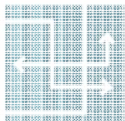
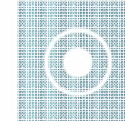
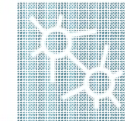


# Learning Spectral Graph Transformations for Link Prediction

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# The Problem: Link Prediction

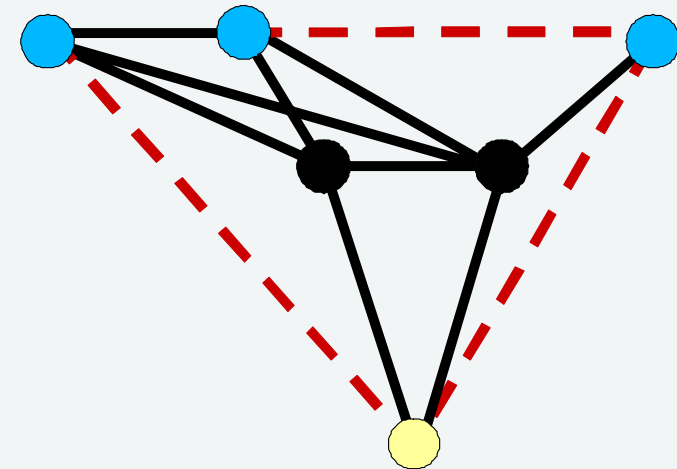


- Motivation: Recommend connections in a social network
- Predict links in an undirected, unweighted network
- Using the adjacency matrices **A** and **B**,
- Find a function  $F(\mathbf{A})$  giving prediction values corresponding to **B**

$$F(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{B}$$

# Path Counting

- Follow paths
- Number of paths of length  $k$  given by  $\mathbf{A}^k$
- Nodes connected by many paths
- Nodes connected by short paths
- Weight powers of  $\mathbf{A}$ :  $\alpha \mathbf{A}^2 + \beta \mathbf{A}^3 + \gamma \mathbf{A}^4 \dots$



with  $\alpha > \beta > \gamma \dots [ > 0 ]$

- Examples:

Exponential graph kernel:

$$e^{\alpha \mathbf{A}} = \sum_i \frac{\alpha^i}{i!} \mathbf{A}^i$$

Von Neumann kernel:

$$(\mathbf{I} - \alpha \mathbf{A})^{-1} = \sum_i \alpha^i \mathbf{A}^i$$

(with  $0 < \alpha < 1$ )

# Laplacian Link Prediction Functions

- Graph Laplacian  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A}$

“Resistance Distance”

(a.k.a. commute time)

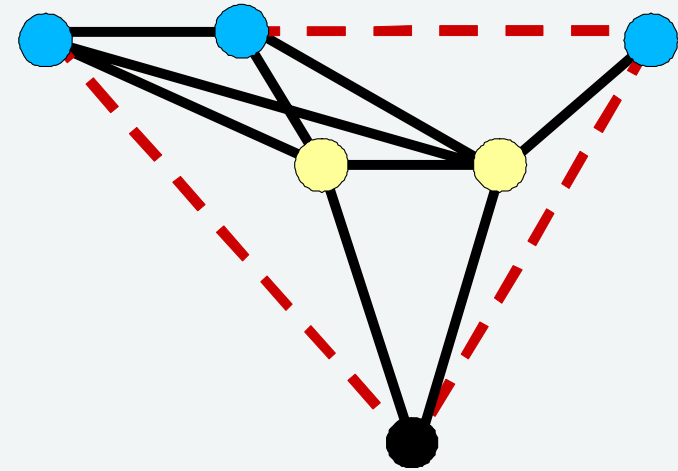
Regularized Laplacian

Heat diffusion kernel

$$\mathbf{L}^+$$

$$(\mathbf{I} + \alpha \mathbf{L})^{-1}$$

$$e^{-\alpha \mathbf{L}}$$



# Computation of Link Prediction Functions

Adjacency matrix

eigenvalue decomposition:  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^T$

Matrix polynomial	$\sum_i \alpha_i \mathbf{A}^i$	$= \mathbf{U} \left( \sum_i \alpha_i \mathbf{\Lambda}^i \right) \mathbf{U}^T$
Matrix exponential	$e^{\alpha \mathbf{A}}$	$= \mathbf{U} e^{\alpha \mathbf{\Lambda}} \mathbf{U}^T$
Von Neumann kernel	$(\mathbf{I} - \alpha \mathbf{A})^{-1}$	$= \mathbf{U} (\mathbf{I} - \alpha \mathbf{\Lambda})^{-1} \mathbf{U}^T$
Rank reduction	$\mathbf{A}_{(k)}$	$= \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Lambda}_{(k)} \mathbf{U}^T$

Graph Laplacian

eigenvalue decomposition  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^T$

Resistance distance	$\mathbf{L}^+$	$= \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Lambda}^+ \mathbf{U}^T$
Regularized Laplacian	$(\mathbf{I} + \alpha \mathbf{L})^{-1}$	$= \mathbf{U} (\mathbf{I} + \alpha \mathbf{\Lambda})^{-1} \mathbf{U}^T$
Heat diffusion kernel	$e^{-\alpha \mathbf{L}}$	$= \mathbf{U} e^{-\alpha \mathbf{\Lambda}} \mathbf{U}^T$

Spectral transformation

# Learning Spectral Transformations

- Link prediction functions are **spectral transformations** of **A** or **L**

$$F(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{U}F(\mathbf{\Lambda})\mathbf{U}^T$$

$$F(\mathbf{\Lambda})_{ii} = f(\mathbf{\Lambda}_{ii})$$

- A spectral transformation  $F$  corresponds to a function of reals  $f$

Matrix polynomial	$F(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_i \alpha_i \mathbf{A}^i$	$f(x) = \sum_i \alpha_i x^i$	Real polynomial
Matrix exponential	$F(\mathbf{A}) = e^{\alpha \mathbf{A}}$	$f(x) = e^{\alpha x}$	Real exponential
Matrix inverse	$F(\mathbf{A}) = (\mathbf{I} \pm \alpha \mathbf{A})^{-1}$	$f(x) = 1 / (1 \pm \alpha x)$	Rational function
Pseudoinverse	$F(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{A}^+$	$f(x) = 1/x$ when $x > 0$ , 0 otherwise	
Rank- $k$ approximation	$F(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{A}_{(k)}$	$f(x) = x$ when $ x  \geq x_0$ , 0 otherwise	

# Finding the Best Spectral Transformation

- Find the best spectral transformation on test set **B**

$$\min_F \|F(\mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{B}\|_F$$

- Reduce minimization problem

$$= \min_F \|\mathbf{U}F(\mathbf{\Lambda})\mathbf{U}^T - \mathbf{B}\|_F$$

$$= \min_F \|F(\mathbf{\Lambda}) - \mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{B}\mathbf{U}\|_F \quad \text{norm is preserved by } \mathbf{U}$$

- Reduce to diagonal, because off-diagonal in  $F(\mathbf{\Lambda})$  is constant zero

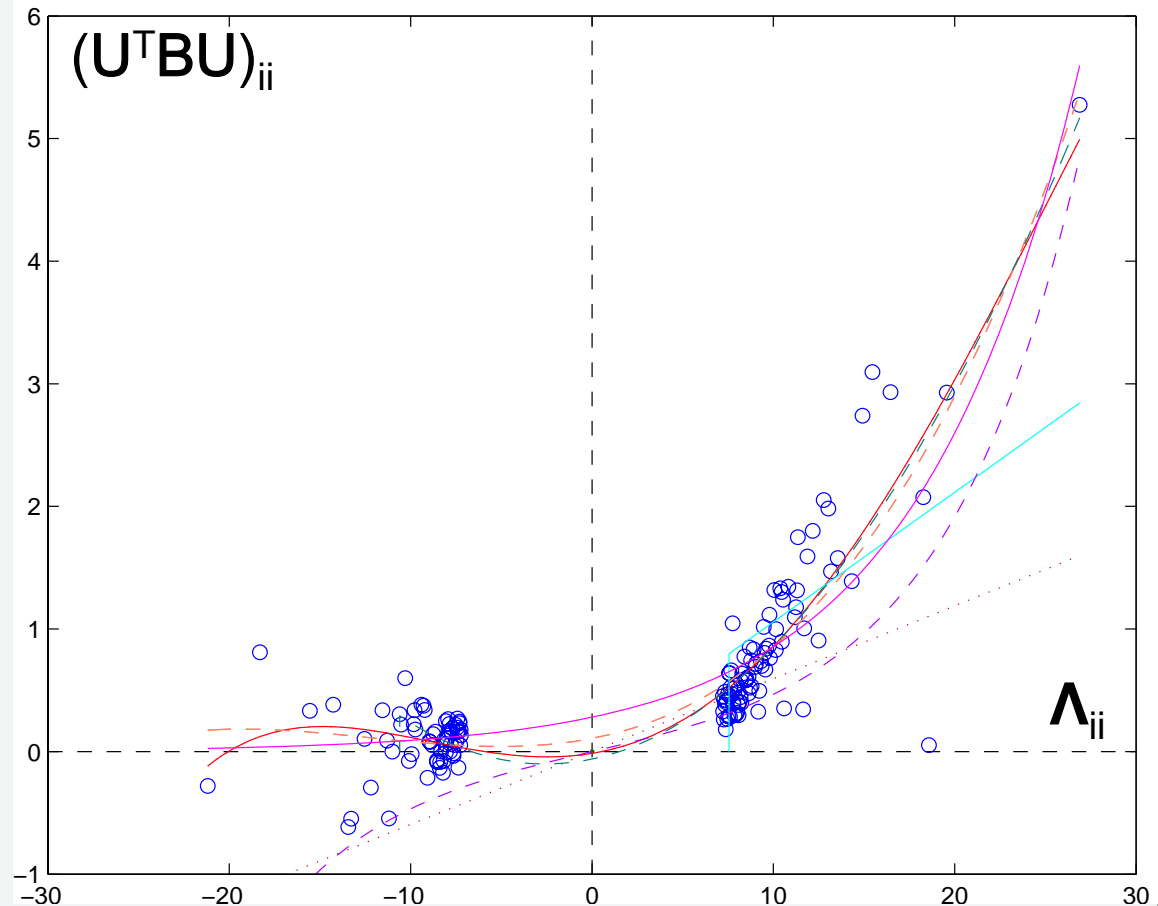
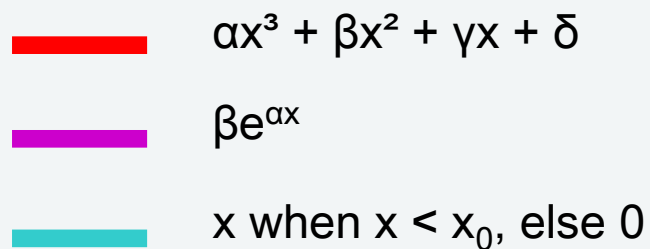
$$\min_f \sum_i (f(\Lambda_{ii}) - (\mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{B}\mathbf{U})_{ii})^2$$

- The best spectral transformation is given by a one-dimensional least-squares problem



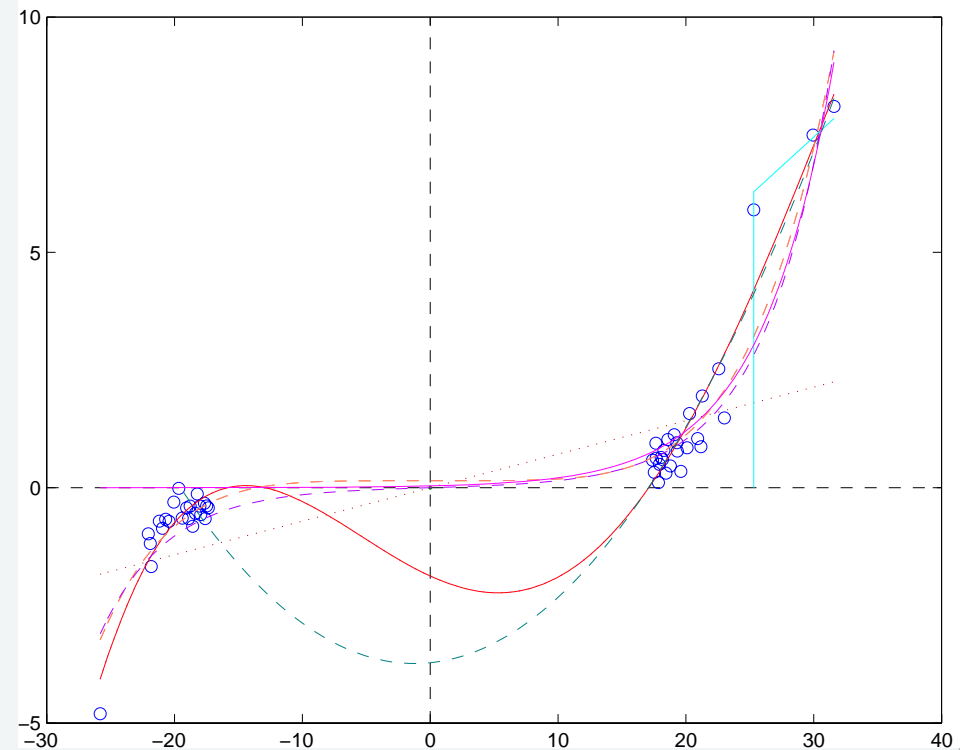
# Example: DBLP Citation Network (undirected)

- DBLP citation network
- Symmetric adjacency matrices  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^\top$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$



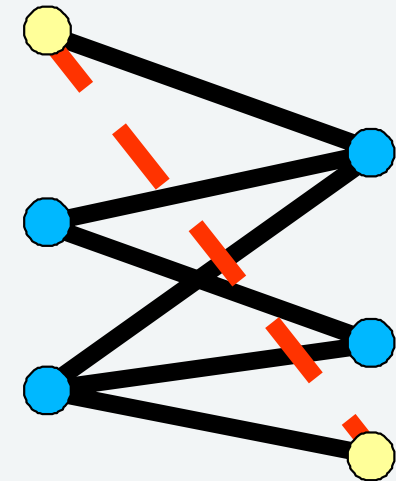
# Variants: Weighted and Signed Graphs

- Weighted undirected graphs: use  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A}$  as is
- Signed graphs: use  $\mathbf{D}_{ii} = \sum_j |A_{ij}|$   
(signed graph Laplacian)
- Example: Slashdot Zoo  
(social network with negative edges)



# Bipartite Graphs

- Bipartite graphs: paths have **odd length**
- Compute sum of odd powers of  $\mathbf{A}$
- The resulting polynomial is **odd**  
 $\alpha A^3 + \beta A^5 + \dots$
- For other link prediction functions, use the odd component



$$e^{\alpha \mathbf{A}}$$
$$(\mathbf{I} - \alpha \mathbf{A})^{-1}$$

$$\sinh(\alpha \mathbf{A})$$
$$\alpha \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{I} - \alpha^2 \mathbf{A}^2)^{-1}$$

# Singular Value Decomposition

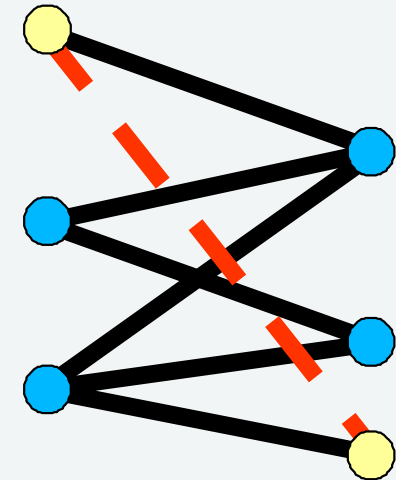
- Odd power of a bipartite graph's adjacency matrix

$$\mathbf{A}^{2n+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{R} \\ \mathbf{R}^T & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{2n+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}^T)^n \mathbf{R} \\ \mathbf{R}^T (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}^T)^n & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Using the singular value decomposition  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^T$

$$(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}^T)^n \mathbf{R} = (\mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{V}\Sigma\mathbf{U}^T)^n \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^T = (\mathbf{U}\Sigma^2\mathbf{U}^T)^n \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^T = \mathbf{U}\Sigma^{2n+1}\mathbf{V}^T$$

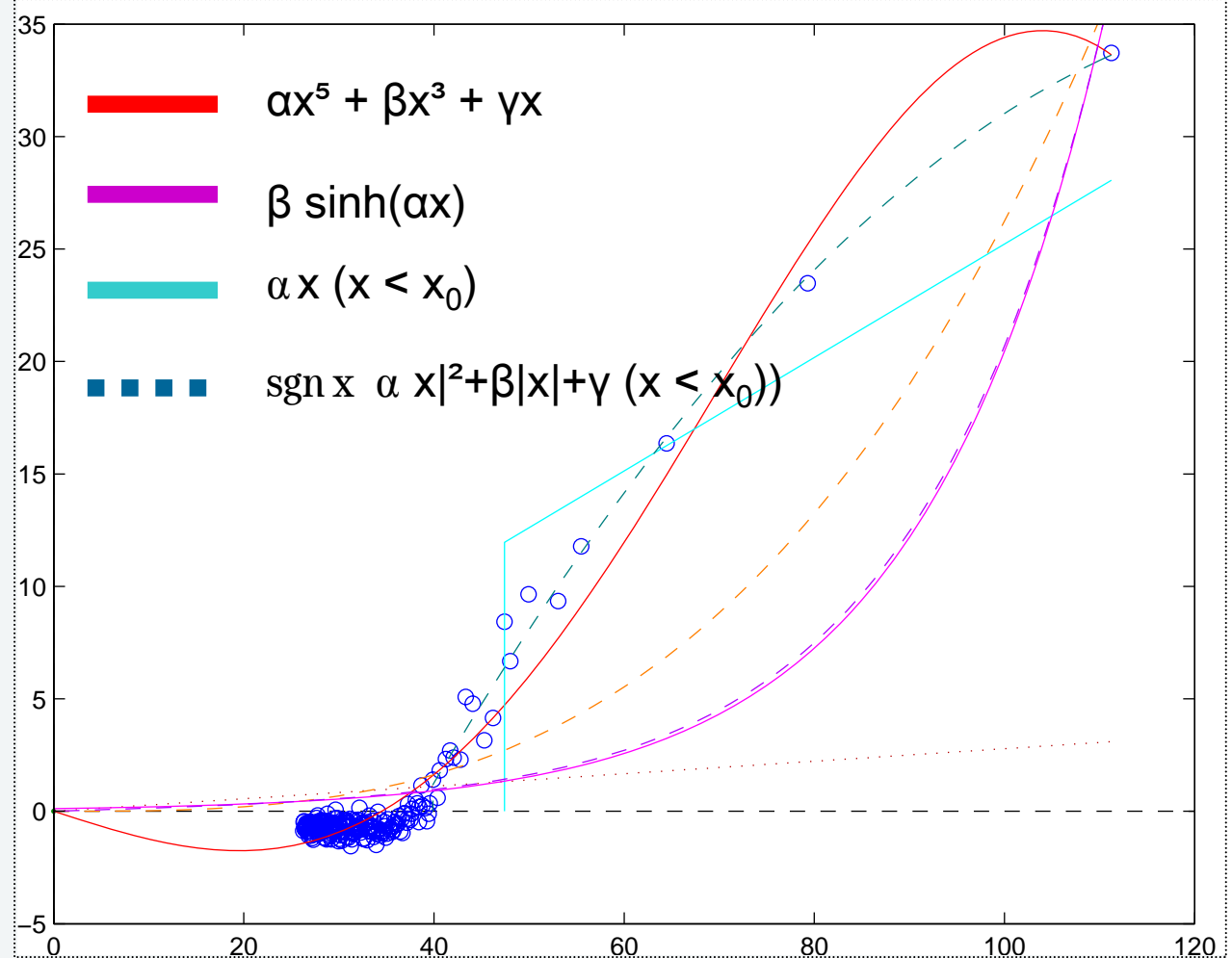
- Odd powers of  $\mathbf{A}$  are given by odd spectral transformations of  $\mathbf{R}$



# SVD Example: Bipartite Rating Graph

## ■ MovieLens rating graph

Rating values  
 $\{-2, -1, 0, +1, +2\}$



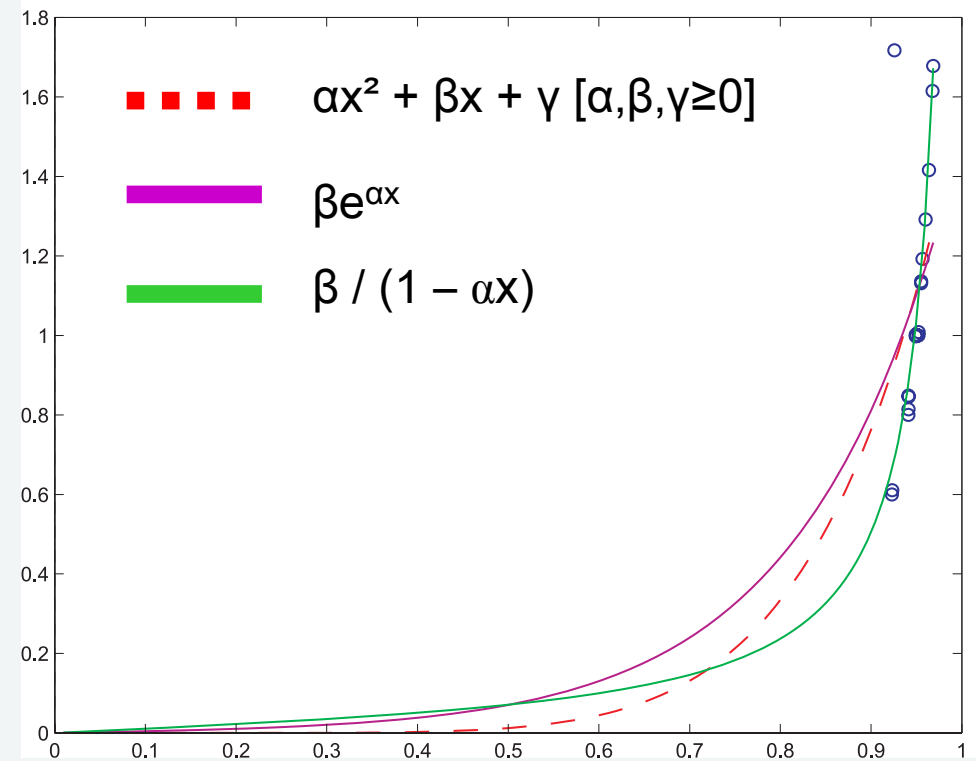
# Base Matrices

- Base matrices **A** and **L**
- Normalized variants:  $\mathbf{D}^{-1/2}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{D}^{-1/2}$ ,  $\mathbf{D}^{-1/2}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{D}^{-1/2} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{D}^{-1/2}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{D}^{-1/2}$

- Example:  $\mathbf{D}^{-1/2}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{D}^{-1/2}$

Trust network Advogato

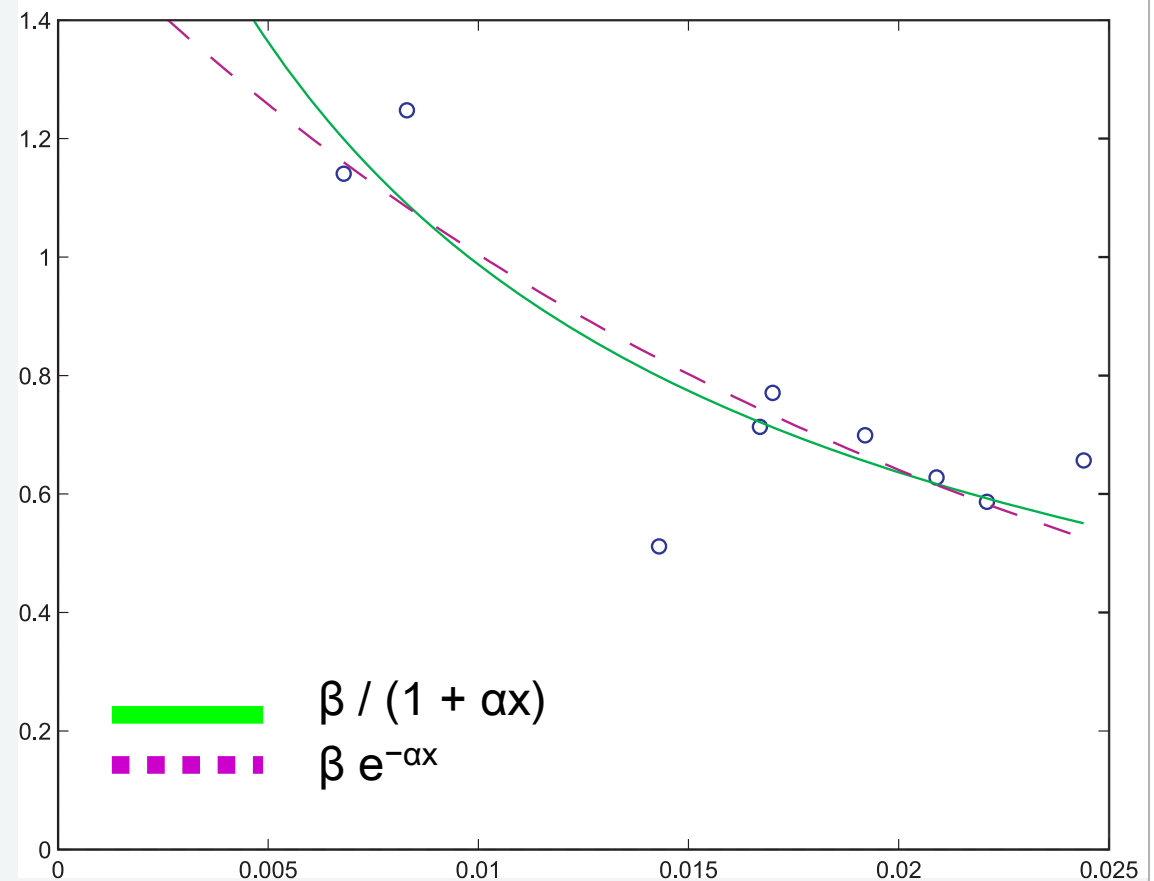
Note: ignore eigenvalue 1  
(constant eigenvector)



# Learning Laplacian Kernels

- Epinions (signed user-user network), using  $L$

Note:  $\Lambda_{ij} > 0$  because the graph is signed and unbalanced

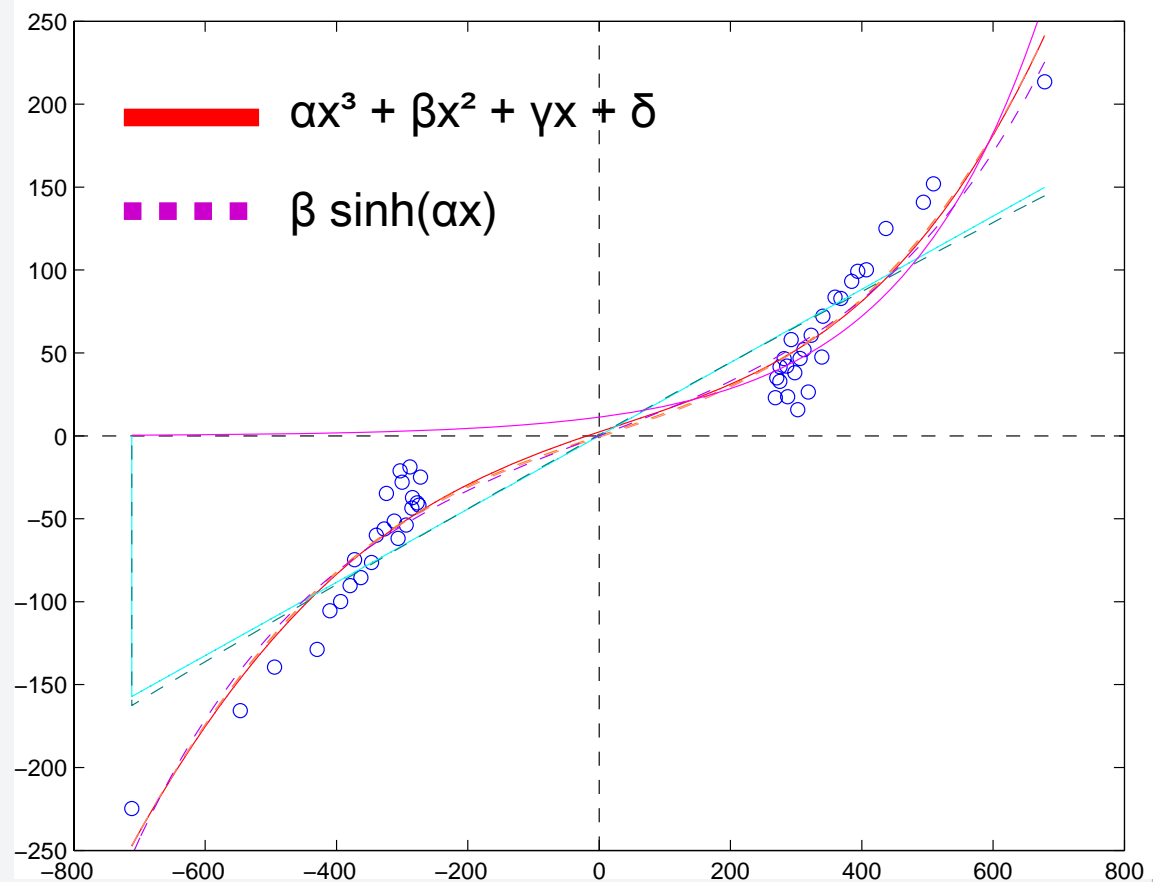


# Almost Bipartite Networks

- Dating site LúbímSeTi.cz: (users rate users)

- Some networks are “almost” bipartite
- Plot has near central symmetry

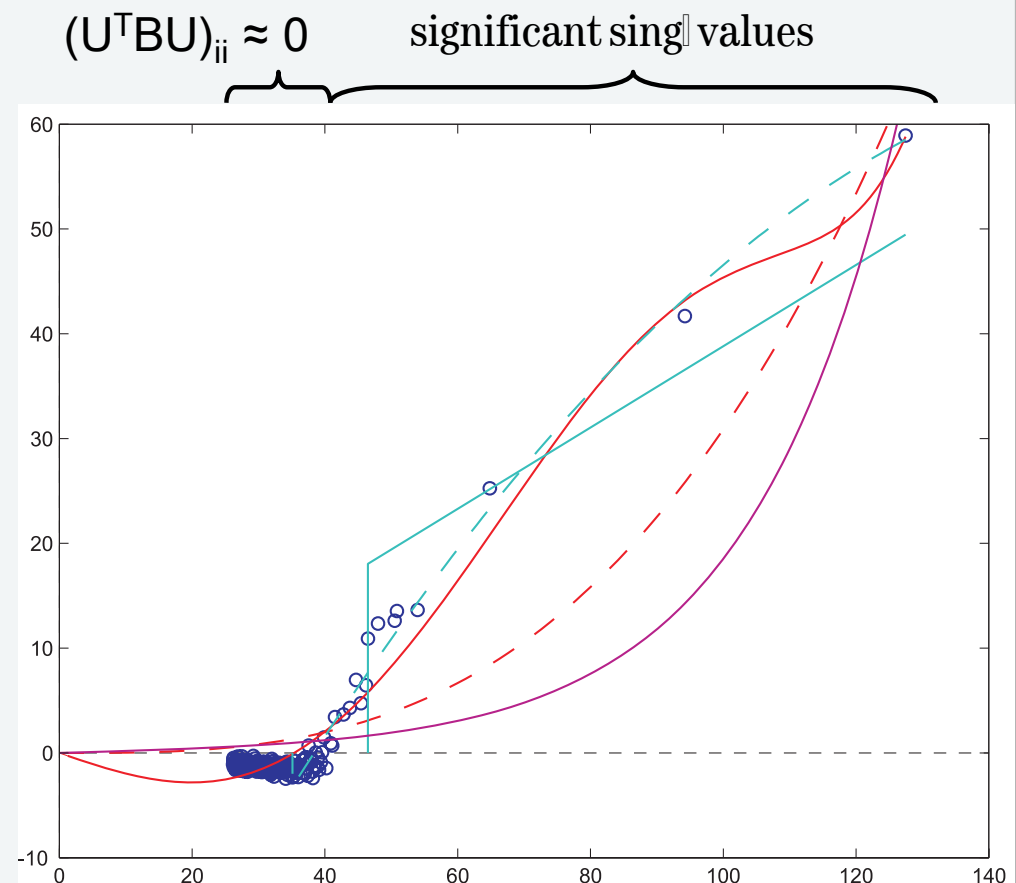
- Bipartition: men/women





# Learning the Reduced Rank $k$

- Some plots suggest a reduced rank  $k$
- Example: MovieLens/SVD
- Learned:  $k = 14$



# Conclusion & Ongoing Research

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## Conclusions

- Many link prediction functions are spectral transformations
- Spectral transformations can be learned

## Ongoing Research

- New link prediction function:  $\sinh(A)$ , odd von Neumann (pseudo-)kernel
- Signed graph Laplacian
- Other matrix decompositions
- Other norms
- More datasets

**Thank You**