

# Seminar II: Deep Learning-based Natural Language Processing

**“node2vec: Scalable Feature Learning for Networks”  
Paper review**

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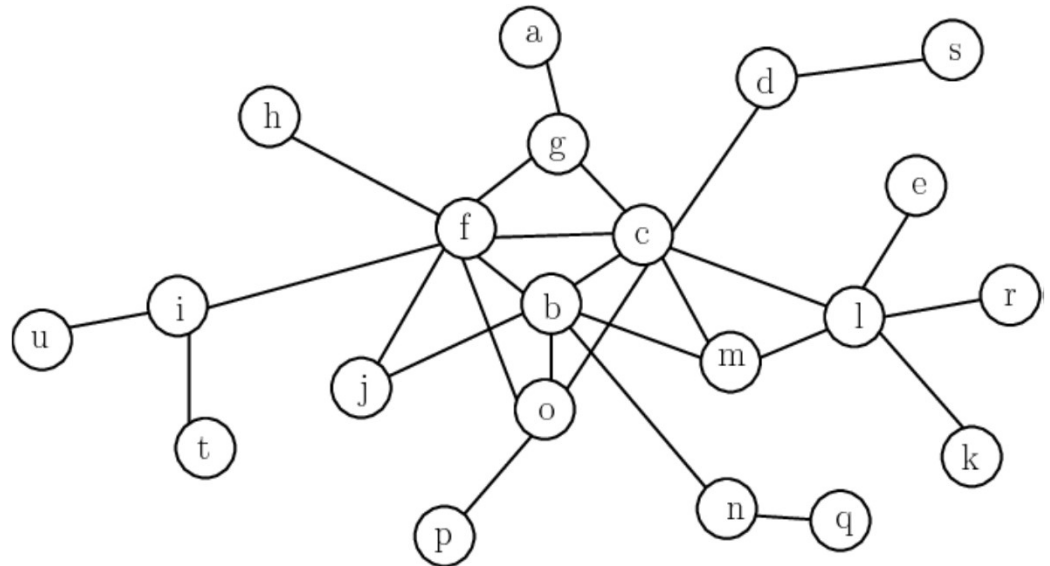
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# Introduction. Graphs

Data consist of

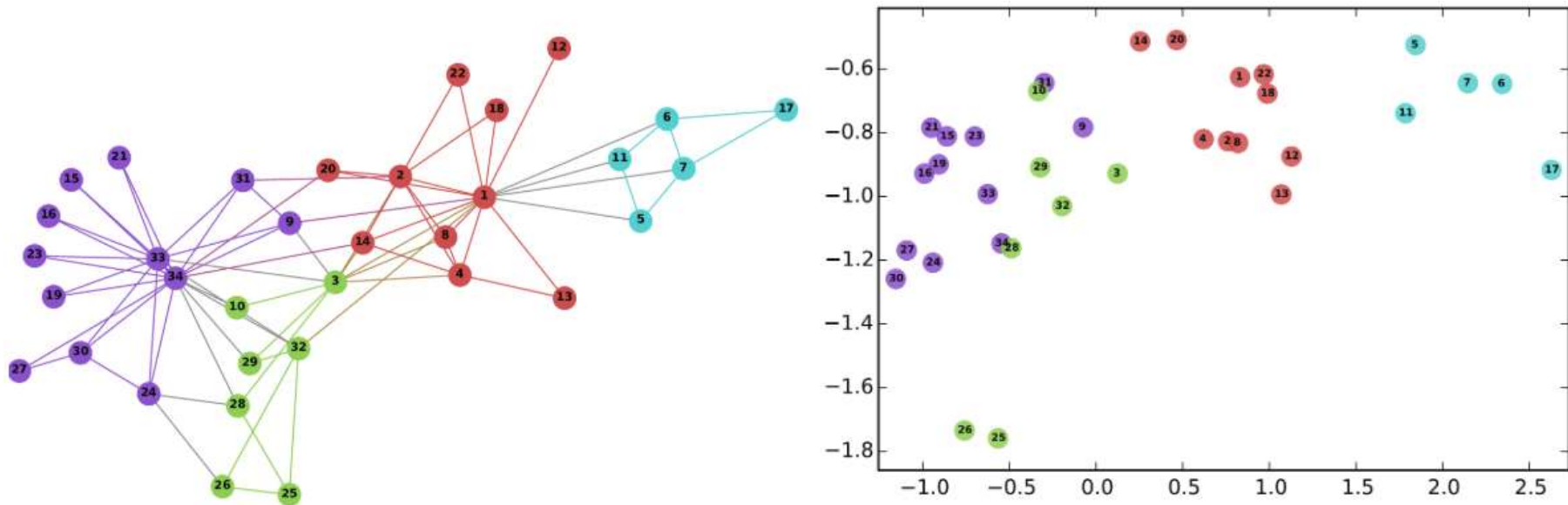
- Vertices (Nodes)  $V$
- Edges (Connections)  $E$  (Directed or Undirected)

Words and images are a special case of graphs



# Introduction. Graphs Representation

Most of the time: node representation



Source: Google AI blog

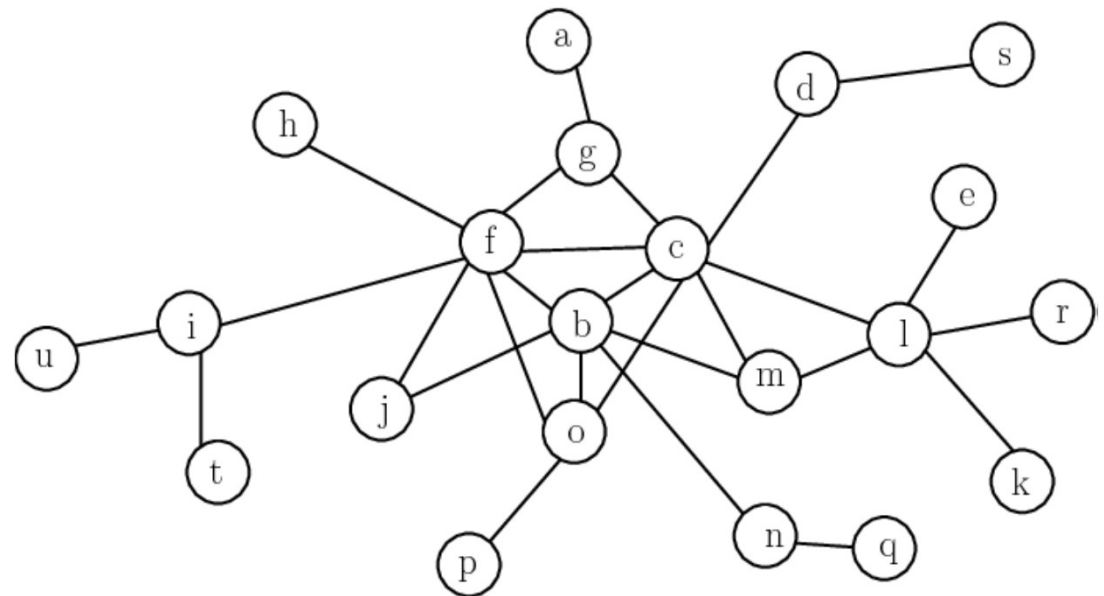
Left: The well-known [Karate](#) graph representing a social network.

Right: A continuous space embedding of the nodes in the graph using [DeepWalk](#).

# Introduction. Graphs Representation

The problem is graphs are not linear.

If we could sample multiple random linear sequence from graphs, then we could pass them to word2vec algorithm (etc. skip-gram).

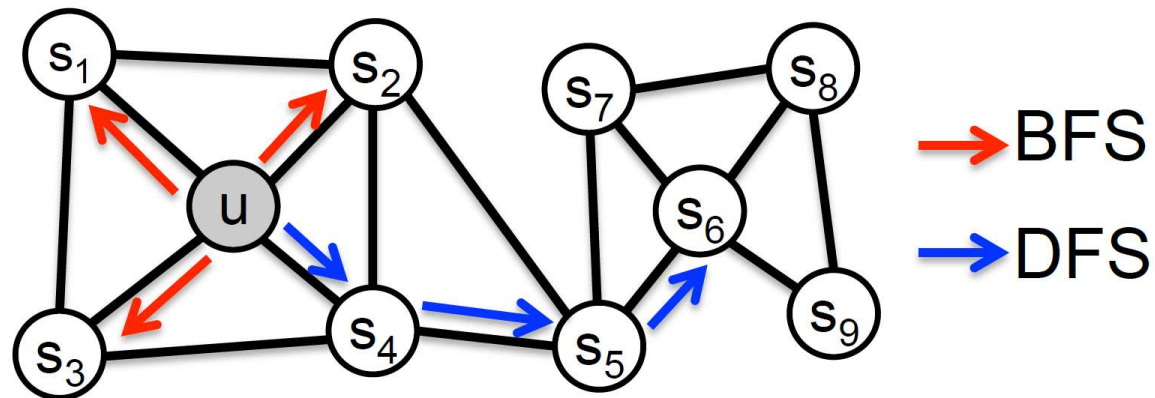


# Introduction. BFS & DFS

Suppose  $k$  is the size neighborhood = 3

BFS samples:  $s_1$   $s_2$   $s_3$

DFS samples:  $s_4$   $s_5$   $s_6$



*BFS and DFS search strategies from node  $u$  ( $k = 3$ )  
Source: node2vec: Scalable Feature Learning for Networks*

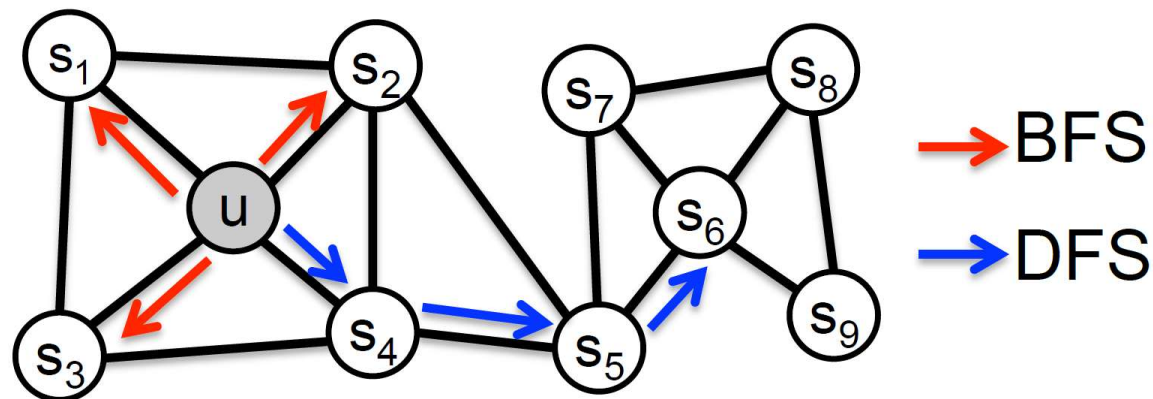
# Introduction. Homophily & Structural Equivalence

Homophily: similar network clusters (ex:  $s_1$  and  $u$ )

Structural equivalence: similar structural roles (ex:  $s_6$  and  $u$ )

BFS closely lead to structural embeddings

DFS closely lead to homophily



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# Introduction. Problem statement

## PROBLEMS

- Unsupervised feature learning (e.g., PCA) suffer from computational costs because eigen decomposition is expensive
- If we turn a network into a ordered sequence of nodes, we can pass it to word2vec
- There are many possible sampling strategies
- The MAJOR GAP is that there is no flexibility in sampling nodes from a network



# Introduction. Key Contribution

## OBJECTIVE

To design a flexible sampling technique that is not tied to a particular sampling strategy and provides hyper-parameters to tune the explored search space.

# Methodology - Feature learning framework

Let  $G = (V; E)$

Let  $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$

Every  $u \in V$ ,  $N_S(u) \subset V$  as a network neighborhood

Skip-gram architecture

$$\max_f \sum_{u \in V} \log \Pr(N_S(u) | f(u)).$$

Networks are not linear, and thus richer notion of a neighborhood is needed

$N_S(u)$  -> vastly different structures depending on the sampling strategy  $S$

# Methodology - Biased random walk

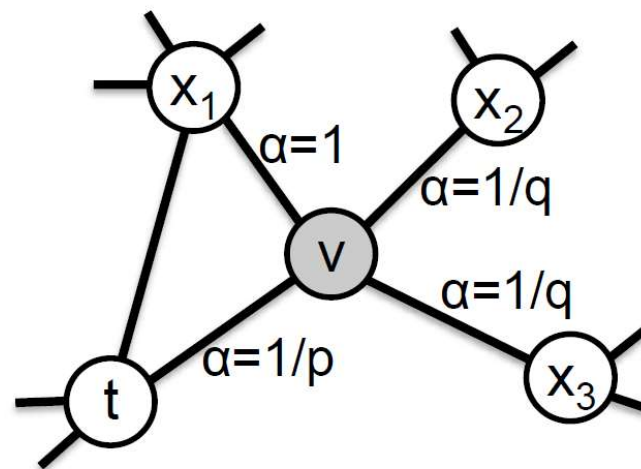
2<sup>nd</sup> order random walk with two hyper-parameters p and q

2<sup>nd</sup> order means that it considers the previous state where it came from

Unnormalized transition probability:

$$\pi_{vx} = \alpha_{pq}(t, x) \cdot w_{vx}$$

$$\alpha_{pq}(t, x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{p} & \text{if } d_{tx} = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } d_{tx} = 1 \\ \frac{1}{q} & \text{if } d_{tx} = 2 \end{cases}$$



*Illustration of the random walk procedure in node2vec. The walk just transitioned from  $t$  to  $v$  and is now evaluating its next step out of node  $v$ . Edge labels indicate search biases*

*Source: node2vec: Scalable Feature Learning for Networks*

# Methodology - The node2vec algorithm

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**Algorithm 1** The *node2vec* algorithm.

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**LearnFeatures** (Graph  $G = (V, E, W)$ , Dimensions  $d$ , Walks per node  $r$ , Walk length  $l$ , Context size  $k$ , Return  $p$ , In-out  $q$ )

$\pi = \text{PreprocessModifiedWeights}(G, p, q)$

$G' = (V, E, \pi)$

Initialize *walks* to Empty

**for**  $iter = 1$  **to**  $r$  **do**

**for all** nodes  $u \in V$  **do**

$walk = \text{node2vecWalk}(G', u, l)$

        Append *walk* to *walks*

$f = \text{StochasticGradientDescent}(k, d, walks)$

**return**  $f$

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**node2vecWalk** (Graph  $G' = (V, E, \pi)$ , Start node  $u$ , Length  $l$ )

Initialize *walk* to  $[u]$

**for**  $walk\_iter = 1$  **to**  $l$  **do**

$curr = walk[-1]$

$V_{curr} = \text{GetNeighbors}(curr, G')$

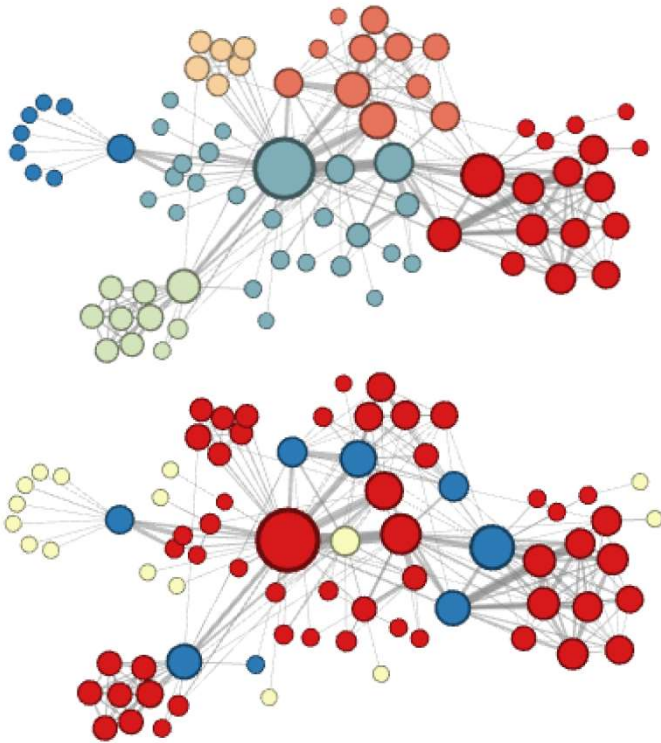
$s = \text{AliasSample}(V_{curr}, \pi)$

    Append  $s$  to *walk*

**return** *walk*

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# Results and Discussions

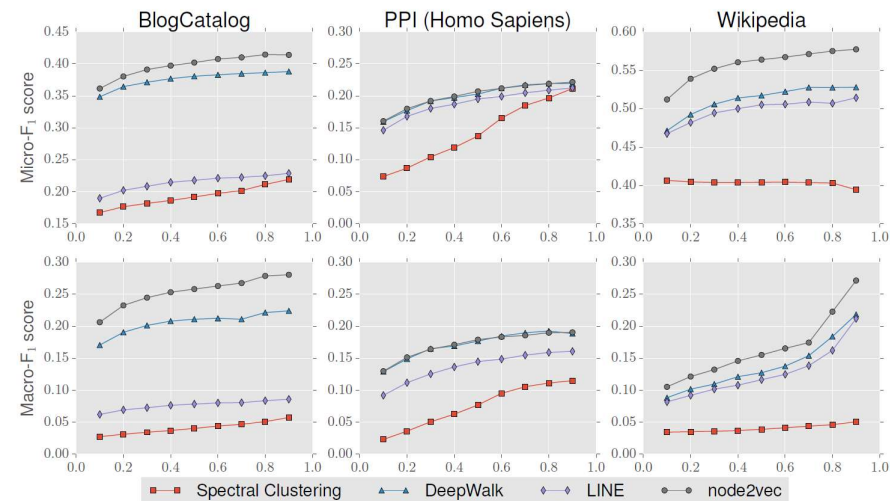


Complementary visualizations of Les Misérables coappearance network generated by node2vec with label colours reflecting homophily (top) and structural equivalence (bottom).

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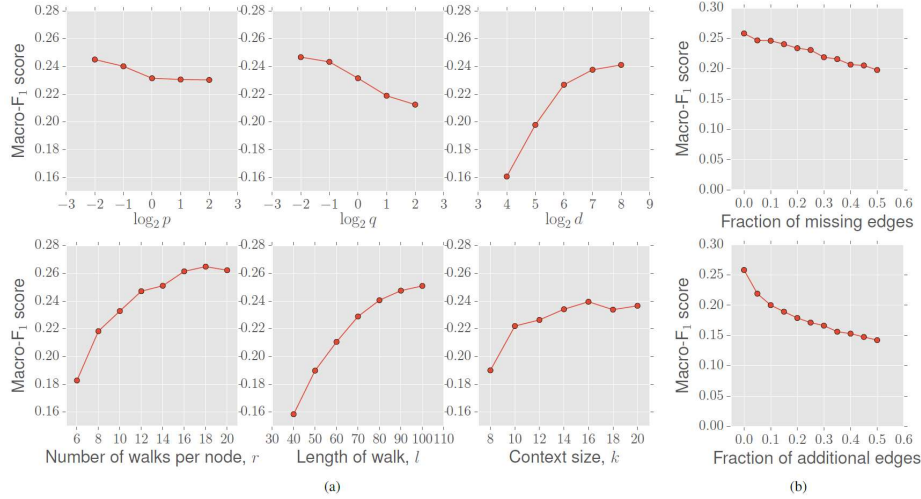
Algorithm	Dataset		
	BlogCatalog	PPI	Wikipedia
Spectral Clustering	0.0405	0.0681	0.0395
DeepWalk	0.2110	0.1768	0.1274
LINE	0.0784	0.1447	0.1164
<b>node2vec</b>	<b>0.2581</b>	<b>0.1791</b>	<b>0.1552</b>
node2vec settings (p,q)	0.25, 0.25	4, 1	4, 0.5
<b>Gain of node2vec [%]</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>21.8</b>

Macro-F1 scores for multilabel classification on BlogCatalog, PPI (Homo sapiens) and Wikipedia word cooccurrence networks with 50% of the nodes labelled for training.

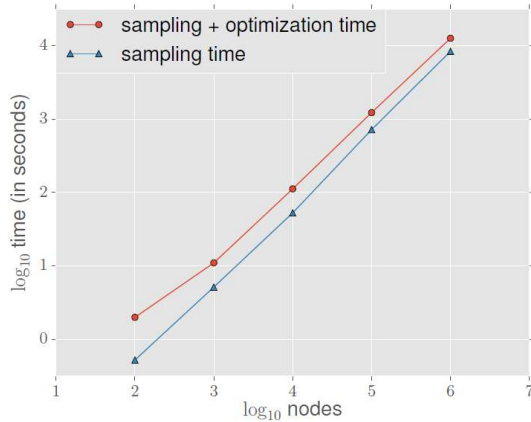


Performance evaluation of different benchmarks on varying the amount of labelled data used for training. The x axis denotes the fraction of labelled data

# Results and Discussions



(a). Parameter sensitivity (b). Perturbation analysis for multilabel classification on the BlogCatalog network.



Scalability of node2vec on Erdos-Renyi graphs with an average degree of 10.

Op	Algorithm	Dataset		
		Facebook	PPI	arXiv
	Common Neighbors	0.8100	0.7142	0.8153
	Jaccard's Coefficient	0.8880	0.7018	0.8067
	Adamic-Adar	0.8289	0.7126	0.8315
	Pref. Attachment	0.7137	0.6670	0.6996
(a)	Spectral Clustering	0.5960	0.6588	0.5812
	DeepWalk	0.7238	0.6923	0.7066
	LINE	0.7029	0.6330	0.6516
	node2vec	0.7266	0.7543	0.7221
(b)	Spectral Clustering	0.6192	0.4920	0.5740
	DeepWalk	<b>0.9680</b>	0.7441	0.9340
	LINE	0.9490	0.7249	0.8902
	node2vec	<b>0.9680</b>	<b>0.7719</b>	<b>0.9366</b>
(c)	Spectral Clustering	0.7200	0.6356	0.7099
	DeepWalk	0.9574	0.6026	0.8282
	LINE	0.9483	0.7024	0.8809
	node2vec	0.9602	0.6292	0.8468
(d)	Spectral Clustering	0.7107	0.6026	0.6765
	DeepWalk	0.9584	0.6118	0.8305
	LINE	0.9460	0.7106	0.8862
	node2vec	0.9606	0.6236	0.8477

Area Under Curve (AUC) scores for link prediction. Comparison with popular baselines and embedding based methods bootstrapped using binary operators: (a) Average, (b) Hadamard, (c) Weighted-L1, and (d) Weighted-L2

# Conclusions

- BFS suitable for structural equivalences
- DFS suitable for homophiles clusters
- node2vec is both flexible and controllable exploring neighborhoods through parameters  $p$  and  $q$