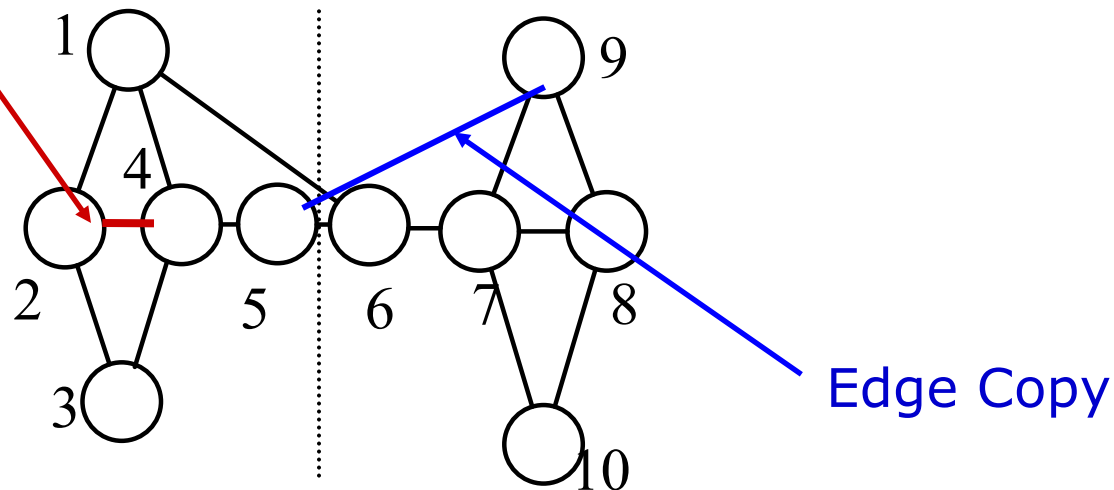
## **Problem Definition:**

Given an original network  $G$ , find a network  $G^*$ , where  $G$  is a sub-graph of  $G^*$ , and  $G^*$  is a  $k$ -automorphic network.  $G^*$  is published as  $G$ 's anonymized version. Furthermore, we require that  $\text{Cost}(G, G^*)$  is minimized.

# KM Algorithm-(Overview)

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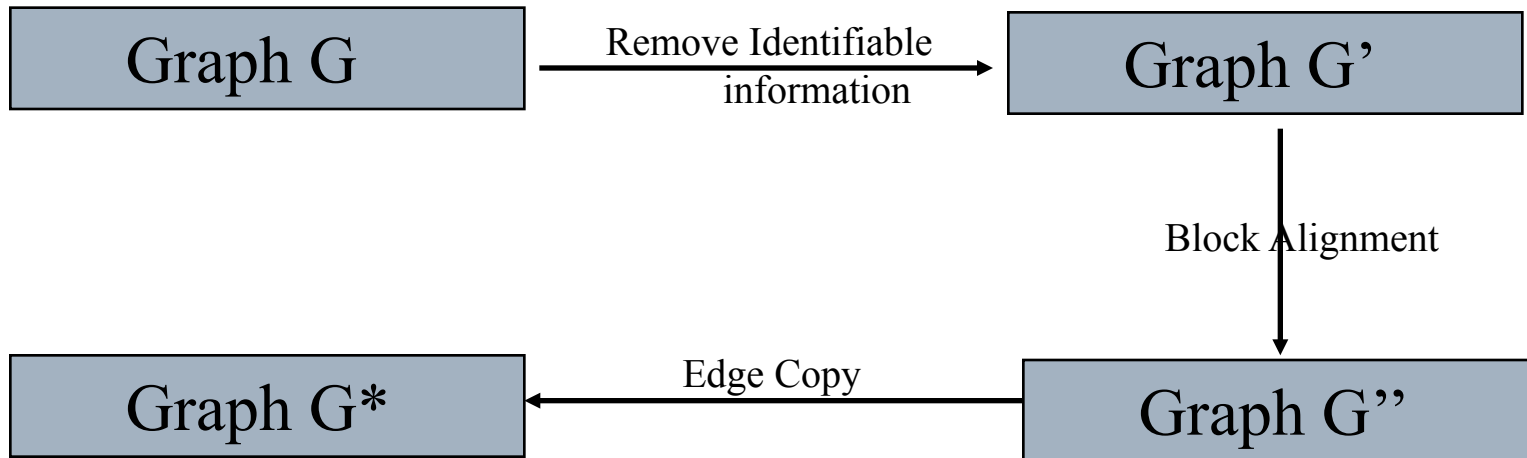
Block Alignment



(a) Naïve anonymization  
Network  $G'$

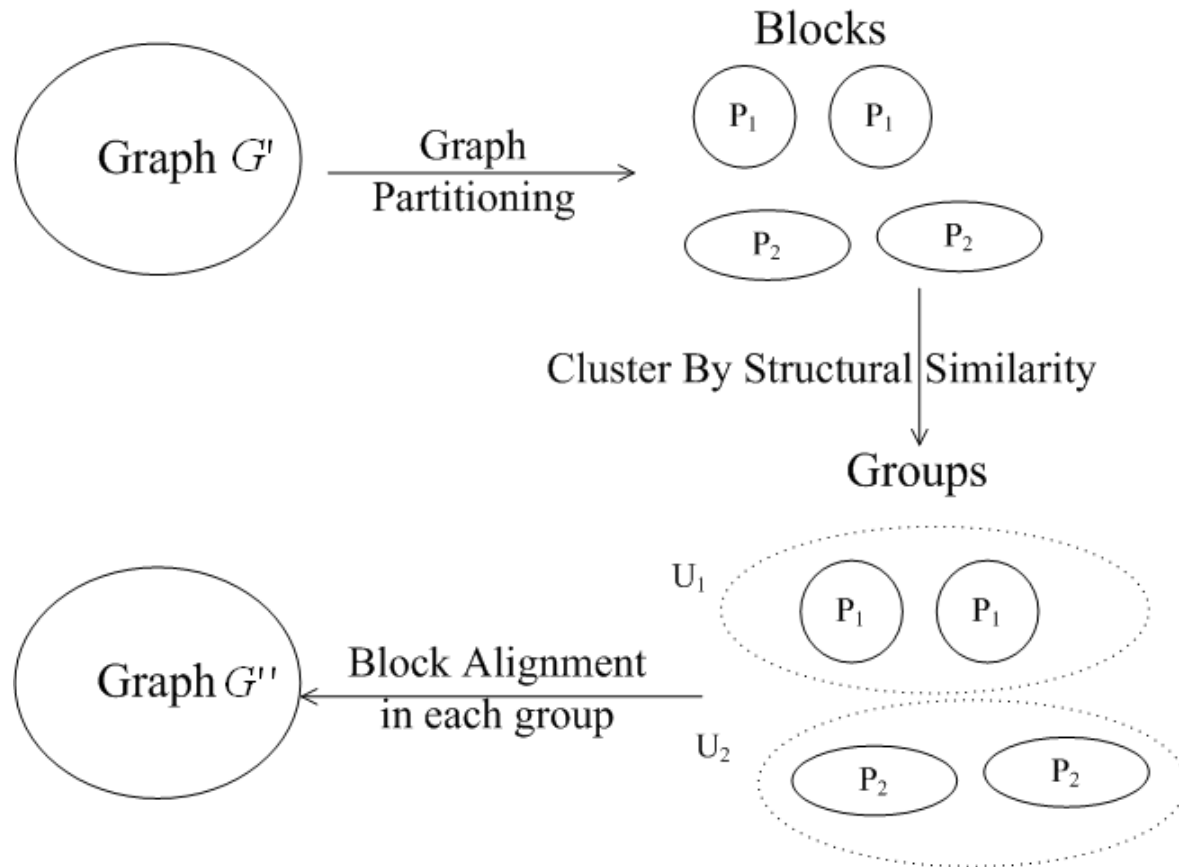
# Framework

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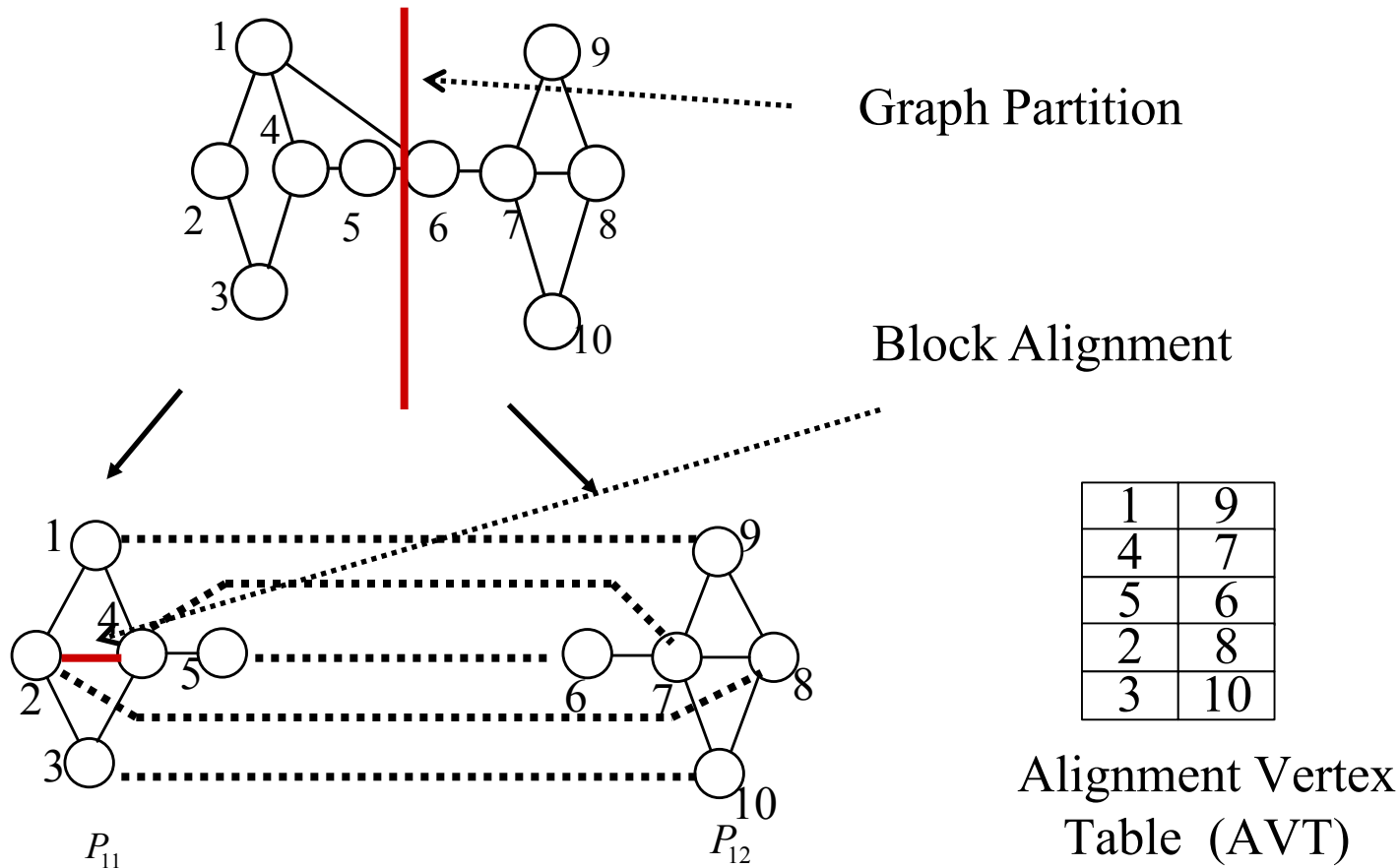


# Block Alignment

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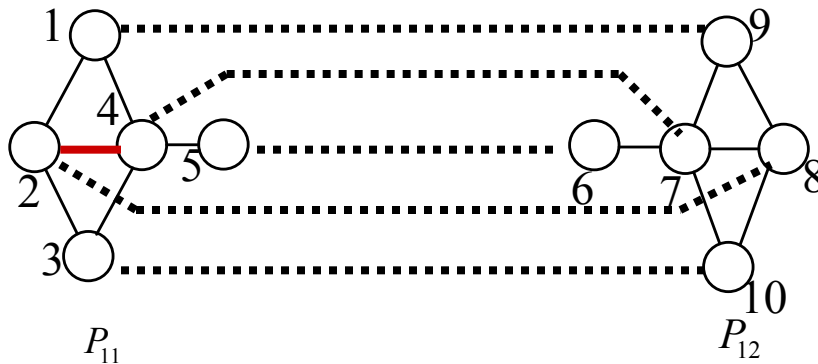


# Block Alignment



# An Optimal Block Alignment

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1	9
4	7
5	6
2	8
3	10

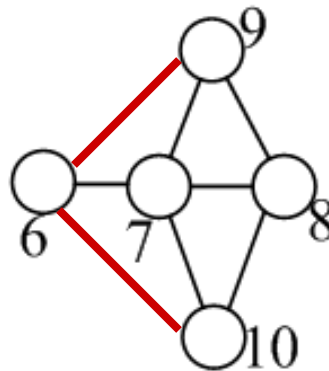
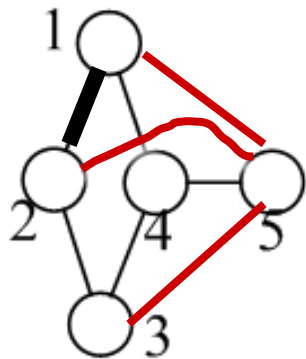
Alignment Vertex  
Table (AVT)

We prove the optimal block alignment is NP-hard

# Degree-Based Alignment

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The largest same  
degree



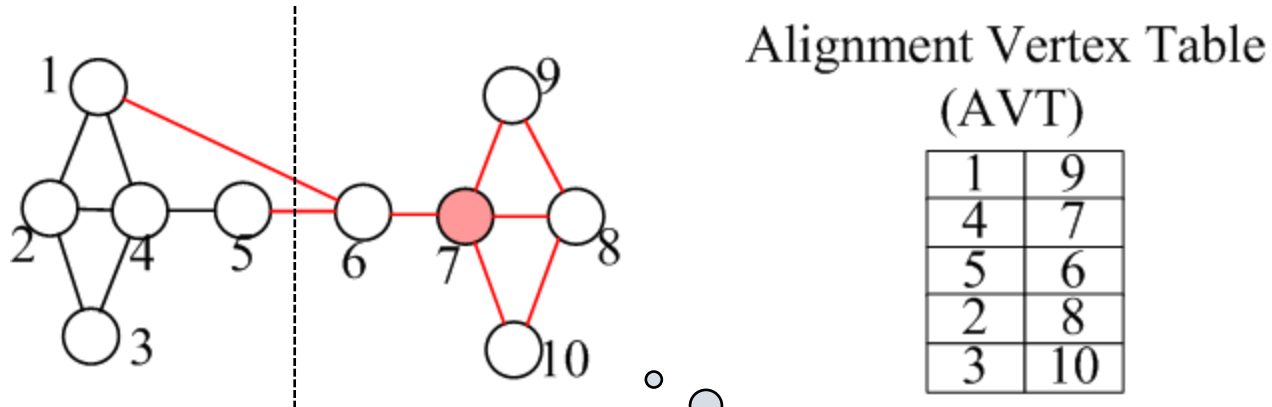
BF-search  
Pair-up vertices with the same  
or similar degrees

**Vertex Alignment Table**

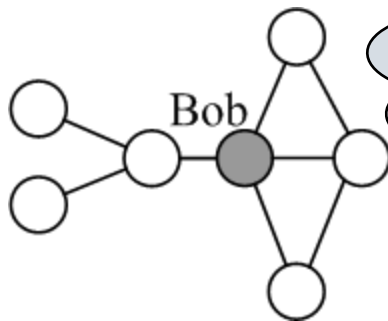
4	8
1	9
3	10
5	7
2	6



# After Block Alignment



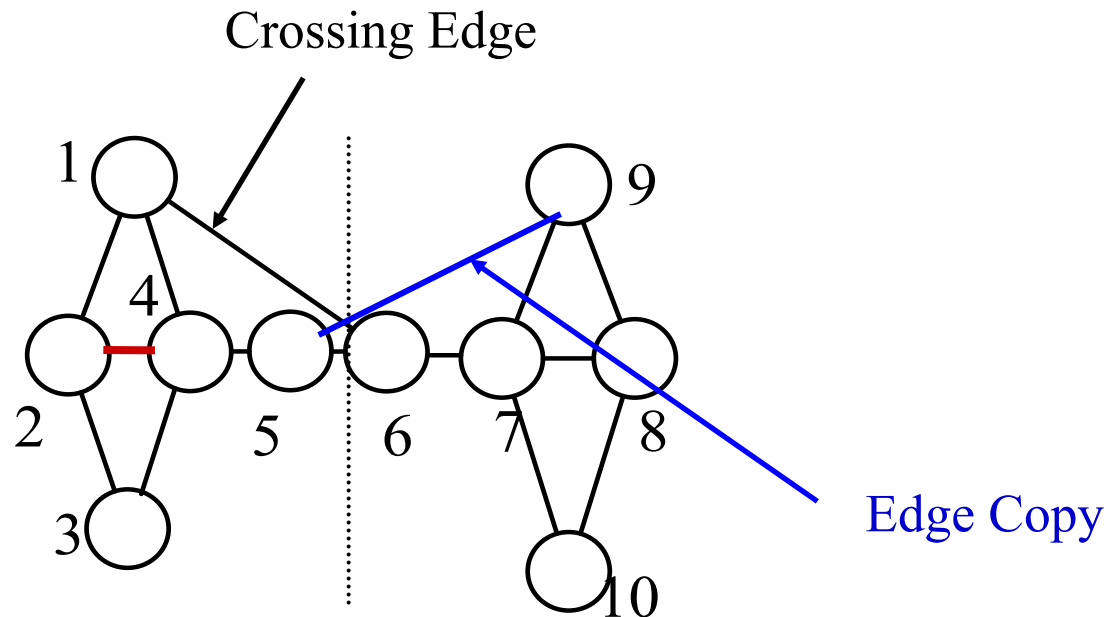
Query:



The privacy of Bob is still compromised

# Edge Copy

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(a) Naïve anonymization  
Network  $G'$

# Edge Copy

According to Automorphic Function, duplicate all crossing edges.

Alignment Vertex Table (AVT)

1	9
4	7
5	6
2	8
3	10

Automorphic Function:

$F(1)=9$ ;  $F(9)=1$ ;

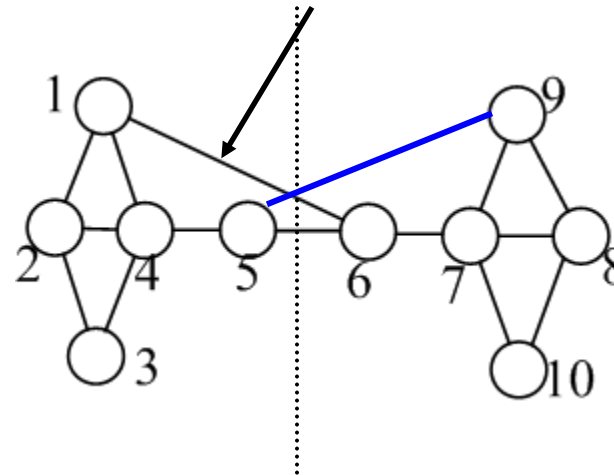
$F(4)=7$ ;  $F(7)=4$ ;

$F(5)=6$ ;  $F(6)=5$ ;

$F(2)=8$ ;  $F(8)=2$ ;

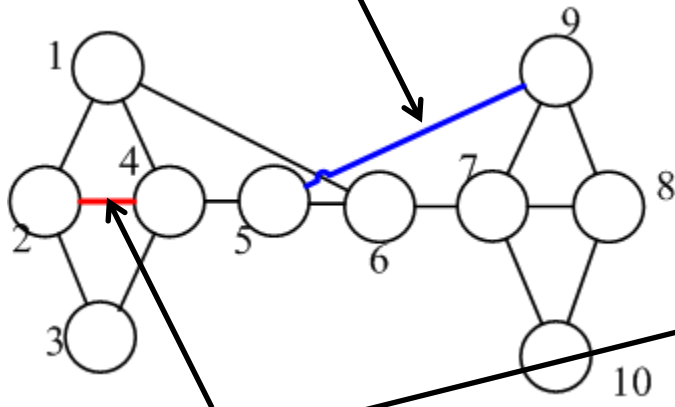
$F(3)=10$ ;  $F(10)=3$ ;

Crossing Edge



# Cost

Edges introduced during edge copy



Given a group  $U_i$  of blocks  $P_{ij}$ ,  
 $j=1, \dots, k$ ,  
 the anonymization cost of group  $U_i$  is  
 defined as follows:

**Cost( $U_i$ )=**

$$\text{AlCost}(U_i) + 0.5 * (k-1) * \sum_j |\text{CrossEdge}(P_{ij})|$$

Edges introduced during alignment

The total cost is the sum of all group costs.

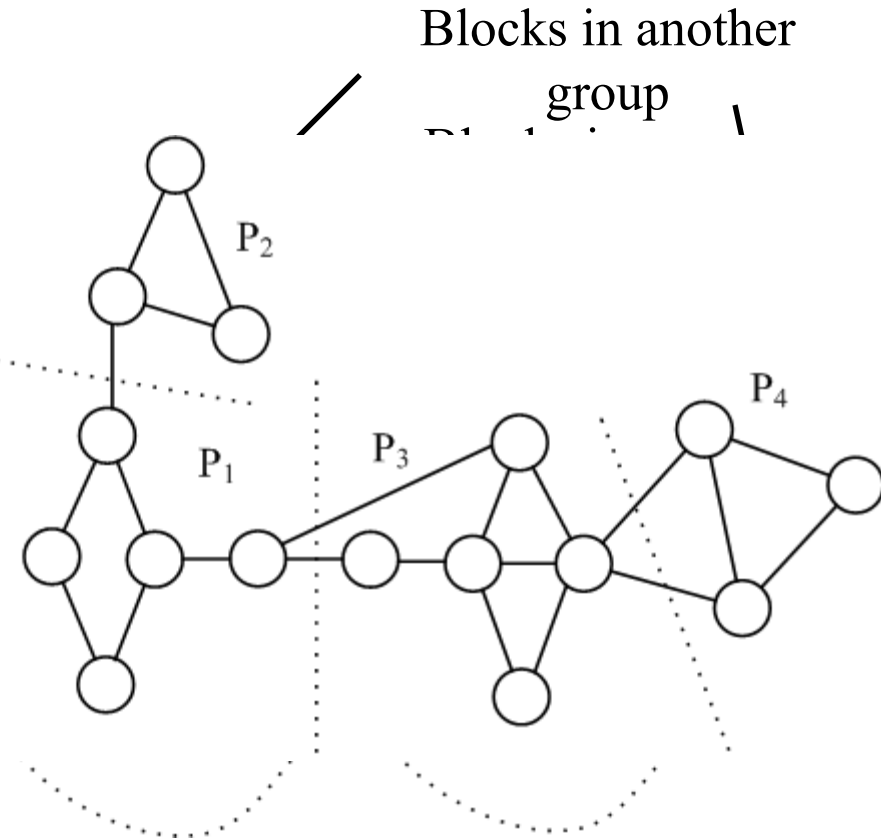
# Graph Partition

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## **Objection of this step:**

Partition graph  $G'$  into  $n$  blocks, and cluster these blocks into  $m$  groups  $U_i$ . Each group  $U_i$  has no less than  $k$  blocks.

# Graph Partition

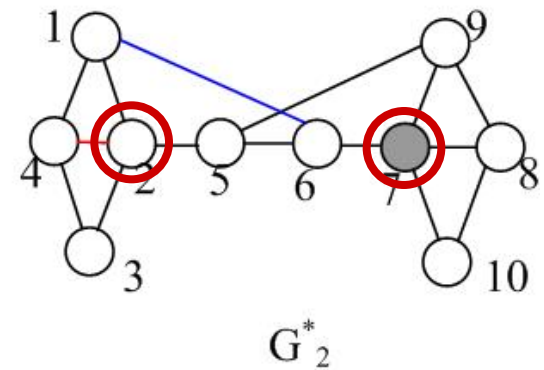
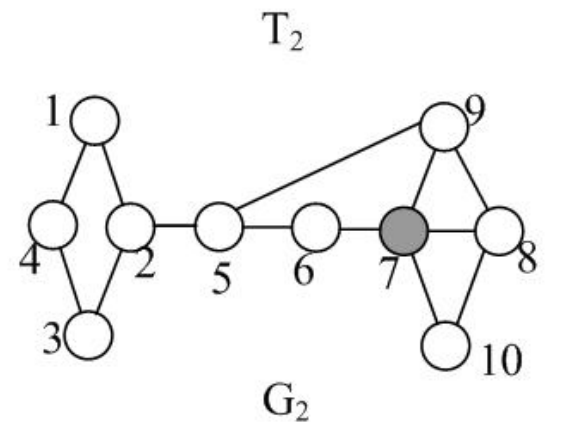
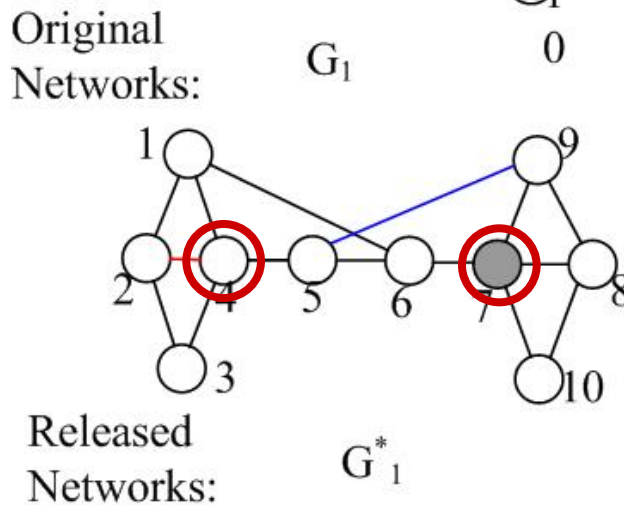
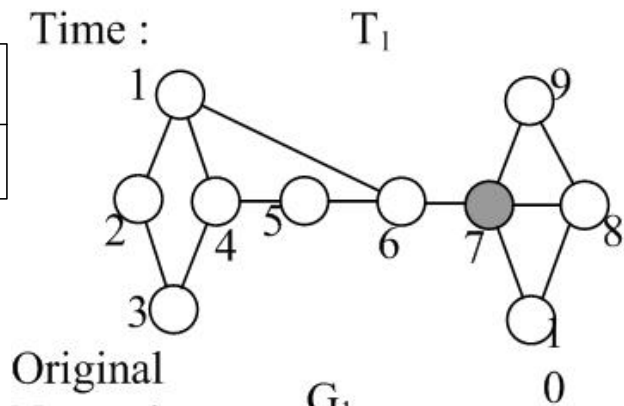


- 1) Set  $\text{Min\_sup} = k$  (i.e.  $k=2$ )
- 2) Find the matches of the largest frequent subgraphs (non-overlapping) as the initial group  $U$  of blocks.
- 3) Expand and alignment all blocks in the group  $U$ , until  $\text{Cost}(U)$  is increased.
- 4) Extract all blocks in group  $U$  from the original graph  $G$ .

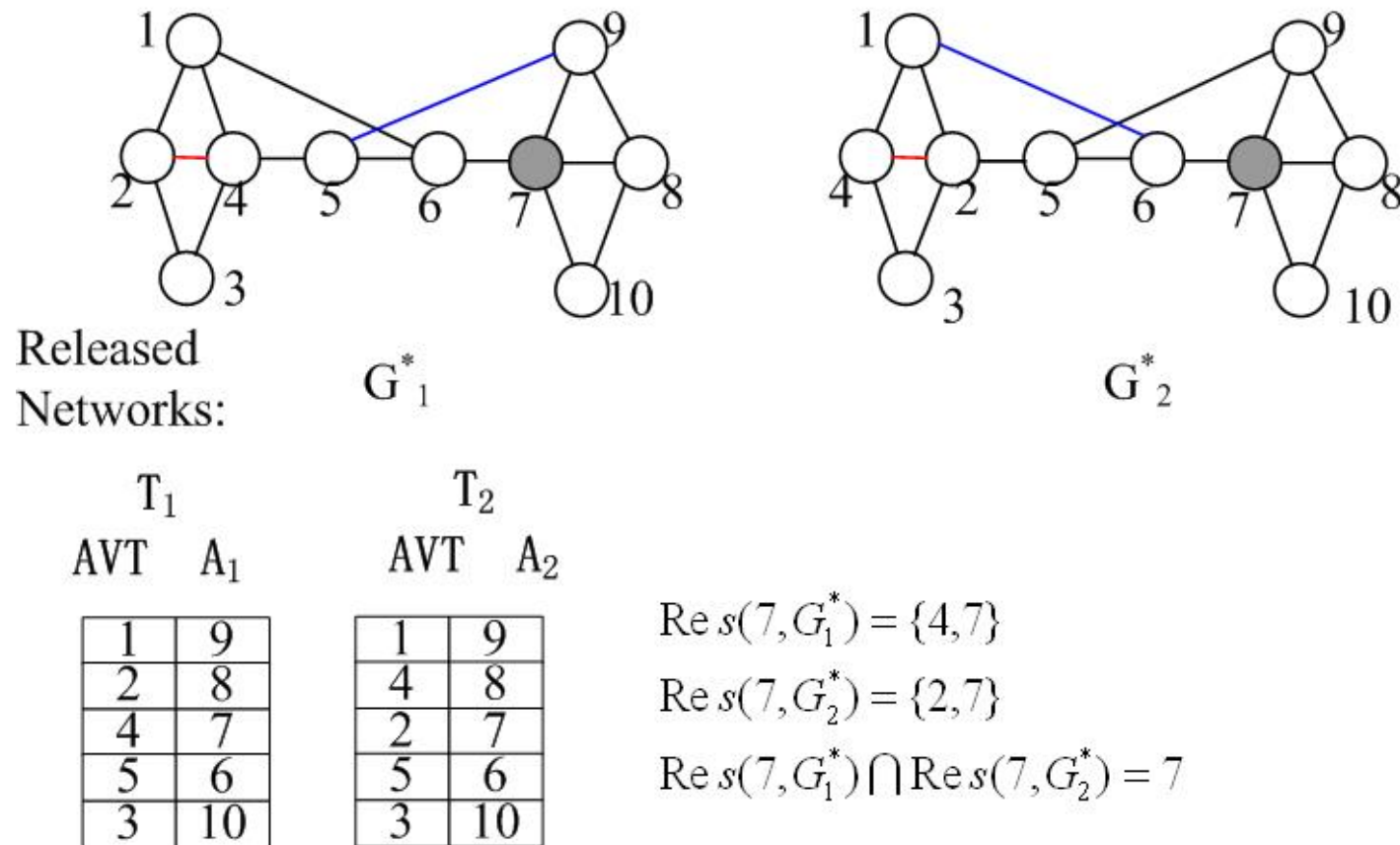
Iterate Steps 1-3 until no vertices in Graph left.

# Dynamic Releases

$T_1$	$\{4, 7\}$
$T_2$	$\{2, 7\}$



# Vertex ID Generation





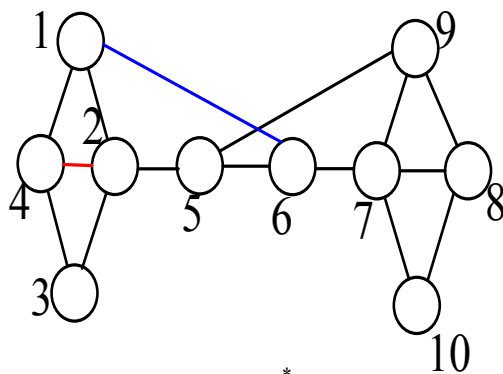
# Vertex ID Generation

$T_1$		$T_2$	
AVT	$A_1$	AVT	$A_1$
1	9	1	9
2	8	4	8
4	7	2	7
5	6	5	6
3	10	3	10

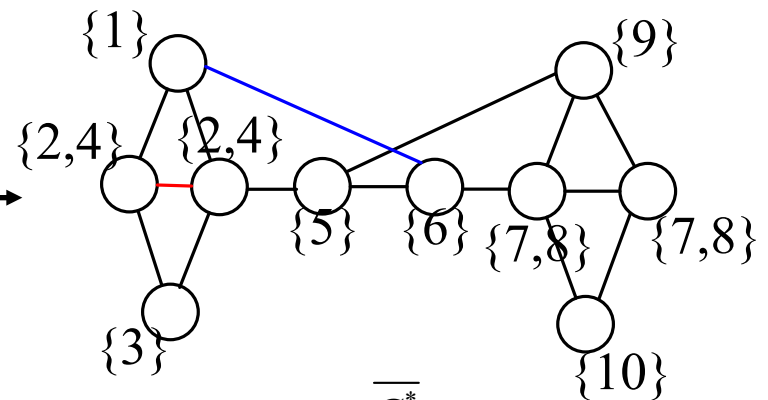
Generalized vertex

ID table

OriID	GenID
1	{1}
2	{2,4}
3	{3}
4	{2,4}
5	{5}
6	{6}
7	{7,8}
8	{7,8}



$G_2^*$



$\overline{G_2^*}$

# Link Protection

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## ☐ Models

- K-degree
- K-neighborhood
- K-automorphism (K-symmetric)

## ☐ Protection objective

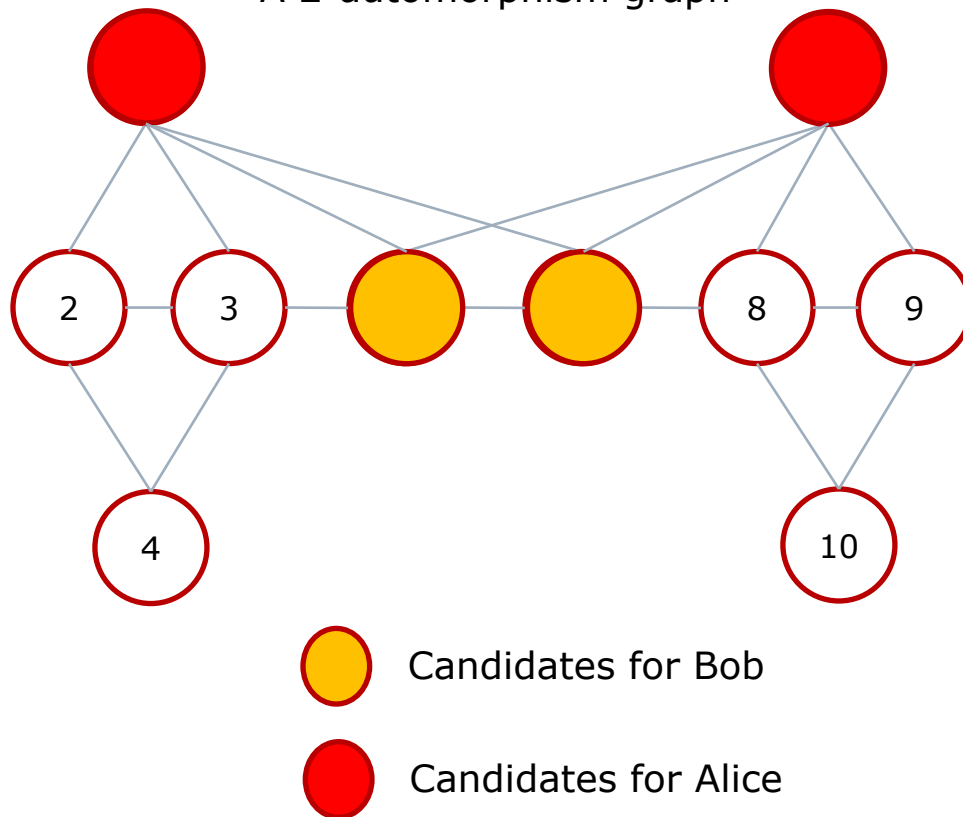
- Preventing node re-identification

## ☐ Link Protection?

# Link Leakage in k-automorphism

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A 2-automorphism graph

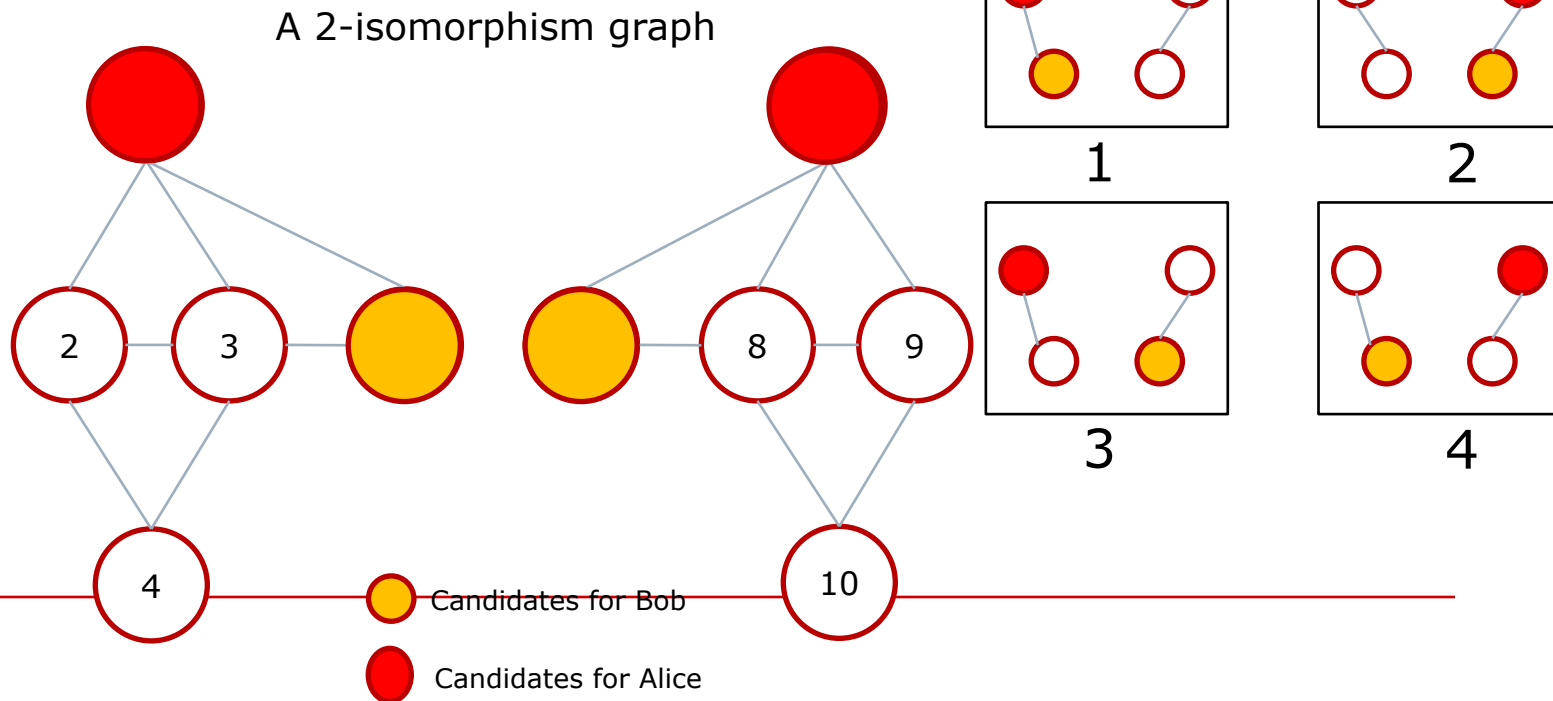


$$\text{Prob}(\text{con}(\text{Bob}, \text{Alice})) = 100\%$$

# K-isomorphism [22]

## □ K-isomorphism anonymous

- The graph contains at least k disjoint isomorphism subgraphs

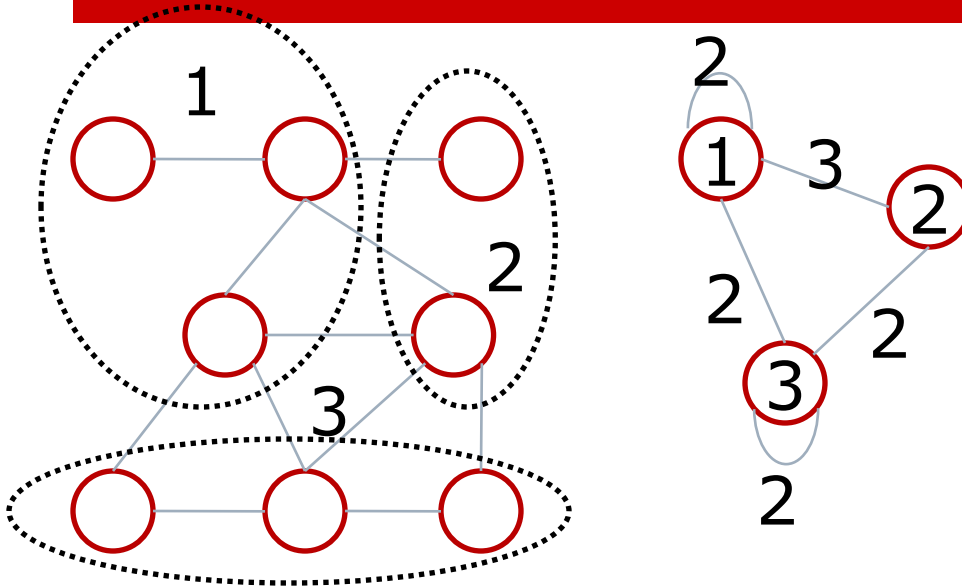


# Publishing sanitized graph

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- ① Privacy protection and the attack models
- ② Preventing passive attacks
  - ① Edge editing based models
  - ② Clustering based models
- ③ Preventing active attacks
- ④ Other works

# Resist neighborhood attack through graph clustering<sup>[8]</sup>



This paper used Simulated Annealing to minimize the number of sampling graphs:

$$|W(G)| = \prod_{X \in V'} \left( \frac{1}{2} \frac{|X|(|X|-1)}{d(X,X)} \right) \prod_{X,Y \in V'} \binom{|X||Y|}{d(X,Y)}$$

$d(X,Y)$ : No. of edges between  $X$  and  $Y$

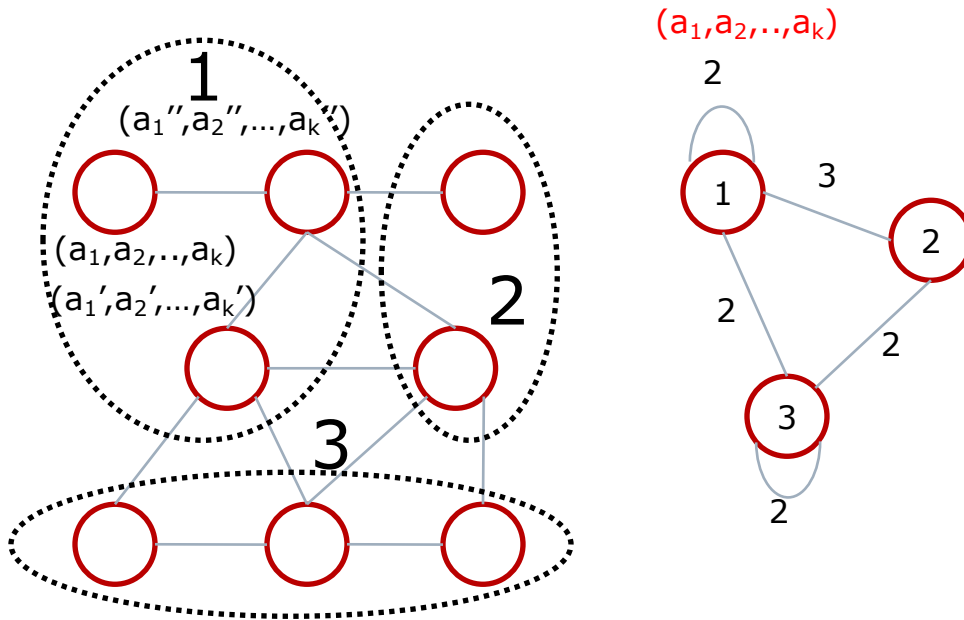
Step1: Partition the graph, each partition contains at least  $k$  nodes

Step2: For each partition, generate a super node

Step3: Draw the edges between partitions, the weight is the edge number

Step3: Draw the sel-edges for each partition, the weight is the edge number with it

# K-anonymous masked<sup>[15]</sup>



A = Generalization Information Lost

B = Structural Information Lost

$$\text{Cost} = a * A + b * B$$

The algorithm is partition the graph into clusters bigger than k by minimizing this cost

# Clustering model for link protection [13]

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## □ Graph Model

- Undirected bipartite graph  $(V, I, E)$
- $V$  is a set of users
  - Each user has a group of attributes
- $I$  is a set of interactions
  - Each interaction can contain more than two users
- $\text{Edge}(v, i)$  means user  $v$  is involved in interaction  $i$

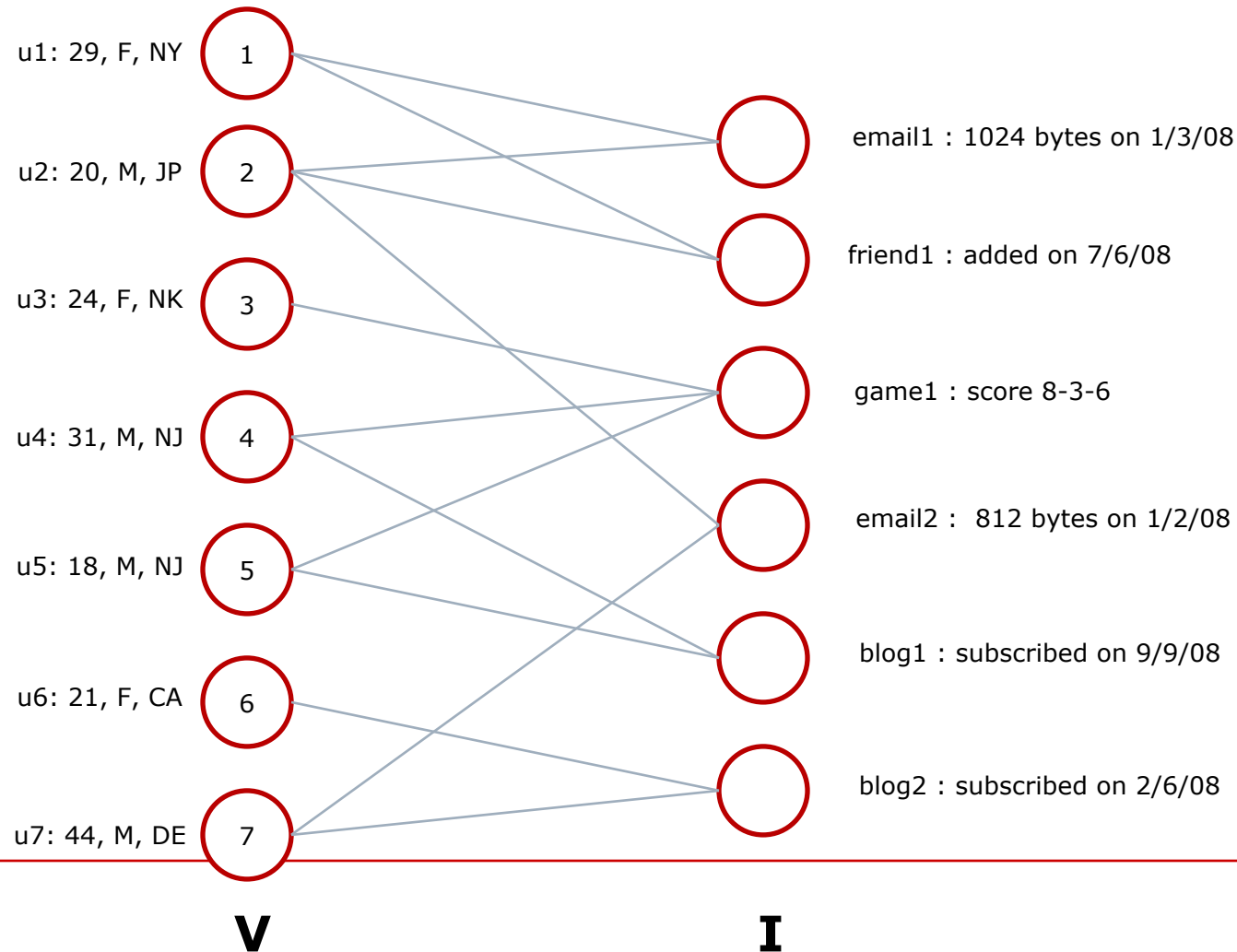
## □ Protect Objectives

- Node protection:  $\text{Prob}(u \Rightarrow n) \leq \frac{1}{k}$
  - Link protection 1:  $\text{Prob}(e(u_1, u_2)) \leq \frac{1}{k}$ 
    - user  $x$  and  $y$  are in any interaction together
  - Link protection 2:  $\text{Prob}(u \in e) \leq \frac{1}{k}$ 
    - user  $x$  is involved in interaction  $i$
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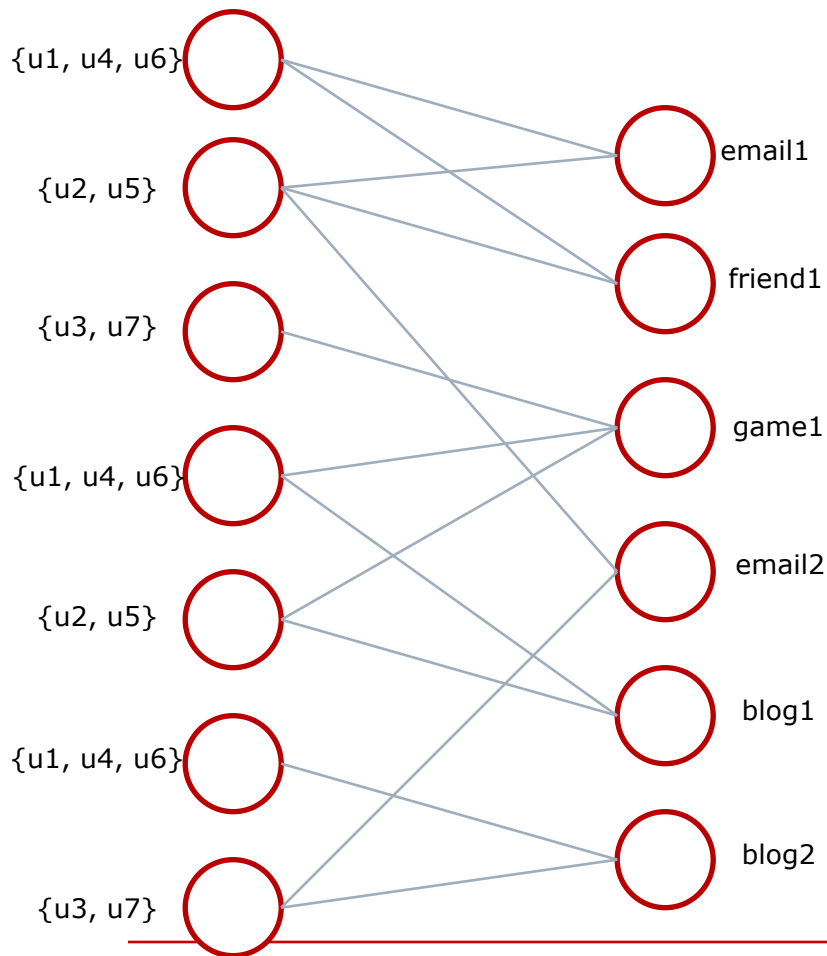


# Graph Model Demo

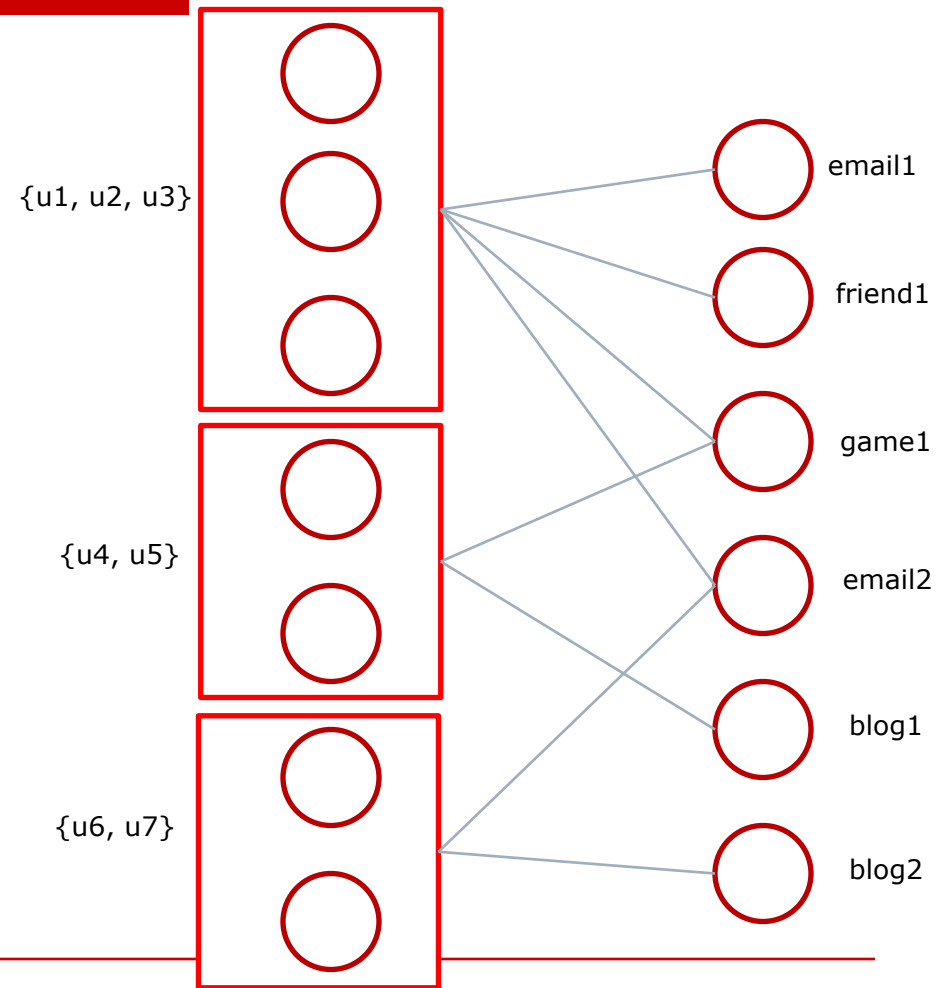
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# Clustering graphs



Attacks using node attributes



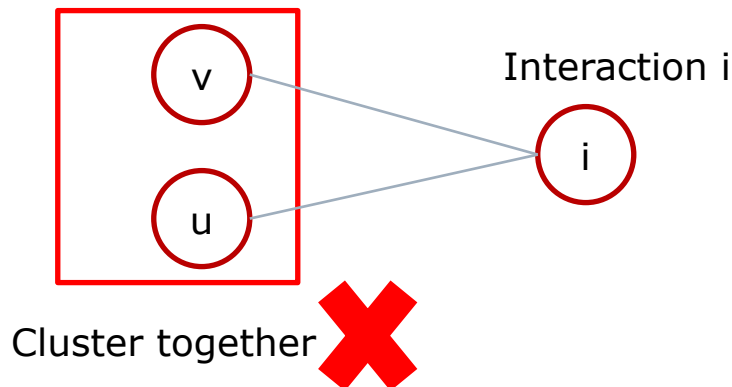
Attacks using node attributes + structure information

# Safety Clustering Condition

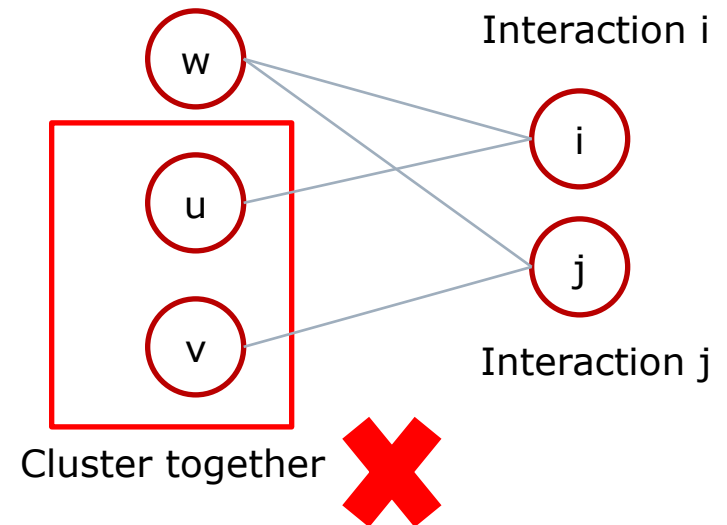
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**Safety Clustering Condition:**  $\forall \{u, i\}, \{v, i\} \in E : \text{friends}(u, v)$   
 $\forall u \in S, v \in S \Rightarrow (\neg \text{friends}(u, v)) \wedge (\neg \exists w (\text{friends}(u, w) \wedge \text{friends}(v, w)))$

**Case 1:  $u$  and  $v$  are friend**



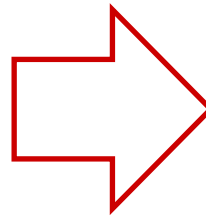
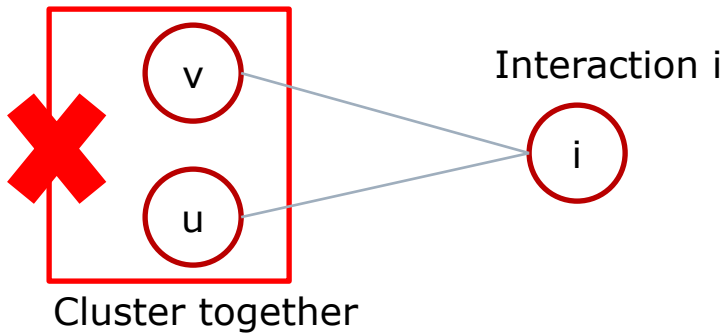
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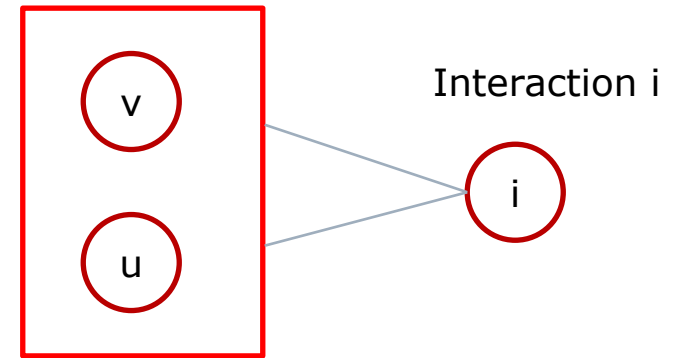
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**Case 1:  $u$  and  $v$  are friend**



**$k=2$**



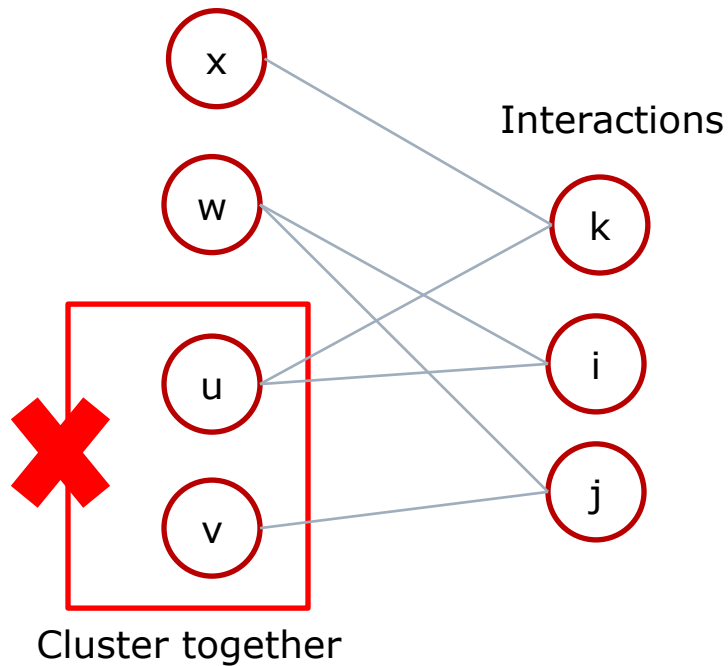
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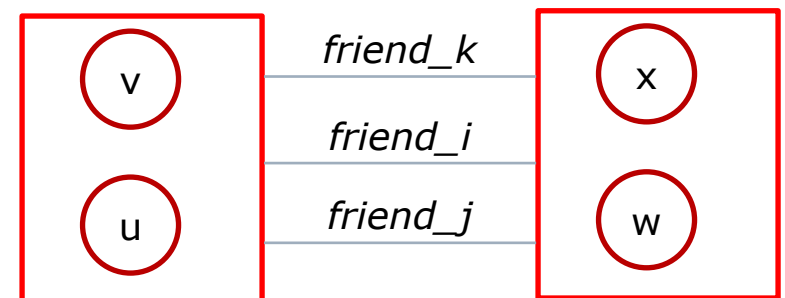
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**Case 2:  $u$  and  $v$  are friend**



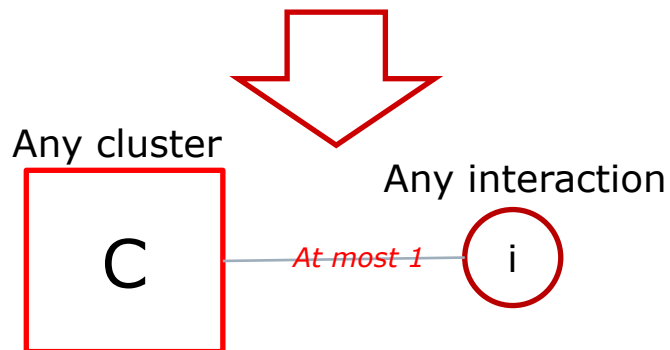
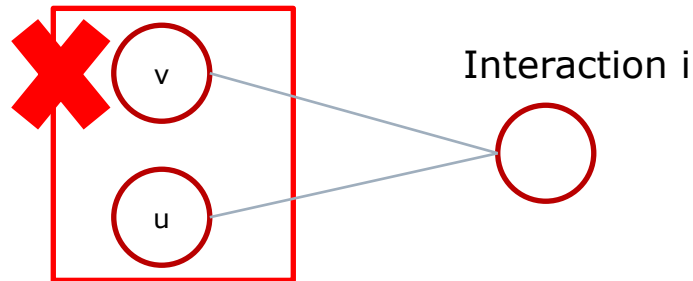
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$$Prob(u \text{ connect with } w) = \frac{3}{4} > \frac{1}{2}$$

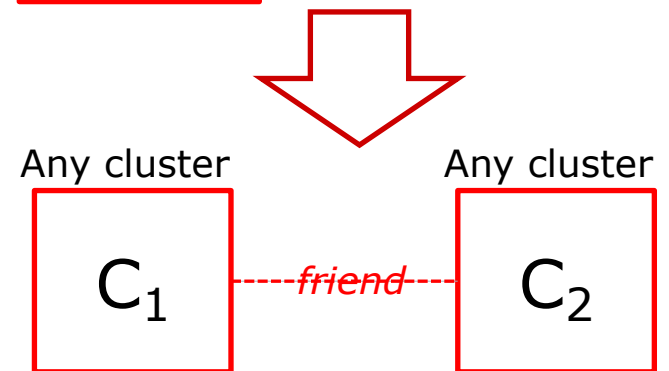
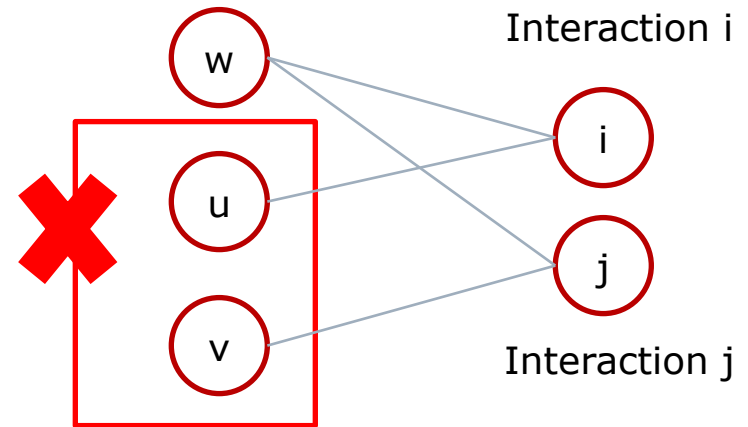
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$$|C| \geq k \Rightarrow \forall u \in C, \text{Prob}(u \text{ in } i) \leq \frac{1}{k}$$

**Case 2:  $u$  and  $v$  are friend**



# Publishing sanitized graph

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- ① Privacy protection and the attack models
- ② Preventing passive attacks
  - ① Edge editing based models
  - ② Clustering based models
  - ③ Protecting edge weights
- ③ Preventing active attacks
- ④ Other works

# Noised edge weights [17]

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- Graph model: weighted graph
  - Protection objective
    - Hide the real value of edge weights
  - An attacker's background knowledge
    - The published graph
      - Using the edge weights he saw to guess the original weights
  - Utility
    - Length of shortest paths
  - Method
    - Add gaussian randomization multiplication noise to edge weights
      - Has high probability to preserve the length of shortest paths
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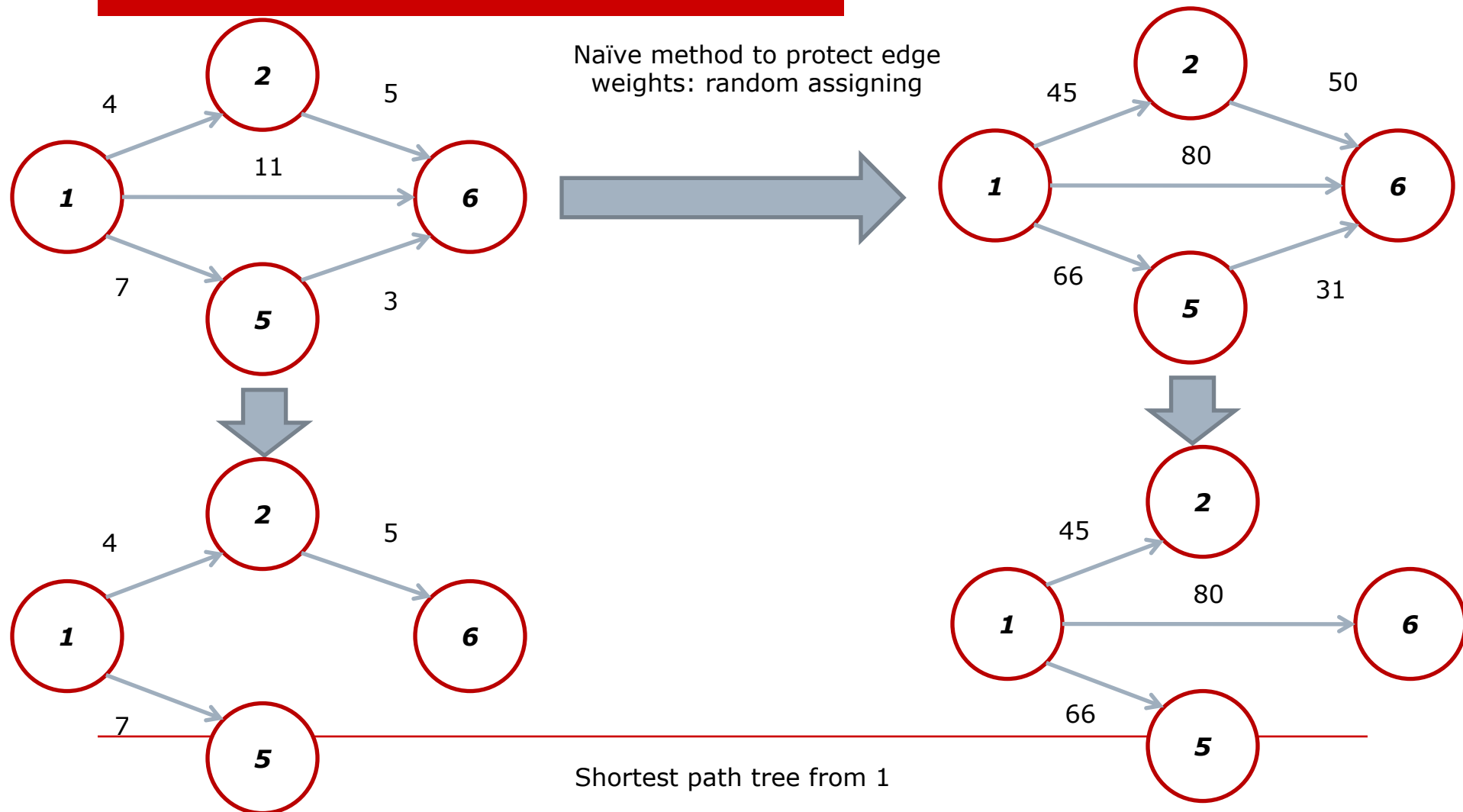


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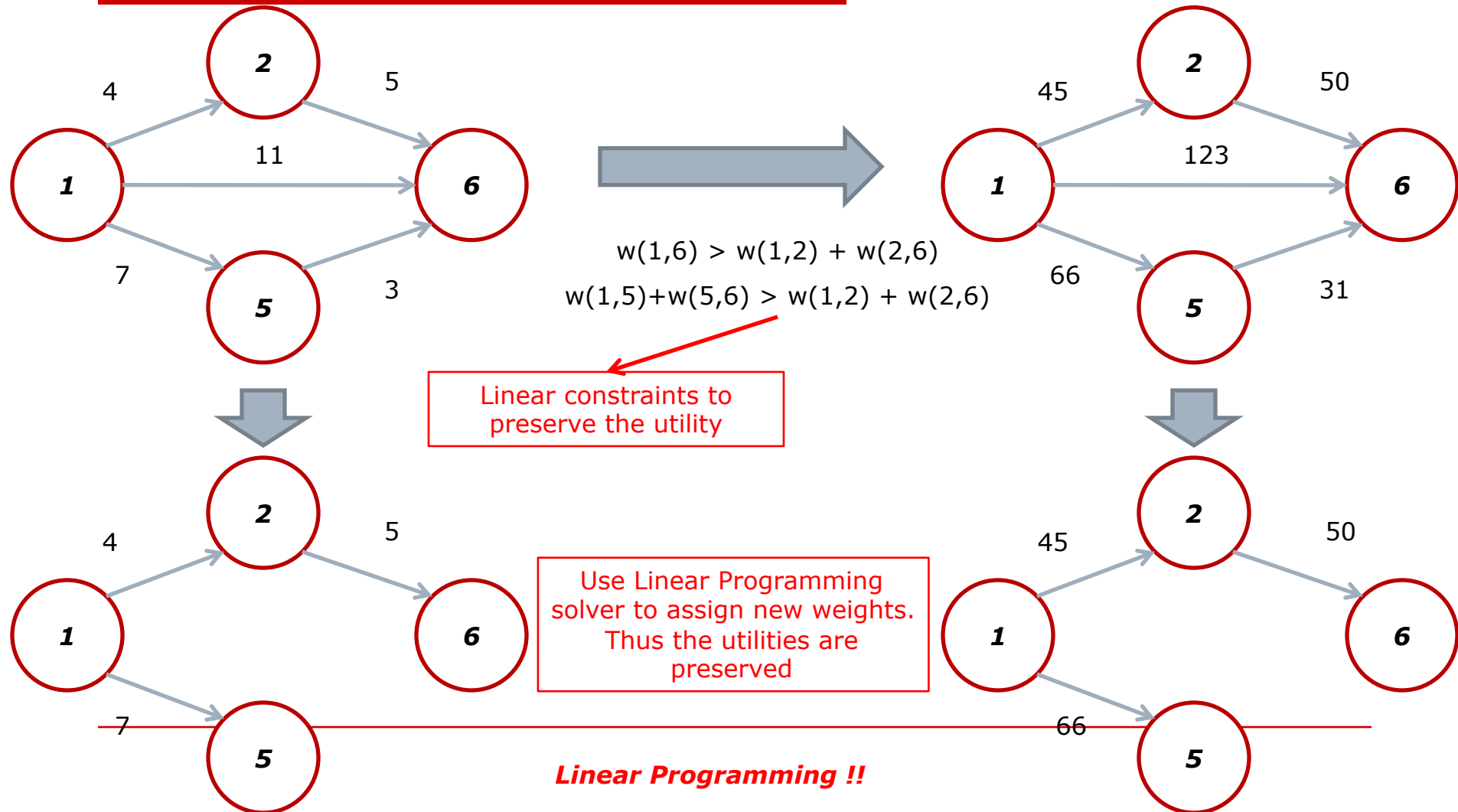
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- Graph model: weighted graph
  - Protection objectives
    - Hide the weights or the orders of the weights
  - An attacker's background knowledge
    - The published graph
  - Utility
    - Certain graph metrics (Can be modeled as the linear inequations between edges weights)
      - Single source shortest path tree
      - Some shortest paths
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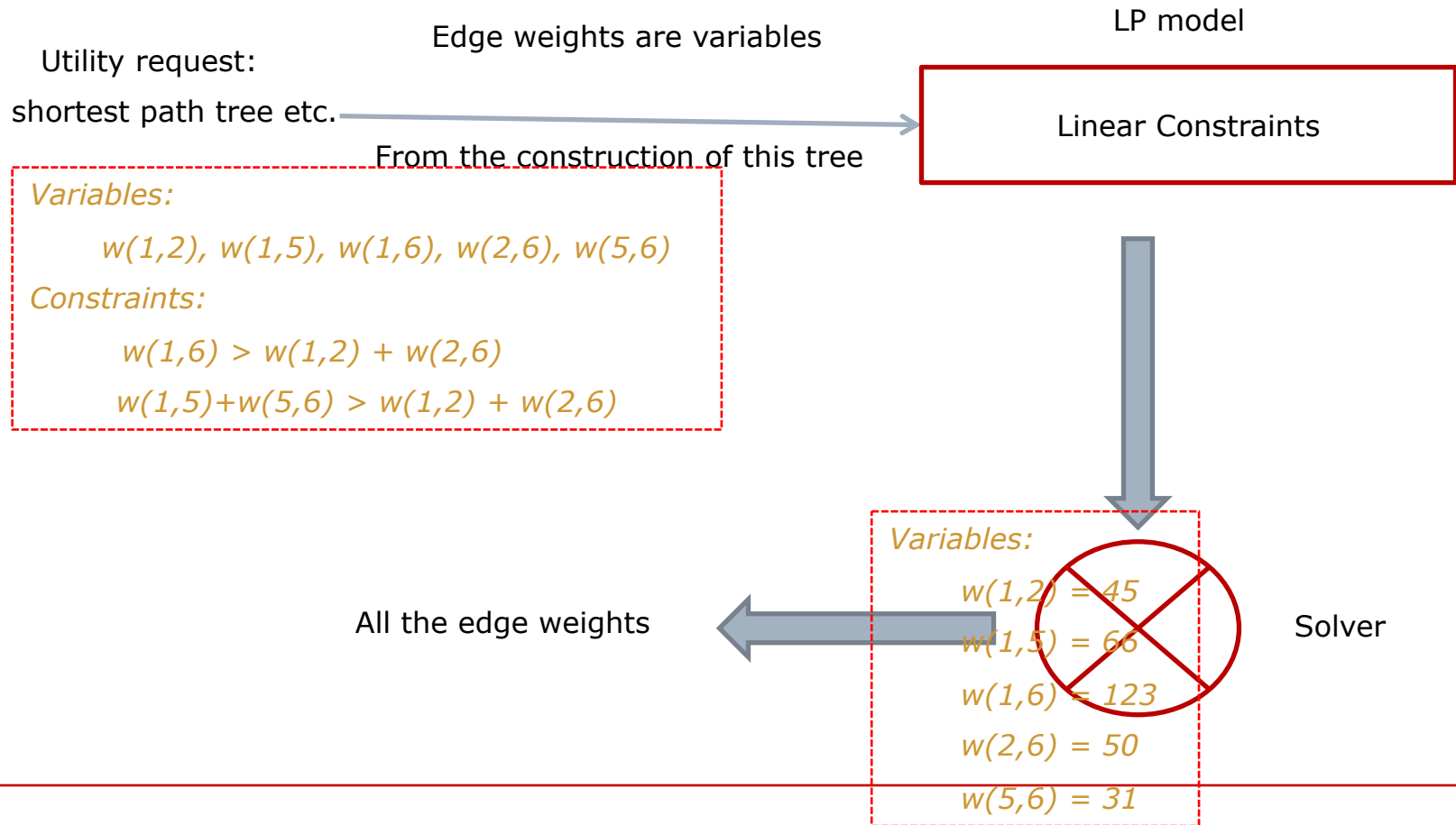
# Motivation Example



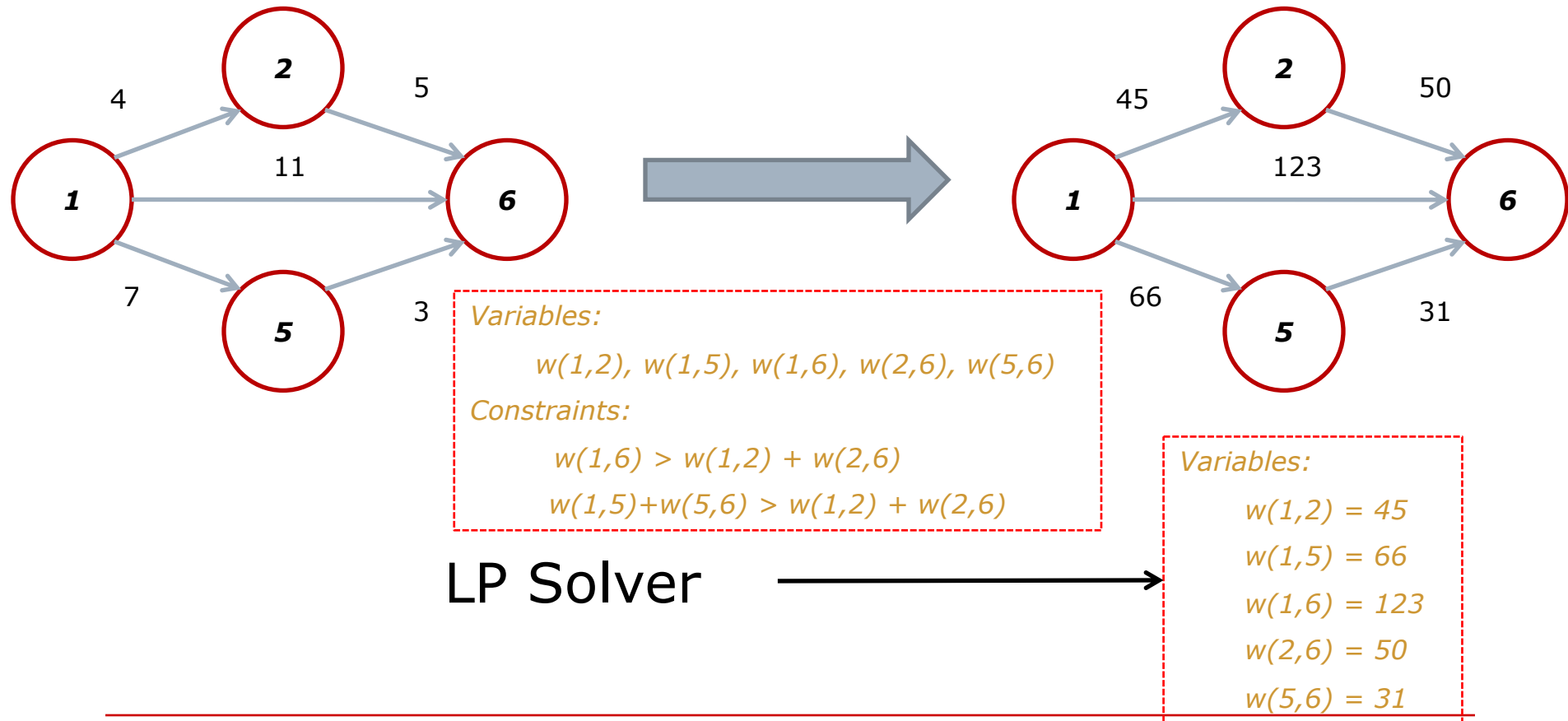
# Motivation Example cont.



# Solution Skeleton



# Motivation Example cont.



# The dilemma of a publisher

Miner: I want useful information

Soft Request

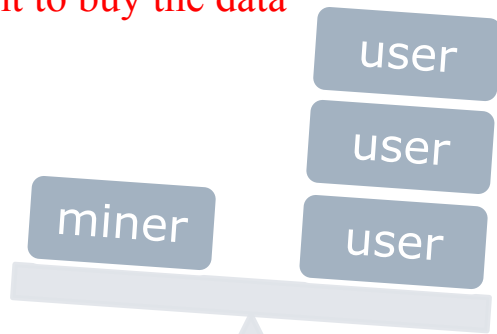
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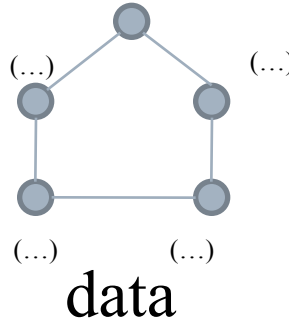
Privacy



I don't want to buy the data



Case 1



User: I need to protect my privacy

Utility



Privacy

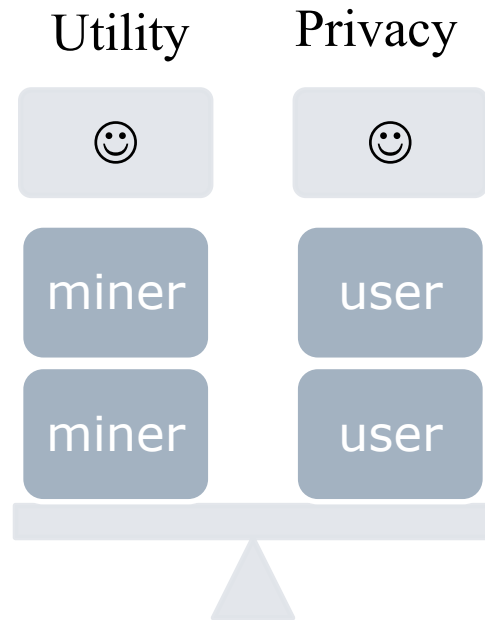


Hard Request

I don't want to provide my data



Case 2



# Social Network Websites Support ..

## Choose Your Privacy Settings ▶ Customize settings

[◀ Back to Privacy](#)[Preview My Profile](#)

Customize who can see and comment on things you share, things on your Wall and things you're tagged in.

### Things I share

#### Posts by me

Default setting for posts, including status updates and photos

🔒 Everyone ▼

#### Family

🔒 Everyone ▼

#### Relationships

🔒 Everyone ▼

#### Interested in and looking for

#### Bio and favorite quotations

✓ Everyone  
Friends of Friends  
Friends Only  
Customize

#### Website

🔒 Everyone ▼

#### Religious and political views

🔒 Friends of Friends ▼

#### Birthday

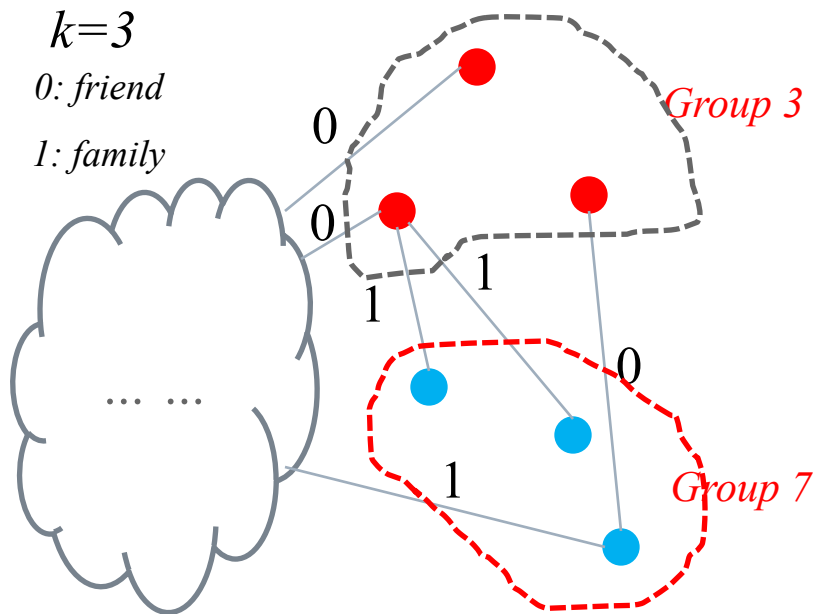
🔒 Friends of Friends ▼



# Avoid Attacks Using Knowledge 1

Method: **Node protection**

Grouping + Node attributes permutation



Group ID	Node attributes
...	...
3	[1] Asian, 33, Phd [2] American, 26, master [3] African, 27, master
...	...
7	[1] European, 29, Phd [2] American, 40, bachelor [3] Australian, 35, bachelor
...	...
M	...

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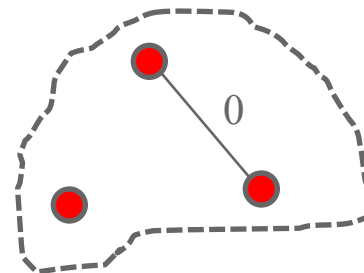
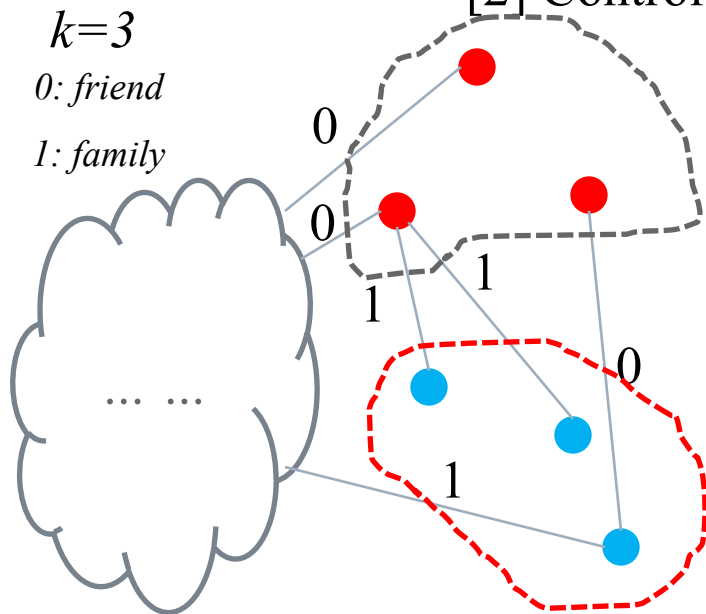
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Edge protection (Two safety conditions)

[1] Make sure No edge within a group

[2] Control the number of edges between groups

$$\frac{d}{|X| |Y|} \leq \frac{1}{k}$$



[1] attribute list 1	→ Bob
[2] attribute list 2	→ Alice
[3] attribute list 3	→ Chilly

Each user has  $2/k$  probability to have this edge

# Avoid Attacks Using Knowledge 1

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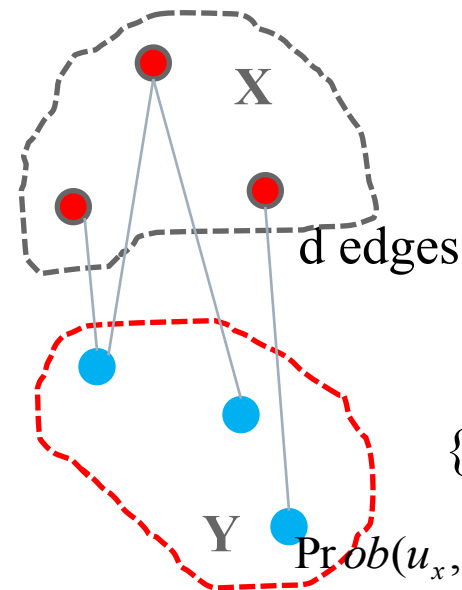
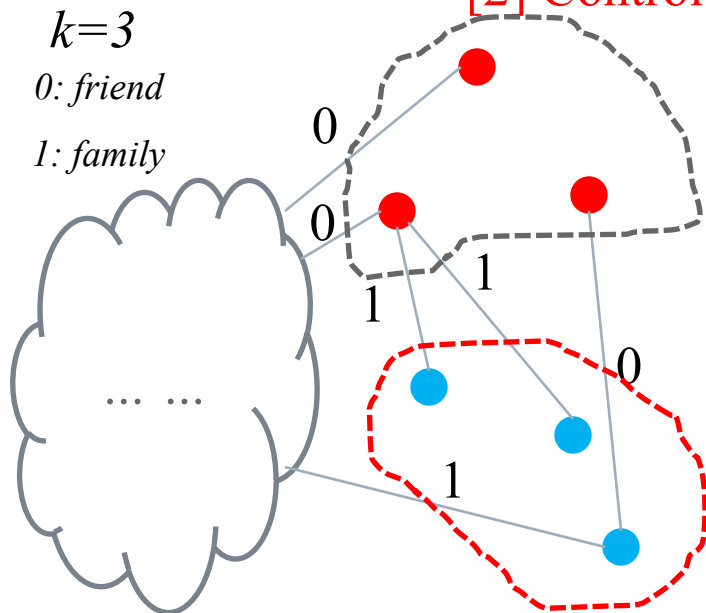
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$\{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$

$\{p_4, p_5, p_6\}$

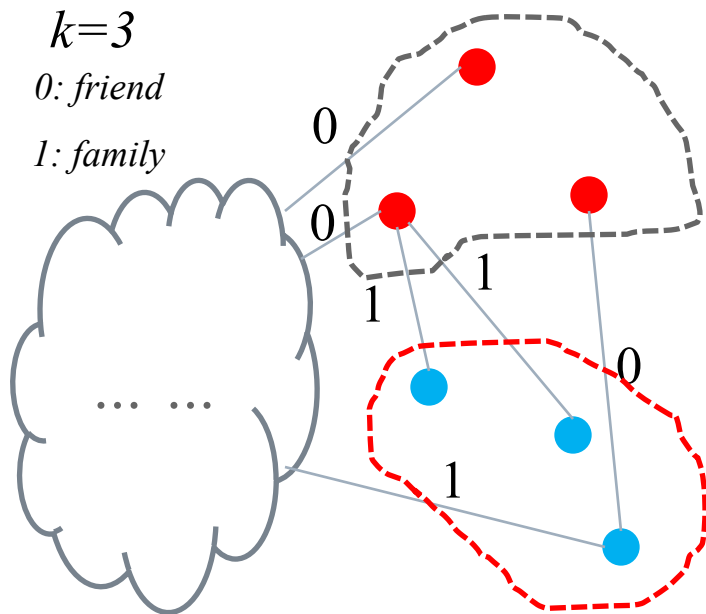
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Method: Add noise edges/nodes under the two safety conditions

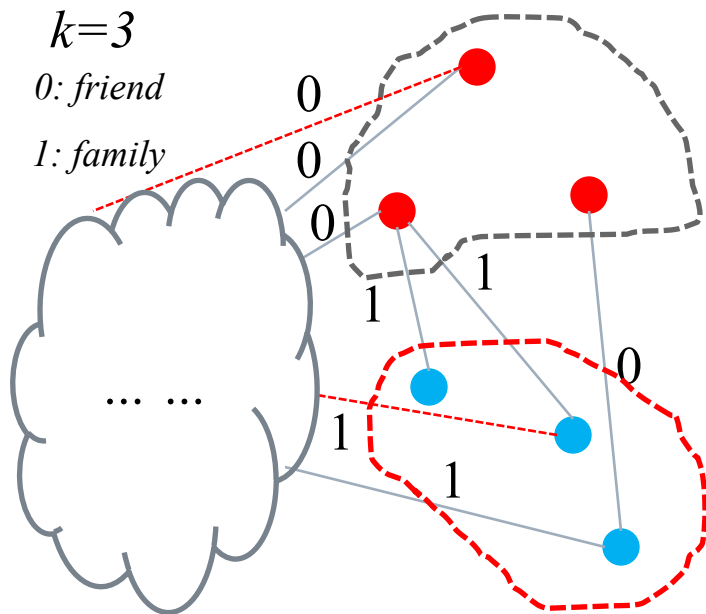


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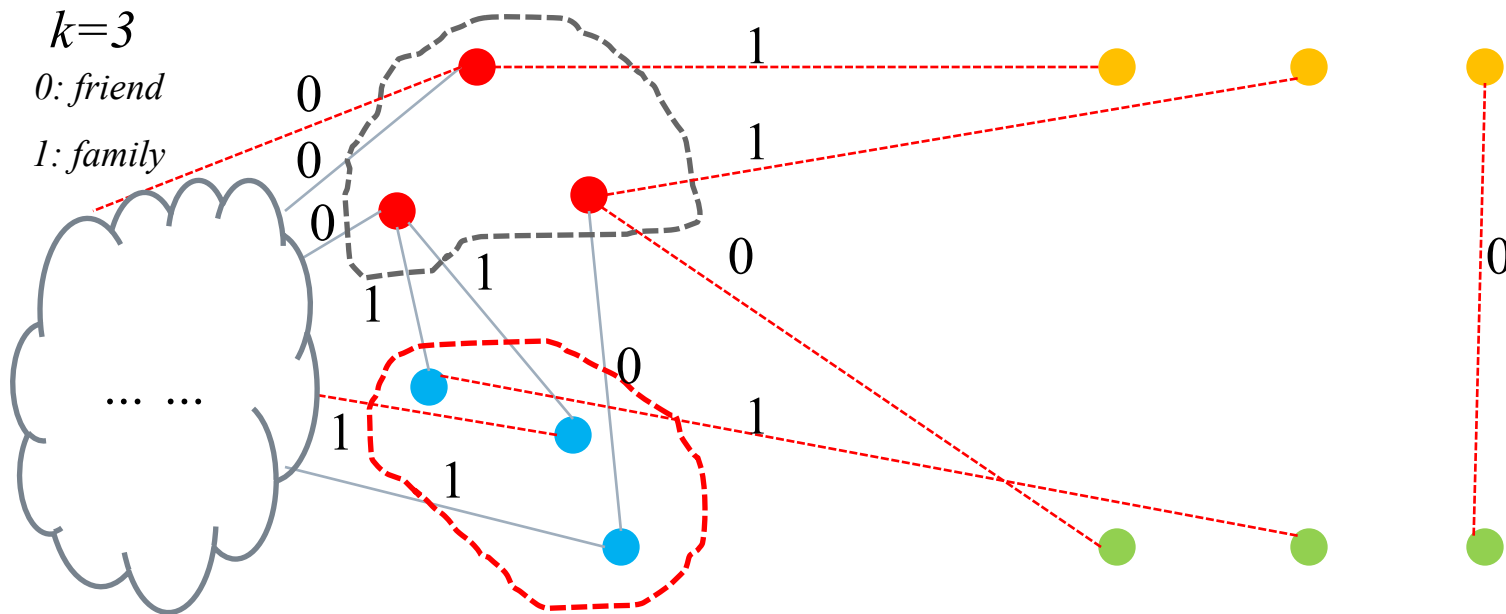


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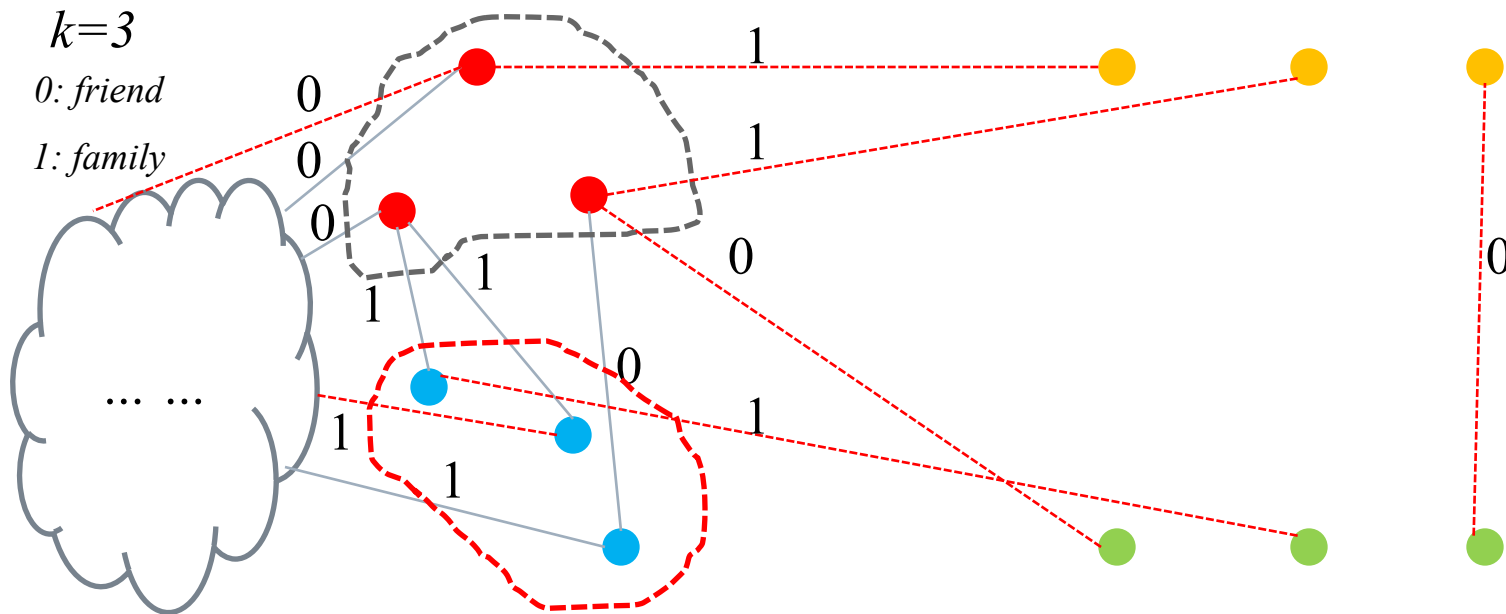


# Avoid Attacks Using Knowledge 3

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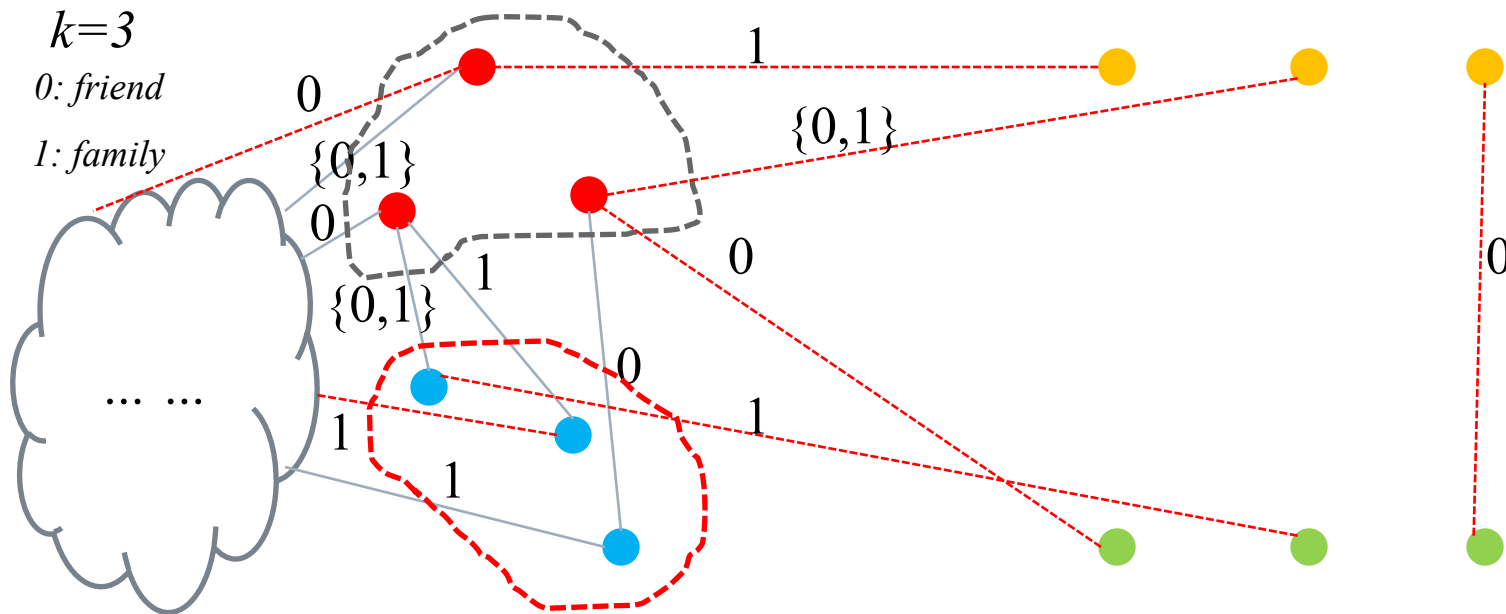
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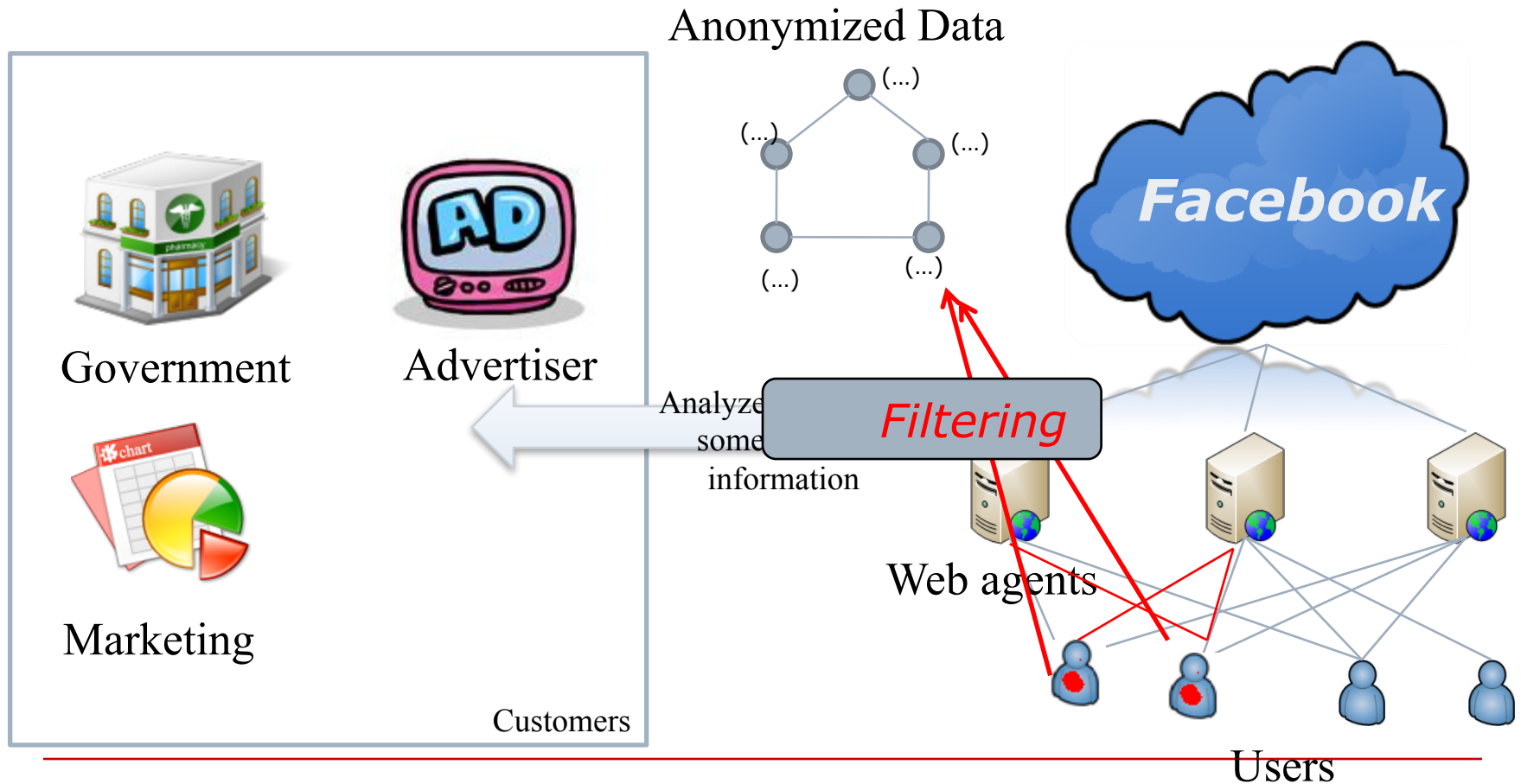


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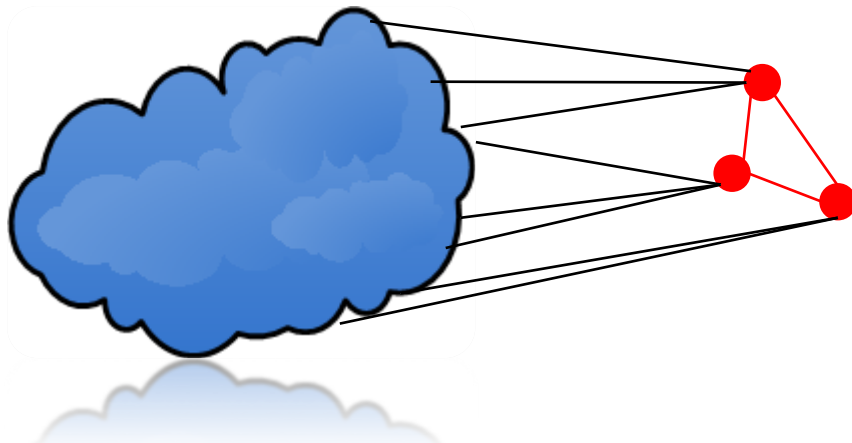


# RLA on email networks [11]

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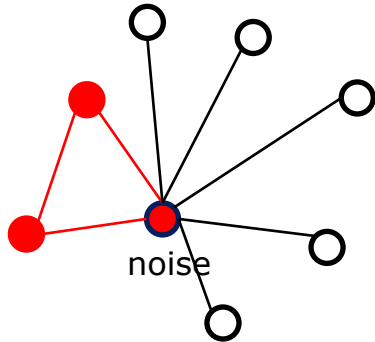
## ☐ Random link attack (RLA)

- A group of noise nodes
  - ☐ Form communities themselves
    - Preventing to be filtered as outlier nodes
  - ☐ Randomly link to a large number of victims



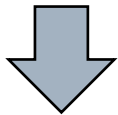
# Observations

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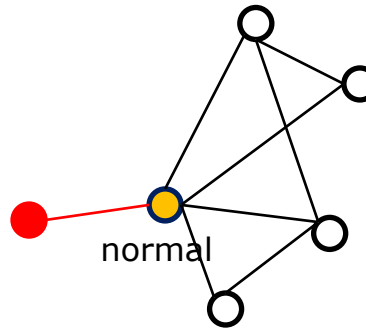
[1] Victims are randomly selected

Most of their friends do not have connection

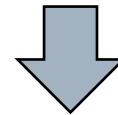


Cluster Coefficient is small

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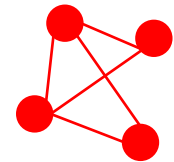


Most of its friends know each other



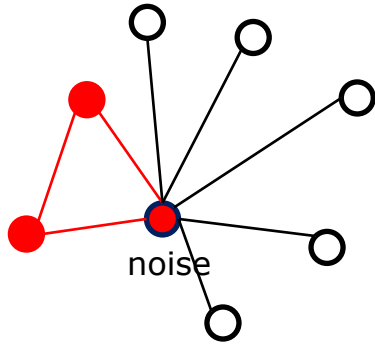
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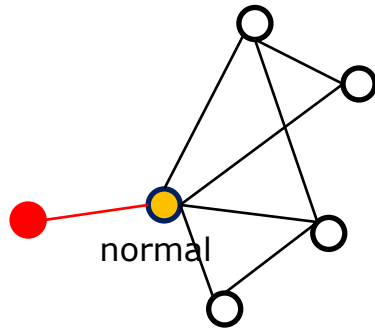


The noise nodes form communities

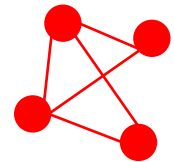
# Two step filtering



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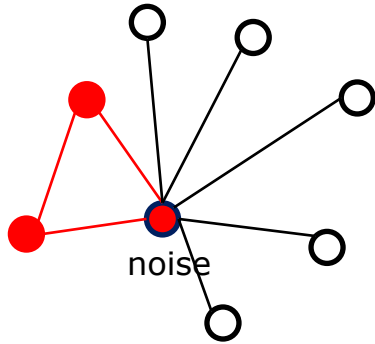


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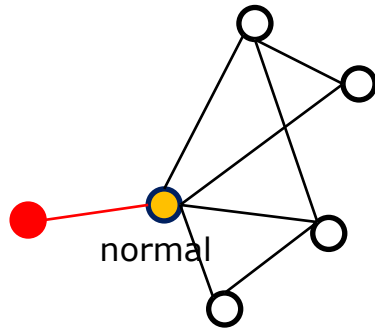
Find suspects

Filtering the densely  
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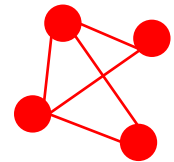
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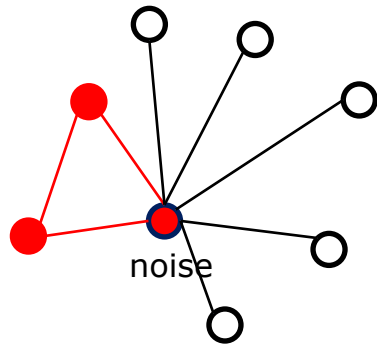


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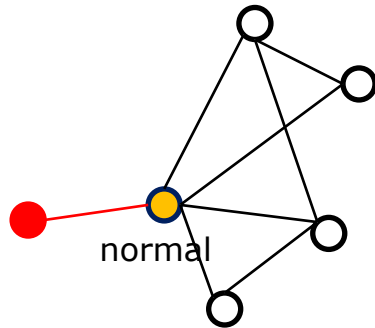
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# Find suspects by spectral characteristics [25]

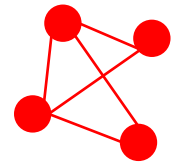


Spectral values  
i.e. the values eigen vectors

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# Other Works<sup>[10][20]</sup>

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- How to embed a re-identifiable subgraph with minimum nodes
- How to safely compose a large id anonymized graph through the sub-graphs gathered from agencies

Cryptographic based  
protocol

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trustable

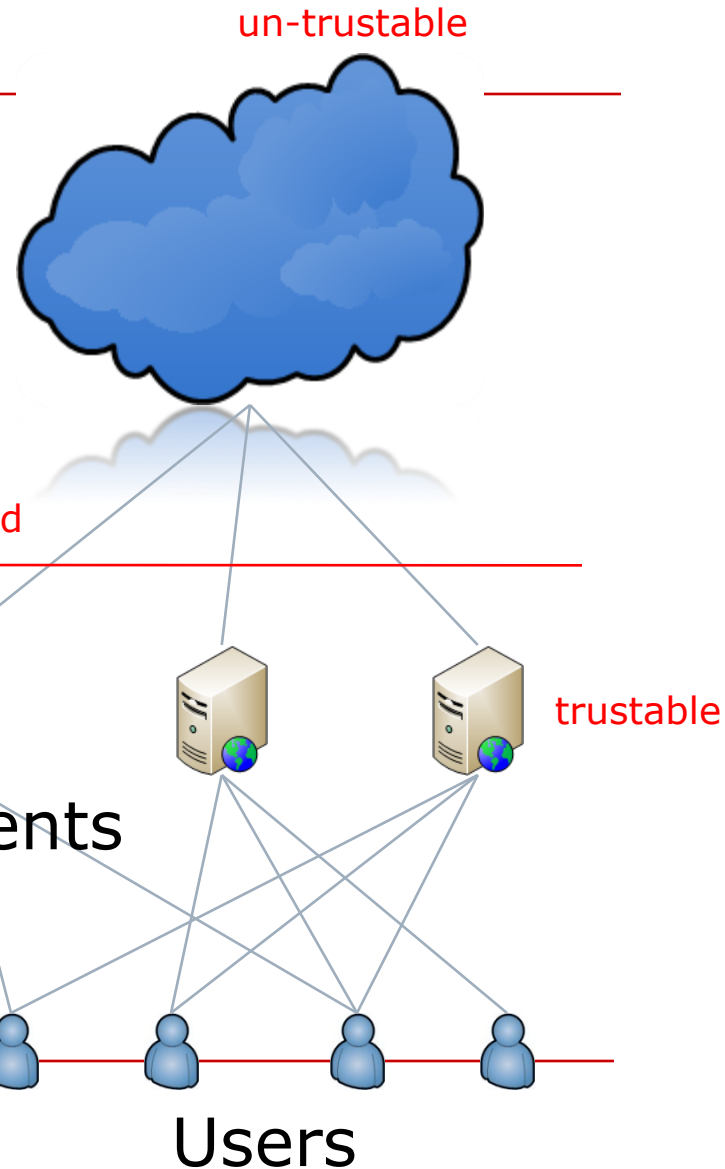


trustable

Web agents



Users



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# Privacy risk due to what you shared explicitly

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## □ Basic Idea

- Privacy risk is measured by **Privacy Score**<sup>[1]</sup>
- Privacy Score takes into account what information you've shared and who can view that information

## □ Basic Premises of Privacy Score

### ■ Sensitivity

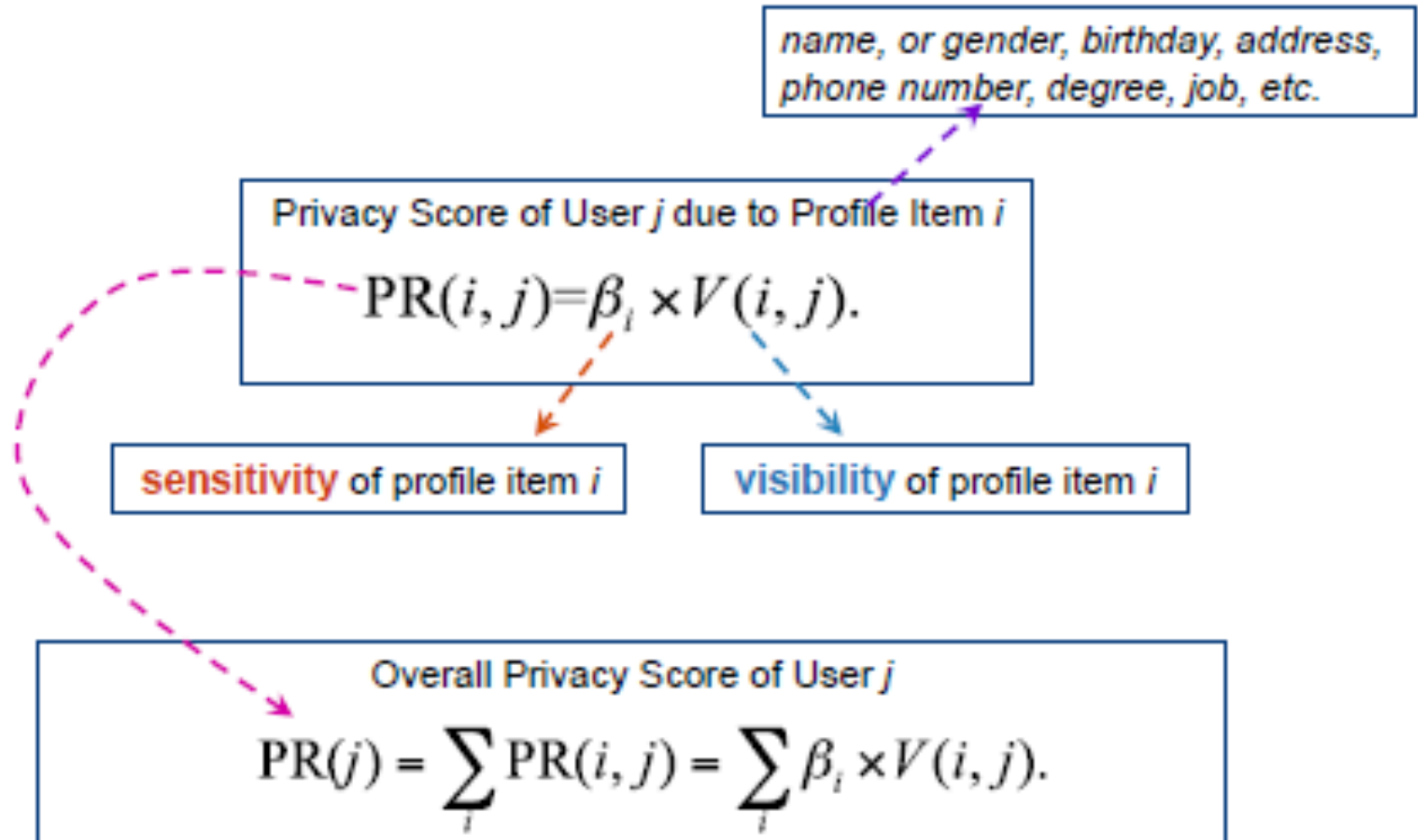
- The more sensitive the information revealed by a user, the higher his privacy risk

### ■ Visibility

- The wider the information about a user spreads, the higher his privacy risk

# The framework

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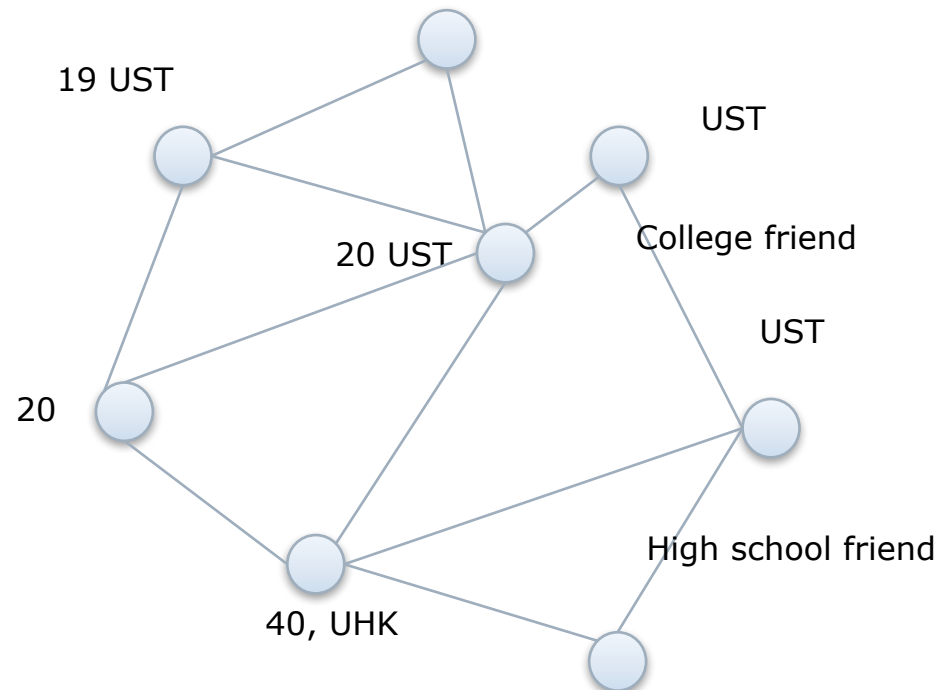
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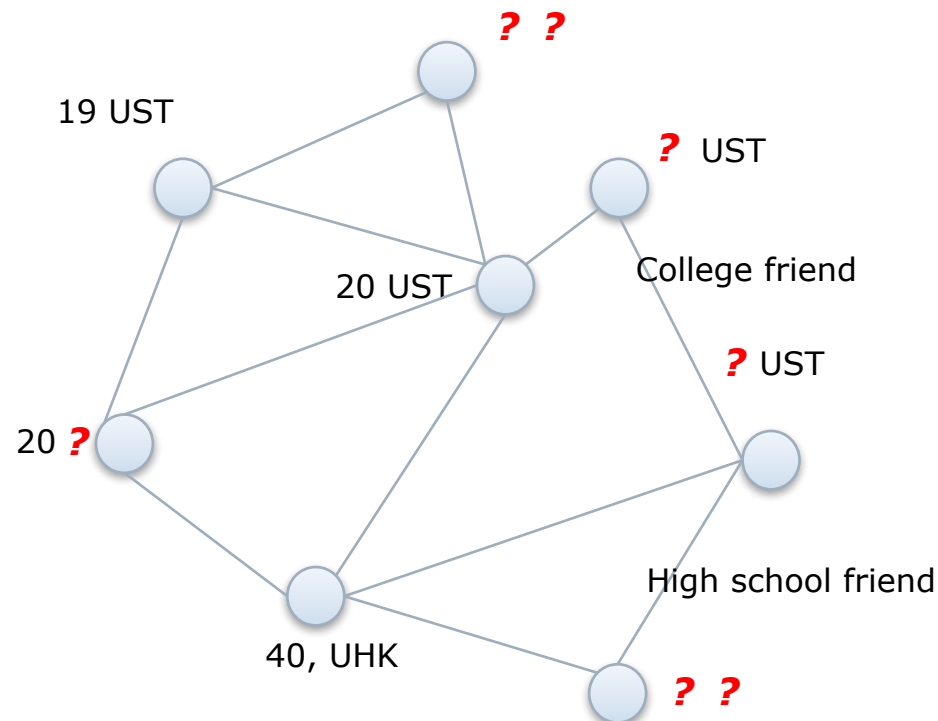
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# Privacy Risk due to What You Shared Implicitly

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- Privacy information can be inferred from
  - Your public profile, friendships, group memberships, etc.
- Private information can be inferred using
  - Majority voting<sup>[1][2]</sup>
  - Community detection<sup>[3]</sup>
  - Classification<sup>[1][4]</sup>

# Classification Methods

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- Naive Method
  - Based on network distribution
- Local Classification Methods
  - Based on friendship links
    - AGG, BLOCK, LINK
  - Based on social groups
    - CLIQUE, GROUP, GROUP\*
  - Based on both links and groups
    - LINK-GROUP
  - Iterative Classification Method (CC)
- Random Walk Based Methods

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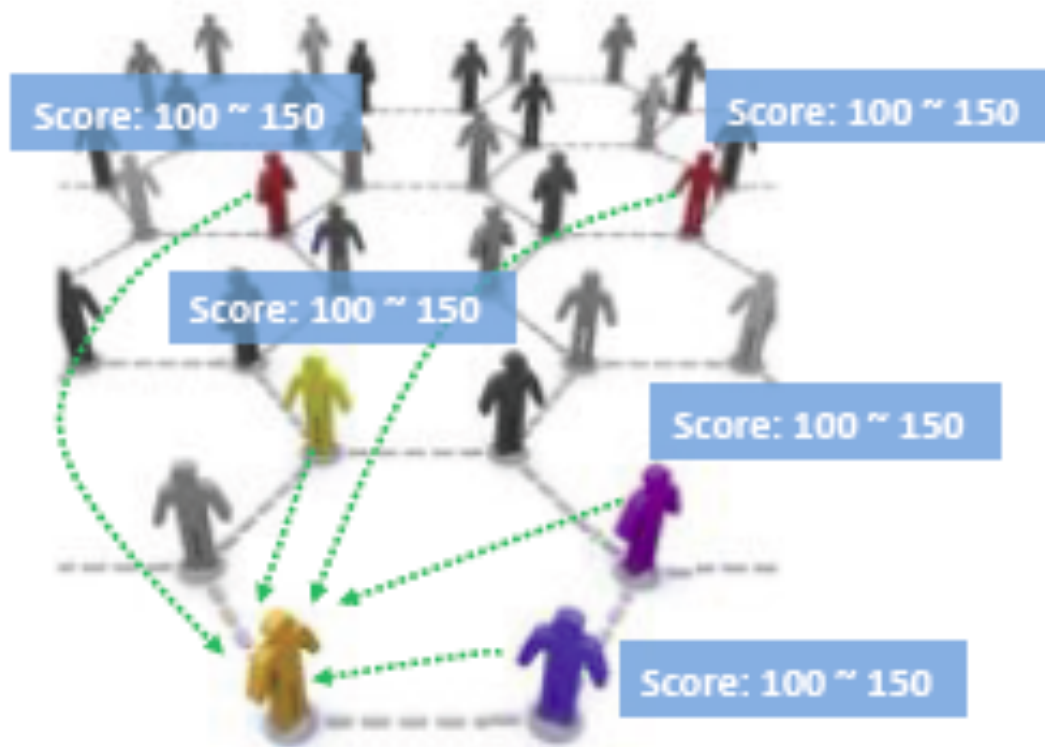
# Privacy Management of Individuals

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- Social Navigation<sup>[1][7]</sup>
- Preventing Inference Attacks<sup>[4]</sup>
- Learning Privacy Preferences with Limited User Inputs<sup>[8][9]</sup>

# Social Navigation

Social navigation helps users make better privacy decisions using community knowledge and expertise.



# Preventing Inference Attacks

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Remove/hide risky links, profiles or groups that contributed most to the inference attacks.

$\text{Pr}(\text{political views} = \text{'conservative'} \mid \text{group} = \text{'texas conservatives'}, \text{edge}_{AB}, \text{edge}_{AC}, \text{edge}_{AD})$

# Learning Privacy Preferences

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- Privacy Wizards for Social Networking Sites
  - Best student paper in WWW 10



# Privacy preference setting in Facebook

The screenshot shows the Facebook interface with the Privacy Settings page open. A modal dialog titled "Custom Privacy" is displayed in the center. The dialog has two sections: "Make this visible to" and "Hide this from". The "Make this visible to" section is currently active, showing a dropdown menu set to "Specific People..." and a text input field labeled "Enter a Name or List". Below this, it states "Only the people above can see this." The "Hide this from" section is inactive, showing a dropdown menu set to "All of your friends" and a text input field labeled "Start typing the name of a friend or friend list...". At the bottom of the dialog are "Save Setting" and "Cancel" buttons. In the background, the "Privacy Settings" page is visible, showing various settings for Bio, Birthday, Interested In and Location, Religious and Political Views, Photo Albums, Posts by Me, Allow friends to post on my Wall, Posts by Friends, and Comments on Posts. The "Posts by Me" section shows the default setting for Status Updates as "Only Me". The "Allow friends to post on my Wall" section shows the setting "Friends can post on my Wall". The "Posts by Friends" section shows the setting "Friends of Friends". The "Comments on Posts" section shows the setting "Only Friends".

facebook 5 Search Home Profile Account ▾

Privacy Settings ▸ Personal Information and Posts

◀ Back to Privacy Preview My Profile...

**Bio**  
Bio refers to the Bio description

**Birthday**  
Birth date and Year

**Interested In and Location**

**Religious and Political Views**

**Photo Albums**

**Posts by Me**  
Default setting for Status Updates

**Custom Privacy**

✓ **Make this visible to** \_\_\_\_\_

These people: Specific People... ▾

Enter a Name or List

Only the people above can see this.

✗ **Hide this from** \_\_\_\_\_

These people: \_\_\_\_\_

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Save Setting Cancel

**Allow friends to post on my Wall** ✓ Friends can post on my Wall

**Posts by Friends**  
Control who can see posts by your friends on your profile

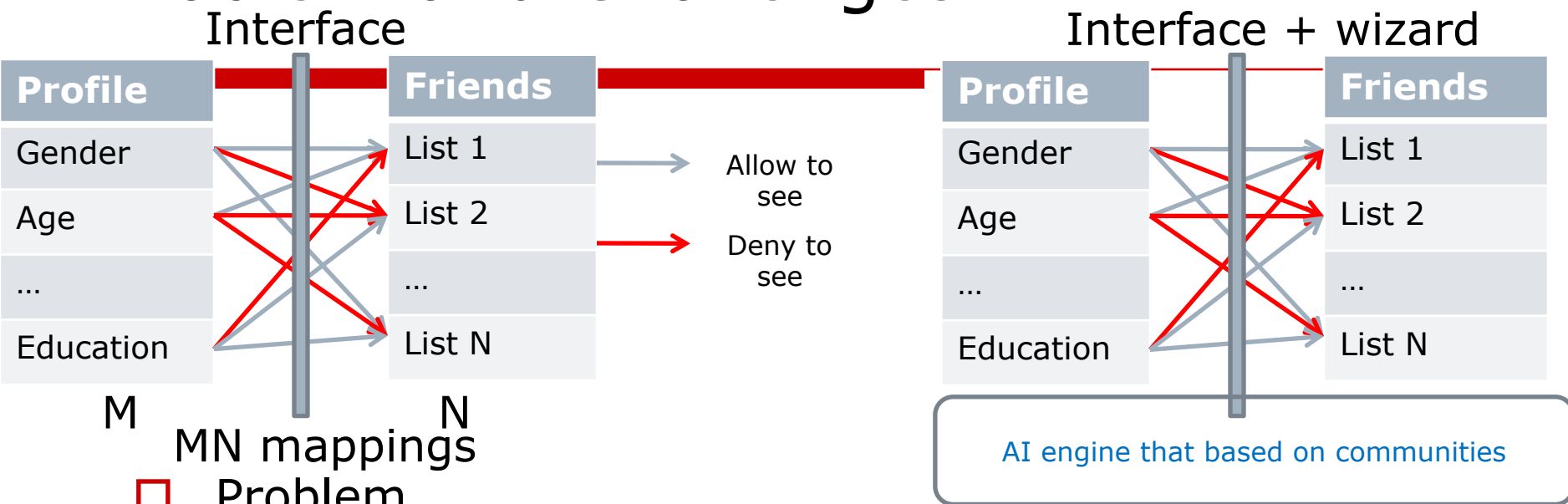
Friends of Friends ▾

**Comments on Posts**  
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Only Friends ▾

To edit settings for Groups and other applications, visit the [Application Settings Page](#).

# Problem and Challenges



## □ Problem

- User need to manually create user lists
- Too many friends (average 130 in facebook)
- Users are not familiar with complex privacy rules

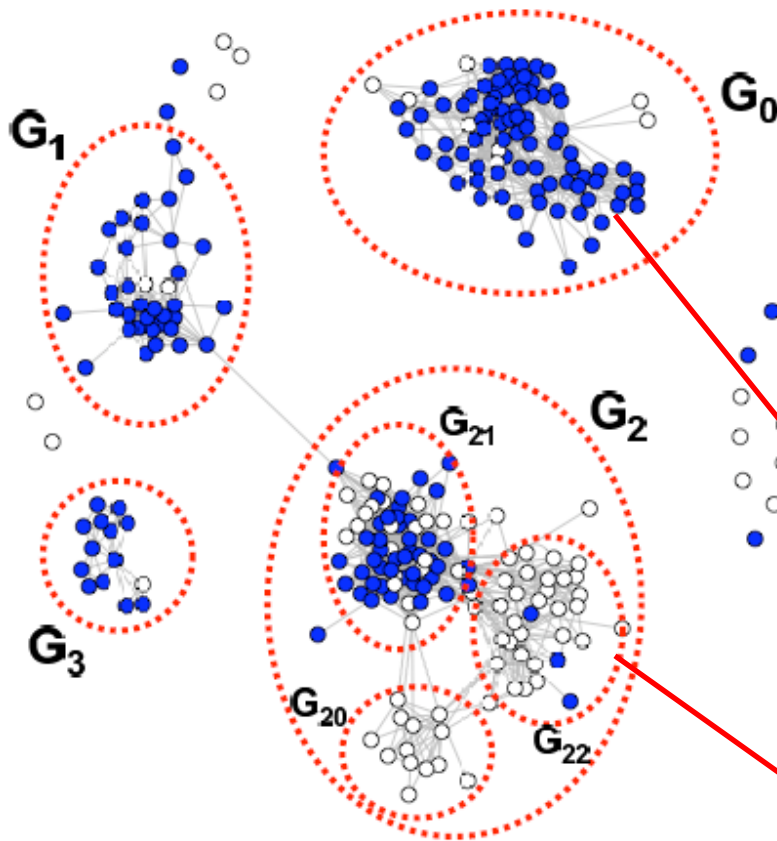
Time consuming

## □ Solution: a privacy wizard based on an implicit set of rules

## □ Challenges

- Low Effort, High Accuracy
- Graceful Degradation
- Visible Data

# Basic observation



The privacy setting is related with the communities in a user's neighborhood graph

Off-line extract features:

- [1] Community Structure
- [2] Other profile information

Using classifier to recommend the friend list based on users current settings

Using classifier to recommend the friends that the classifier is most uncertain about them.  
Recommend the user to set these friends's privacy in the next step

Figure 1: User K's neighborhood graph, and her privacy preferences toward Date of Birth. (Shaded nodes indicate *allow*, and white nodes indicate *deny*.) Notice that K's privacy preferences are highly correlated with the *community* structure of the graph.

# Structure and Enhancement

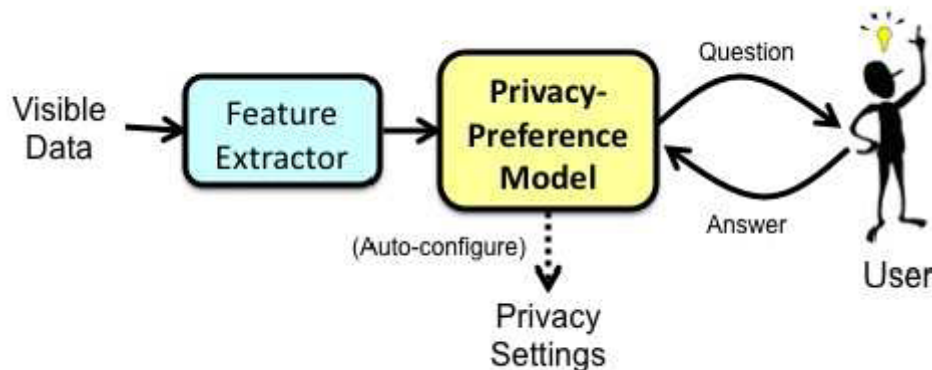


Figure 2: Privacy Wizard Overview

For experienced users, let himself to select the next setting friends

Display a decision tree to represent the classifier



Decision distribution

Number of labeled friends in each node

Figure 4: Visualization of Decision Tree Model

# Summary

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- ❑ You have certain control of the information you are sharing
- ❑ You often cannot estimate the long term risk vs. short term gain
- ❑ Algorithms to measure potential privacy risks due to information shared either explicitly or implicitly
- ❑ Models to alleviate your burden on privacy management