

# 5. Message Passing and Node Classification

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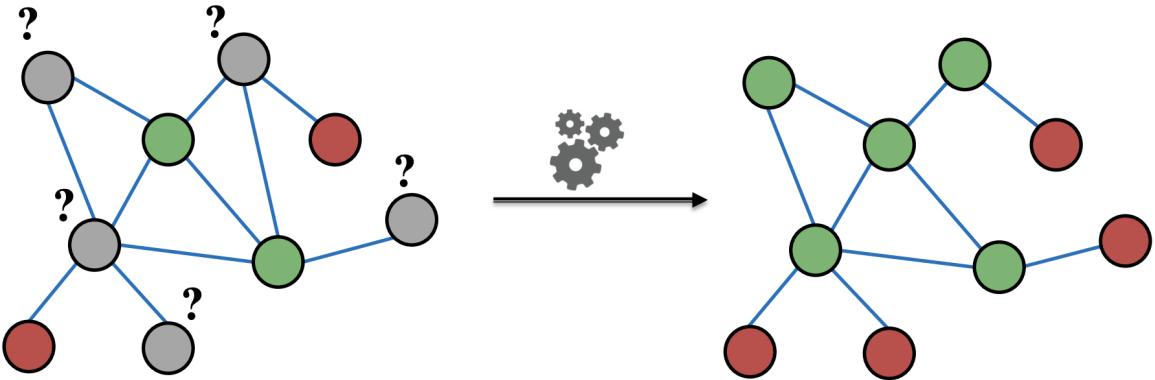
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## 1. Intro

### Outline

- **Main question today** : Given a network with labels on some nodes, how do we assign labels to all other nodes in the network?
- **Example** : In a network, some nodes are fraudsters and some other nodes are fully trusted. **How do you find the other fraudsters and trustworthy nodes?**
- We already discussed node embeddings as a method to solve this in Lecture3 → Node embeddings에 simply classifier를 추가하면 해결됨
- —> 이번 세션에서는 Semi-supervised Node Classification의 방법으로 해결해 본다.

### Example : Node Classification

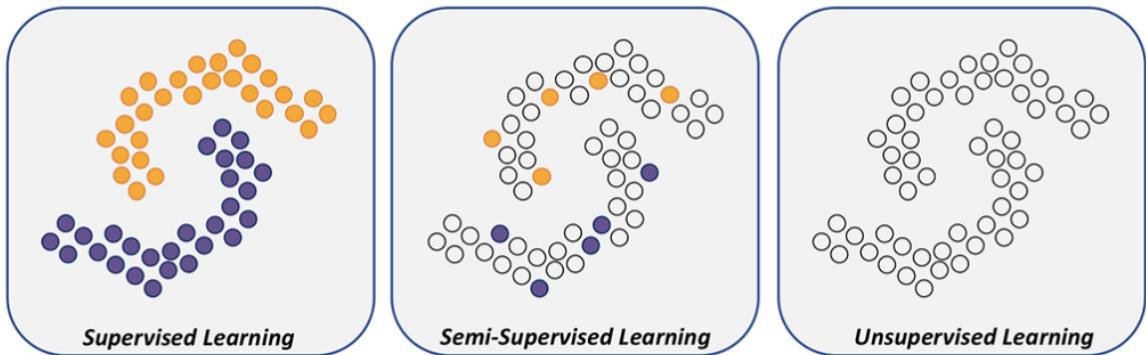


- Given labels of some nodes
- Let's predict labels of unlabeled nodes
- This is called **semi-supervised** node classification

cf. Semi-Supervised Learning :

Label이 있는 데이터를 학습 하는 **Supervised Learning**과 Label이 달려 있지 않는 데이터를 학습 하는

**Unsupervised learning**의 조합으로 이루어진 것을 의미한다.



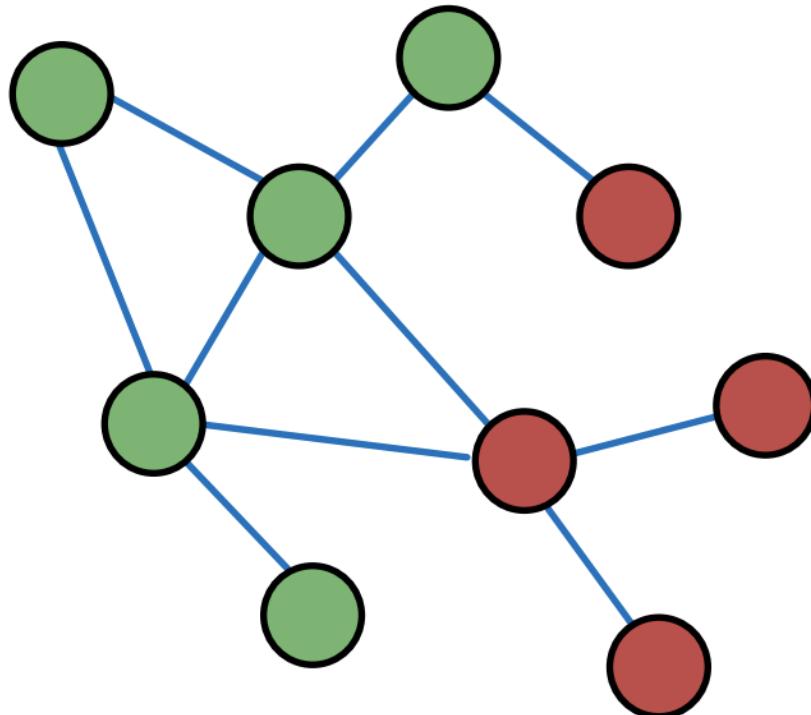
## Outline

- **Main question today** : Given a network with labels on some nodes, how do we assign labels to all other nodes in the network?
- **Today we will discuss an alternative framework: message passing**
- Intuition : **Correlations** exist in networks.
  - In other words : Similar nodes are connected

- **Key concept** is **collective classification** : Idea of assigning labels to all nodes in a network together
- We will look at three techniques today:
  - **Relational classification**
  - **Iterative classification**
  - **Belief propagation**

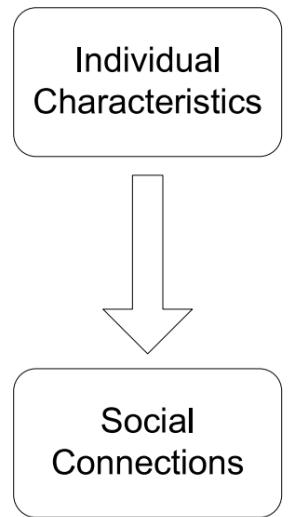
## Correlations Exists in Networks

- Individual behaviors are **correlated** in the network
- **Correlation** : nearby nodes have the same color(belonging to the same class)

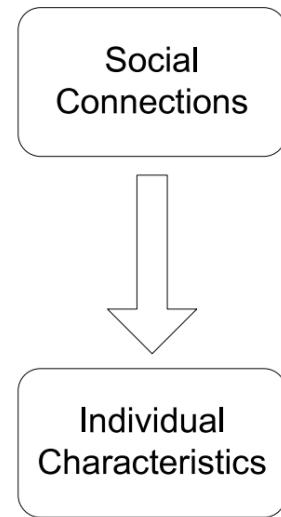


- Main types of dependencies that lead to correlation:

## Homophily



## Influence



## Homophily

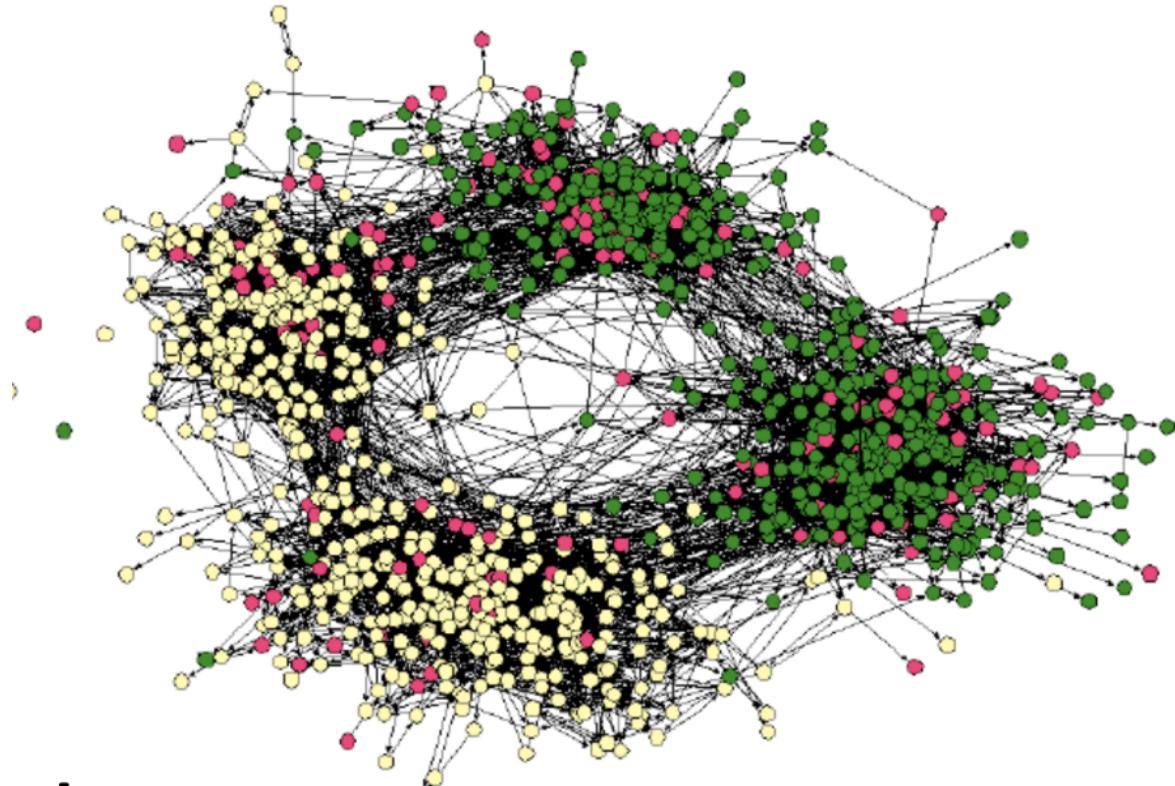
- **Homophily** : The tendency of individuals to associate and bond **with similar others**
  - “Birds of a feather flock together” : 유유상종
  - It has been observed in a vast array of network studies, based on a variety of attributes(e.g., age, gender, organizational role, etc.)
  - Example : Researchers who focus on the same research area are **more likely to establish a connection**

## Homophily : Example

### Example of homophily

- Online social network
  - Nodes = people

- Edges = friendship
- Node color = interests(sports, arts, etc.)
- People with the same interest are more closely connected due to homophily

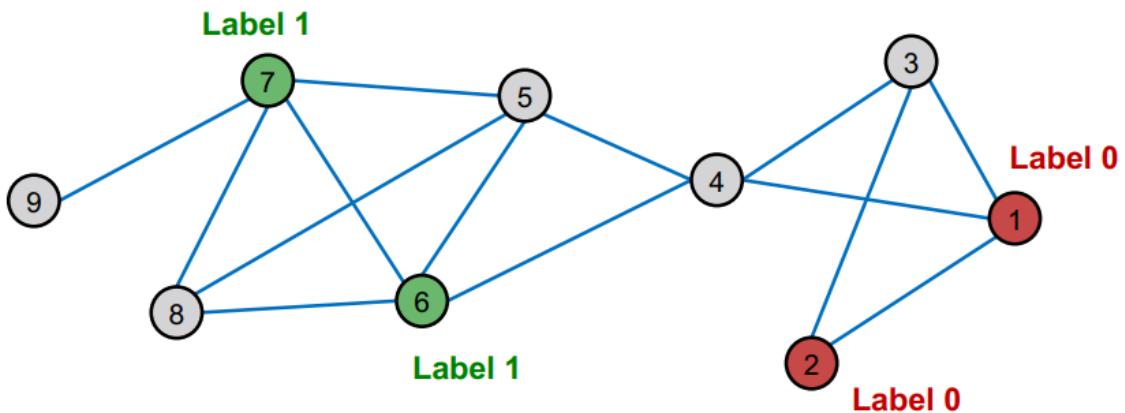


## Influence

- **Influence** : Social connections can influence the individual characteristics of a person.
  - Example : I recommend my musical preferences to my friends, until one of them grows to like my same favorite genres!

## Classification with Network Data

- How do we **leverage this correlation** observed in networks to help predict node labels?



How do we predict the labels for the nodes in grey?

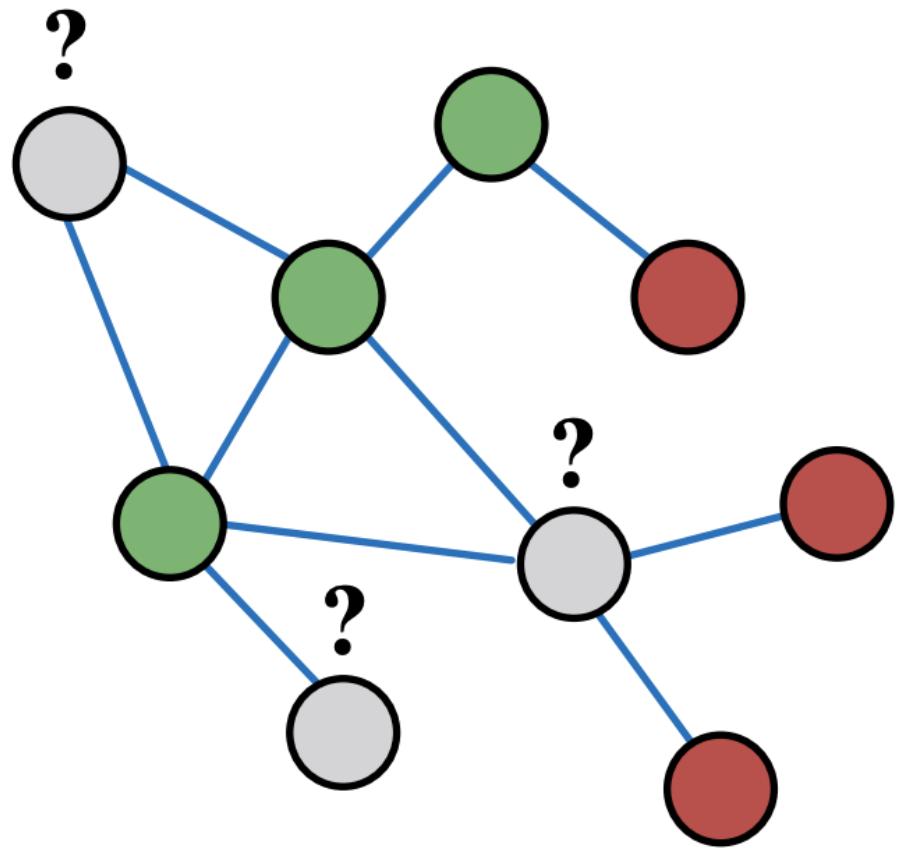
## Motivation(1)

- 유사한 노드는 일반적으로 close together이거나 directly connected 되어 있다.
  - Guilt-by-association** : If I am connected to a node with label X, then I am likely to have label X as well.
  - Example : Malicious/benign web page:**  
Malicious web pages link to one another to increase visibility, look credible, and rank higher in search engines.

## Motivation(2)

- Classification label** of a node  $v$  in network may depend on:
  - Features** of  $v$
  - Labels** of the nodes in  $v$ 's **neighborhood**
  - Features** of the nodes in  $v$ 's **neighborhood**

## Semi-supervised Learning(1)



**Given :**

- Graph
- Few labeled nodes

**Find :** class(**red/green**) of remaining nodes

**Main assumption :** There is homophily in the network.

## Semi-supervised Learning(2)

**Example task:**

- Let  $A$  be a  $n \times n$  adjacency matrix over  $n$  nodes
- Let  $Y = \{0, 1\}^n$  be a vector of **labels**:
  - $Y_v = 1$  belongs to **Class 1**
  - $Y_v = 0$  belongs to **Class 0**
  - There are **unlabeled** node needs to be classified
- **Goal:** Predict which **unlabeled** nodes are likely **Class 1**, and which are likely **Class 0**

- A : Adjacency matrix, A는 unweighted or weighted / undirected or directed

## Approach : Collective Classification

- Many applications:
  - Document classification
  - Part of speech tagging
  - Link prediction
  - Optical character recognition
  - Image/3D data segmentation
  - Entity resolution in sensor networks
  - Spam and fraud detection

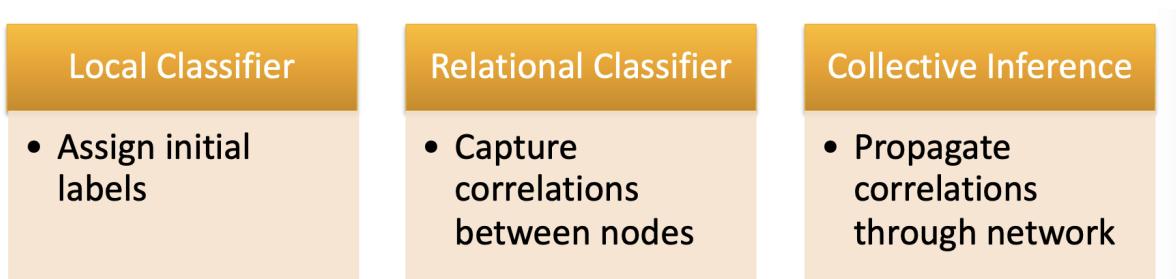
## Collective Classification Overview(1)

- **Intuition** : simultaneous classification of interlinked nodes using correlations
- Probabilistic framework

- **Markov Assumption** : the *label*  $Y_v$  of one node  $v$  depends on the labels of its neighbors  $N_v$
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$$P(Y_v) = P(Y_v|N_v)$$

- Collective classification involves 3 steps:



## Collective Classification Overview(2)

<b>Local Classifier</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assign initial labels</li> </ul>	<p><b>Local Classifier:</b> Used for initial label assignment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Predicts label based on node attributes/features</li> <li>▪ Standard classification task</li> <li>▪ Does not use network information</li> </ul>
<b>Relational Classifier</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capture correlations between nodes</li> </ul>	<p><b>Relational Classifier:</b> Capture correlations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learns a classifier to label one node based on the labels and/or attributes of its neighbors</li> <li>• This is where network information is used</li> </ul>
<b>Collective Inference</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propagate correlations through network</li> </ul>	<p><b>Collective Inference:</b> Propagate the correlation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply relational classifier to each node iteratively</li> <li>• Iterate until the inconsistency between neighboring labels is minimized</li> <li>• Network structure affects the final prediction</li> </ul>

- STEP 1 : **Local Classifier**

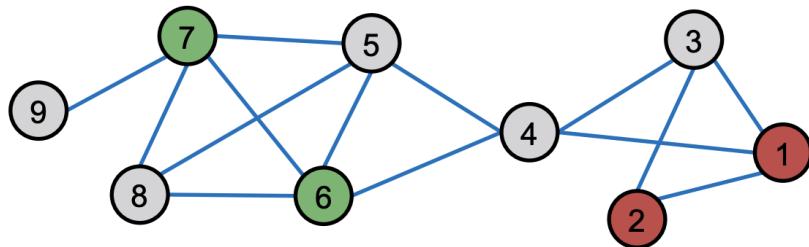
- node의 attributes/features를 통해 초기 Label을 할당한다.
  - 이 때 network information은 사용하지 않는다.
  - STEP 2 : Relational Classifier
    - nodes간의 correlations를 capture 한다.
    - neighbors의 label/attribution 정보를 사용하여 classifier를 학습한다. (여러번 반복)
  - STEP 3 : Collective Inference
    - Propagate the correlation 각 nodes마다 Relational Classifier를 수행한다.
    - 결과적으로 network의 정보를 사용하여 nodes의 label을 예측한다.
- Collective Classification은 neighborhoods의 labels의 inconsistency가 최소화 될 때 까지 반복한다.

## Problem Setting

- How to predict the labels  $Y_v$  for the unlabeled nodes  $v$  (in grey color)?
- Each node  $v$  has a feature vector  $f_v$
- Labels for some nodes are given(1 for green, 0 for red)

■ Task: Find  $P(Y_v)$  given all features and the network

$$P(Y_v) = ?$$



## Overview of What is Coming

- We focus on **semi-supervised node classification**
  - Intuition is based on **homophily** : Similar nodes are typically close together or directly connected
  - Three techniques we will introduce:
    - **Relation classification**
    - **Iterative classification**
    - **Belief propagation**
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## 2. Relation classification and Iterative Classification

### 2.1 Probabilistic Relational Classifier(1)

- **Basic idea** : Class probability  $Y_v$  of node  $v$  is **weighted average** of class probabilities of its neighbors
- For **labeled nodes  $v$** , initialize label  $Y_v$  with ground-truth label  $Y_v^*$
- For **unlabeled nodes**, initialize  $Y_v = 0.5$
- **Update** all nodes in a random order until convergence or until maximum number of iterations is reached

### Probabilistic Relational Classifier(2)

- Update for each node  $v$  and label  $c$  (e.g. 0 or 1)

$$P(Y_v = c) = \frac{1}{\sum_{(v,u) \in E} A_{v,u}} \sum_{(v,u) \in E} A_{v,u} P(Y_u = c)$$

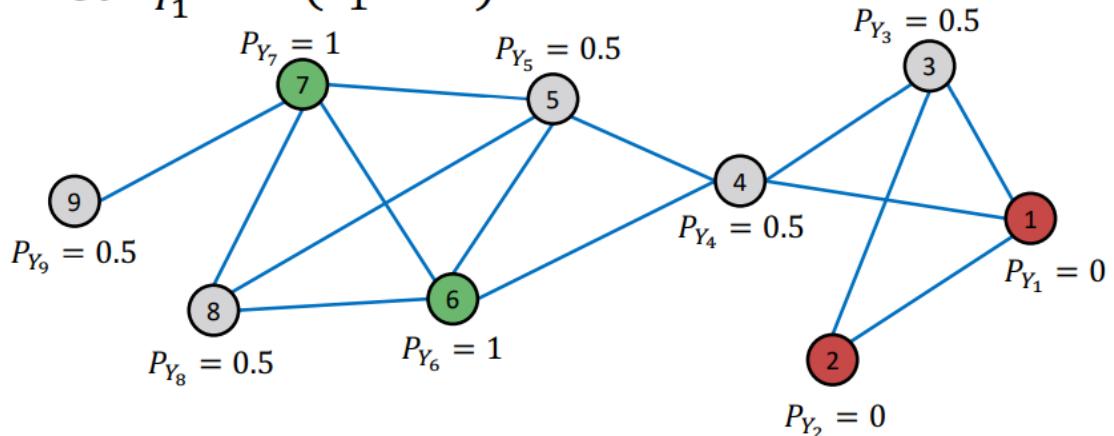
- $\sum_{(v,u) \in E} A_{v,u}$  : node  $v$ 의 degree or the in-degree of node  $v$  (만약 edges가 weight information이면  $A_{v,u}$ 는 node  $v$ ,  $u$  사이의 edge weight)
  - $A_{v,u} P(Y_u = c)$  : edges의 weight \* neighbor의 label =  $c$  일 likelihood
  - $\frac{1}{\sum_{(v,u) \in E} A_{v,u}}$  : node  $v$ 의 label =  $c$ 일 likelihood 이기 때문에 normalization을 위한 계수

## Example : Initialization

### Initialization:

- All labeled nodes with their labels
- All unlabeled nodes 0.5 (belonging to class 1 with probability 0.5)

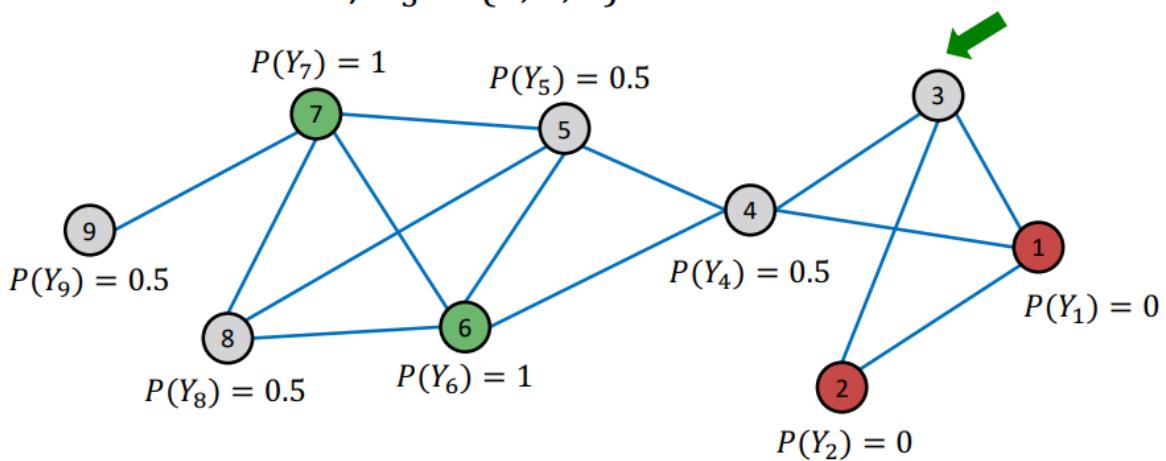
Let  $P_{Y_1} = P(Y_1 = 1)$



## Example : 1st iteration, Update Node 3

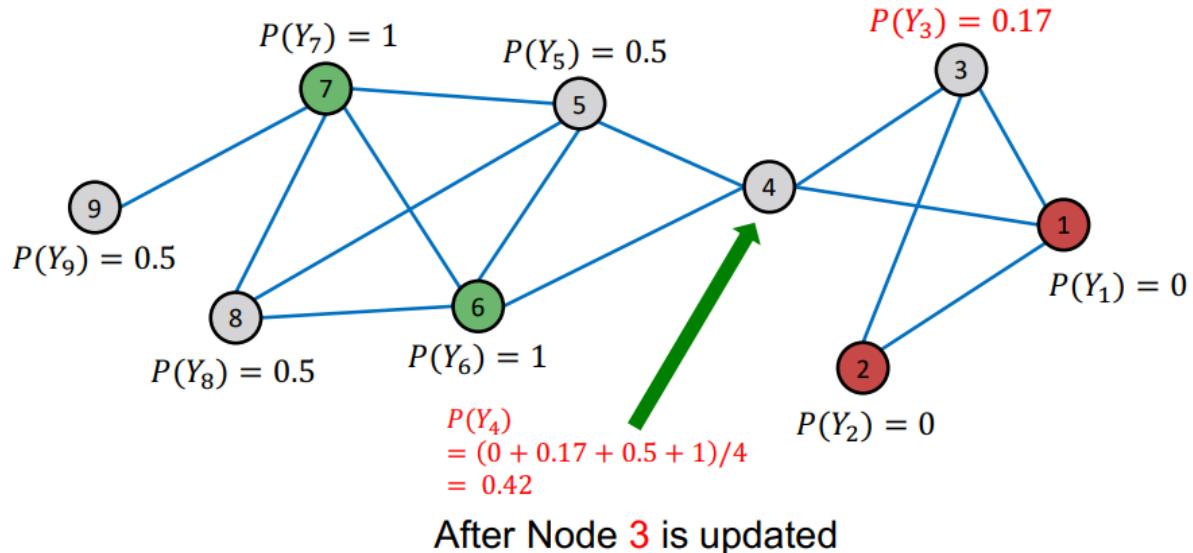
- Update for the 1<sup>st</sup> Iteration:

▪ For node 3,  $N_3 = \{1, 2, 4\}$   $P(Y_3) = (0 + 0 + 0.5)/3 = 0.17$



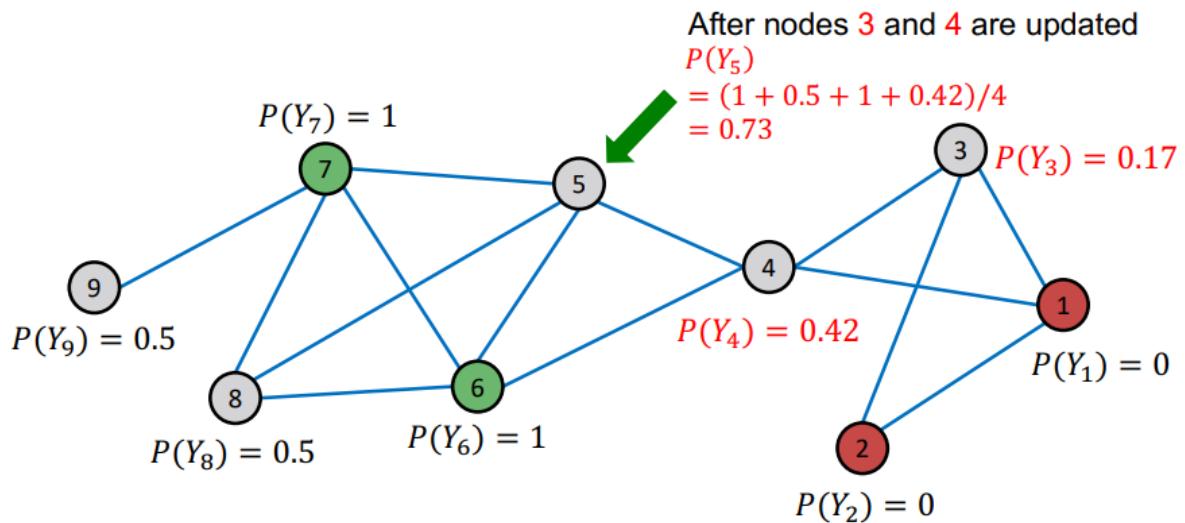
## Example : 1st iteration, Update Node 4

- Update for the 1<sup>st</sup> Iteration:
  - For node 4,  $N_4 = \{1, 3, 5, 6\}$



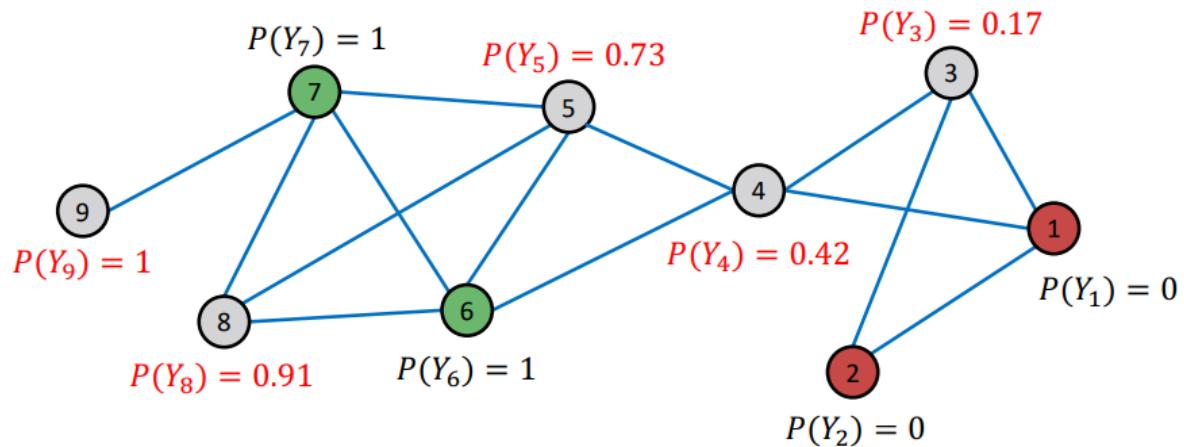
## Example : 1st iteration, Update Node 5

- Update for the 1<sup>st</sup> Iteration:
  - For node 5,  $N_5 = \{4, 6, 7, 8\}$



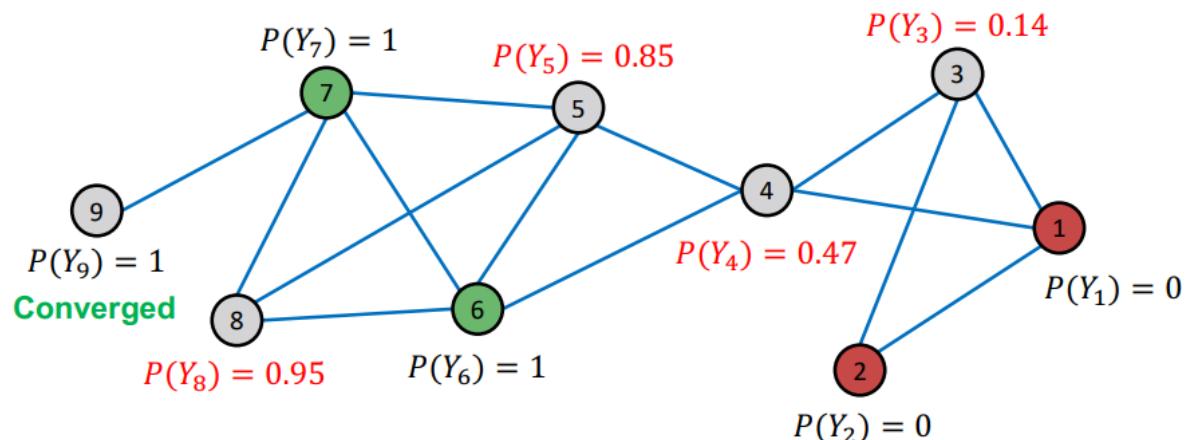
## Example : After 1st iteration

After Iteration 1 (a round of updates for all unlabeled nodes)



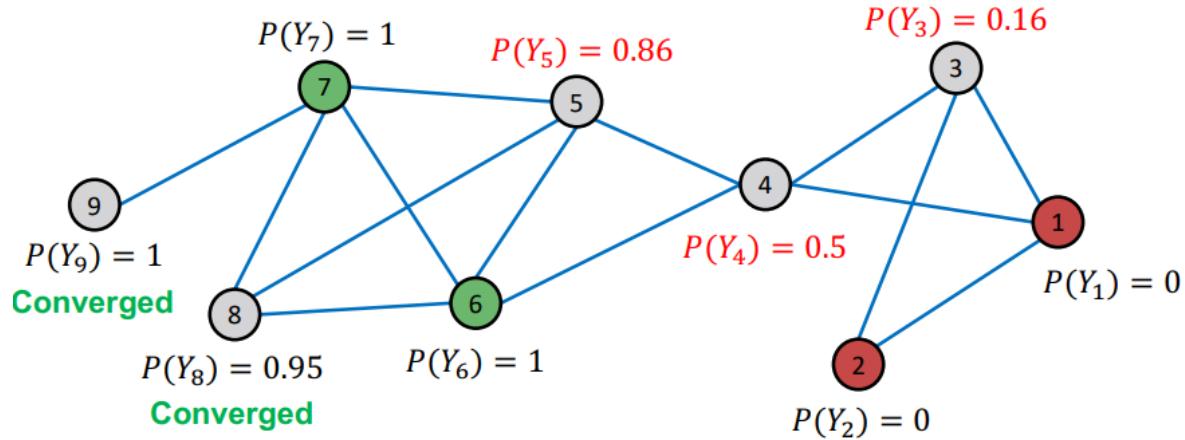
Example : After 2nd iteration

After Iteration 2



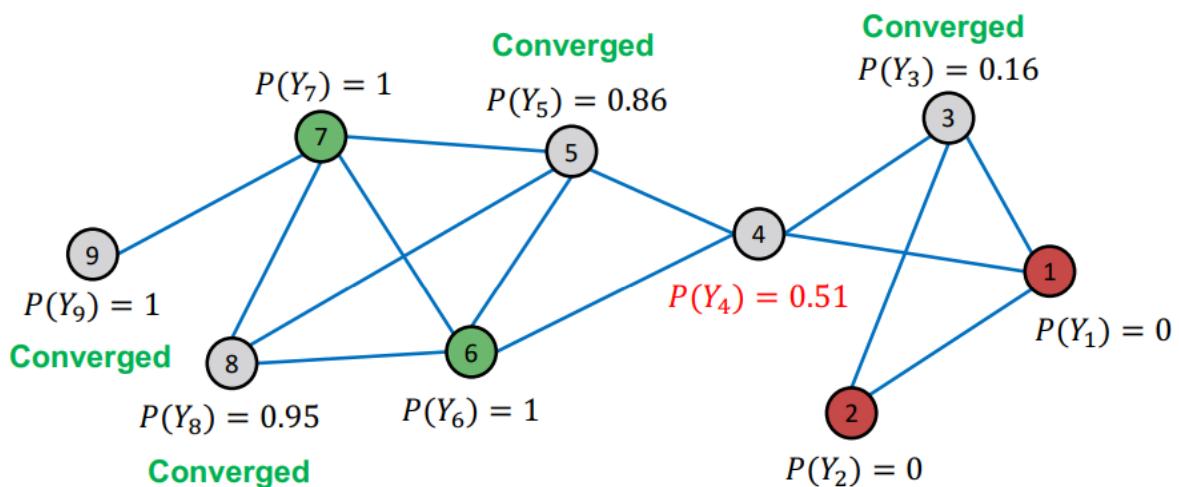
Example : After 3rd iteration

## After Iteration 3



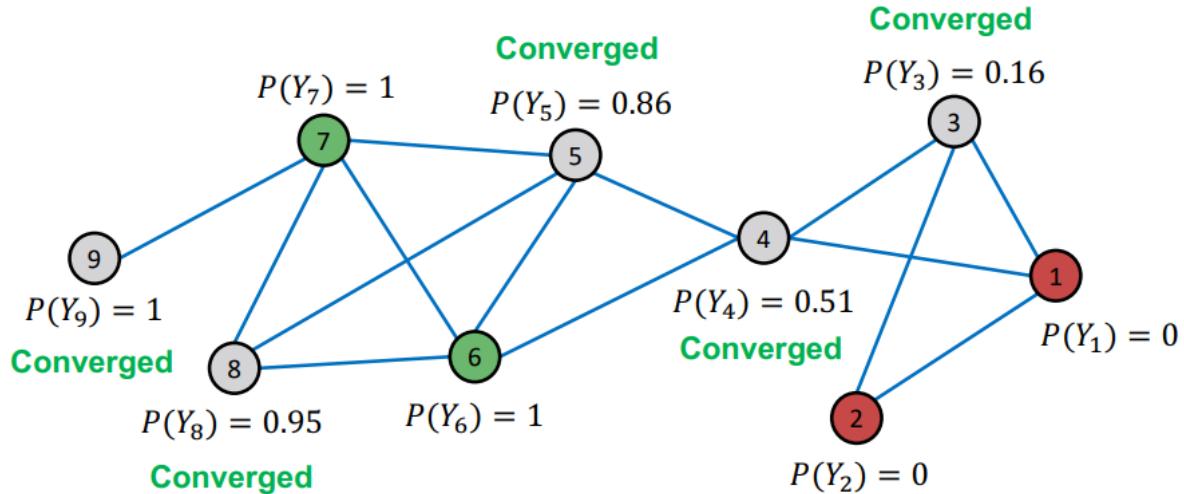
Example : After 4th iteration

## After Iteration 4



Example : Convergence

- All scores stabilize after 4 iterations. We therefore predict:
  - Nodes 4, 5, 8, 9 belong to class 1 ( $P_{Y_v} > 0.5$ )
  - Nodes 3 belongs to class 0 ( $P_{Y_v} < 0.5$ )



- 여기에서 이전 Iteration과 다음 Iteration에 대해서 node의 probability가 변하지 않으면 수렴되었다고 판단
- random order로 학습이 되기 때문에 이전 node의 probability가 다음 node의 probability에 영향을 미치기 때문에 **Propagate**

## Challenges

- 수렴이 보장되지 않는다.
- node의 feature information을 사용하지 않았다. → 단순히 nodes의 label과 network information만 이용하기 때문

## 2.2 Iterative Classification

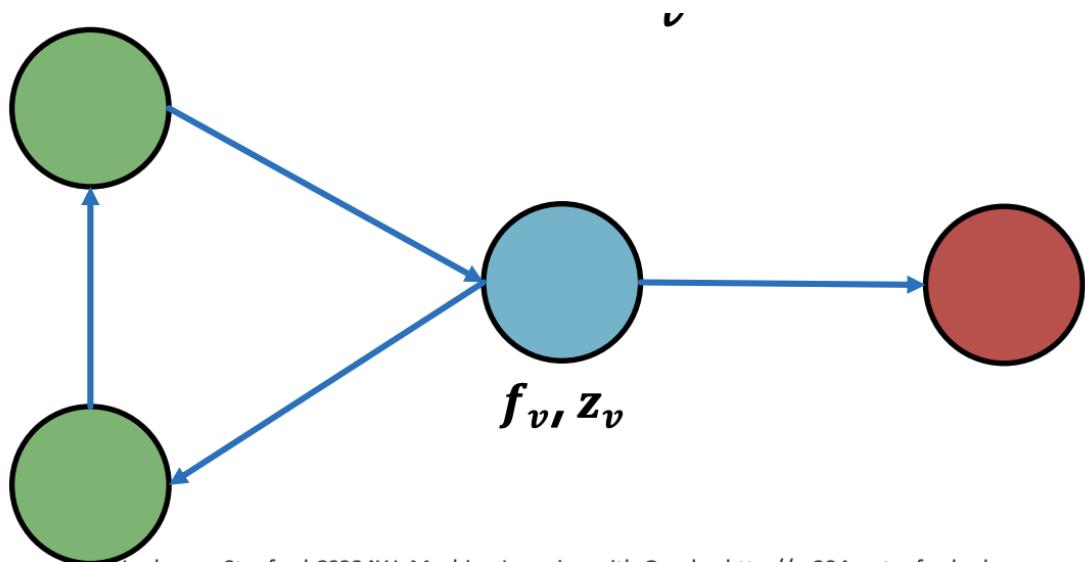
- Relational classifiers **do not use node attributes**. How can one leverage them?
- **Main idea of iterative classification** : Classify node  $v$  based on its **attributes  $f_v$  as well as label  $z_v$**  of neighbor set  $N_v$
- **Input : Graph**
  - $f_v$ : feature vector for node  $v$

- Some nodes  $v$  are labeled with  $Y_v$
- **Task** : predict label of unlabeled nodes
- **Approach : Train two classifiers:**
  - $\phi_1(f_v)$  = Predict node label based on node feature vector  $f_v$
  - $\phi_2(f_v, z_v)$  = Predict label based on node feature vector  $f_v$  and summary  $z_v$  of labels of  $v$ 's neighbors.

## Computing the Summary $z_v$

**How do we compute the summary  $z_v$  of labels of  $v$ 's neighbors  $N_v$ ?**

- Ideas :  $Z_v$  = vector
  - Histogram of the number (or fraction) of each label in  $N_v$
  - Most common label in  $N_v$
  - Number of different labels in  $N_v$



## Architecture of Iterative Classifiers

- **Phase 1: Classify based on node attributes alone**
  - On a **training set**, train classifier (e.g., linear classifier, neural networks, ...):
  - $\phi_1(f_v)$  to predict  $Y_v$  based on  $f_v$
  - $\phi_2(f_v, z_v)$  to predict  $Y_v$  based on  $f_v$  and summary  $z_v$  of labels of  $v$ 's neighbors
  
- **Phase 2: Iterate till convergence**
  - On **test set**, set labels  $Y_v$  based on the classifier  $\phi_1$ , compute  $z_v$  and **predict the labels with  $\phi_2$**
  - **Repeat** for each node  $v$ 
    - Update  $z_v$  based on  $Y_u$  for all  $u \in N_v$
    - Update  $Y_v$  based on the new  $z_v$  ( $\phi_2$ )
  - Iterate until class labels stabilize or max number of iterations is reached
  - Note: Convergence is not guaranteed

### Training

- Training 과정에서는 모든 노드의 라벨을 알고 있다.
- $\phi_1(f_v)$ 과  $\phi_2(f_v, z_v)$ 를 통해  $Y_v$ 를 예측한다.
- $z_v$ 는 실제 라벨을 이용해 구성한다.

### Test

- Test과정에서는 일부 노드의 라벨만 알고 있다.
- $f_v$ 는 변하지 않으므로  $\phi_1(f_v)$ 는 한 번만 계산하여  $Y_v$ 를 예측한다.
- $\phi_1$ 를 통해 할당한 초기  $Y_v$ 를 토대로 아래 과정을 수렴 혹은 최대 횟수에 도달할 때까지 반복한다.
  1.  $Y_u$ 를 통해  $z_v$ 를 업데이트한다.  $u \in N_v$
  2.  $\phi_2(f_v, z_v)$ 를 통해  $Y_v$ 를 업데이트한다.

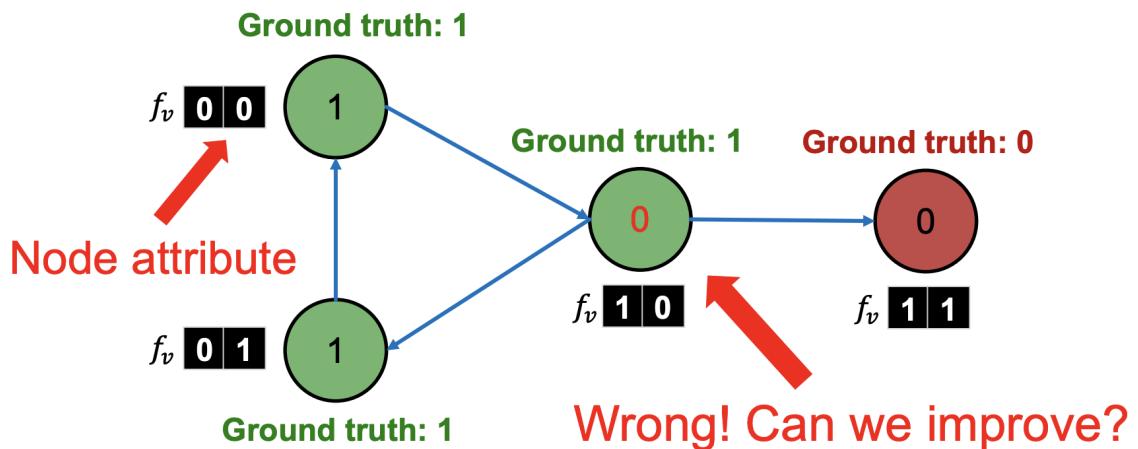
### Example : Web Page Classification (1)

- **Input** : Graph of web pages
- **Node** : Web page

- **Edge** : Hyper-link between web pages
  - Directed edge : a page points to another page
- **Node features** : Webpage description
  - For simplicity, we only consider 2 binary features
- **Task** : Predict the topic of the webpage

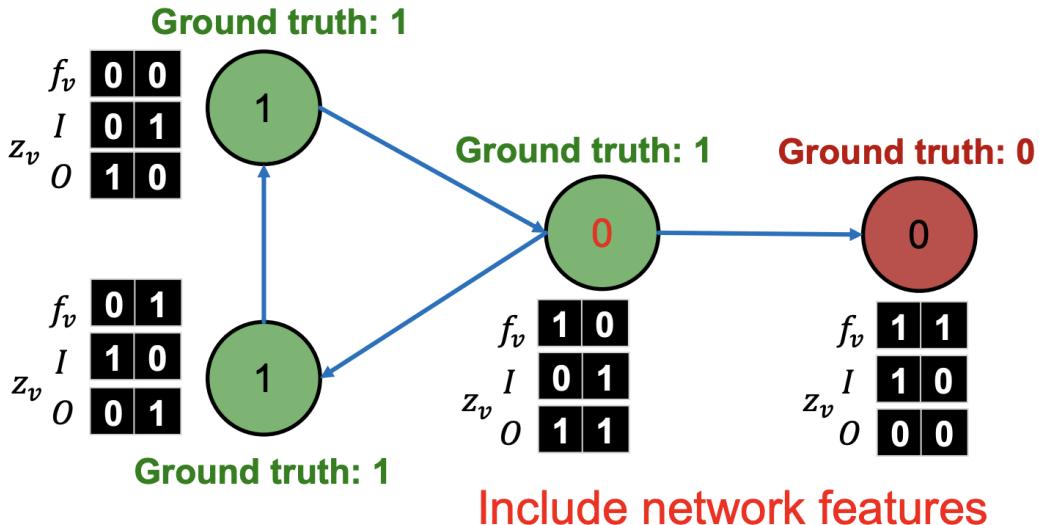
## Example : Web Page Classification (2)

- **Baseline** : train a classifier(e.g., linear classifier) to classify pages based on binary node attributes.



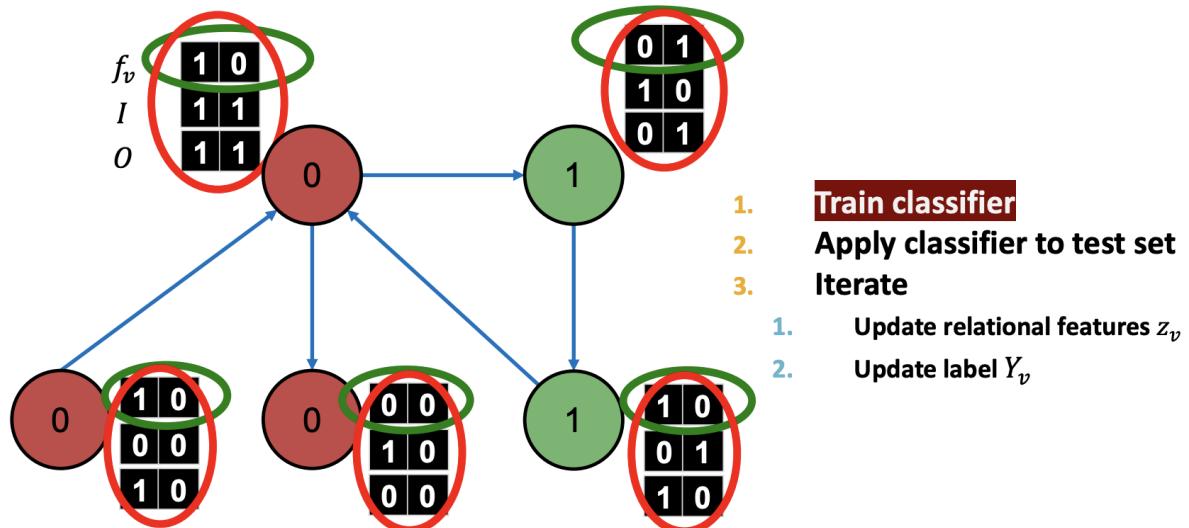
## Example : Web Page Classification (3)

- Each node maintains **vectors**  $\mathbf{z}_v$  of neighborhood labels:  
 $I$  = Incoming neighbor label information vector  
 $O$  = Outgoing neighbor label information vector
- $I_0 = 1$  if at least one of the incoming pages is labelled 0.  
Similar definitions for  $I_1, O_0$ , and  $O_1$



## Iterative Classifier - Step 1

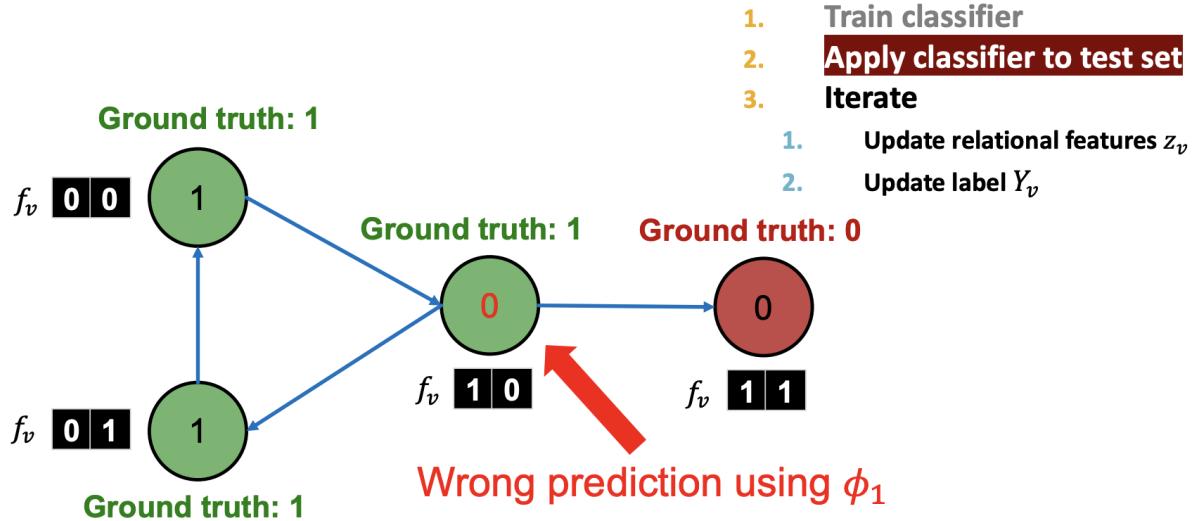
- On a different **training set**, train two classifiers:
  - Node attribute vector only (green circles):  $\phi_1$
  - Node attribute and link vectors (red circles):  $\phi_2$



## Iterative Classifier - Step 2

- On the **test set**:

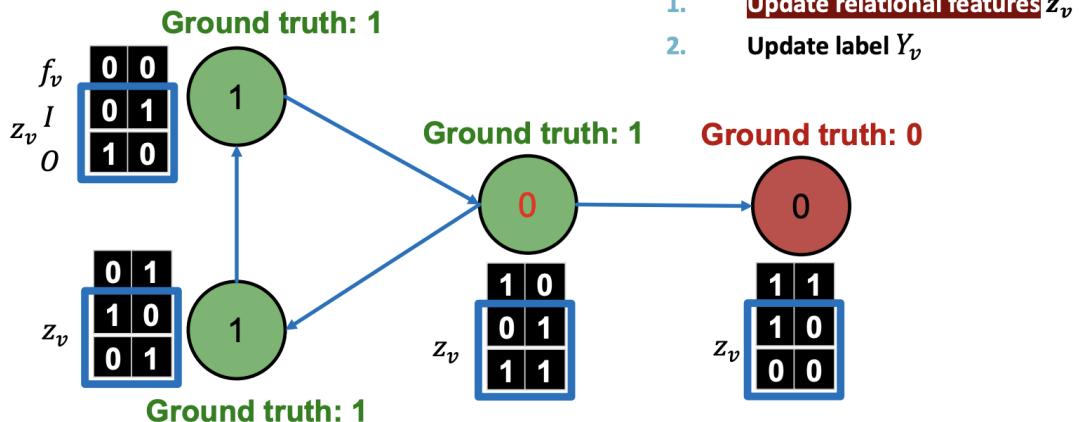
- Use trained node feature vector classifier  $\phi_1$  to set  $Y_v$



## Iterative Classifier - Step 3.1

- Update  $Z_v$  for all nodes

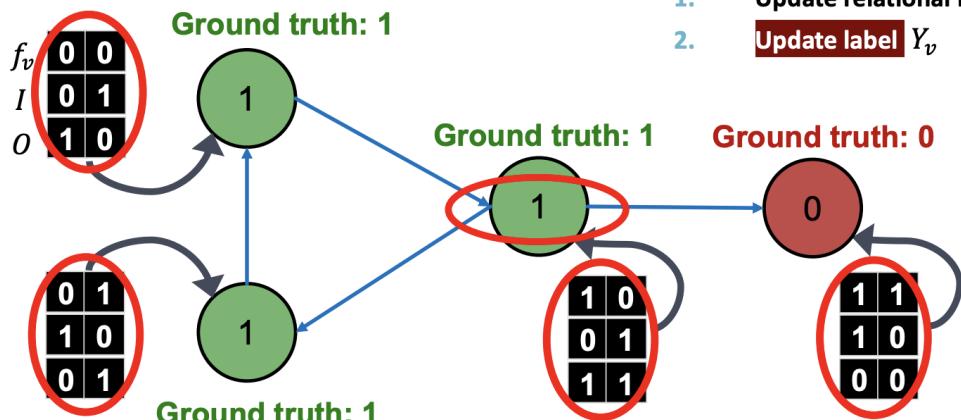
1. Train classifier  
2. Apply classifier to test set  
3. Iterate
1. Update relational features  $z_v$ ,  
2. Update label  $Y_v$



## Iterative Classifier - Step 3.2

- Re-classify all nodes with  $\phi_2$

1. Train classifier
  2. Apply classifier to test
  3. **Iterate**
1. Update relational features  $z_v$
  2. **Update label**  $Y_v$

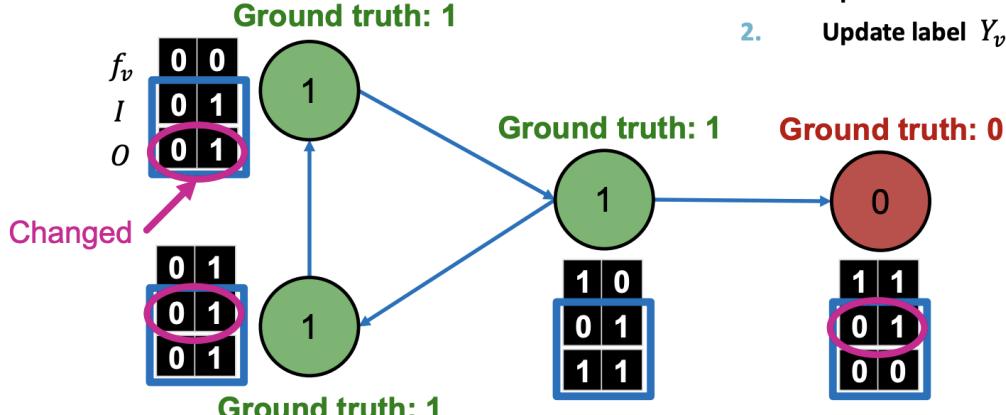


Now it's correct prediction!

## Iterative Classifier - Iterate

- Continue until convergence
  - Update  $Z_v$
  - Update  $Y_v = \phi_2(f_v, z_v)$

1. Train classifier
  2. Apply classifier to test
  3. **Iterate**
1. Update relational features  $z_v$
  2. **Update label**  $Y_v$

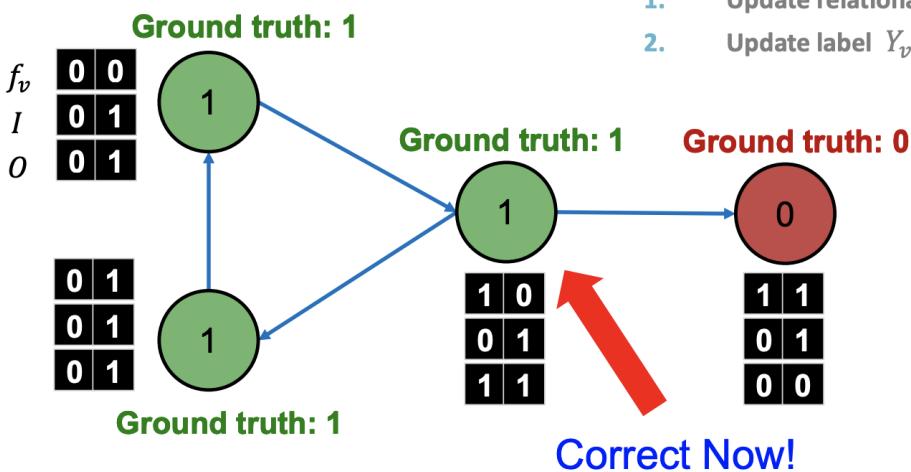


## Iterative Classifier - Final Prediction

## ■ Stop iteration

- After convergence or when maximum iterations are reached

1. Train classifier
2. Apply classifier to test set
3. Iterate
  1. Update relational features  $z_v$
  2. Update label  $Y_v$



## Summary

- We talked about 2 approaches to collective classification
- **Relational classification**
  - Iteratively update probabilities of node belonging to a label class based on its neighbors
- **Iterative classification**
  - Improve over collective classification to handle attribute/feature information
  - classify node  $i$  based on its **features** as well as **labels** of neighbors

## 3. Collective Classification : Belief Propagation

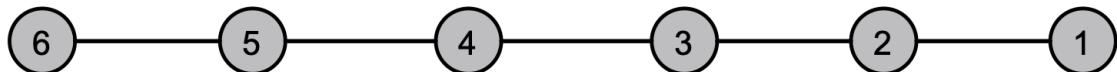
### Loopy Belief Propagation

- Belief Propagation is a dynamic programming approach to **answering probability queries in a graph**(e.g. probability of node  $v$  belonging to class 1)

- Iterative process in which neighbor nodes “talk” to each other, **passing messages**
- 앞서 본 방식에서는 노드  $v$ 의 클래스 확률을 이웃 노드의 확률의 가중평균으로 정의하였다.
- 이를 이웃노드로부터 belief를 전달받는다고 말하며 반복을 통해 이웃노드 뿐만 아니라 간접적으로 연결된 노드(ex.이웃노드의 이웃노드)로부터도 영향을 받는다고 할 수 있다.
- **Loopy belief propagation**은 간접적인 방식이 아닌 **belief가 그래프에 직접 흐르도록 알고리즘**을 구성하는 것을 의미한다.

## Message Passing : Basics

- Task : Count the number of nodes in a *graph*\*
- Condition : Each node can only interact(pass message) with its neighbors
- Example : path graph

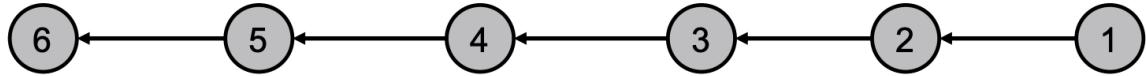


\* Potential issues when the graph contains cycles.  
We'll get back to it later!

## Message Passing : Algorithm

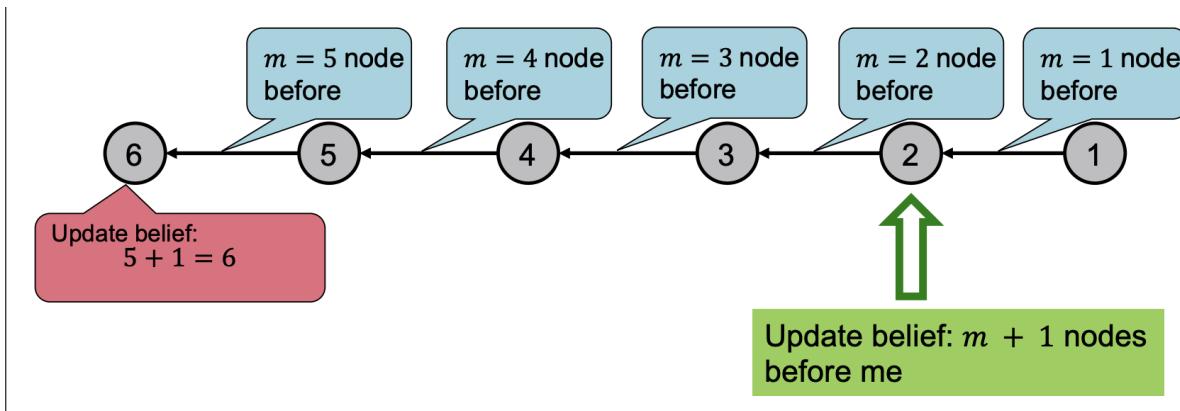
- **Task** : Count the number of nodes in a graph
- **Algorithm:**
  - Define an ordering of nodes (that results in a path)
  - Edge directions are according to order of nodes
    - Edge direction defines the order of message passing
  - For node  $i$  from 1 to 6

- Compute the message from node  $i$  to  $i + 1$  (number of nodes counted so far)
- Pass the message from node  $i$  to  $i + 1$



## Message Passing : Basics

- **Task** : Count the number of nodes in a graph
- **Condition** : Each node can only interact(pass message) with its neighbors
- **Solution** : Each node listens to the message from its neighbor, updates it, and passes it forward
- **m : the message**

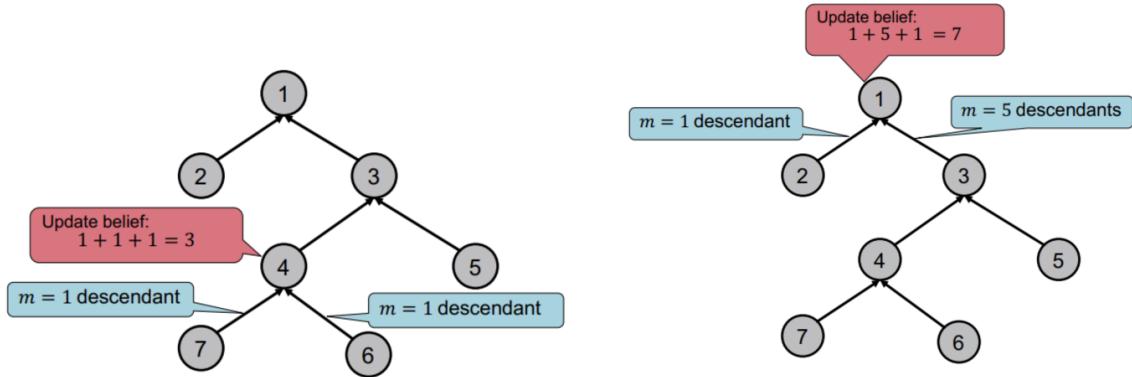


## Generalizing to a Tree

- We can perform message passing not only on a path graph, but also on a tree-structured graph
- Define order of message passing from **leaves to root**

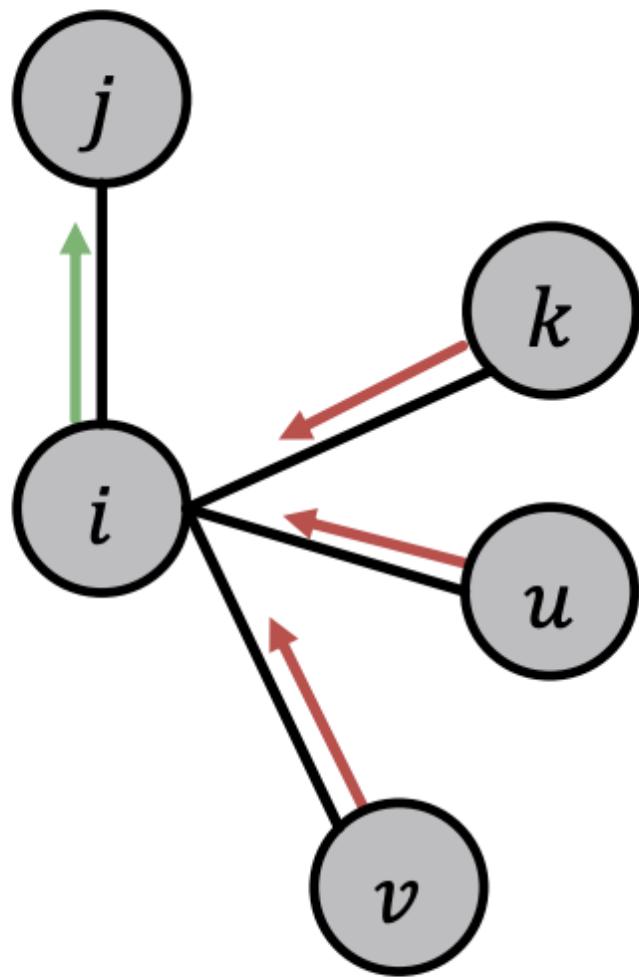
## Message passing in a tree

update belief in tree structure



- $i-1$  노드의 belief(이전까지 지나온 노드의 수)에 자기 자신 1을 더하면  $i$  노드까지의 노드의 수를 구할 수 있다.

## Loopy BP Algorithm



**What message will  $i$  send to  $j$ ?**

- It depends on what  $i$  hears from its neighbors
- Each neighbor passes a message to  $i$  its belief of the **state of  $i$**

## Notation

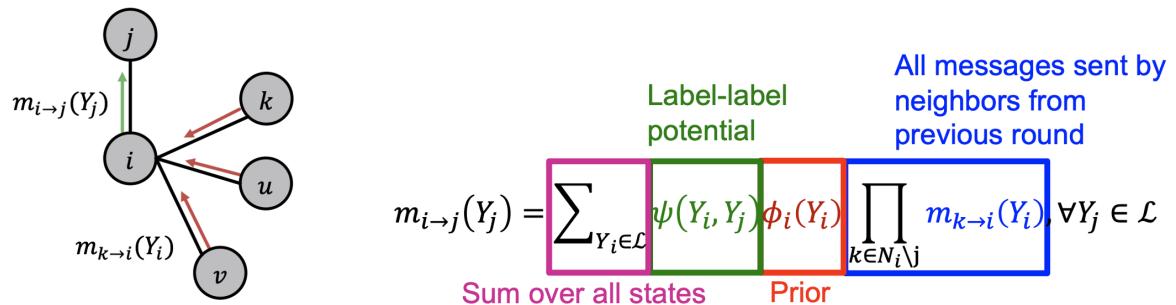
- **Label-label potential matrix  $\Psi$**  : Dependency between a node and its neighbor.  $\Psi(Y_i, Y_j)$  is proportional to the probability of a node  $j$  being in class  $Y_j$  given that it has neighbor  $i$  in class  $Y_i$

- **Prior belief**  $\Phi$  :  $\Phi(Y_i)$  is proportional to the probability of node  $i$  being in class  $Y_i$ .
- $m_{i \rightarrow j}(Y_j)$  is  $i$ 's message / estimate of  $j$  being in class  $Y_j$ .
- $L$  is the set of all classes/labels

- $\psi$ : 각 노드가 이웃노드의 클래스에 미치는 영향력을 나타낸 행렬.  $\psi(Y_i, Y_j)$ 는 노드  $i$ 의 라벨이  $Y_i$ 일 때 노드  $j$ 가  $Y_j$  클래스에 속할 확률에 비례한다.
- $\phi$ (prior belief): 노드  $i$ 가  $Y_i$ 에 속할 확률
- $m_{i \rightarrow j}(Y_j)$  :  $j$ 로 전달되는  $i$ 의 메시지로  $i$ 가 이웃노드들로부터 받은 belief와 자신의 정보를 종합해  $j$ 의 라벨을 believe하는 것
- $L$  : 모든 라벨을 포함하는 집합

## Loopy BP Algorithm

1. Initialize all messages to 1
2. Repeat for each node:



**After convergence :**

$b_i(Y_i)$  = node  $i$ 's belief of being in class  $Y_i$

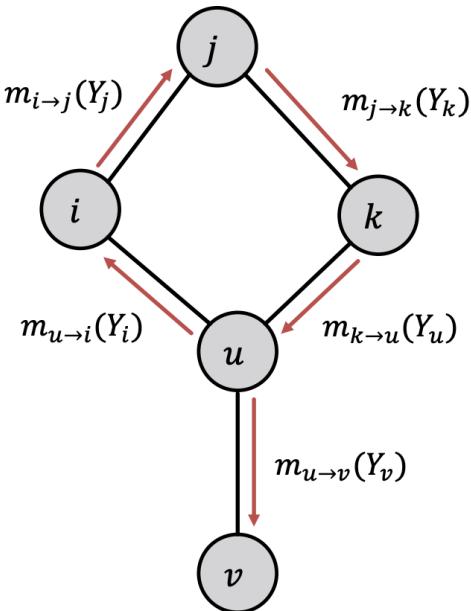
$$b_i(Y_i) = \phi_i(Y_i) \prod_{j \in N_i} m_{j \rightarrow i}(Y_i), \forall Y_i \in \mathcal{L}$$

Prior      All messages from  
 neighbors

### Example : Loopy Belief Propagation

- Now we consider a graph with cycles
- There is no longer an ordering of nodes
- We apply the same algorithm as in previous slides:
  - Start from arbitrary nodes
  - Follow the edges to update the neighboring nodes

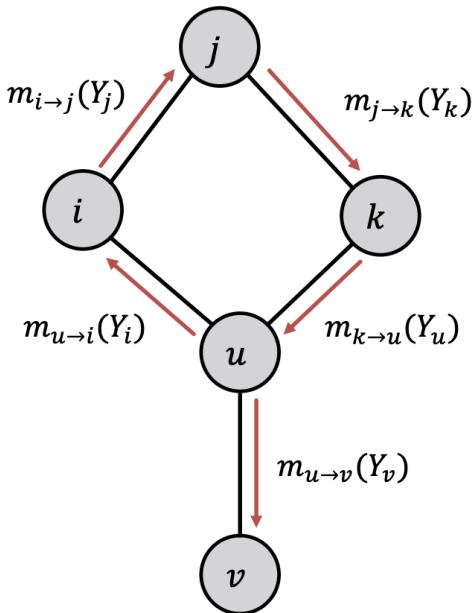
### What if our graph has cycles?



Messages from different subgraphs are  
**no longer independent!**

**But we can still run BP,**  
 but it will pass messages in loops.

## What Can Go Wrong?



### Beliefs may not converge

- Message  $m_{u \rightarrow i}(Y_i)$  is based on initial belief of  $i$ , not a **separate evidence** for  $i$
- The initial belief of  $i$  (which could be incorrect) is reinforced by the cycle  $i \rightarrow j \rightarrow k \rightarrow u \rightarrow i$

However, in practice, Loopy BP is still a good heuristic for complex graphs which contain many branches.

- 그래프가 순환구조인 경우 노드들은 독립적이지 않다.
- 노드  $u$ 는  $k$ 로부터 메시지를 받고 있지만 결국 자기 자신의 메시지까지 받는 상황이다.
- 반대로  $j$ 가  $i, k$ 로 메시지를 전달하고  $i, k$ 가  $u$ 로 메시지를 전달한다면  $j$ 의 메시지는  $u$ 에게 중복 전달하게 된다.
- 부분적으로는 이러한 문제점이 크게 나타날 것 같지만 실제로는 전체 구조가 매우 크고 복잡하여 Loopy BP 알고리즘은 잘 작동한다

This is an extreme example. Often in practice, the cyclic influences are weak.

(As cycles are long or include at least one weak correlation.)

## Advantages of Belief Propagation

- Advantages:**
  - Easy to program & parallelize
  - General : can apply to any graph model with any form of potentials

- Potential can be higher order: e.g.  $\psi(Y_i, Y_j, Y_k, Y_v \dots)$
  - Challenges:
    - Convergence is not guaranteed (when to stop), especially if many closed loops
  - Potential functions (parameters)
    - Require training to estimate
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## Summary

- We learned how to leverage correlation in graphs to make prediction on nodes
- Key techniques:
  - Relational classification
  - Iterative classification
  - Loopy belief propagation

## References

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