

motifs

graphlets

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SYSM 6302

CLASS 17

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$$P \leq 0.01$$

LOCAL ?  
OR ? GLOBAL  
3/4-node patterns

UNDIRECTED ? OR DIRECTED  
could be applied  
+ undirected also

INDUCED ? OR ? NOT-INDUCED  
can include additional  
edges in full network

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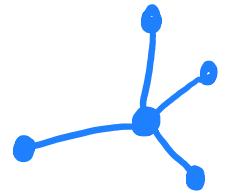
Significant structures arise due to:

- ① Different network functions require different structures (i.e., energy flow versus information processing)
- ② Network evolution processes may allow for some structures and not others

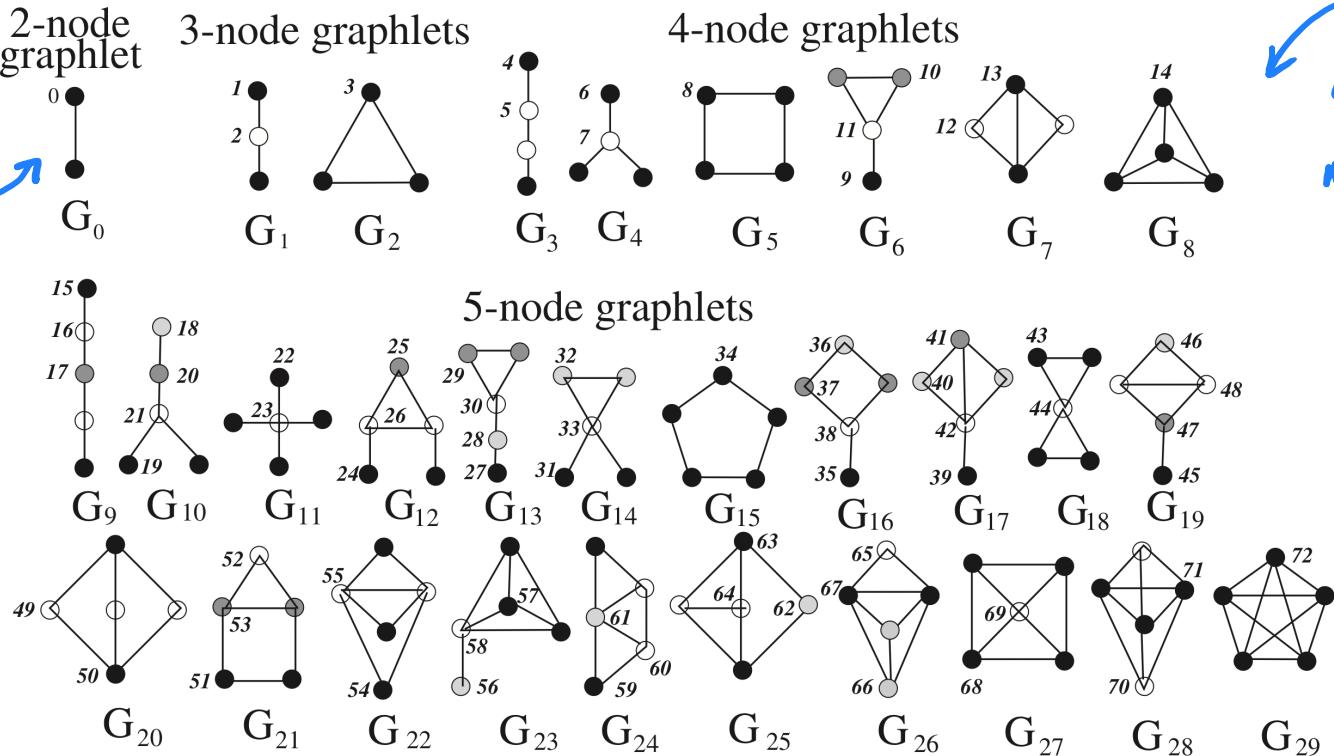
# Graphlets

- small induced subgraphs that generalize the degree distribution

Degree distribution  
counts the number  
of 2-node graphlets



degree 4 since  
node touches 4  
Go graphlets



some graphlets admit  
automorphisms, meaning some  
nodes are indistinguishable

They call the "different"  
nodes at "orbits"  
→ 72 2/3/4/5 orbits

Graphlet degree distribution is the record of how many nodes  
touch how many graphlets (as a particular orbit)

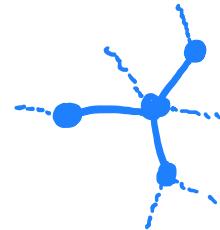
$G_4$ :



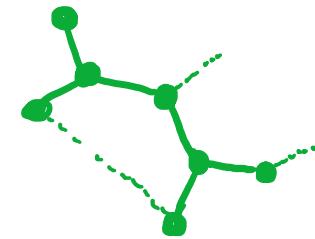
graphlet deg.dist  
for orbit 6



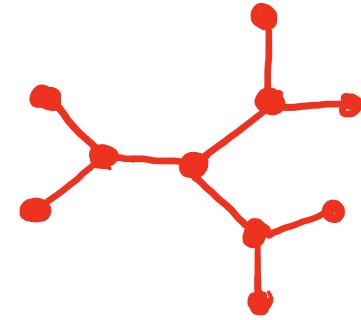
# of nodes that  
touch one  $G_4$  as orbit 6



# of nodes that  
touch two  $G_4$  as orbit 6



# of nodes that  
touch three  $G_4$  at orbit 6

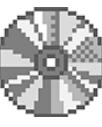


$\Rightarrow 72$  graphlet degree distributions

↳ These distributions are clearly not independent

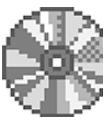
↳ Comparing networks requires normalizing and aggregating these 72 distributions

# Network Alignment



- Attempts to find a rough mapping between networks when an isomorphism does not exist
  - Local approaches map subgraphs and typically they can overlap
    - ↳ leads to many-to-many type mappings
    - ↳ typically an easier problem
  - Global maps entire network (all nodes)
- ① Compute "similarity" scores between all nodes in  $G_1$  and all nodes in  $G_2$ .
- ② Greedily or optimally select mapping that connects most similar nodes.
- "similarity" can be determined by:
- ① similarity - good match if nbrs  
regular equivalence are good matches
  - ② graphlets - good match if extended neighborhood is topologically similar  
comparing graphlet counts

Evaluate Alignment solution:  $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$   $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$   $f: V_1 \rightarrow V_2$



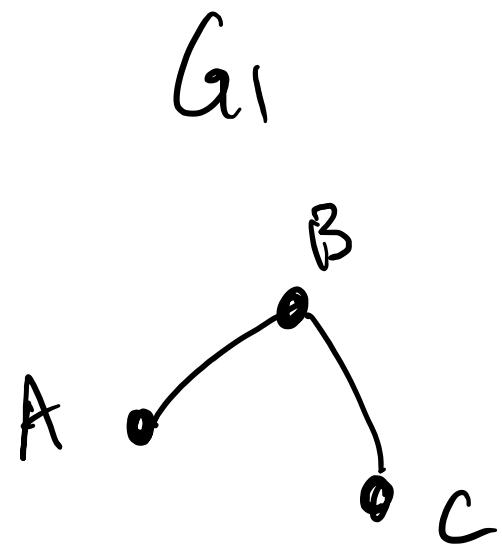
$$\rightarrow f(V_1) = \tilde{V}_2 \subseteq V_2 \leftarrow \text{always assume } |V_1| \leq |V_2|$$

$$\rightarrow \tilde{G}_2 = (\tilde{V}_2, \tilde{E}_2) \leftarrow \text{induced subgraph} \quad \tilde{E}_2 = \{(u, v) \mid (u, v) \in E_2; u, v \in f(V_1)\}$$

Edge Correctness:  $\frac{|f(E_1)|}{|E_1|}$   $f(E_1) = \{(f(u), f(v)) \in E_2 \mid (u, v) \in E_1\}$  # of mapped edges  
 ↗ what about missed edges in  $E_2$ ?  $|f(E_1)| \leq |E_1|$

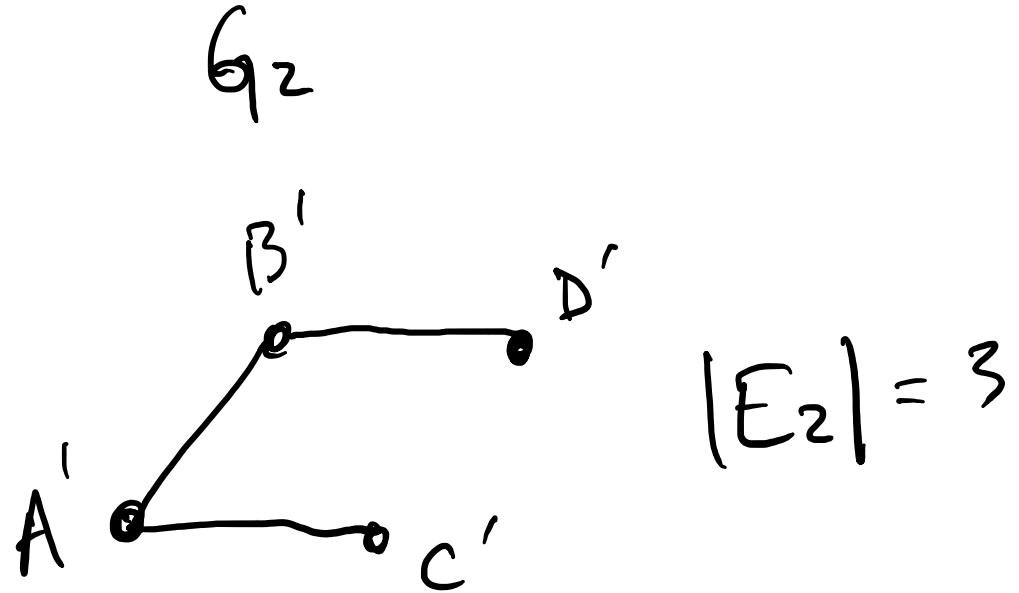
Induced Conserved Structure:  $\frac{|f(E_1)|}{|\tilde{E}_2|}$   $|f(E_1)| \leq |\tilde{E}_2|$  Now not penalizing for missing edges in  $E_1$

Symmetric Structure Score:  $\frac{|f(E_1)|}{|E_1| + |\tilde{E}_2| - |f(E_1)|}$  Black-box optimization techniques used to do network alignment by directly optimizing the edge-based alignment scores

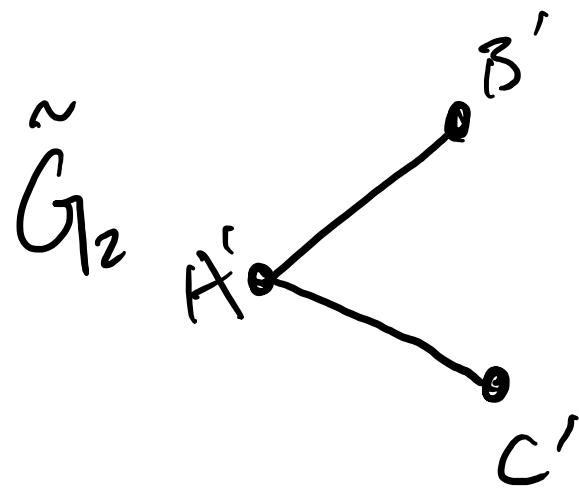


$$|E_1| = 2$$

$$f(E_1) = \{(A, B)\}$$



$$|E_2| = 3$$



$$|\tilde{E}_2| = 2$$