### 1 Question 1

Here we consider a graph G with 2 connected components, and we want to know the number of edges and triangles:

• The first component is a complete graph of n = 100 vertices. The number of edges is thus:

$$\binom{n}{2} = \frac{n!}{2!(n-2)!} = \frac{n \cdot (n-1)}{2} = 4\,950\tag{1}$$

since we can reach (n-1) edges from every of the n edges, without repetition. Since every triangle is closed in a complete graph, the number of triangles is:

$$\binom{n}{3} = \frac{n!}{3!(n-3)!} = 161\ 700\tag{2}$$

• The second component is a bipartite graph of n=50 vertices. The number of edges simplifies to n\*n=2500. Since it's a bipartite graph, there are no closed triangles, so the count of triangles here is 0.

To sum up the number of edges is 4950 + 2500 = 7450 and the number of triangles is 161700.

### 2 Question 2

The global clustering coefficient is:

$$C = \frac{\text{number of closed triplets}}{\text{number of total triplets (open and closed)}}$$
 (3)

So we can see that the maximum value for C is 1, and this happens only when the number of open triplet is 0: this is the case in a **complete graph**.

## 3 Question 3

Here we consider a connected graph with a single connected component. Since the matrix L=D-W is symmetric, positive and semi-definite, its smallest trivial eigenvalue is  ${\bf 0}$  associated to the **unit eigenvector 1**. With the **Rayleigh-Ritz Theorem**, we know that the eigenvector corresponding to smallest eigenvalue (0) offers no useful information when solving the Two-Way Cut from the Laplacian, and so removing it before applying spectral clustering doesn't affect the results.

# 4 Question 4

Let's see the algorithm for spectral clustering:

these eigenvectors as columns

 Algorithm 1 Spectral Clustering

 Input: Graph G = (V, E) and parameter k 

 Output: Clusters  $C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_k$  (i.e., cluster assignments of each node of the graph)

 1: Let A be the adjacency matrix of the graph

 2: Compute the Laplacian matrix  $L_{rw} = I - D^{-1}A$ . Matrix D corresponds to the diagonal degree matrix of graph G (i.e., degree of each node v (= number of neighbors) in the main diagonal)

- 3. Apply eigenvalue decomposition to the Laplacian matrix  $\mathbf{L_{rw}}$  and compute the eigenvectors that correspond to d smallest eigenvalues. Let  $\mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{u_1} | \mathbf{u_2} | \dots | \mathbf{u_d}] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$  be the matrix containing
- 4: For i = 1,...,m, let y<sub>i</sub> ∈ ℝ<sup>d</sup> be the vector corresponding to the i-th row of U. Apply k-means to the points (y<sub>i</sub>)<sub>i=1,...,m</sub> (i.e., the rows of U) and find clusters C<sub>1</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>,..., C<sub>k</sub>

Figure 1: Algorithm for Spectral Clustering

Here we can see clearly that step 1, 2 and 3 are purely deterministic since they are mathematical computation with no approximation or random process involved. However, when applying the K-means algorithm, we are doing a stochastic step. Even if the results of the K-means step and thus clustering algorithm should attain a local optimum every time we run it, running k-means with different random seeds could give different solutions to the minimization problem. At that level, the Spectral clustering algorithm's output is **stochastic**.

## 5 Question 5

Here is the formula for calculating the modularity of a graph clustering:

$$Q = \sum_{c}^{n_c} \left[ \frac{l_c}{m} - \left( \frac{d_c}{2m} \right)^2 \right] \tag{4}$$

Now let's compute the modularities for each of the 2 scenarios.

• Scenario a): For both green and blue community, we have  $l_c=6$  and  $d_c=13$  and m=13, so:

$$Q = 2 * \left(\frac{6}{13} - \left(\frac{13}{26}\right)^2\right) \approx 0.423 \tag{5}$$

• Scenario b): For the green community we have  $l_c = 2$ ,  $d_c = 11$  and m = 13. For the blue community, we have  $l_c = 4$  and  $d_c = 15$ , so we get:

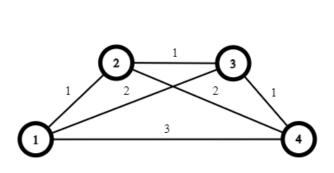
$$Q = \left(\frac{2}{13} - \left(\frac{11}{26}\right)^2\right) + \left(\frac{4}{13} - \left(\frac{15}{26}\right)^2\right) \approx -0.050\tag{6}$$

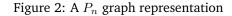
## 6 Question 6

Let's recall the formula for calculating the shortest path kernel between two Floyd-transformed graphs G1 and G2:

$$k(G_1, G_2) = \sum_{e_1 \in E_1} \sum_{e_2 \in E_2} k_{edge}(e_1, e_2)$$
(7)

So let's see the two graphs we have,  $P_n$  which is a path of n vertices and  $C_n$ , a cycle of n vertices (here n=4):





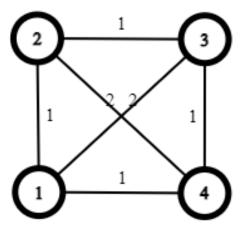


Figure 3: A  $C_n$  graph representation

We can see that the row vector associated with  $P_n$  is p = (3, 2, 1), and the one associated with  $C_n$  is c = (4, 2, 0). If we denote  $Sk_1$  the shortest path kernel for  $(C_4, C_4)$ ,  $Sk_2$  the shortest path kernel for  $(C_4, P_4)$  and  $Sk_3$  the shortest path kernel for  $(P_4, P_4)$ , we finally get:

$$Sk_1 = c \cdot c = 20 \tag{8}$$

$$Sk_2 = c \cdot p = 16 \tag{9}$$

$$Sk_3 = p \cdot p = 14 \tag{10}$$