

# OBJECTIVES

## SPECTRAL GRAPH THEORY

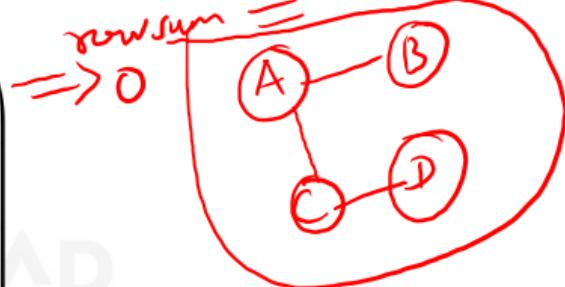
- The Quadratic Form
- Laplacian characterization

# QUADRATIC FORM OF LAPLACIAN

## THE LAPLACIAN OF AN EDGE

**Definition:** Let  $L_e$  be the Laplacian of the graph on  $n$  vertices consisting of just the edge  $e$ . If  $e$  is the edge  $(v_1, v_2)$ , then

$$L_e = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



By additivity, we can write the Laplacian of graph with many edges:

$$L \cdot x = 0 \cdot x$$

$$L_G = \sum_{e \in E} L_e$$

- The above concept could be used to prove many facts; proving them for one edge and adding them up.

# QUADRATIC FORM OF LAPLACIAN ..

From

$$L_G = \sum_{e \in E} L_e$$

- So, for an edge  $e$ ,  $L_e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \oplus [\text{zeros}]$

- Let's decompose  $L_e$  as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} (1 \quad -1)$$

- Normalizing vectors will yield  $L_e = 2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ , so,  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}})^T$  is an eigenvector with eigenvalue 2.
- We will extend above to compute  $x^T L_e x = (x_1 \quad x_2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} (1 \quad -1) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = (x_1 - x_2)^2$

## THE QUADRATIC FORM

- The Laplacian is a quadratic form, specifically:

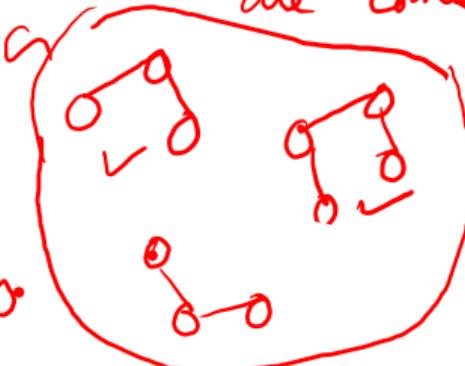
$$x^T L_G x = x^T \left( \sum_{e \in E} L_e \right) x = \sum_{e \in E} x^T L_e x = \boxed{\sum_{(i,j) \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2}$$

Use Laplacian for partitioning  $\underline{G}$

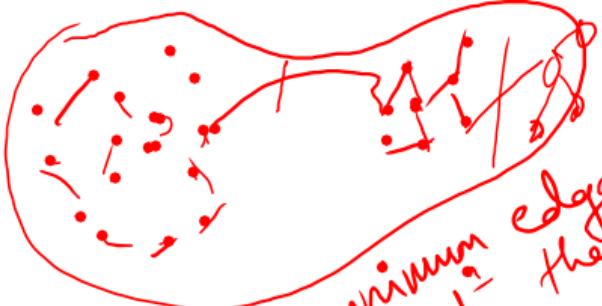
Smallest eigen value  $\lambda_1 = 0$  } same value  
 $\lambda_2 = 0$   
 $\lambda_3 = 0$

Algebraic multiplicity of 0 is 3  
So there are 3 connected components

$G$  is disconnected  
 $G$  has 2 components that are connected.



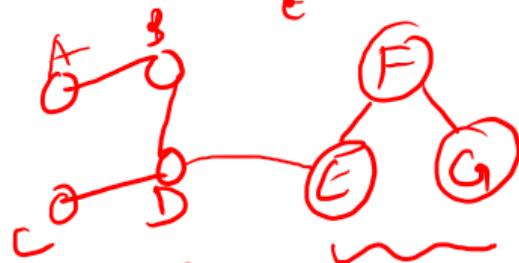
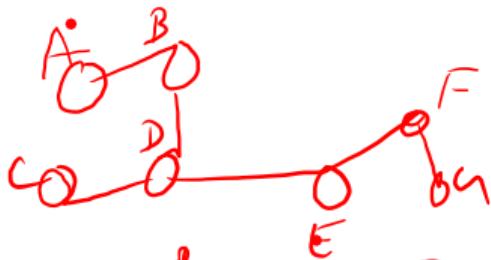
$$\lambda_1 = 0$$



$$\lambda_2$$

minimum edges  
bet' the subgraph  
→ Cut minimal

$$\frac{\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \lambda_3}{= 0}$$



Connect  
within Subgraph  
is high

Finding  $\lambda_2$  as optimization problem.

$$L \cdot x = \underline{\lambda} \cdot x$$

$$\lambda_2 = \min_{x} \frac{x^T L x}{x^T x}$$

for any symmetric matrix  $L$  -

$A_{23}=1$  if  $A_{i,j}=1$   
 $A_{32}=1$  if  $A_{i,j}=1$

Many of  $\min_{x} x^T L x$  on G

(label of  
values  
for nodes)

$$Lx = \sum_{i,j=1}^n [L_{ij}] x_i x_j = \sum_{i,j=1}^n (D_{i,j} - A_{i,j}) x_i x_j$$
$$= \sum_{i,j=1}^n D_{i,j} x_i x_j - \sum_{i,j=1}^n A_{i,j} x_i x_j$$

Note: Node  $i$  has degree  $d_i$

$$D = [ ]$$
$$= \sum_{i,j=1}^n D_{i,i} (x_i^2) - \sum_{i,j \in E} 2 x_i x_j$$
$$= \sum_{(i,j) \in E} (x_i^2 + x_j^2 - 2 x_i x_j)$$
$$= \sum_{(i,j) \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2$$

$$\lambda_2 = \min_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{\mathbf{x}^T L \mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}}$$

$$\lambda_2 = \min_{\substack{\mathbf{x} \\ \text{s.t.} \\ \sum x_i = 0}} \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2}{\left(\sum_i x_i^2\right)^{-1}}$$

$x_i$  Assign values  $x_i$  to node  $i$   
 such that few edges cross  $\geq 0$  value

# LAPLACIAN CHARACTERIZATION

## SYMMETRIC AND POSITIVE SEMIDEFINITE

- Prove that  $L$  is symmetric and positive semidefinite

- $L = D - A$ ;  $L$  is symmetric since it follows symmetry of  $D$  and  $A$

- From the quadratic form  $x^T L x = \sum_{(i,j) \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2$ , hence  $x^T L x \geq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

This implies that  $L$  is positive semidefinite.

*n vertices*

$> 0$

**Note:** All eigenvalues will be  $\geq 0$

## LAPLACIAN CHARACTERIZATION ..



### EIGENVALUE 0

- Show that for every graph  $G$ , there is an eigenvector of  $L_G$  with eigenvalue 0.

**Proof:** Consider the quadratic form  $x^T L x = \sum_{(i,j) \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2$ , the only way this

quadratic form can be zero is if  $x_i = x_j$  whenever there is an edge  $(i,j)$ . In other words, this quadratic form is zero iff  $x_i = x_j$  for every  $i$  and  $j$  in the same connected component.

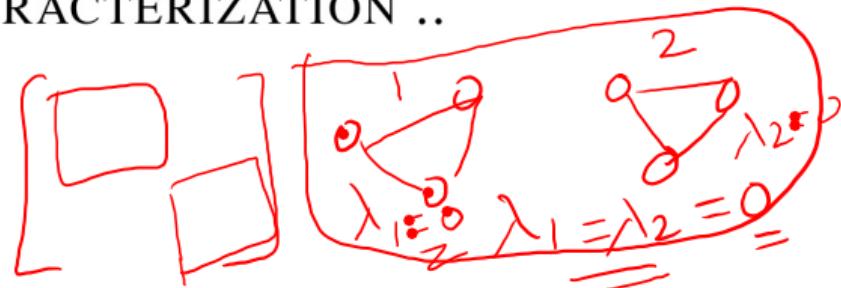
The corresponding eigenvector is a constant vector; for example,  $\mathbf{1}$  is eigenvector of 1's, then  $L\mathbf{1} = 0\mathbf{1}$ , which implies eigenvalue is 0.

$$L \cdot \mathbf{1} = 0 \cdot \mathbf{1}$$

now sum / col.sum = 0

## LAPLACIAN CHARACTERIZATION ..

### MULTIPLICITY IN EIGEN VALUES



- A graph  $G$  has  $k$  connected components iff the algebraic multiplicity of 0 in the Laplacian is  $k$ .

**Proof:**  $G$  has  $k$  connected components iff Laplacian matrix has  $k$  blocks. Let the blocks be denoted  $L_1, \dots, L_k$ .

Each block matrix in the Laplacian has eigenvalue 0.

$L_{(1 \cup 2 \cup \dots \cup k)}$  has combined eigen values of  $L_1, \dots, L_k$ .

Therefore, the eigenvalues of  $L$  contain 0 with a multiplicity of  $k$ .

$$L = \sum_e L_e$$

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## SPECTRAL GRAPH THEORY

- Graph Partitioning

$$\lambda_2 = \min_x \underbrace{\frac{x^T L x}{x^T x}}_{\sum (x_i - x_j)^2} \rightarrow \sum_{(i,j) \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2$$

$$\lambda_2 = \min_{\substack{\text{All the} \\ \text{labelings} \\ \text{of nodes}}} \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2}{\sum x_i^2 = 1}$$

n vertices  
(then n comp)  
 $x^T x = 0$

$x \rightarrow$  eigen vector  
 $x \rightarrow$  unit vector  
 $\sum x_i^2 = 1$

$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$

Eigen vectors are orthogonal to each other.

$$x_1 \perp x_2 \perp x_3 \dots$$

Normal vector

$$\sum x_i^2 = 1$$

$$x_i \text{ is red or green}$$

$$x_i = +1 \text{ or } -1$$

$$\text{Min Cut} \quad \lambda_2 = \min$$

$\sum x_i^2$

$$\sum x_i^2 = 0 \cdot x$$

Edges that span across 0  
should be as small as  
possible (Min Cut)

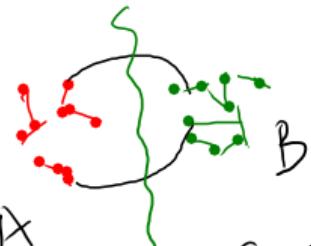
$$\sum x_i = 0$$

$$\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$

$$x_i = +1$$

$$x_i = -1$$

$x_i$ 's are  
equal/similar  
for same group



$$y_i = \begin{cases} +1, & i \in A \\ -1, & i \in B \end{cases}$$

We can minimize the cut of the partition by finding a vector  $\alpha$  that minimizes

$$\arg \min_{y_i \in \{-1, +1\}} f(y) = \sum_{(i,j) \in E} (y_i - y_j)^2$$

Rayleigh Theorem

$$\min_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(y) := \sum_{(i,j) \in E} (y_i - y_j)^2 = y^T L y$$

$y_i \in [-1, +1]$ .

$$\lambda_2 = \min_y f(y)$$

$$x = \arg \min_y f(y)$$

Input: Graph

## Spectral Clustering Algorithm

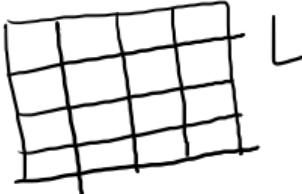
### 1) Preprocessing

Construct Laplacian matrix  
from  $G_1$ .

### 2) Decomposition

Compute eigen vector and eigen values  
of matrix

Map each node(point) to a lower dim  
representation based on one or  
more eigen vectors

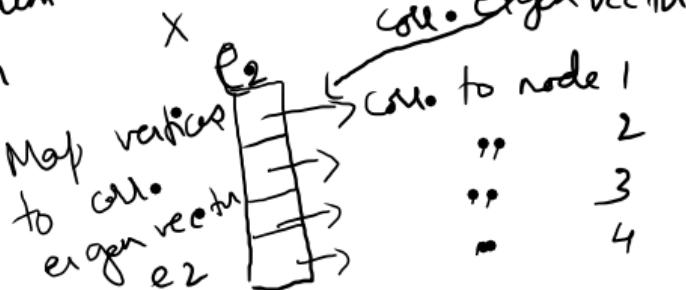


$$\lambda \begin{bmatrix} 0.0 \\ 0.1 \\ 0.6 \\ 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 \\ \lambda_4 \end{array}$$

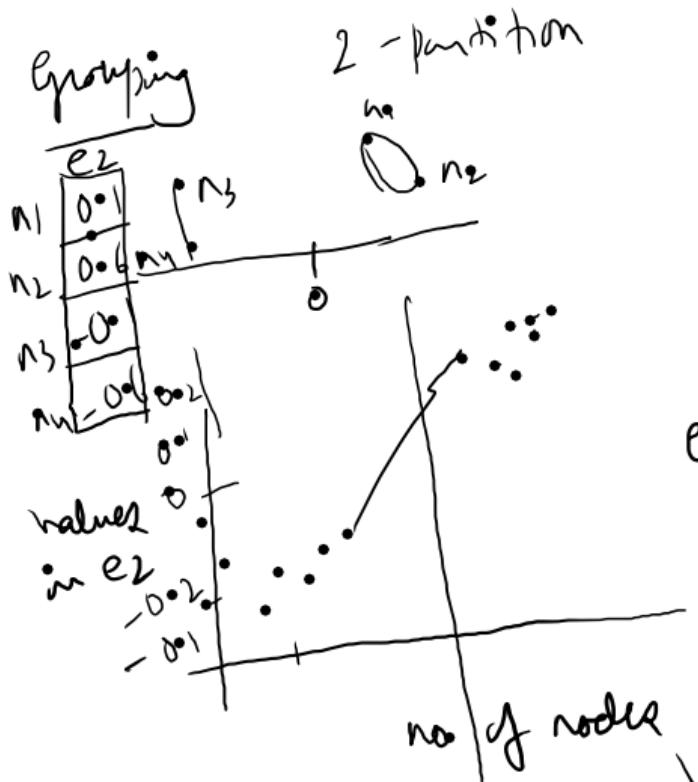
$e_1$	$e_2$	$e_3$	$e_4$
0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
0.1	0.0	0.6	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7



X.

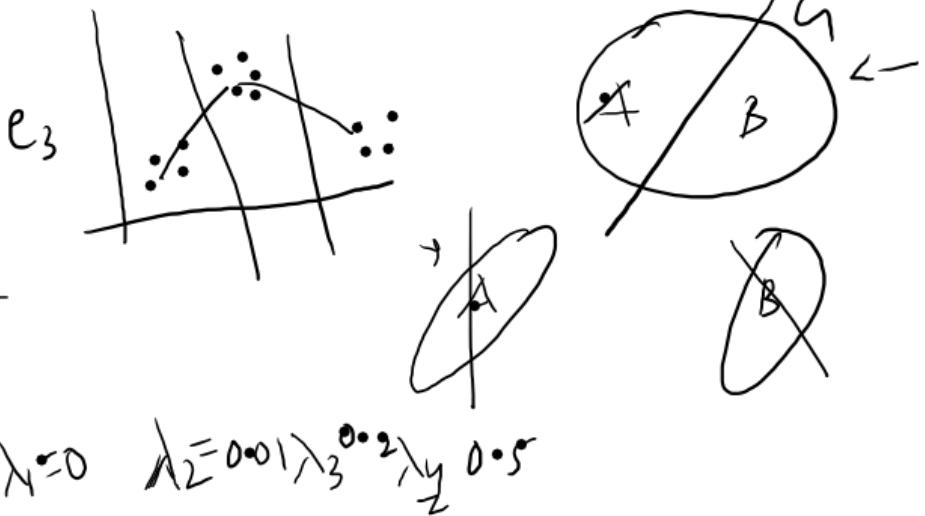


3. Grouping



k-way Spectral clustering  
If k partitions/cluster from G.

Recursive bi-partitioning



# BOUNDING $\lambda_2$ AND $\lambda_{max}$ (1/2)

## COURANT-FISCHER FORMULA

- The Courant-Fischer theorem gives a variational formulation of the eigenvalues of a symmetric matrix, which can be useful for obtaining bounds on the eigenvalues.

$$\lambda_1 = \min_{\|x\|=1} x^T L x = \min_{x \neq 0} \frac{x^T L x}{x^T x}$$

$$\lambda_2 = \min_{\|x\|=1, x \perp v_1} x^T L x = \min_{x \perp v_1, x \neq 0} \frac{x^T L x}{x^T x}$$

$$\lambda_{max} = \max_{\|x\|=1} x^T L x = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{x^T L x}{x^T x}$$

## BOUNDING $\lambda_2$ AND $\lambda_{max}$ (2/2)

### RAYLEIGH QUOTIENT

- The Rayleigh quotient is the application of the Courant-Fischer Formula to the Laplacian of a graph.

$$v_1 = \mathbf{1}, \lambda_1 = 0$$

$$\lambda_2 = \min_{x \perp v_1, x \neq 0} \frac{x^T L x}{x^T x} = \min_{x \perp v_1, x \neq 0} \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2}{\sum_{i \in V} x_i^2}$$

$$\lambda_{max} = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{x^T L x}{x^T x} = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2}{\sum_{i \in V} x_i^2}$$

# GRAPH PARTITIONING

USING  $\lambda_2$

- We know that  $\lambda_1 = 0$ ,  $v_1 = \mathbf{1}$
- Since eigenvectors forms orthonormal basis, second eigenvector say  $x$  is orthogonal to the first one,
  - $x \cdot \mathbf{1} = 0$ , i.e  $\sum_i x_i = 0$  and normal  $\sum_i x_i^2 = 1$
- Also from Raleigh quotient,

$$\lambda_2 = \min_{x \perp v_1, x \neq 0} \frac{x^T L x}{x^T x} = \min_{x \perp v_1, x \neq 0} \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2}{\sum_{i \in V} x_i^2}$$

$$\lambda_2 = \min_{x: \sum_i x_i = 0} \sum_{(i,j) \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2$$

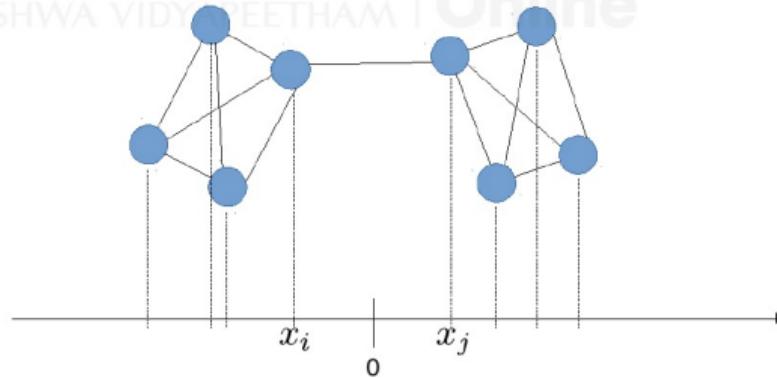
# GRAPH PARTITIONING ..

$$\lambda_2 = \min_{\substack{x: \sum_i x_i = 0}} \sum_{(i,j) \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2$$

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WHAT DOES IT INDICATE

- Nodes should be placed at both sides of 0 because  $\sum_i x_i = 0$



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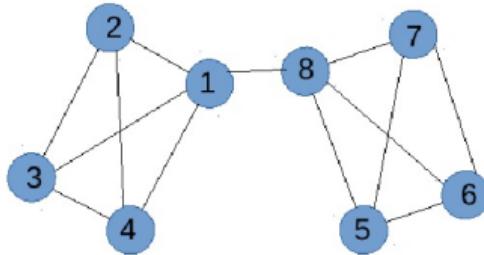
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# THE ALGEBRAIC CONNECTIVITY

## FIEDLER NUMBER

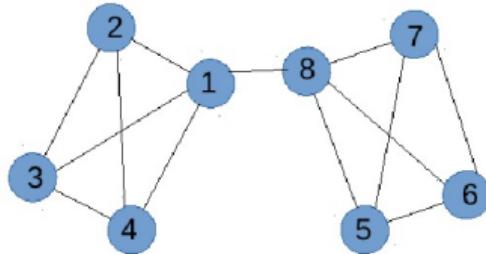
- The first non-null eigenvalue  $\lambda_{k+1}$  is called the Fiedler value.
  - The corresponding eigenvector  $v_{k+1}$  is called the Fiedler vector.
  - The multiplicity of the Fiedler eigenvalue is always equal to 1.
  - The Fiedler value is the algebraic connectivity of a graph, the further from 0, the more connected
- algebraic*
- $\lambda_2 > \lambda_3 = \dots = \lambda_k = 0 > \lambda_{k+1} > \dots > \lambda_n$  because if  $k$  connected comp. are then
- Algebraic Multiplicity of a value  $b$   $= \frac{1}{n}$ .  
ie  $\exists^3$  eigenvalues have value  $b$   
 $\lambda_1 = b$     $\lambda_5 = b$     $\lambda_9 = b$

# GRAPH PARTITIONING: EXAMPLE 1



$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

# GRAPH PARTITIONING: EXAMPLE 1 ..

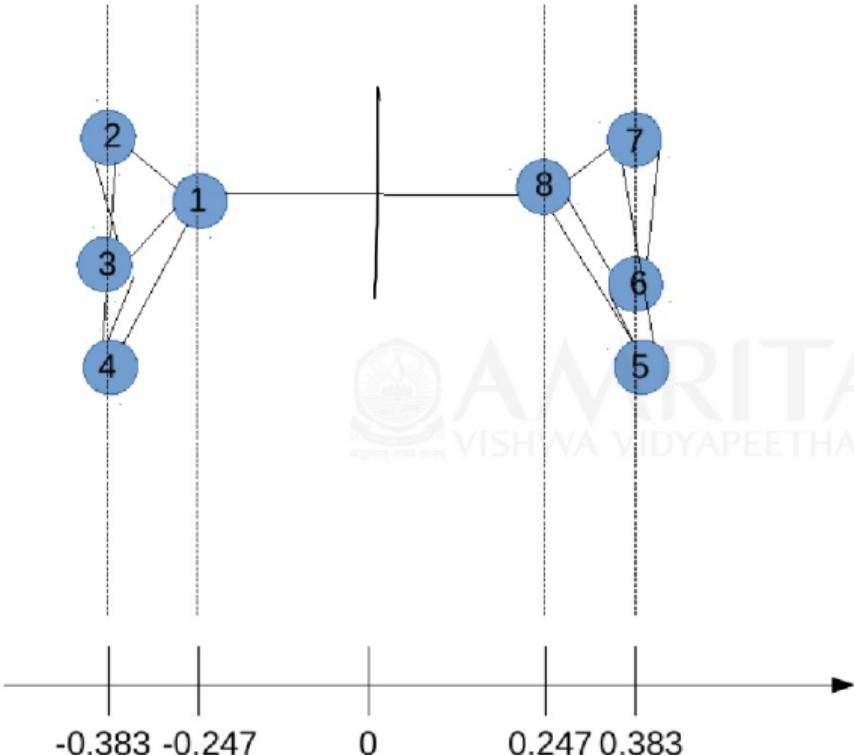


$$\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 0.354$$

*Fiedler value*  
*Fiedler vector*

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.247 \\ 0.383 \\ 0.383 \\ 0.383 \\ -0.383 \\ -0.383 \\ -0.383 \\ -0.247 \end{pmatrix}$$

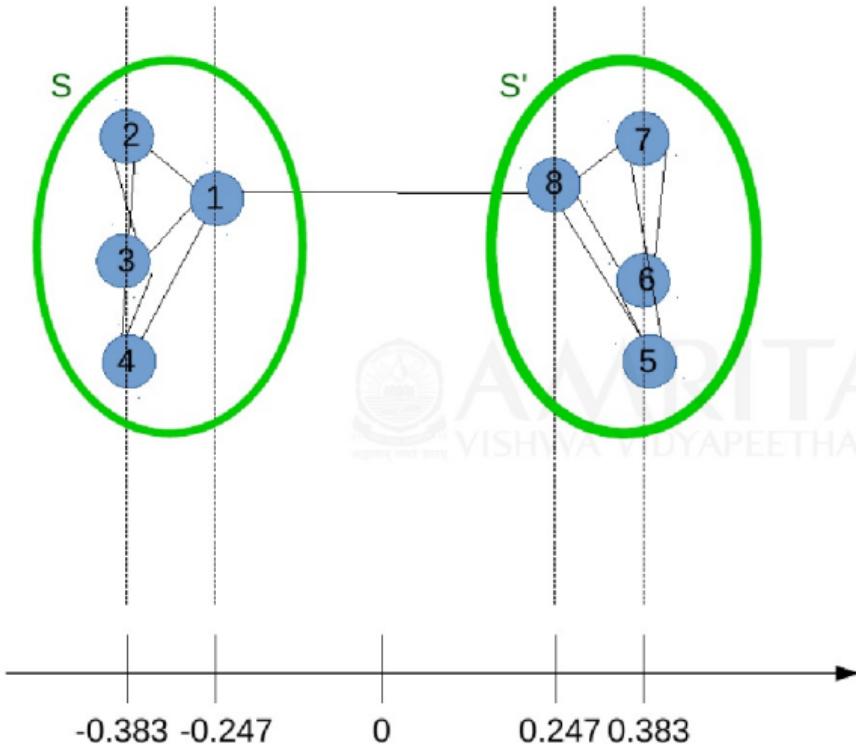
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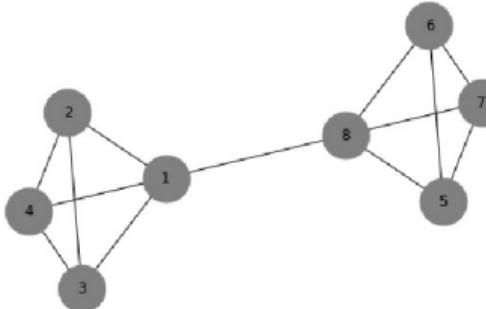


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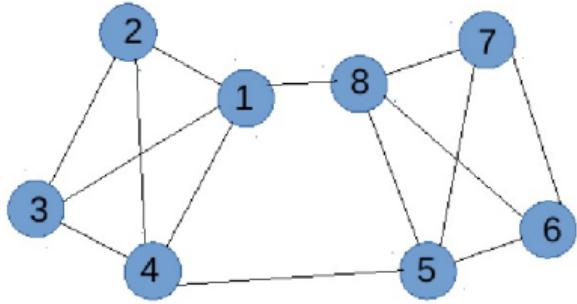
# EXAMPLE 1: JUPYTER

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breaklines
import networkx as nx
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from numpy import linalg as LA
np.set_printoptions(precision=3)
GP1=nx.Graph([(1,2),(1,3),(1,4),(2,3),(2,4),
(5,6),(5,7),(5,8),(6,7),(6,8),(7,8), (1,8)])
nx.draw(GP1, node_size = 1500, node_color="", w
plt.show()
S=nx.laplacian_matrix(GP1)
T=S.todense()
print(T)
evals, evecs = LA.eig(T)
evals=evals.real
print(evals)
evecs=evecs.real
print(evecs)
breaklines
```



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[ 5.64  0   0.354  4.0   4.0   4.0   4.0   4.0 ]
[[ 0.663 -0.354 -0.247 -0.612  0.344  0.04   0.072 -0.314]
 [-0.143 -0.354 -0.383  0.204  0.416 -0.251  0.105 -0.479]
 [-0.143 -0.354 -0.383  0.204 -0.563 -0.223  0.526  0.314]
 [-0.143 -0.354 -0.383  0.204 -0.197  0.434 -0.703  0.48 ]
 [ 0.143 -0.354  0.383  0.204 -0.295  0.567 -0.105 -0.064]
 [ 0.143 -0.354  0.383  0.204 -0.295 -0.613 -0.296 -0.101]
 [ 0.143 -0.354  0.383  0.204  0.246  0.006  0.33   0.479]
 [-0.663 -0.354  0.247 -0.612  0.344  0.04   0.072 -0.314]]
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## GRAPH PARTITIONING: EXAMPLE 2 ..



$$\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 0.764$$

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 4 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 4 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.263 \\ 0.425 \\ 0.425 \\ 0.263 \\ -0.263 \\ -0.425 \\ -0.425 \\ -0.263 \end{pmatrix}$$

# SUMMARY

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- Graph Partitioning Examples
- Fiedler Number

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