#### CS3319 Foundations of Data Science

# 5. Graph Data

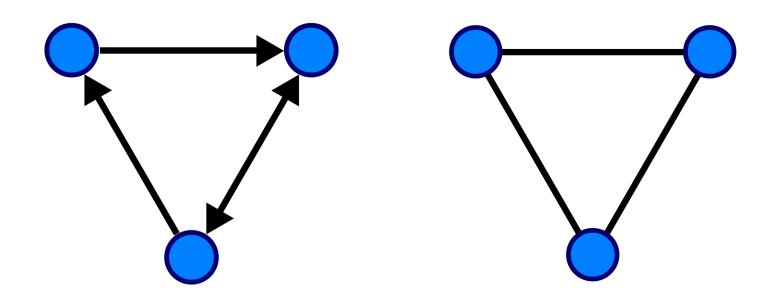
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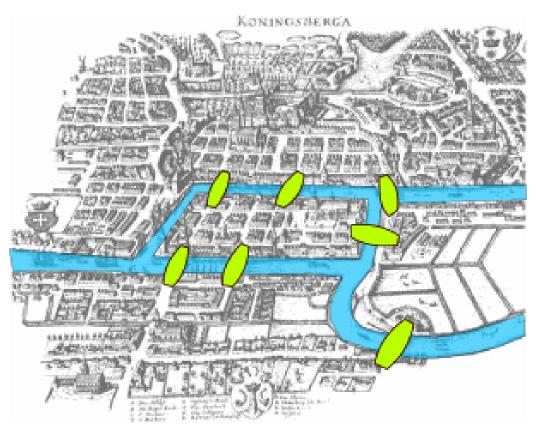


### Graph

- Graph: structure of a set of objects some of which are related.
  - Vertices/Nodes (objects)
  - Edge/Links (relations, directed or undirected)



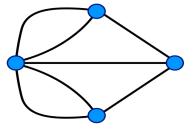
# Graph Data



#### Seven Bridges of Königsberg

[Euler, 1735]

Return to the starting point by traveling each link of the graph once and only once.



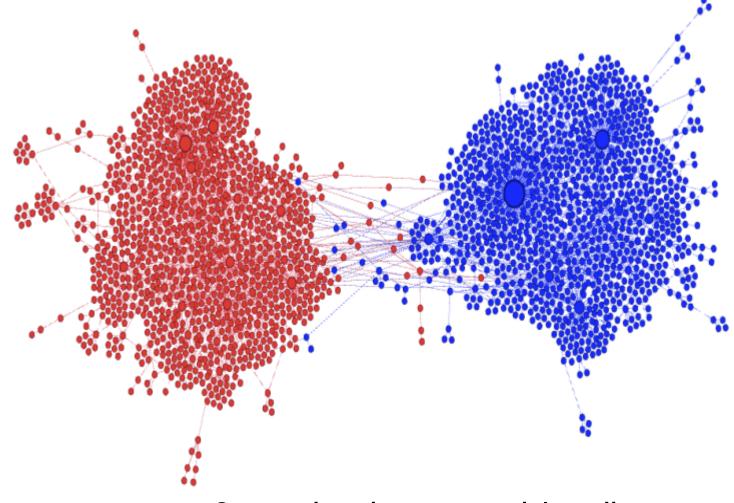
### Graph Data: Social Networks



Facebook social graph

4-degrees of separation [Backstrom-Boldi-Rosa-Ugander-Vigna, 2011]

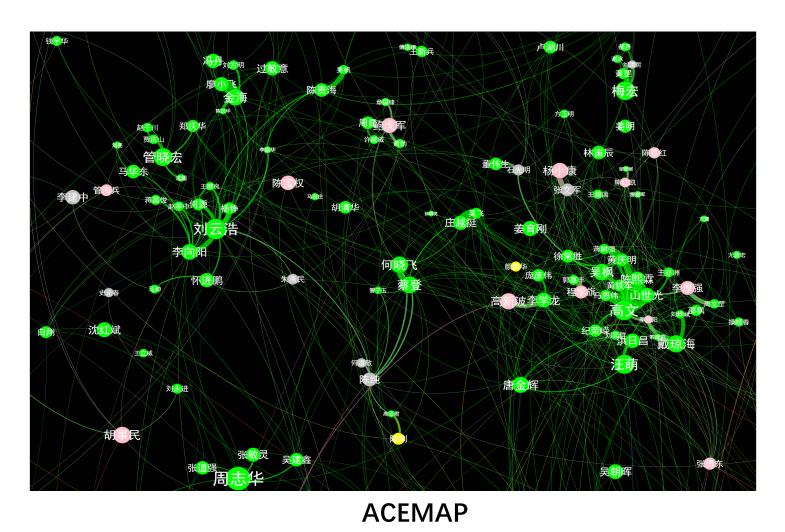
# Graph Data: Media Networks



Connections between social media

Polarization of the network

# Graph Data: Academic Networks

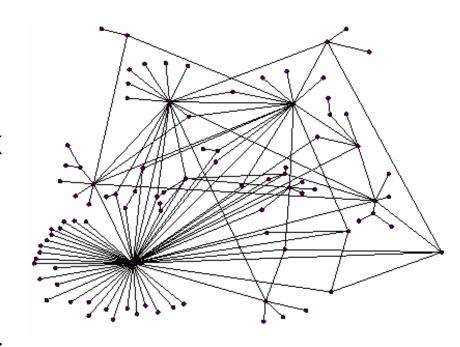


# Graph Data: Web Pages



# Graph Algorithm

- To derive information from a graph, we ask
  - Vertex:
    - How important is a vertex? Pagerank
    - Any features? Node classification
  - Edge:
    - How important is a link? Betweenness centrality, etc.
    - Any potential links? Link prediction, recommendation
  - Structure:
    - How is the graph connected? Community detection
    - Can we represent nodes/links in vector space? Representation Learning



# PageRank

### Challenges

- How to organize the Web?
  - Information Retrieval: Find best answer, (relevant docs in a small and trusted set), in huge number of websites, full of untrusted documents, random things, web spam, etc.

#### Meaurements:

- Who to "trust"?
  - Trustworthy pages may point to each other.
- What is the "best" answer to a query?
  - Analyze the structure of the graph to get popular or high-valued answer.

### Ranking Nodes on the Graph

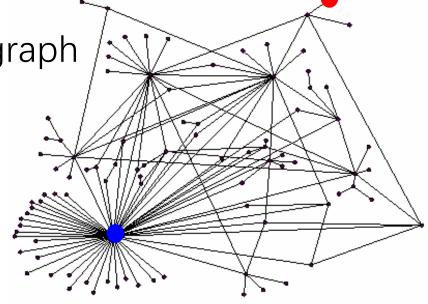
- All web pages are not equally "important"
  - Mathew Effect

 There is large diversity in the web-graph node connectivity.

rank the pages by the link structure

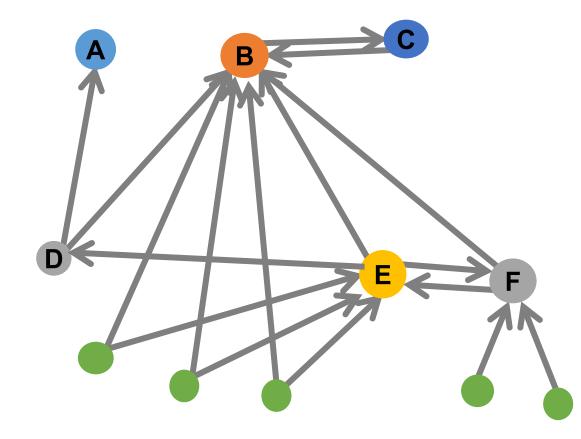
#### Page Rank

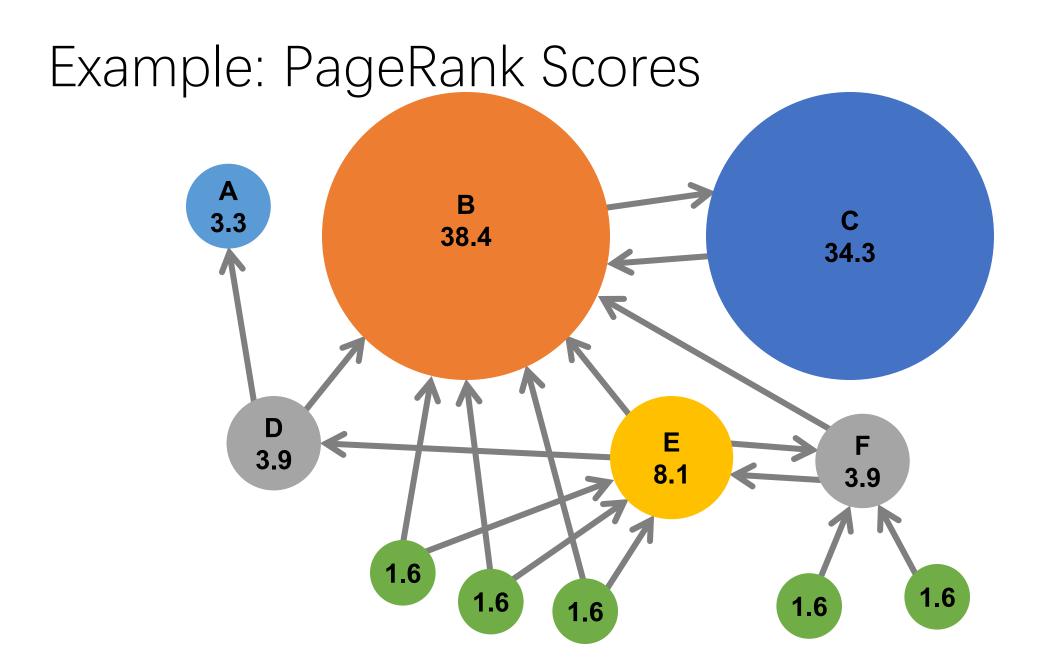
Ranking the importance of a node



#### Links as Votes

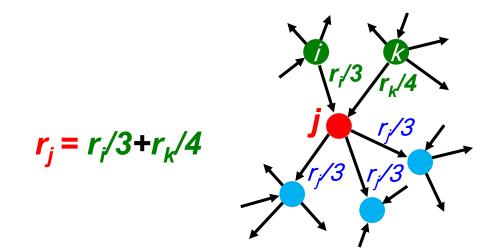
- Idea: Links as votes
  - Page is more important if it has more links
    - In-coming links? Out-going links?
- Are all in-links are equal?
  - Links from important pages count more
  - Recursive question





### Simple Recursive Formulation

- Each link's vote is proportional to the importance of its source page
- If page j with importance  $r_j$  has n out-links, each link gets  $r_j / n$  votes
- Page /s own importance is the sum of the votes on its in-links

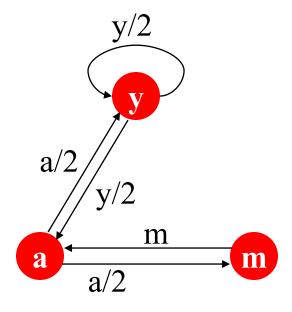


### PageRank: The "Flow" Model

- A "vote" from an important page is worth more
- A page is important if it is pointed to by other important pages
- Define a "rank"/"importance"  $r_j$  for page j

$$r_j = \sum_{i \to j} \frac{r_i}{d_i}$$

 $d_i$  ... out-degree of node i



"Flow" equations:

$$r_y = r_y/2 + r_a/2$$

$$r_a = r_y/2 + r_m$$

$$r_m = r_a/2$$

### Solving the Flow Equations

3 equations

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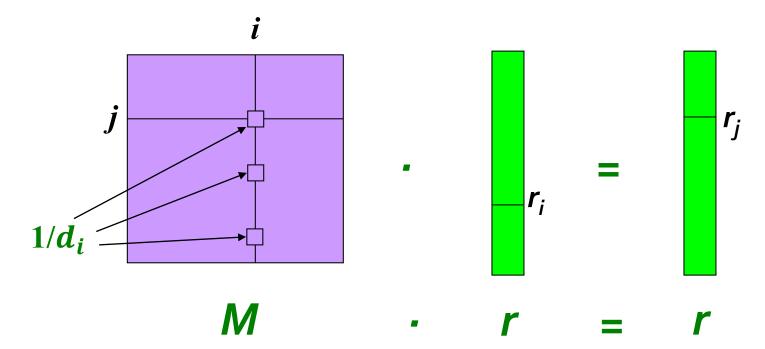
Additional constraint forces uniqueness:

$$\bullet r_y + r_a + r_m = 1$$

• Solution: 
$$r_y = \frac{2}{5}$$
,  $r_a = \frac{2}{5}$ ,  $r_m = \frac{1}{5}$ 

### PageRank: Matrix Formulation

- Stochastic adjacency matrix M
  - Let page i has  $d_i$  out-links
  - If  $i \to j$ , then  $M_{ji} = \frac{1}{d_i}$  else  $M_{ji} = 0$ 
    - M is a column stochastic matrix
      - Columns sum to 1
  - The flow equations can be written



	y	a	m
y	1/2	1/2	0
a	1/2	0	1
m	0	1/2	0

$$r_j = \sum_{i \to j} \frac{r_i}{d_i}$$

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$$r = M \cdot r$$

- Rank vector r: vector with an entry per page
  - $r_i$  is the importance score of page i
  - $\sum_i r_i = 1$

### Eigenvector Formulation

• The flow equations can be written  $m{r} = m{M} \cdot m{r}$ 

**NOTE:** x is an eigenvector with the corresponding eigenvalue  $\lambda$  if:  $Ax = \lambda x$ 

- So the vector r is an eigenvector of the stochastic web matrix M
  - Largest eigenvalue of *M* is 1 since *M* is column stochastic (with non-negative entries)
- We can now efficiently solve for *r*. The method is **Power iteration**.

#### Power Iteration Method

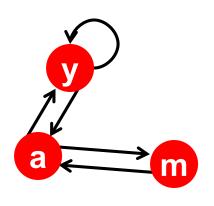
- Given a web graph with n nodes, where the nodes are pages and edges are hyperlinks
- Power iteration: a simple iterative scheme
  - Suppose there are N web pages
  - Initialize:  $\mathbf{r}^{(0)} = [1/N, \dots, 1/N]^T$
  - Iterate:  $\mathbf{r}^{(t+1)} = \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{r}^{(t)}$
  - Stop when  $|\mathbf{r}^{(t+1)} \mathbf{r}^{(t)}|_1 < \varepsilon$

$$r_j^{(t+1)} = \sum_{i \to j} \frac{r_i^{(t)}}{d_i}$$

d<sub>i</sub> .... out-degree of node i

 $|\mathbf{x}|_1 = \sum_{1 \le i \le N} |x_i|$  is the **L**<sub>1</sub> norm Can use any other vector norm, e.g., Euclidean

# Example: Flow Equations & M



$$r_y = r_y/2 + r_a/2$$

$$r_a = r_y/2 + r_m$$

$$r_m = r_a/2$$

	y	a	m
y	1/2	1/2	0
a	1/2	0	1
m	0	1/2	0

$$r = M \cdot r$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y \\ a \\ m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ a \\ m \end{bmatrix}$$

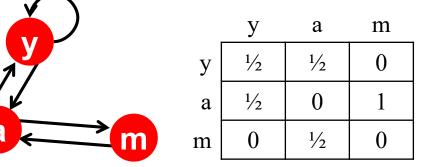
PageRank: How to solve?

#### Power Iteration:

- Set  $r_i = 1/N$
- 1:  $r'_j = \sum_{i \to j} \frac{r_i}{d_i}$
- 2: r = r'
- Goto **1**

#### • Example:

$r_y$	1/3	1/3	5/12	9/24	6/15
$ \begin{pmatrix} r_{y} \\ r_{a} \\ r_{m} \end{pmatrix} = $	1/3	3/6	1/3	11/24	6/15
$\binom{r_m}{r_m}$	1/3	1/6	3/12	1/6	3/15
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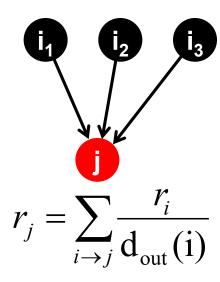
#### Random Walk Interpretation

#### Imagine a random web surfer:

- At any time t, surfer is on some page i
- At time t + 1, the surfer follows an out-link from i uniformly at random
- Ends up on some page j linked from i
- Process repeats indefinitely

#### • Let:

- p(t) ··· vector whose i<sup>th</sup> coordinate is the prob. that the surfer is at page i at time t
- So, p(t) is a probability distribution over pages

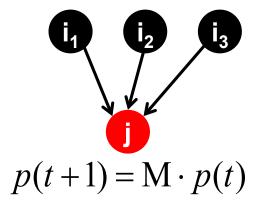


### The Stationary Distribution

#### • Where is the surfer at time *t*+1?

Follows a link uniformly at random

$$p(t+1) = M \cdot p(t)$$



Suppose the random walk reaches a state

$$p(t+1) = M \cdot p(t) = p(t)$$

then p(t) is stationary distribution of a random walk

- lacktriangle Our original vector  $m{r}$  satisfies  $m{r} = m{M} \cdot m{r}$ 
  - ullet So, r is a **stationary distribution** for the random walk

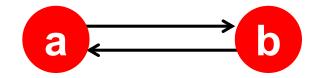
#### Existence and Uniqueness

 A central result from the theory of random walks:

For graphs that satisfy irreducible and aperiodic, the stationary distribution is unique and eventually will be reached no matter what the initial probability distribution at time **t** = **0** 

### Observation: Does this converge?

#### Periodic:



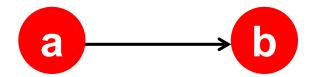
$$r_j^{(t+1)} = \sum_{i \to j} \frac{r_i^{(t)}}{d_i}$$

#### • Example:

Iteration 0, 1, 2, ...

#### Observation: Does it converge to what we want?

#### Reducible:



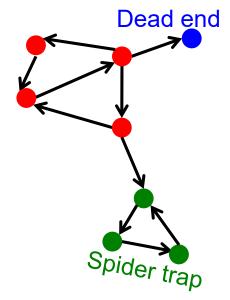
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#### PageRank: Problems

- Spider traps (all out-links are within the group)
  - Random walked gets "stuck" in a trap
  - Eventually spider traps absorb all importance
  - Periodic

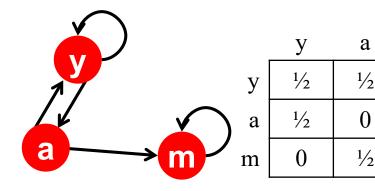


- Dead ends (have no out-links)
  - Random walk has "nowhere" to go to
  - Such pages cause importance to "leak out"
  - Reducible

### Problem: Spider Traps

#### Power Iteration:

- Set  $r_i = 1$
- $r_j = \sum_{i \to j} \frac{r_i}{d_i}$ 
  - And iterate



m is a spider trap

$$r_y = r_y/2 + r_a/2$$

$$r_a = r_y/2$$

$$r_m = r_a/2 + r_m$$

 $\mathbf{m}$ 

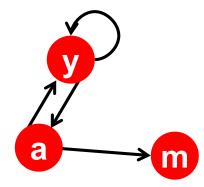
#### Example:

Periodic. All the PageRank score gets "trapped" in node m.

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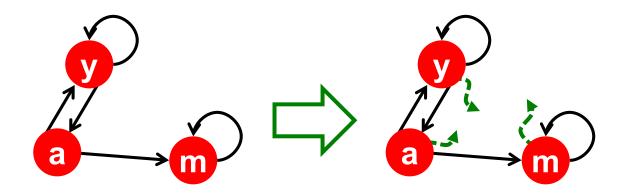
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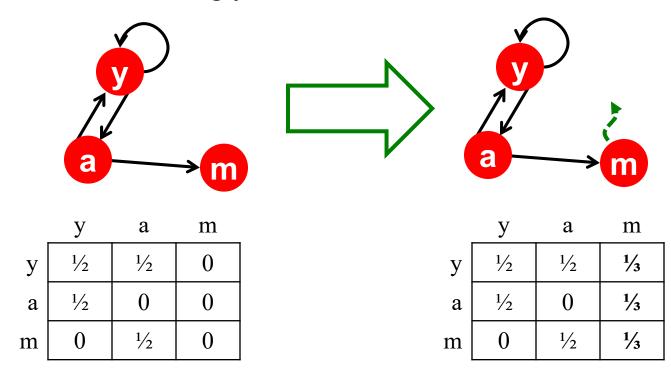
### Solution: Teleports!

- The Google solution for spider traps: At each time step, the random surfer has two options
  - With prob.  $\beta$ , follow a neighbor link at random
  - With prob.  $1-\beta$ , jump to some random page
  - Common values for  $\beta$  are in the range 0.8 to 0.9
- Surfer will teleport out of spider trap within a few time steps



### Solution: Teleport!

- Teleports also solves dead-ends
  - Follow random teleport links with probability 1.0 from dead-ends
  - Adjust matrix accordingly



#### Why Teleports Solve the Problem?

#### Spider-traps

• Solution: Never get stuck in a spider trap by teleporting out of it in a finite number of steps

#### Dead-ends

- The matrix is not column stochastic so our initial assumptions are not met
- Solution: Make matrix column stochastic by always teleporting when there is nowhere else to go

#### Solution: Random Teleports

- Google's solution that does it all:
  At each step, random surfer has two options:
  - With probability  $\beta$ , follow a link at random
  - With probability  $1-\beta$ , jump to some random page
- PageRank equation [Brin-Page, 98]

$$r_j = \sum_{i o j} eta \; rac{\ddot{r_i}}{d_i} + (1-eta) rac{1}{N} \; rac{d_i ext{--out-degree}}{ ext{of node i}}$$

This formulation assumes that *M* has no dead ends. We can either preprocess matrix *M* to remove all dead ends or explicitly follow random teleport links with probability 1.0 from dead-ends.

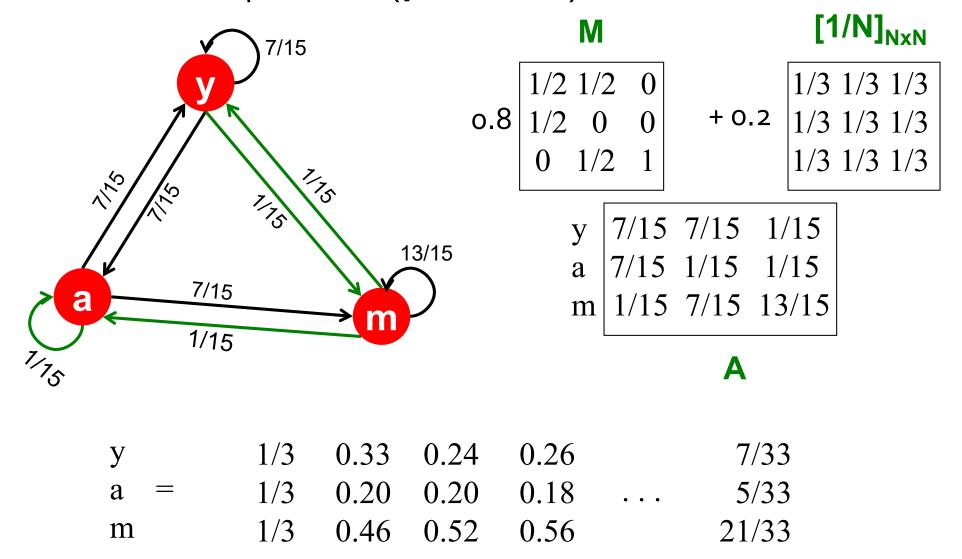
### The Google Matrix

• The Matrix A:

$$A = \beta M + (1 - \beta) \left[ \frac{1}{N} \right]_{N \times N}$$
 [1/N]<sub>NxN</sub>...N by N matrix where all entries are 1/N

• We have a recursive problem:  $r = A \cdot r$ And the **Power Iteration method** still works!

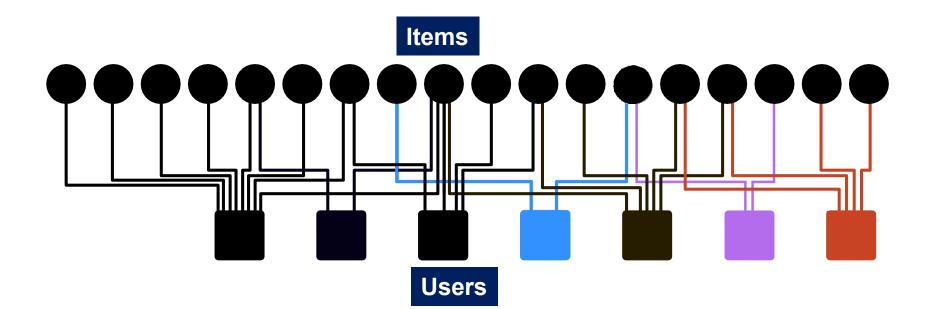
# Random Teleports ( $\beta = 0.8$ )



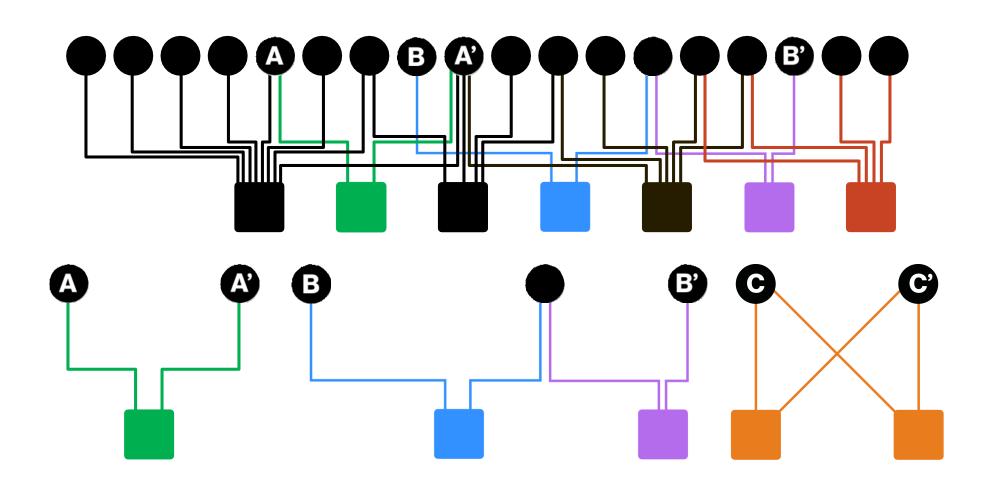
# PageRank for Proximity in Graphs

# Proximity on Graphs (Recommendation)

- Given: a bipartite graph representing user and item interactions
  - Users purchase items
- Goal: What items should we recommend to a user who interacts with a item Q?
- Intuition: find the similar items.

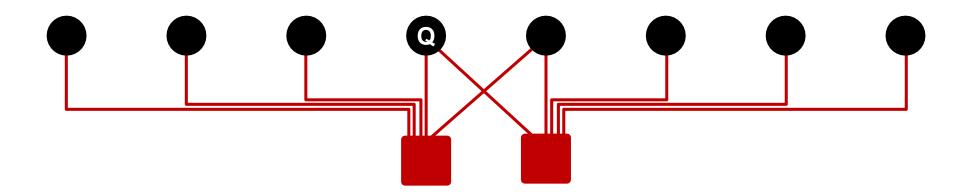


# Example: which pair is more similar?



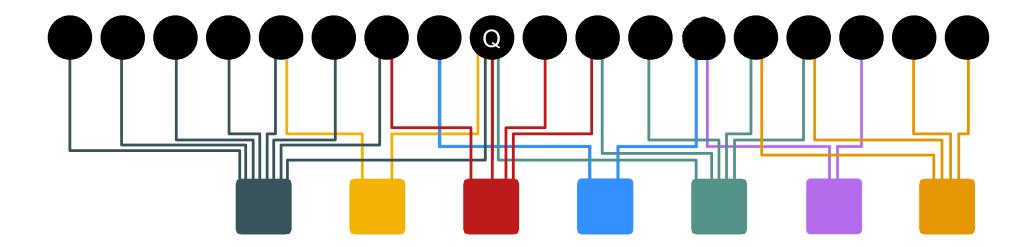
### Node Proximity Measurements

- How to measure in complicated graphs?
- Random walk with restarters.
  - Modified PageRank which teleports back to the starting node(Q). (for each node the teleport vector S=[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0])



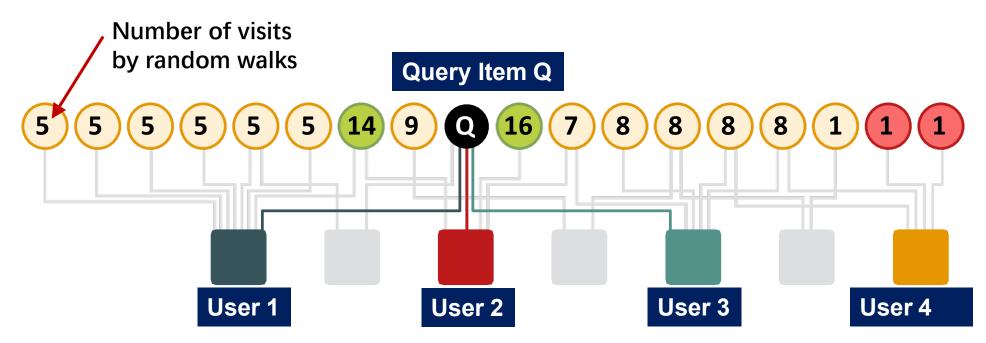
#### Random Walk with Restarters

- Simulate a random walk, from items to users back to items.
- With probability  $\alpha$ , restart the random walk from Q.
- Resulting scores measures similarity to node Q.



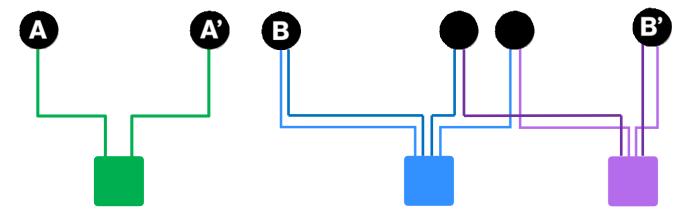
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#### Summary

- Random with restarters: PageRank teleporting back to the same node
- The similarity considers:
  - Multiple connections
  - Multiple paths
  - Degree of the nodes
  - Direct and indirect connections
- But we need run the algorithm for every node



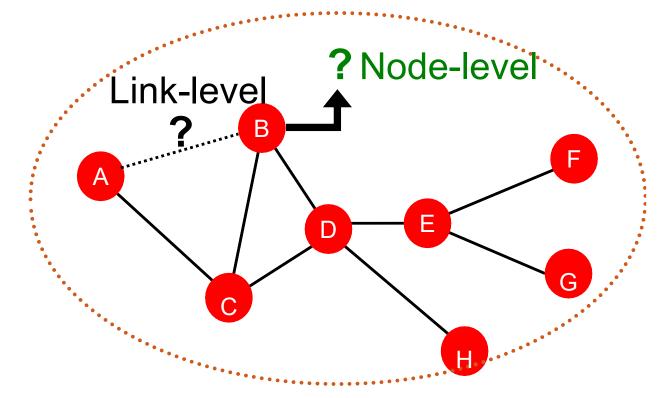
#### Summary of PageRank

- A graph is naturally represented as a matrix, we defined a random walk process over the graph
  - Stochastic adjacency matrix M
  - Random surfer moving across the links and with random teleportation
- PageRank: limiting distribution of the surfer location represented node importance
  - Corresponds to the leading eigenvector of transformed adjacency matrix M
  - Power iteration

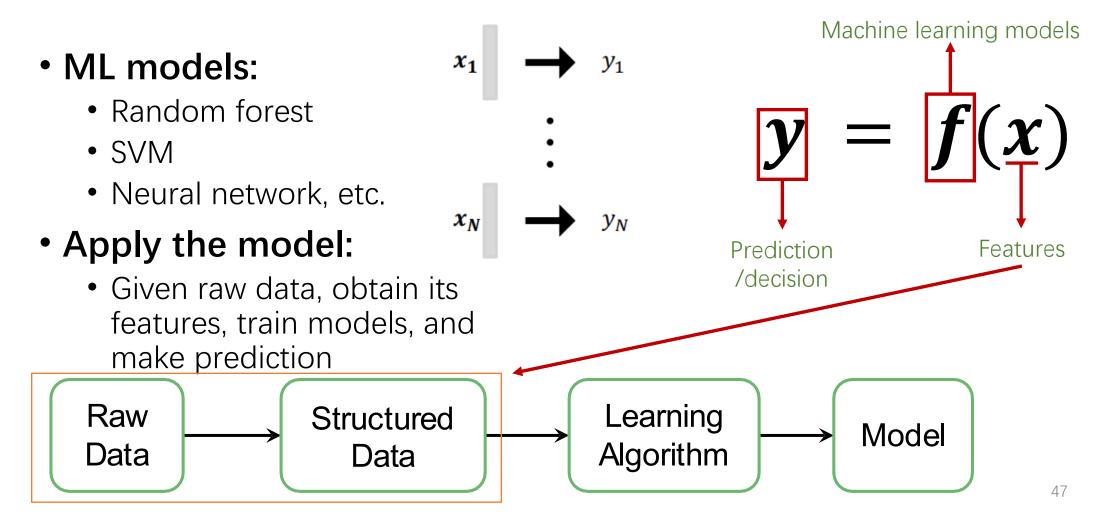
# Graph Features

# Graph Tasks

- Node-level prediction
- Link-level prediction

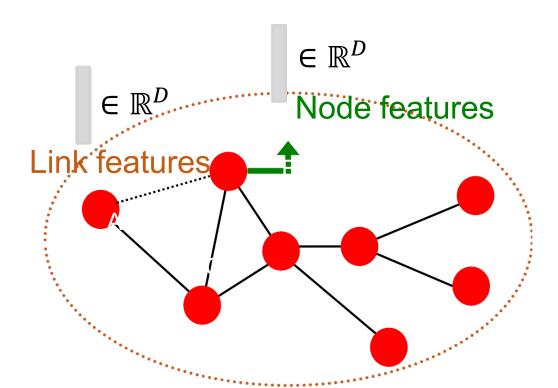


### Machine Learning Pipeline



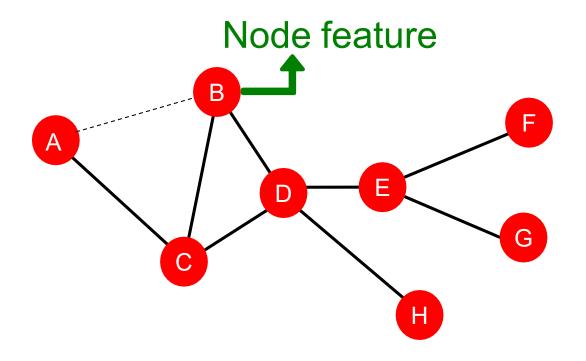
### Machine Learning on Graphs

- Design features for nodes/links
  - Features: **D**-dimensional vectors
- Apply machine learning on the feature vectors to make prediction



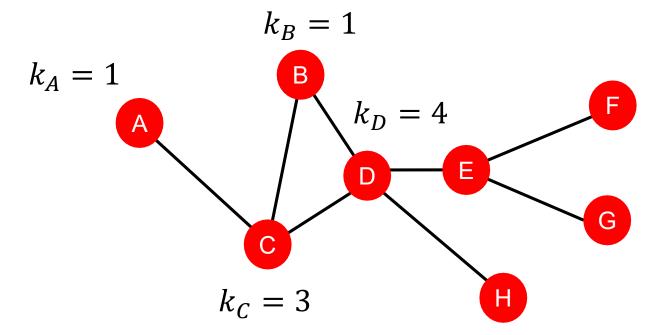
#### Node-Level Features: Overview

- Goal: Characterize the structure and position of a node in the network:
  - Node degree
  - Node centrality
  - Clustering coefficient
  - Graphlets



#### Node Features: Node Degree

- The degree  $k_v$  of node v is the number of **edges** (neighboring nodes) the node has.
- Treats all neighboring nodes equally.



#### Node Features: Node Centrality

- Node degree counts the neighboring nodes without capturing their importance.
- Node centrality  $c_v$  takes the node importance in a graph into account
- Different ways to model importance:
  - PageRank
  - Betweenness centrality
  - Closeness centrality

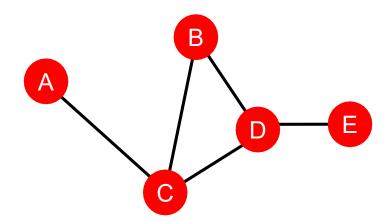
# Node Centrality

#### Betweenness centrality:

 A node is important if it lies on many shortest paths between other nodes.

$$c_v = \sum_{s \neq v \neq t} \frac{\text{#(shortest paths betwen } s \text{ and } t \text{ that contain } v)}{\text{#(shortest paths between } s \text{ and } t)}$$

• Example:



$$c_A = c_B = c_E = 0$$
  
 $c_C = 3$   
 $(A-\underline{C}-B, A-\underline{C}-D, A-\underline{C}-D-E)$   
 $c_D = 3$   
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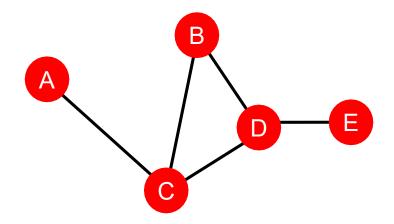
# Node Centrality

#### Closeness centrality:

• A node is important if it has small shortest lengths to all other nodes.

$$c_v = \frac{1}{\sum_{u \neq v} \text{length of the shortest path between } u \text{ and } v}$$

Example:



$$c_A = 1/(2 + 1 + 2 + 3) = 1/8$$
  
(A-C-B, A-C, A-C-D, A-C-D-E)

$$c_D = 1/(2 + 1 + 1 + 1) = 1/5$$
  
(D-C-A, D-B, D-C, D-E)

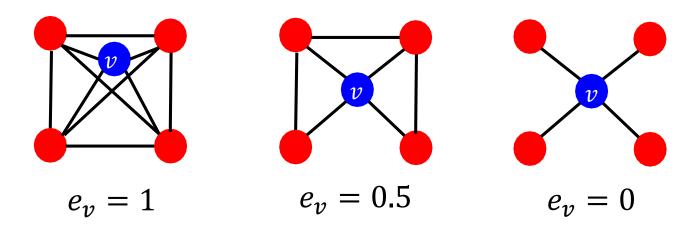
### Node Features: Clustering Coefficient

• Measures how connected v's neighboring nodes are:  $\frac{\#(\text{edges among neighboring nodes})}{e} = \frac{\pi(e^{-1})}{e} = \frac{\pi(e^{-1})}{e}$ 

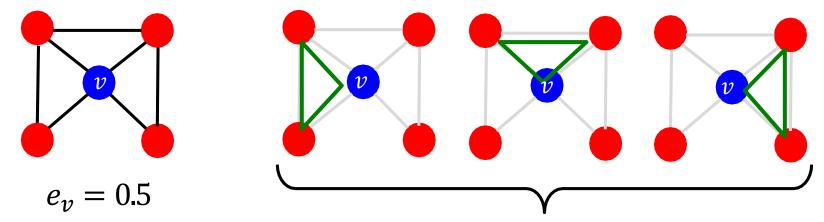
$$e_v = \frac{\#(\text{edges among neighboring nodes})}{\binom{k_v}{2}} \in [0,1]$$

#(node pairs among  $k_v$  neighboring nodes)

#### Examples:



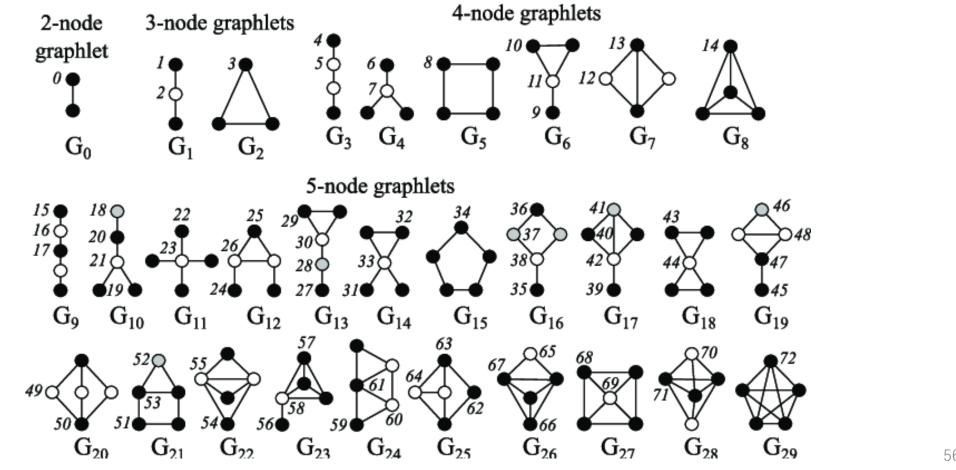
 Observation: Clustering coefficient counts the #(triangles) in the ego-network



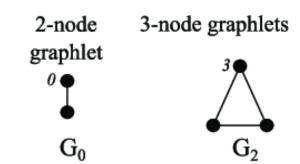
3 triangles (out of 6 node triplets)

 We can generalize the above by counting #(pre-specified subgraphs, i.e., graphlets).

- **Graphlets:** Rooted connected non-isomorphic subgraphs:
  - The indices of nodes represent all possible node types regarding topology



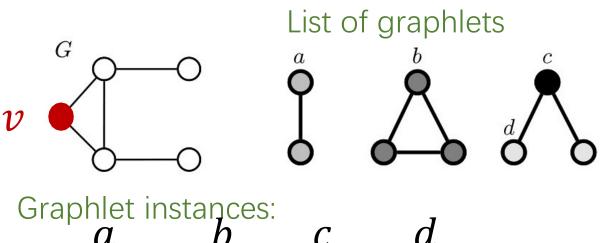
- Graphlet Degree Vector (GDV): Graphlet-base features for nodes
  - **Degree** counts #(edges) that a node touches
  - Clustering coefficient counts #(triangles) that a node touches.

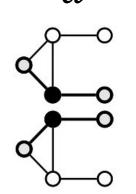


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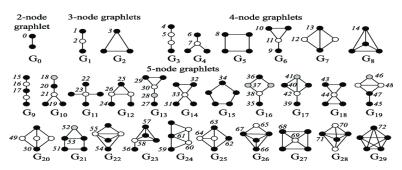
• Graphlet Degree Vector (GDV): A count vector of graphlets rooted at a given node.

• Example:





GDV of node v: a, b, c, d[2,1,0,2]

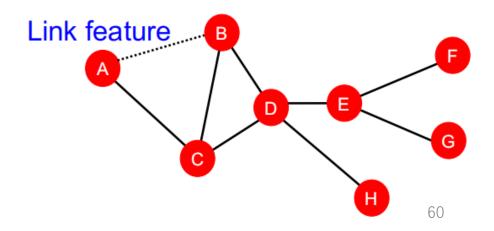


- Considering graphlets on 2 to 5 nodes we get:
  - Vector of 73 coordinates is a signature of a node that describes the topology of node's neighborhood
  - Captures its interconnectivities out to a distance of 4 hops
- Graphlet degree vector provides a measure of a node's local network topology:
  - Comparing vectors of two nodes provides a more detailed measure of local topological similarity than node degrees or clustering coefficient.

### Link Prediction via Proximity

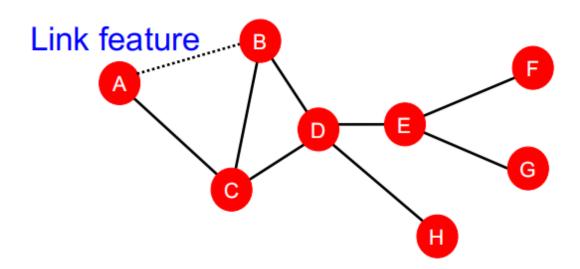
#### Methodology:

- For each pair of nodes (x, y) compute score c(x, y)
  - For example, c(x, y) could be the # of common neighbors of x and y
- Sort pairs (x, y) by the decreasing score c(x, y)
- Predict top n pairs as new links



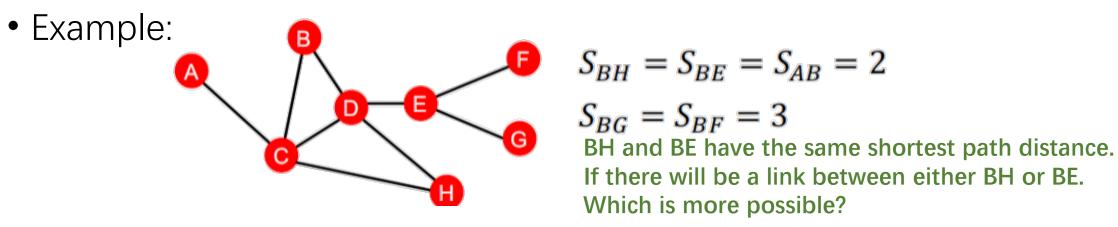
#### Link-Level Features: Overview

- Distance-based feature
- Local neighborhood overlap
- Global neighborhood overlap



#### Distance-Based Features

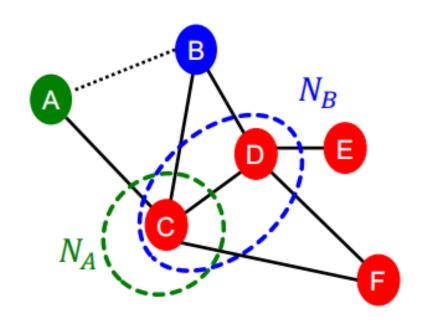
Shortest-path distance between two nodes



- However, this does not capture the degree of neighborhood overlap:
  - Node pair (B, H) has 2 shared neighboring nodes, while pairs (B, E) and (A, B) only have 1 such node.

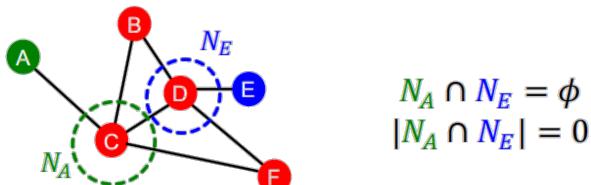
### Local Neighborhood Overlap

- Captures # neighboring nodes shared between two nodes  $v_1$ and  $v_2$ :
- Common neighbors:  $|N(v_1) \cap N(v_2)|$ 
  - Example:  $|N(A) \cap N(B)| = |\{C\}| = 1$
- Jaccard's coefficient:  $\frac{|N(v_1) \cap N(v_2)|}{|N(v_1) \cup N(v_2)|}$  Example:  $\frac{|N(A) \cap N(B)|}{|N(A) \cup N(B)|} = \frac{|\{C\}|}{|\{C,D\}|} = \frac{1}{2}$
- Adamic-Adar index:  $\sum_{u \in N(v_1) \cap N(v_2)} \frac{1}{\log(k_u)}$ 
  - $k_u$  is degree of u
  - Example:  $\frac{1}{log(k_c)} = \frac{1}{log 4}$



#### Global Neighborhood Overlap

- Limitation of local neighborhood features:
  - Metric is always zero if the two nodes do not have any neighbors in common.



- However, the two nodes may still potentially be connected in the future.
- Global neighborhood overlap metrics resolve the limitation by considering the entire graph.

#### Global Neighborhood Overlap

• Katz index: count the number of paths of all lengths between a given pair of nodes.

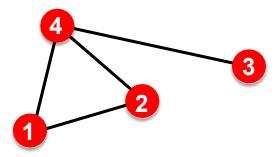
- Q: How to compute #paths between two nodes?
- Use powers of the graph adjacency matrix!

### Intuition: Power of Adj Matrices

#### Computing #paths between two nodes

- Recall:  $A_{uv} = 1$  if  $u \in N(v)$
- Let  $oldsymbol{P_{uv}^{(K)}}=$  #paths of length  $oldsymbol{K}$  between  $oldsymbol{u}$  and  $oldsymbol{v}$
- We will show  $P^{(K)} = A^k$
- $P_{uv}^{(1)} = \text{\#paths of length 1 (direct neighborhood) between } u$  and  $v = A_{uv}$

$$P_{12}^{(1)} = A_{12}$$

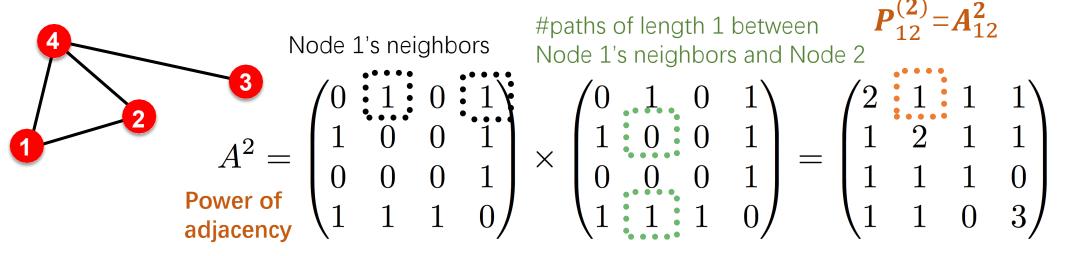


$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Intuition: Power of Adj Matrices

- How to compute  $P_{uv}^{(2)}$ ?
  - Step 1: Compute #paths of length 1 between each of u's neighbor and v
  - Step 2: Sum up these #paths across u's neighbors

• 
$$P_{uv}^{(2)} = \sum_{i} A_{ui} * P_{iv}^{(1)} = \sum_{i} A_{ui} * A_{iv} = A_{uv}^{2}$$



#### Global Neighborhood Overlap

- How to compute #paths between two nodes?
- Use adjacency matrix powers!
  - $A_{uv}$  specifies #paths of length 1 (direct neighborhood) between u and v.
  - $A_{uv}^2$  specifies #paths of length 2 (neighbor of neighbor) between u and v.
  - And,  $A_{uv}^{l}$  specifies #paths of length l.

#### **Katz index:**

Count the number of paths of all lengths between a pair of nodes.

• Katz index between  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  is calculated as

Sum over all path lengths

$$S_{v_1v_2} = \sum_{l=1}^{l} \beta^l A_{v_1v_2}^l$$
 #paths of length  $l$  between  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ 

 $0 < \beta < 1$ : discount factor

Katz index matrix is computed in closed-form:

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta^i A^i = (I - \beta A)^{-1} - I$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i A^i$$
by geometric series of matrices

### Graph Feature Summary

- Traditional ML Pipeline
  - Hand-crafted feature + ML model
- Hand-crafted features for graph data
  - Node-level:
    - Node degree, centrality, clustering coefficient, graphlets
  - Link-level:
    - Distance-based feature
    - local/global neighborhood overlap