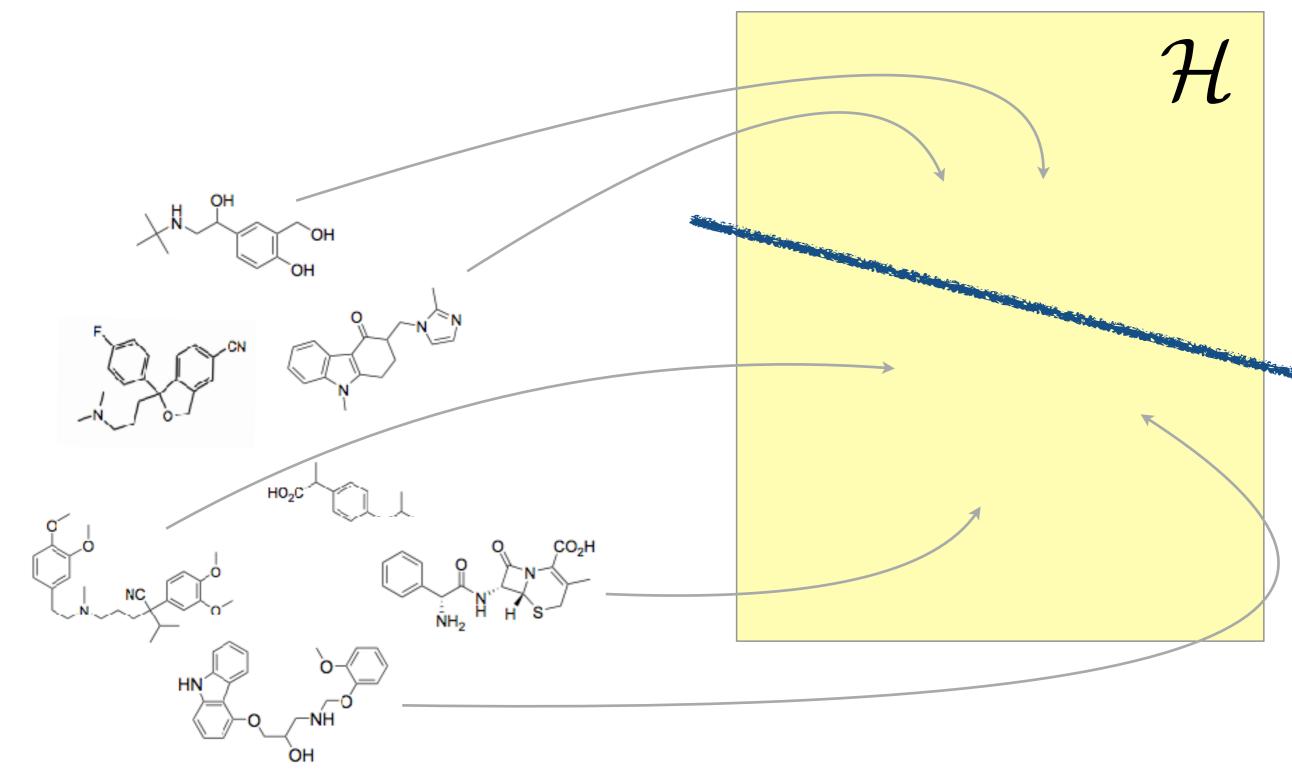
## The multiscale Laplacian graph kernel

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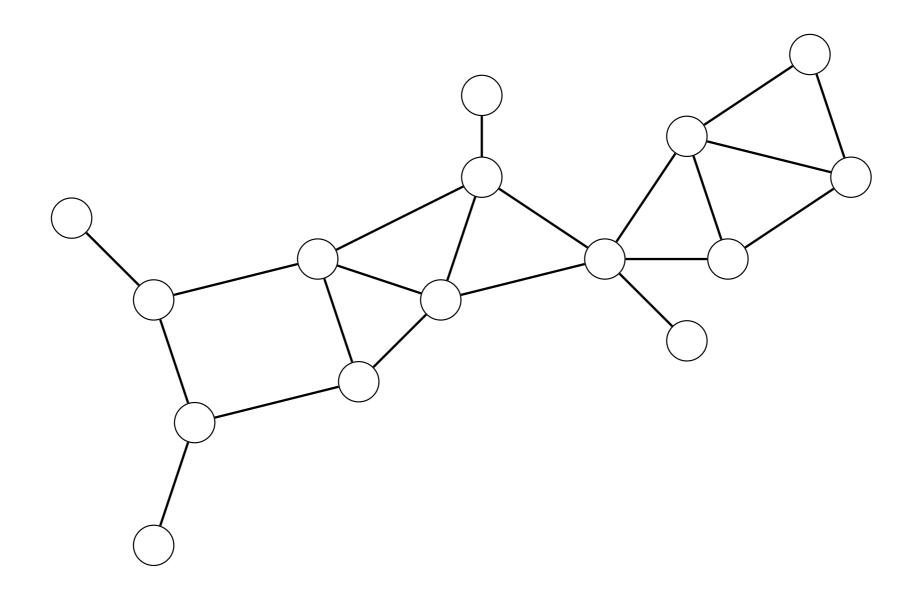
# Graph kernel $k(\mathcal{G}_1,\mathcal{G}_2)$



#### Basic requirements:

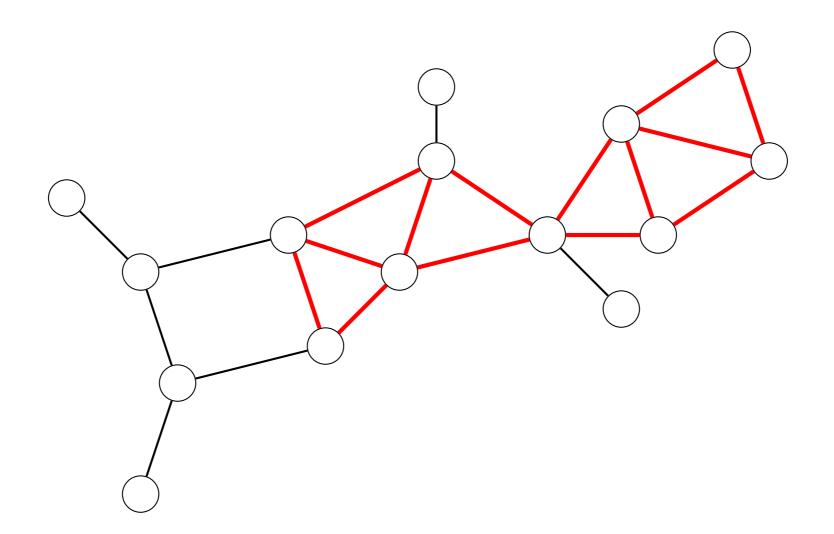
- Positive semi-definitess
- Invariance to permuting the vertices
- Should capture a sensible notion of similarity

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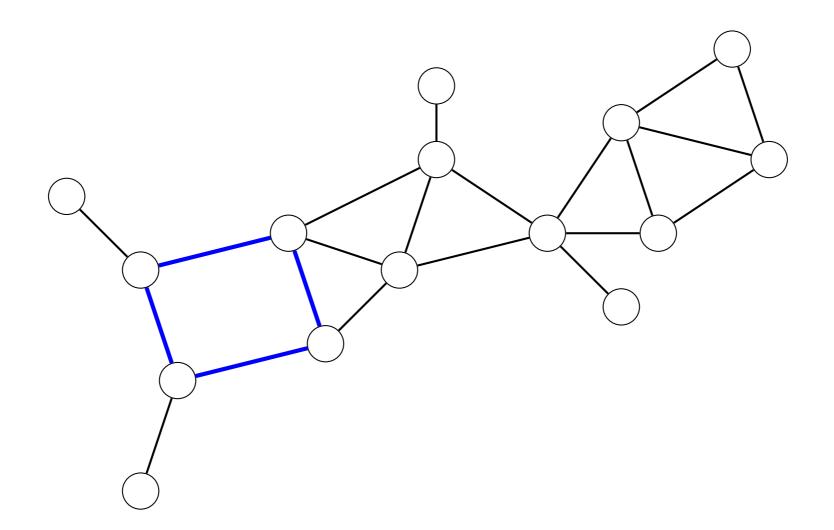
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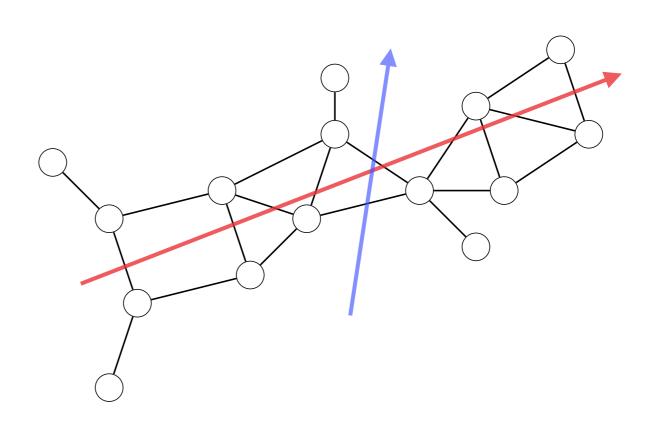
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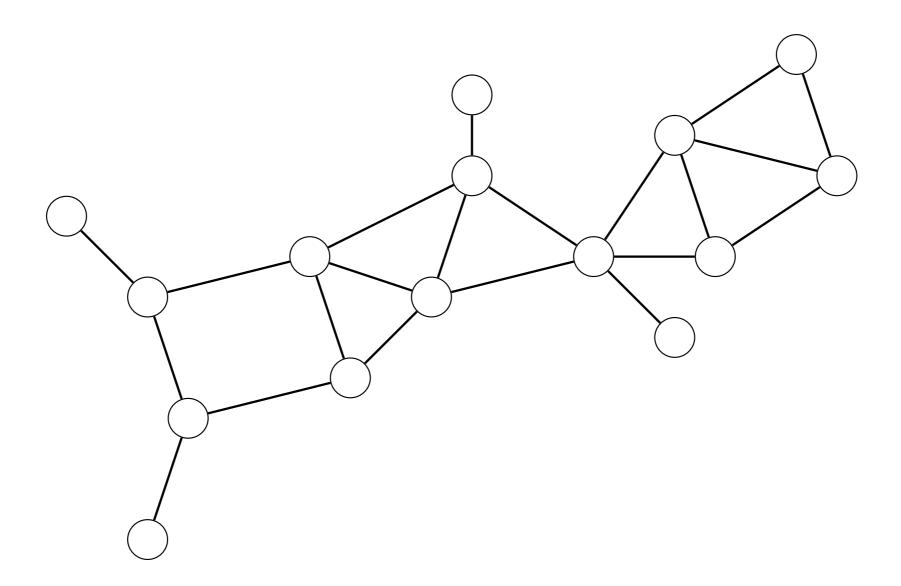
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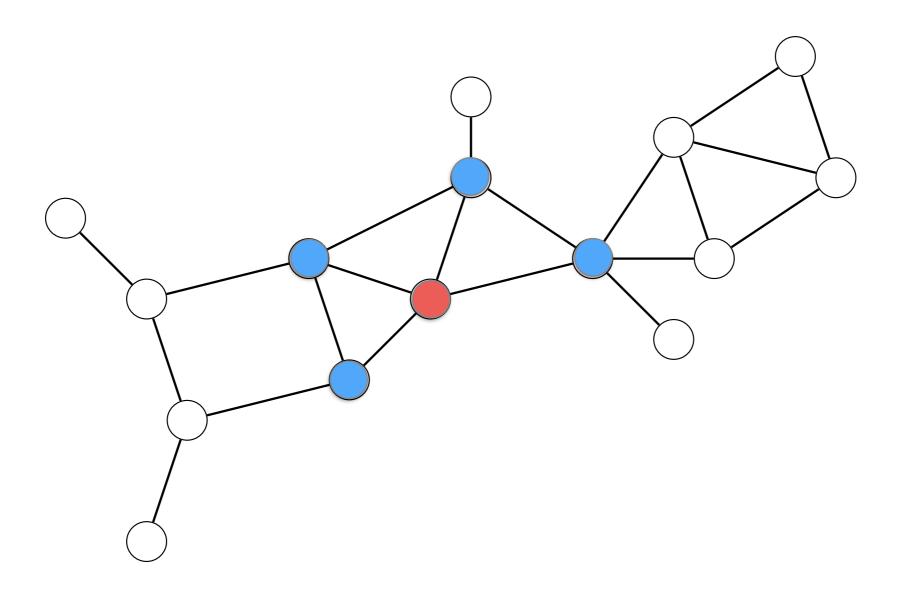
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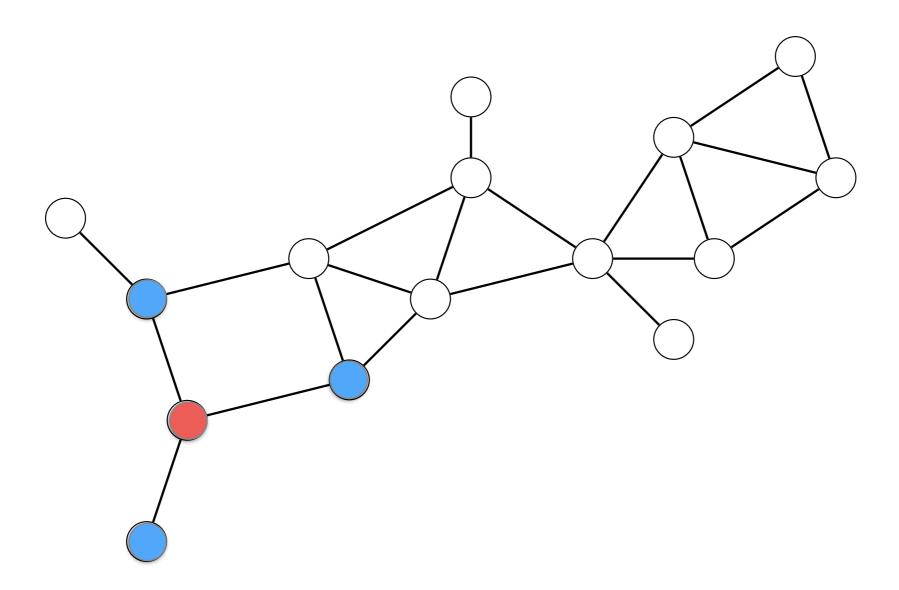
$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & & & & \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & & & \\ & -1 & 4 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ & & -1 & 1 & & \\ & & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ & & -1 & & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

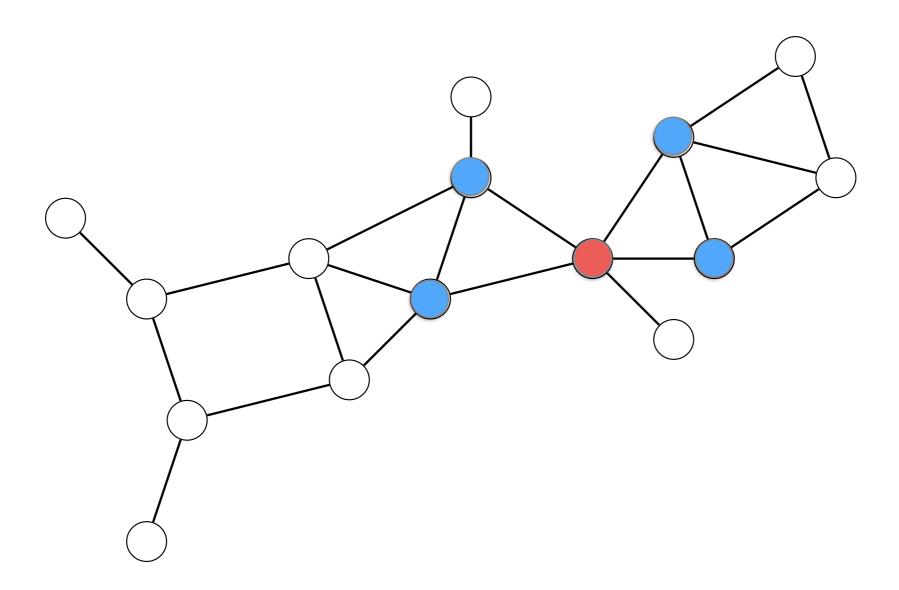


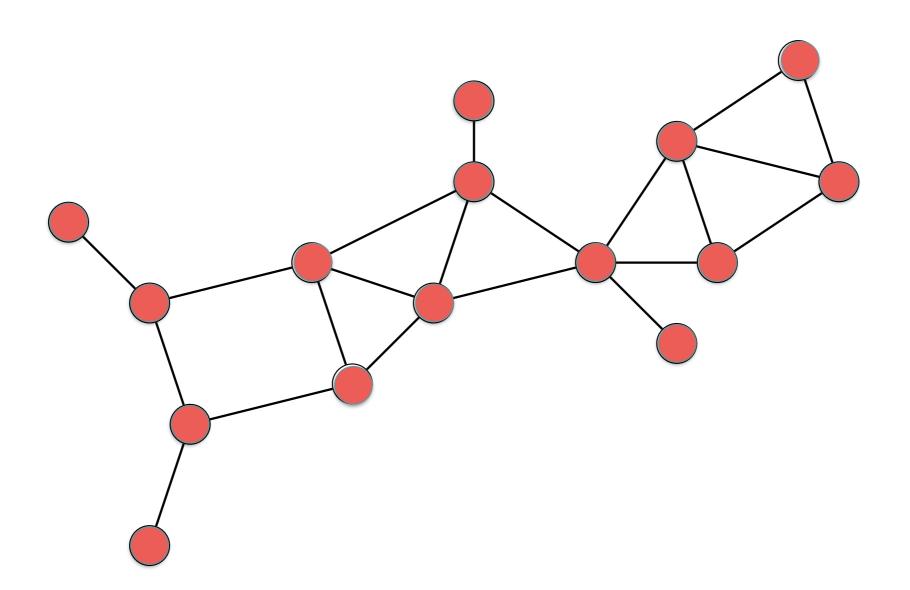
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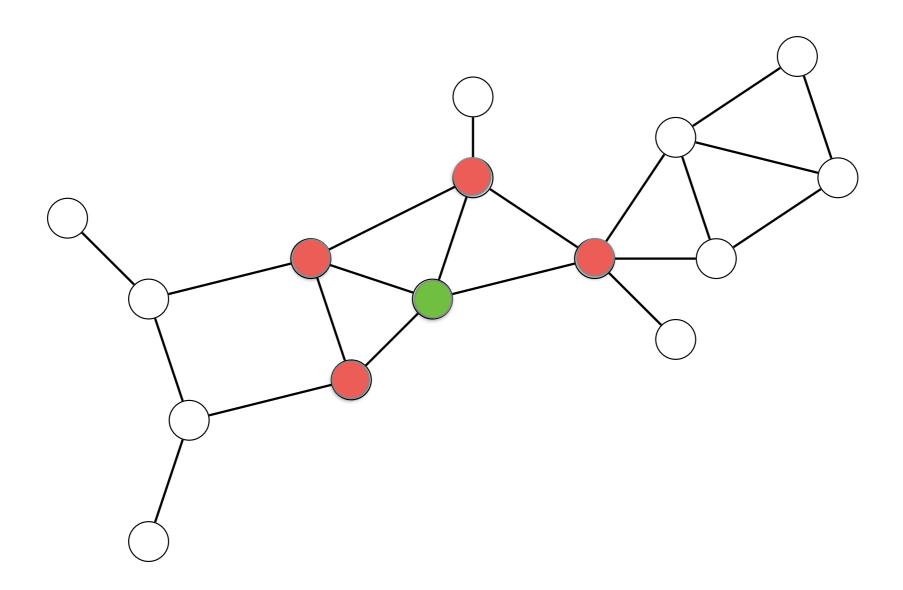


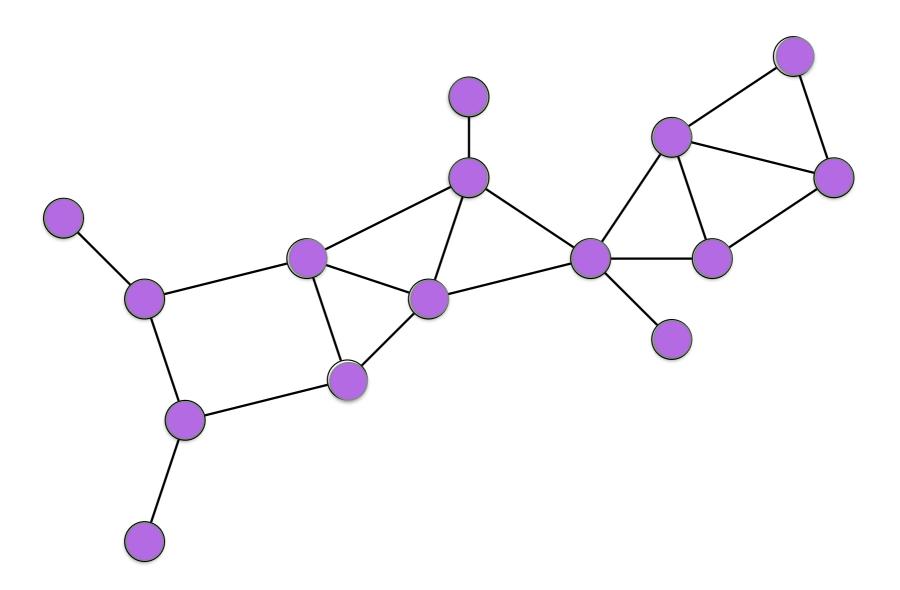






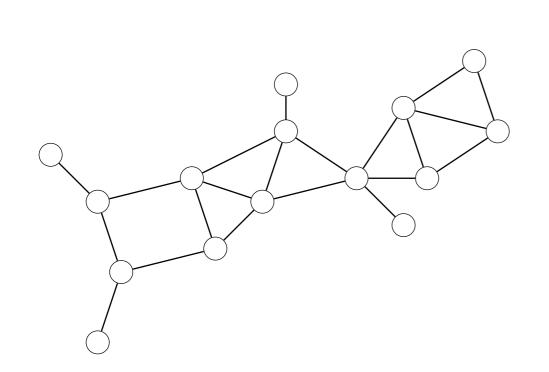


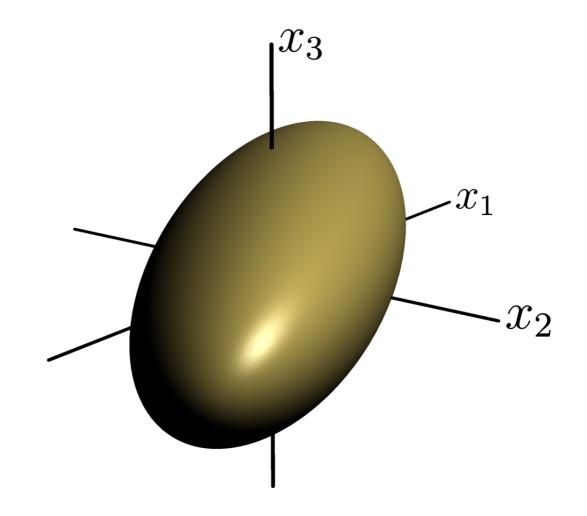


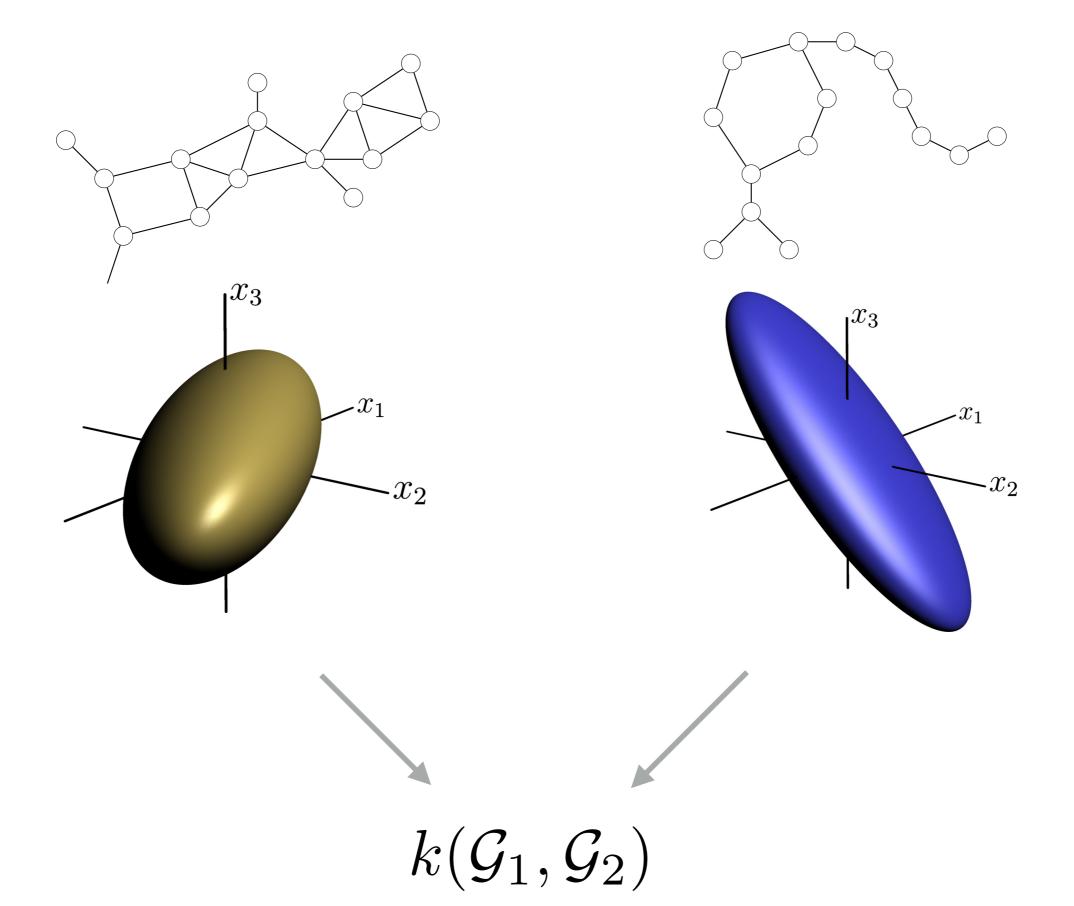


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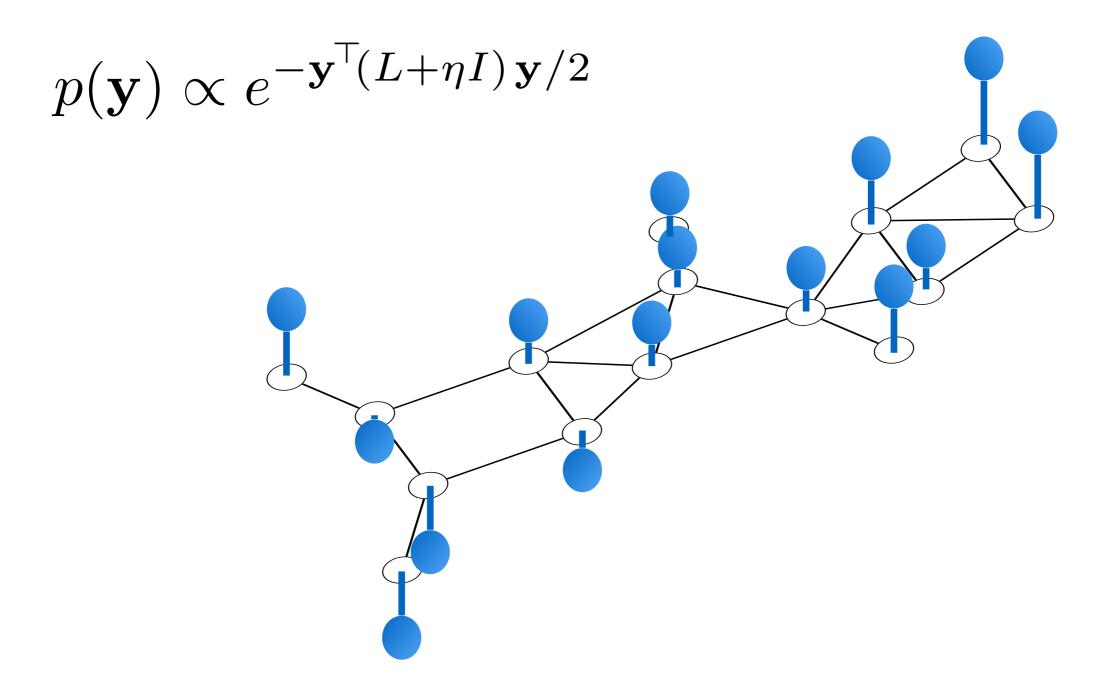
# The graph ellipsoid







$$k_{\text{LG}}(\mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2) = \frac{\left| \left( \frac{1}{2} L_1 + \frac{1}{2} L_2 \right)^{-1} \right|^{1/2}}{\left| L_1^{-1} \right|^{1/4} \left| L_2^{-1} \right|^{1/4}}$$



#### Bhattacharyya kernel:

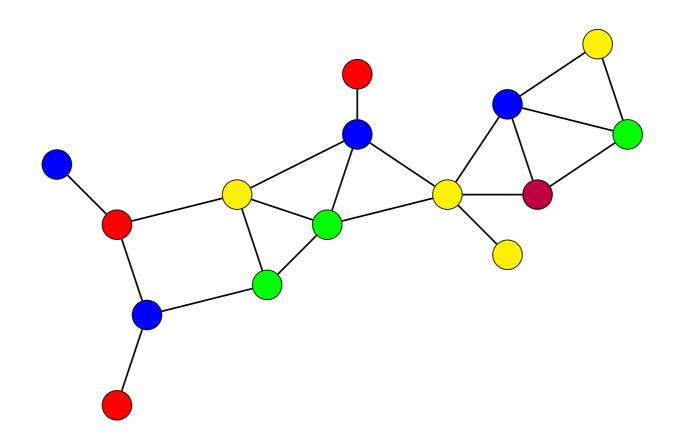
$$k(p_1, p_2) = \int \sqrt{p_1(x)} \sqrt{p_2(x)} dx,$$

$$k_{\rm LG}(\mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2) = k(p_1, p_2) = \frac{\left| \left( \frac{1}{2} S_1^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} S_2^{-1} \right)^{-1} \right|^{1/2}}{|S_1|^{1/4} |S_2|^{1/4}}$$

But the LG kernel is not relabeling invariant!

Transformation of variables:

$$\mathbf{z} := U\mathbf{y} \qquad \qquad \Sigma_{\mathbf{z}} = U\Sigma_{\mathbf{y}}U^{\top}$$

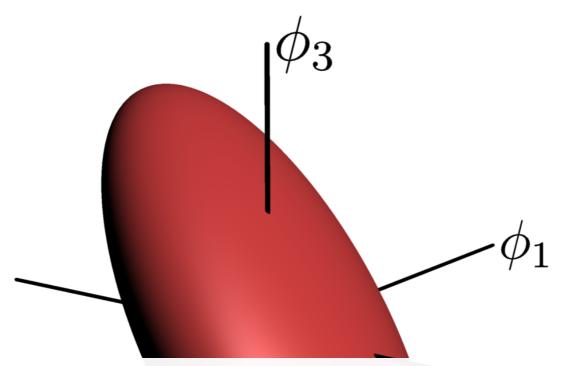


 $U_{*,i}$  are the "features" of node i.

The Feature space Laplacian graph kernel (FLG kernel) is defined

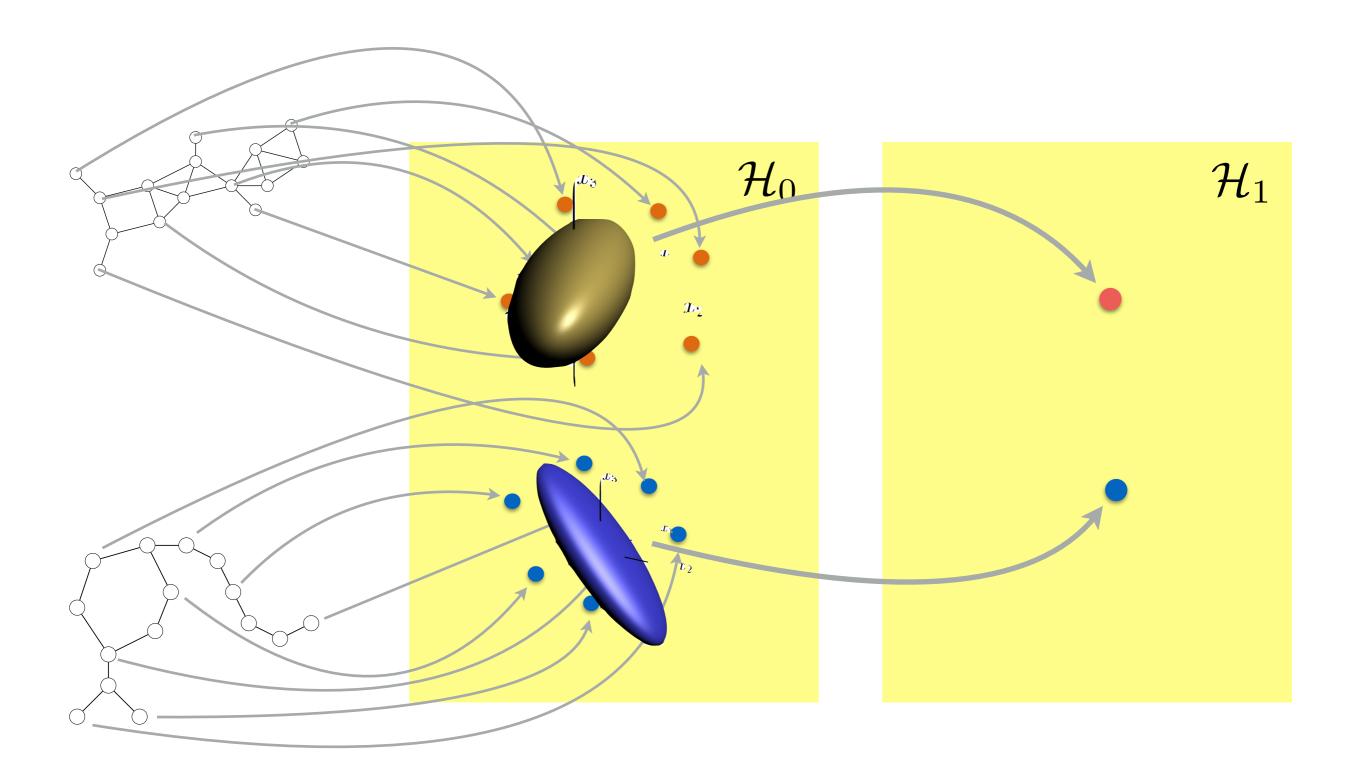
$$k_{\text{FLG}}(\mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2) = \frac{\left| \left( \frac{1}{2} S_1^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} S_2^{-1} \right)^{-1} \right|^{1/2}}{|S_1|^{1/4} |S_2|^{1/4}},$$

where  $S_1 = U_1 L_1^{-1} U_1^{\top} + \gamma I$  and  $S_2 = U_2 L_2^{-1} U_2^{\top} + \gamma I$ .



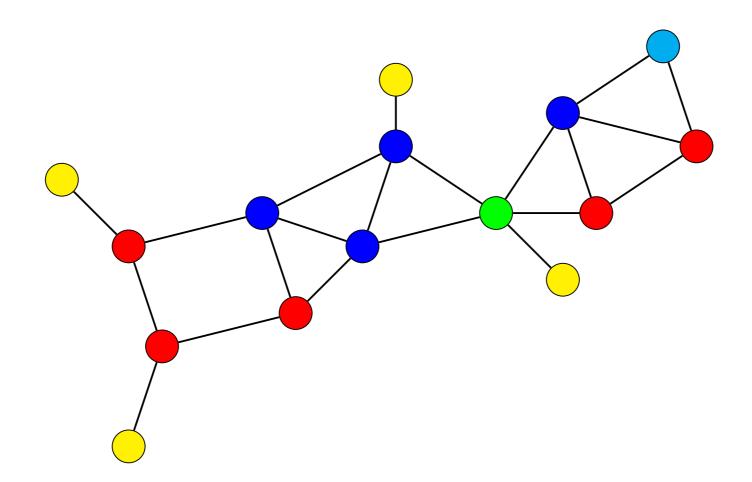
Don't even need explicit features — can be induced from another kernel!

The ellipsoid is now in feature space and combines information about the graph structure with the features.



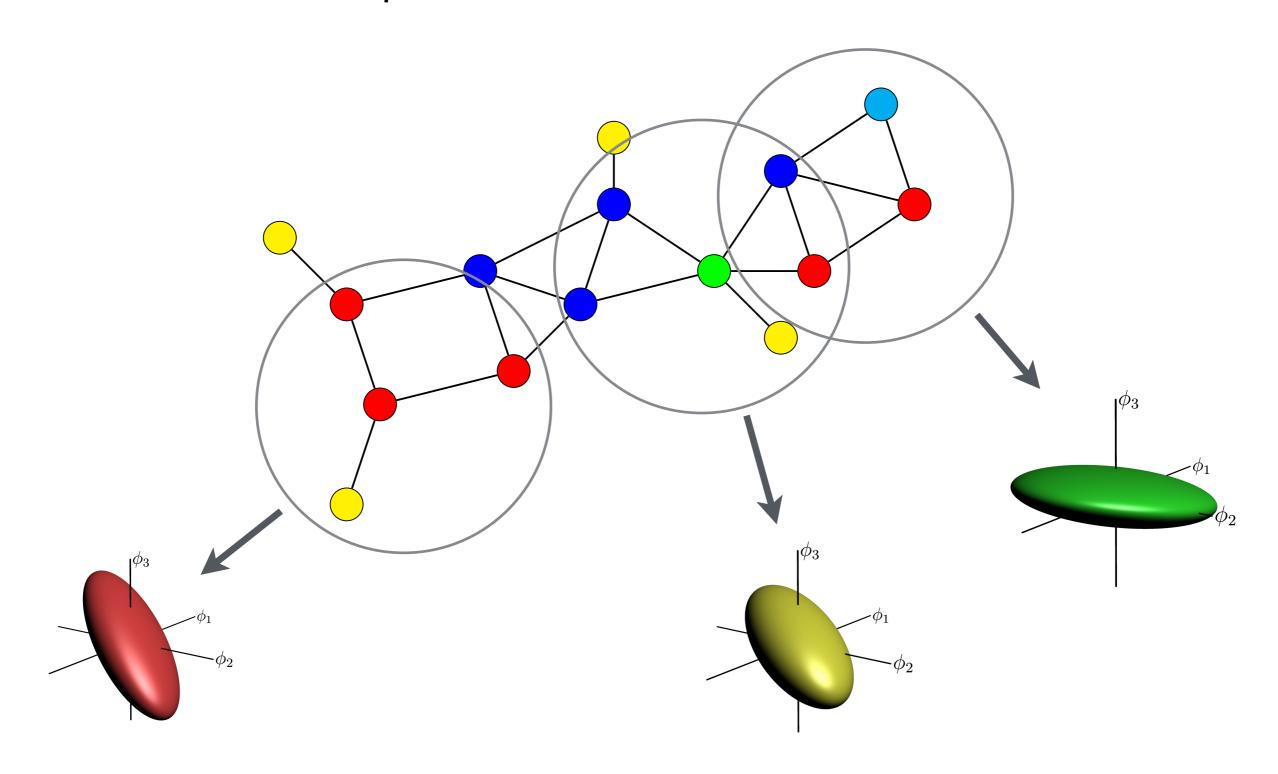
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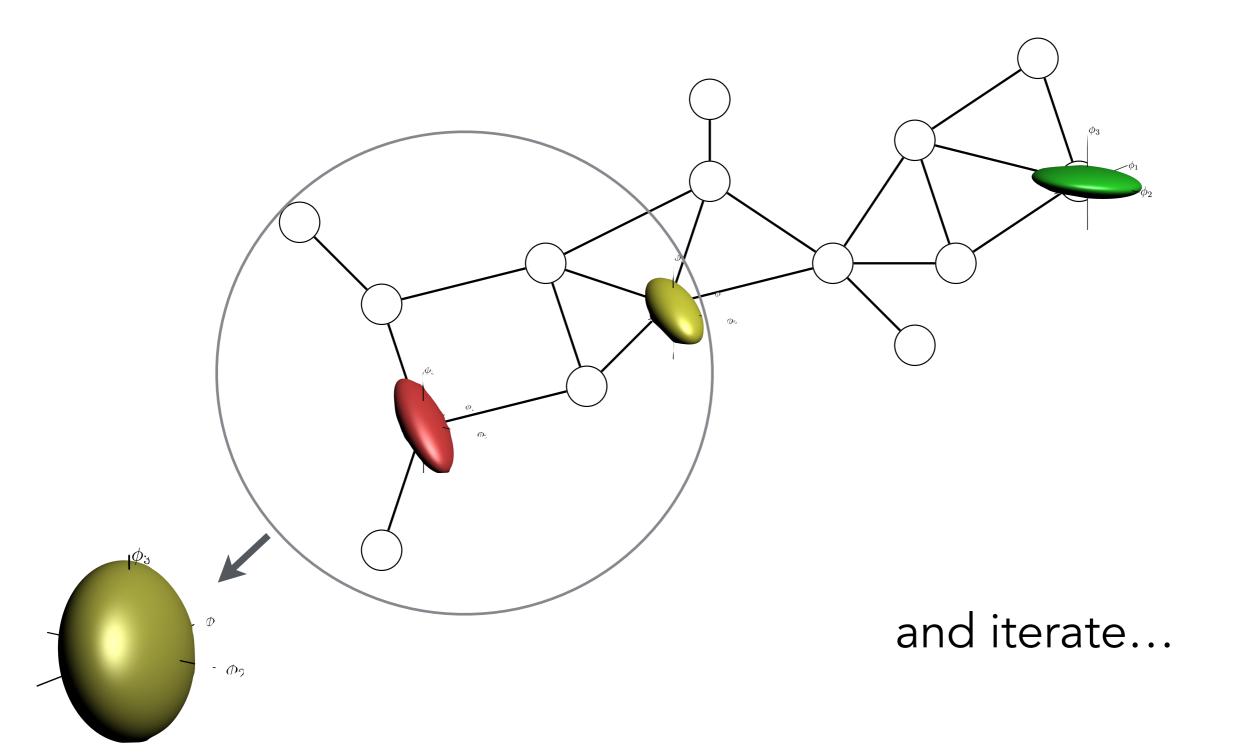


Start with something simple like node degrees.

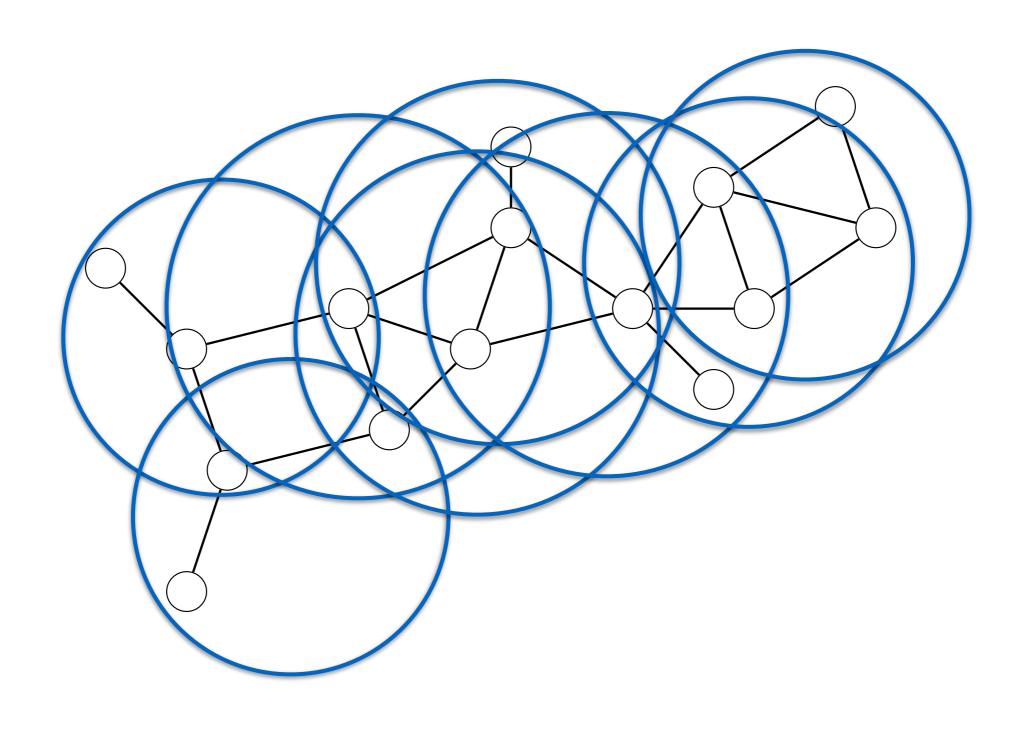
## 2. Small subgraphs...



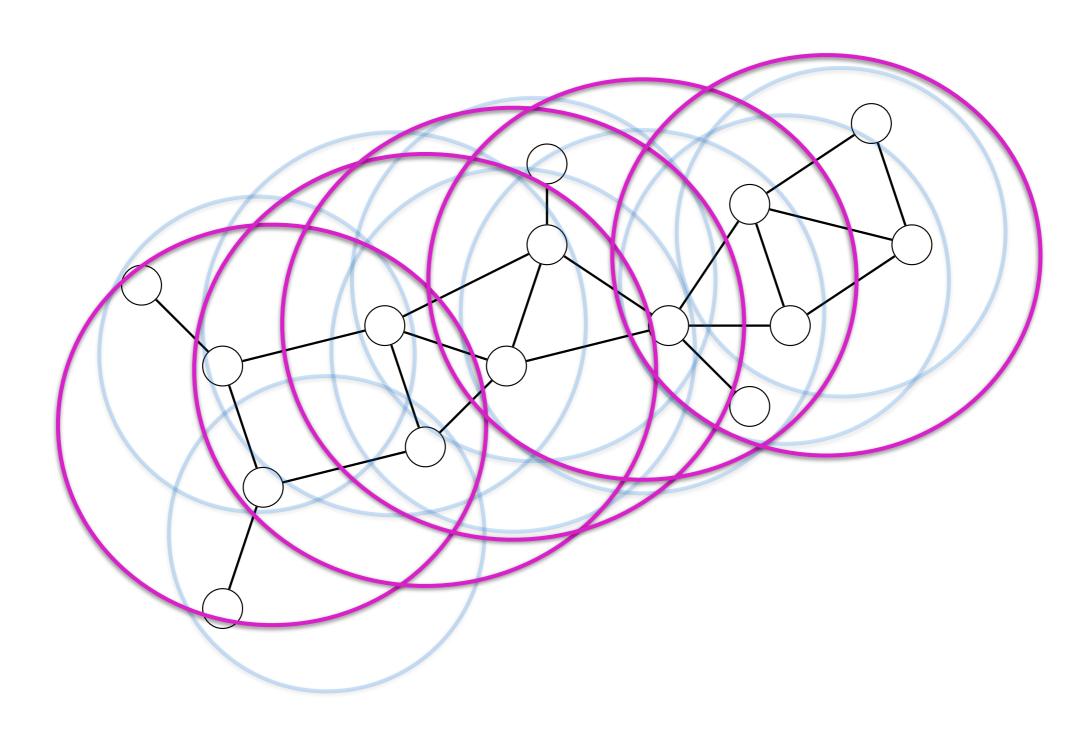
#### 3. Larger subgraphs...

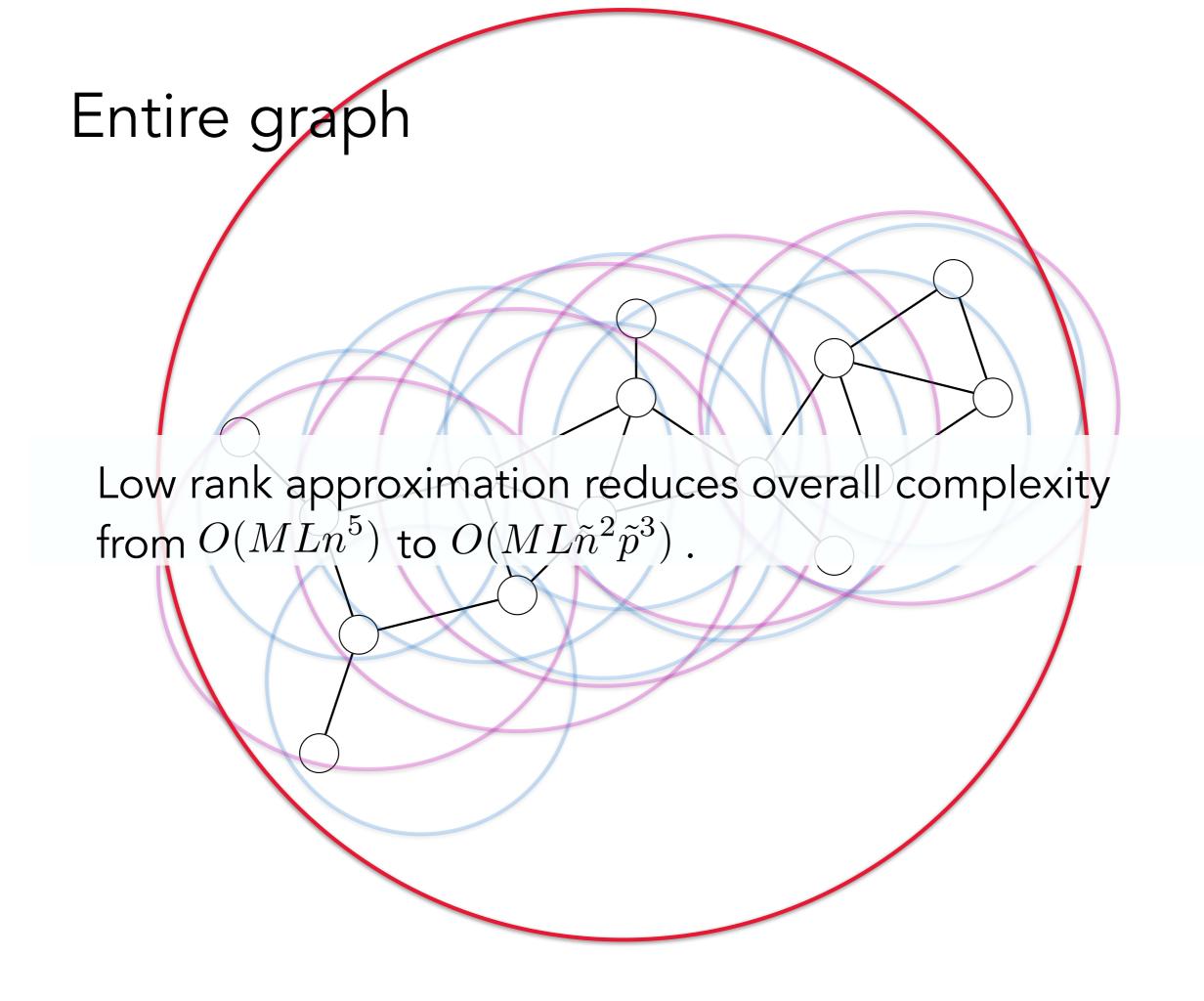


# Level 1 subgraphs



# Level 2 subgraphs





Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a graph with vertex set V, and  $\kappa$  a positive semi-definite kernel on V. Assume that for each  $v \in V$  we have a nested sequence of L neighborhoods

$$v \in N_1(v) \subseteq N_2(v) \subseteq \ldots \subseteq N_L(v) \subseteq V$$
,

and for each  $N_{\ell}(v)$ , let  $G_{\ell}(v)$  be the corresponding induced subgraph of  $\mathcal{G}$ . We define the **Multiscale Laplacian Subgraph Kernels (MLS kernels)**,  $\mathfrak{K}_1, \ldots, \mathfrak{K}_L \colon V \times V \to \mathbb{R}$  as follows:

1.  $\mathfrak{K}_1$  is just the FLG kernel  $k_{\mathrm{FLG}}^{\kappa}$  induced from the base kernel  $\kappa$  between the lowest level subgraphs:

$$\mathfrak{K}_1(v,v') = k_{\mathrm{FLG}}^{\kappa}(G_1(v), G_1(v')).$$

2. For  $\ell = 2, 3, ..., L$ ,  $\mathfrak{K}_{\ell}$  is the FLG kernel induced from  $\mathfrak{K}_{\ell-1}$  between  $G_{\ell}(v)$  and  $G_{\ell}(v')$ :

$$\mathfrak{K}_{\ell}(v,v') = k_{\mathrm{FLG}}^{\mathfrak{K}_{\ell-1}}(G_{\ell}(v),G_{\ell}(v')).$$

We define the Multiscale Laplacian Graph Kernel (MLG kernel) between any two graphs  $\mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2 \in \mathfrak{G}$  as

$$\mathfrak{K}(\mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2) = k_{\mathrm{FLG}}^{\mathfrak{K}_L}(\mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2).$$

- 1. True multiscale/multiresolution graph kernel.
- 2. Combines information from subgraphs with relative position of subgraphs.
- 3. Invariant to relabeling.
- 4. Can compare graphs of different sizes.
- 5. "Smooth" w.r.t. perturbations.
- 6. Needs further tricks for efficient computation.

Method	MUTAG	PTC	ENZYMES	PROTEINS	NCI1	NCI109
$\overline{\mathrm{WL}}$	$84.50(\pm 2.16)$	$59.97(\pm 1.60)$	$53.75(\pm 1.37)$	$75.43(\pm 1.95)$	$84.76(\pm0.32)$	$85.12(\pm0.29)$
WL-Edge	$82.94(\pm 2.33)$	$60.18(\pm 2.19)$	$52.00(\pm 0.72)$	$73.63(\pm 2.12)$	$84.65 (\pm 0.25)$	$85.32 (\pm 0.34)$
$\operatorname{SP}$	$85.50(\pm 2.50)$	$59.53(\pm 1.71)$	$42.31(\pm 1.37)$	$75.61(\pm0.45)$	$73.61(\pm 0.36)$	$73.23(\pm 0.26)$
Graphlet	$82.44(\pm 1.29)$	$55.88(\pm 0.31)$	$30.95(\pm 0.73)$	$71.63(\pm 0.33)$	$62.40(\pm 0.27)$	$62.35(\pm0.28)$
$p ext{-RW}$	$80.33(\pm 1.35)$	$59.85(\pm 0.95)$	$28.17(\pm 0.76)$	$71.67(\pm 0.78)$	TIMED OUT	TIMED OUT
MLG	$84.21(\pm 2.61)$	$63.62 (\pm 4.69)$	$57.92 (\pm 5.39)$	$76.14 (\pm 1.95)$	$80.83(\pm 1.29)$	$81.30(\pm0.80)$

Code at github.com/horacepan/MLGkernel

#### Conclusions

- Truly multiscale kernel: subgraphs compared by comparing their constituent sub-subgraphs
- Ideas extend beyond just kernels world, e.g., hierarchical deep learning architectures; structure2vec [Dai, Dai & Song, 2016].

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