50.039 Theory and Practice of Deep Learning W9-S2 Graph Convolutional Networks

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About this week (Week 9)

- 1. What are graph objects?
- 2. How do we **define** a graph object **mathematically**?
- 3. What are typical graph problems?
- 4. How can we **embed a graph object** to later feed it to a Neural Network?
- 5. What is a **graph convolution** and how des it relate to the concept of image convolution?
- 6. What are more **advanced problems** and **approaches** on graph convolutional Neural Networks?

Outline

In this lecture

- Using graph types datasets
- Graph convolutions and graph embeddings
- How these convolutions relate to images
- Graph Convolutional Neural Networks

In the next lectures

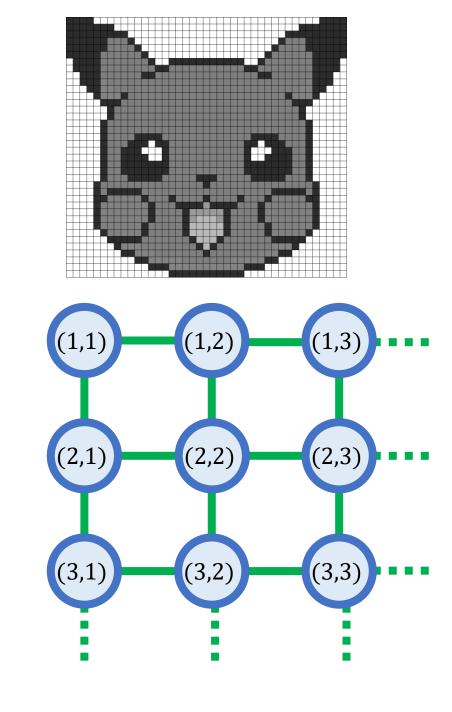
 Some more advanced graph embeddings techniques

Learning from CNNs: images are graphs?

Hopefully, you have done your prereading on graph theory!

Consider an image (greyscale, for simplicity).

- It is a graph!
- Nodes are pixels,
- Nodes features are pixel values,
- Edges connect neighboring pixels,
- Edges are arranged in a regular grid.



Lessons from the CNNs lectures:

- Keeping the structure of the image is essential: flattening an image and using Dense/FC layers does not work well.
- Reason: pixel values taken independently have little to no meaning.
- Lesson: the structure of the image matters!

→ CNN solution: use convolutional operations, which help identify structural elements in the image.

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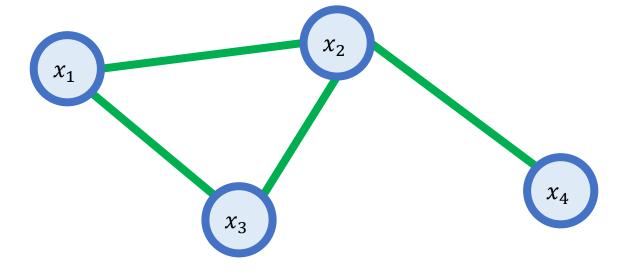
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 - → Million dollar question: what would be the equivalent of an image convolution applied to a (not necessarily regular) graph?

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• For demonstration purposes, let us consider the following graph.

• Its adjacency matrix can then be defined as A.



```
# Adjacency matrix
A = np.matrix([
      [0, 1, 1, 0],
      [1, 0, 1, 1],
      [1, 1, 0, 0],
      [0, 1, 0, 0]],
      dtype=float)
print("A:\n", A)
```

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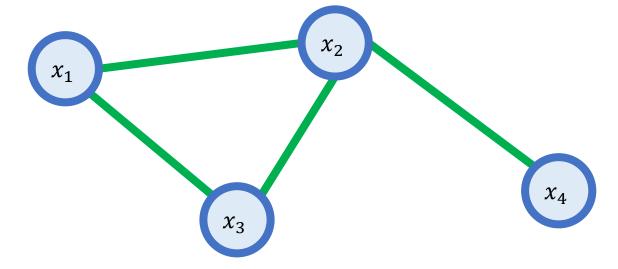
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- For demonstration, let us assume that each node x_i has a feature vector h_i of two elements:

$$h_i = (i, -i)$$



```
# Feature matrix
H = np.matrix([[i+1, -i-1] for i in range(A.shape[0])])
print("H:\n", H)

H:
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  [ 2 -2]
  [ 3 -3]
  [ 4 -4]]
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Graph Convolution #1

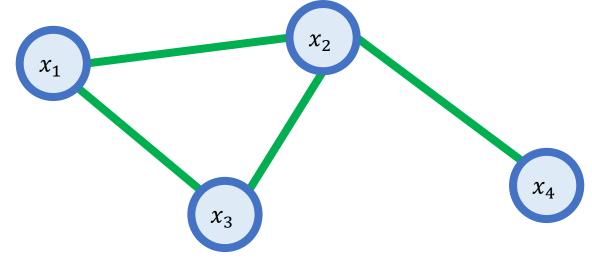
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The graph convolution operation is defined as the multiplication

$$H' = AH$$

With *A* the adjacency matrix of the graph and *H* the nodes features matrix of the graph.

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  3 -3]
  4 -4]]
# Identity function as activation
def f_identity(x):
    return x
# Propagation rule
H next = f identity(A*H)
print("H next:\n", H next)
H next:
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 [ 8. -8.]
  3. -3.1
  [ 2. -2.]]
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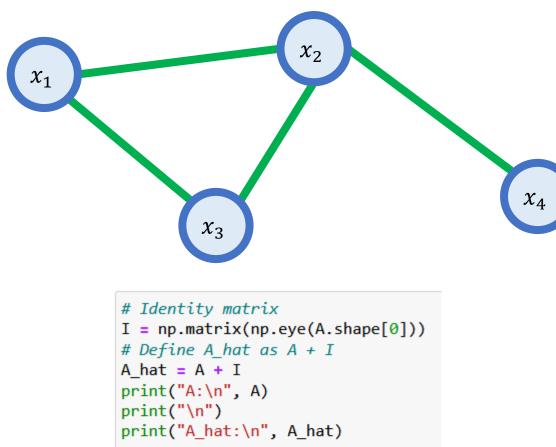
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, with $\hat{A} = A + I$

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A: [[0. 1. 1. 0.] [1. 0. 1. 1.] [1. 1. 0. 0.] [0. 1. 0. 0.]

```
A_hat:

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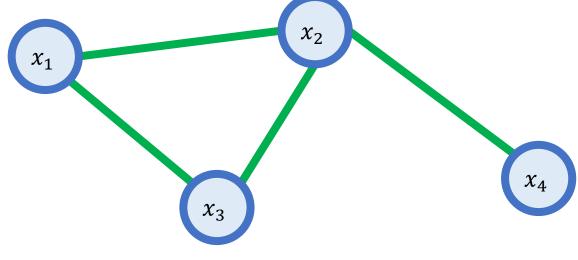
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H = f = f = identity(A = hat*H)
print("H next:\n", H next)
print("\n")
print("H next2:\n", H next2)
H next:
 [[ 5. -5.]
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H next2:
```

Reminder (image convolution – 3x3 kernel, all kernel elements are ones, 1 channel):

After the convolution operation, the result for pixel (i, j) is:

$$H_{i,j} = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k_1 = i-1}^{k_1 = i+1} \sum_{k_2 = j-1}^{k_2 = j+1} x_{k_1, k_2}$$

With $x_{i,j}$ the features of pixel (i,j).

Weighted sum of self and nearby pixel values

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0,×0	1,	1,0	1	0
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Image X

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Convolved Feature H

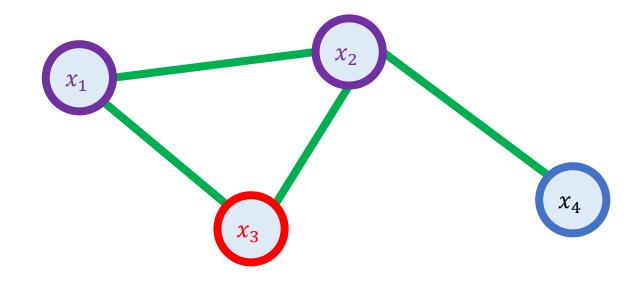
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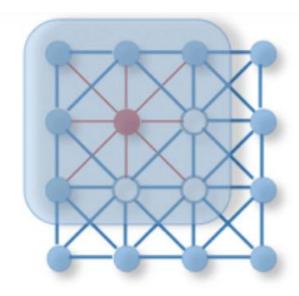
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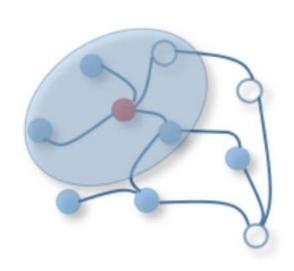
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(a) 2D Convolution. Analogous to a graph, each pixel in an image is taken as a node where neighbors are determined by the filter size. The 2D convolution takes a weighted average of pixel values of the red node along with its neighbors. The neighbors of a node are ordered and have a fixed size.



(b) Graph Convolution. To get a hidden representation of the red node, one simple solution of graph convolution operation takes the average value of node features of the red node along with its neighbors. Different from image data, the neighbors of a node are unordered and variable in size.

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→ Very similar, just missing a normalizing factor!

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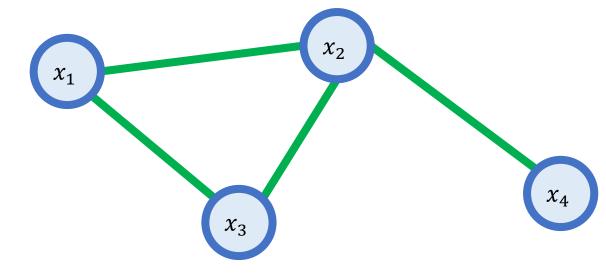
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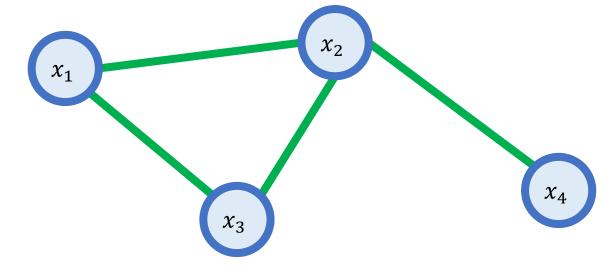
Normalizing

 Question: What is the name of the normalizing factor we are looking for?



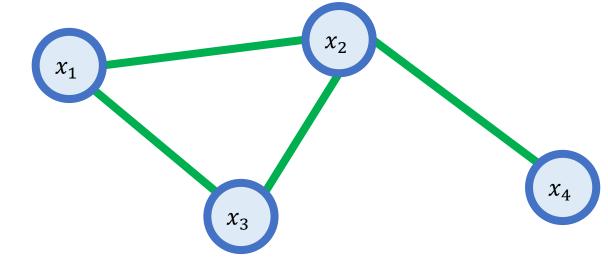
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- Normalizing = dividing by the degree of node x_i , plus one, i.e.

$$d_{ii} + 1$$



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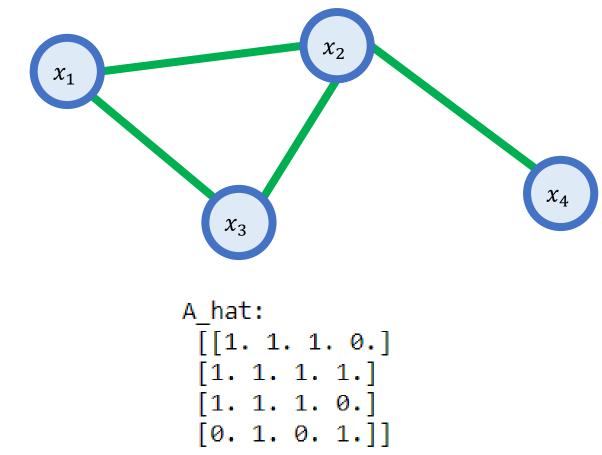
- It can be computed from Â, by summing its rows and reporting the values on the diagonal.
- Or, even simpler, $\widehat{\boldsymbol{D}} = \boldsymbol{D} + \boldsymbol{I}$.



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Definition (normalizing graph convolution matrix): The normalizing graph convolution matrix \hat{N} is defined as

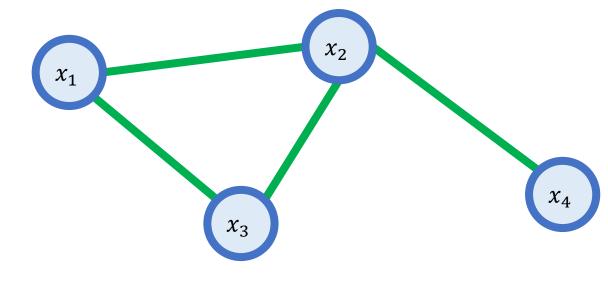
$$\widehat{N} = \widehat{D}^{-1} \hat{A}$$



Definition (normalized graph convolution): The normalized graph convolution operation is defined as follows:

$$H' = \widehat{N}H$$

 Very similar to previous convolutions, but with less variance in the values.



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- Propagation rule: while we are at it, the relationship H = f(A, X, W)

can be used to define a propagation rule. And we can later on, train our weights \boldsymbol{W} as well.

→ Next logical step: define a graph convolutional layer.

From graph convolution to graph convolutional layers

Definition (graph convolutional layer): We can define a graph convolutional layer by using the following propagation rule.

$$H = \sigma(\widehat{N}XW)$$

With σ an activation function (so far we used identity), and W a weight matrix, which we will train later on.

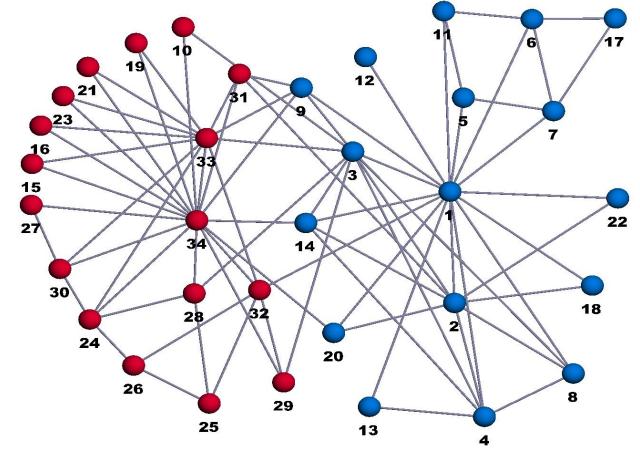
 This allows to define embeddings for our graph data!

Graph data $(A, D, \hat{A}, \widehat{D}, \widehat{N}, X)$ Graph convolutional layer $H = \sigma(\widehat{N}XW)$ Embedding for graph data

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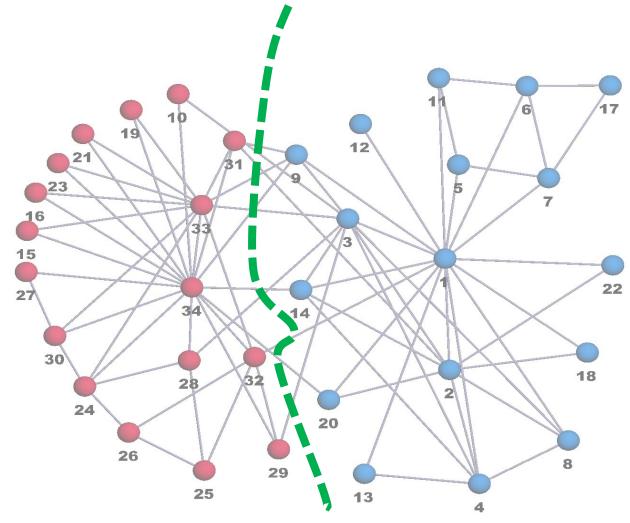
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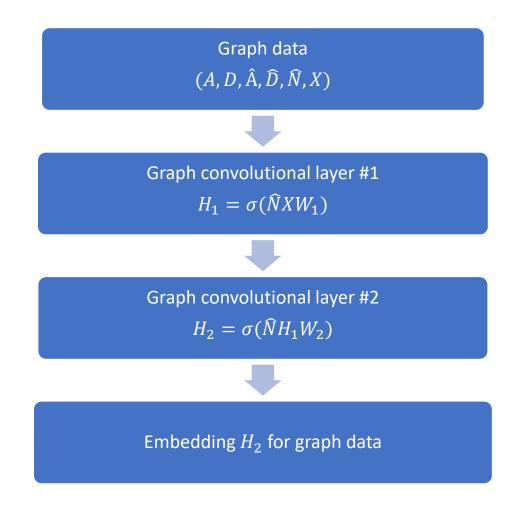
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In [25]:
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             2 from networkx import karate club graph, to numpy matrix
             3 | zkc = karate club graph()
          1 | nodes index list = []
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          2 for node key, node value in zkc. node.items():
                 print("Node index: {}, node labels: {}".format(node key, node value))
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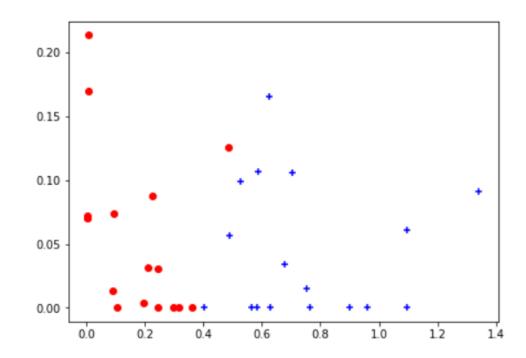
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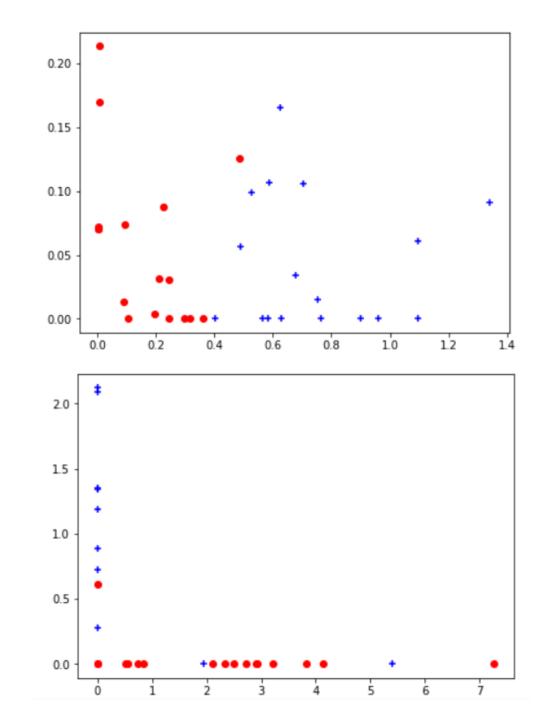


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- Sometimes it does not.
- \rightarrow (Oh crap...)

• That's why you need to **train** it (and adjust the weights in *W*).



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Graph convolutional layer (Kipf) vs. "Normal" graph convolutional layer

• Our "normal" graph convolutional layer

$$\widehat{D}^{-1}\widehat{A}H = \sum_{j \text{ s.t. } (i,j) \in E} \frac{h_j}{d_i + 1} = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{h_j A_{ij}}{d_i + 1}$$

• Kipf layer is slightly different, as it no longer amounts to mere averaging of neighboring nodes

$$\widehat{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\widehat{A}\widehat{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}H = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{h_j A_{ij}}{\sqrt{d_i + 1}\sqrt{d_j + 1}}$$

Takes into account the degree of neighbors, as extra structural information: helps low-degree neighbors to provide more useful information than high-degree neighbors.

A quick word on Laplacians (out of class)

Definitions (some Laplacians): Given a graph G, with adjacency matrix A and degree matrix D, we can define the following matrices:

• The Laplacian matrix:

$$L = D - A$$

• The random walk Laplacian:

$$L_{rw} = I - D^{-1}A = D^{-1}L$$

• The symmetric Laplacian:

$$L_{sym} = I - D^{-\frac{1}{2}}AD^{-\frac{1}{2}} = D^{-\frac{1}{2}}LD^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

These matrices have interesting math properties in graph theory, but we will leave those to the curious reader.

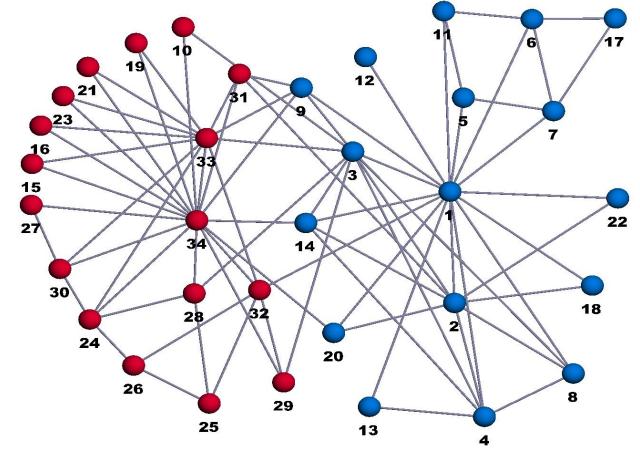
• **Reason:** The spectral properties (eigenvalues and eigenvectors) of the Laplacian matrices give interesting insights on the structure and/or connectivity of the graph.

- See challenges 1-2-3 on the "normal" Laplacian matrix properties in previous lecture for some examples!
- The variations of the Laplacians give different properties (see Lecture Notes with challenge answers given on W10S1 if curious!).
- Also, have a look at extra slides for more (out-of-class) discussions on Laplacians and their uses in embedding graphs!

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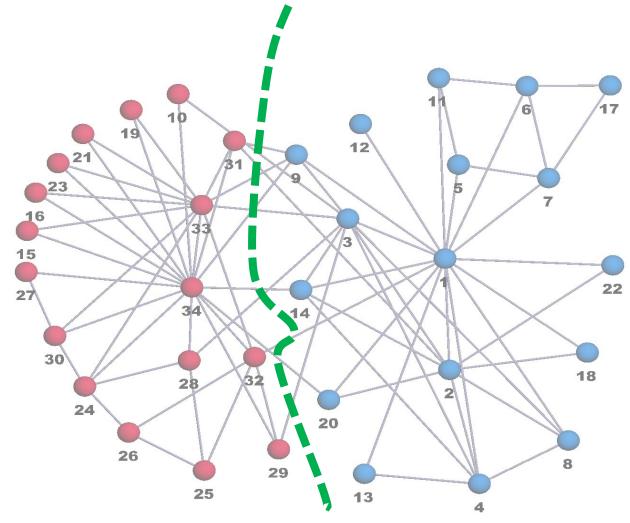
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Graph dataset: import and information extraction (nodes, edges, matrices)

• We will import our dataset from the **networkx** library.

Then, we design two functions to extract:

- The nodes information (names, features, labels)
- The nodes are indexed (0-33), they have no features and have a single label (0 = Mr. Hi, 1 = Officer/Trainer)
- The edges are defined as tuples (i, j).
- The edges have no features and labels.
- We also reconstruct the adjacency matrix and degree matrix.

```
In [35]:
           1 def define nodes parameters(G):
                 # Initialize nodes parameters
                 nodes parameters = {}
                 # Nodes number
                 nodes parameters['nodes number'] = 0
           8
          9
                 # Nodes names
          10
                 nodes parameters['nodes names'] = []
         11
         12
                 # Nodes features
         13
                 nodes parameters['nodes features'] = []
         14
          15
                 # Labels list
                 nodes parameters['labels_list'] = []
          16
         17
                 # Nodes Labels
         18
                 nodes parameters['nodes_labels'] = []
          19
          20
          21
                 # Read nodes from graph
          22
                 for node key, node value in G. node.items():
          23
                     nodes parameters['nodes number'] += 1
                     nodes parameters['nodes names'].append(node key)
          24
                     node value = node value['club']
          25
          26
                     if not node_value in nodes_parameters['labels_list']:
                         nodes_parameters['labels list'].append(node_value)
          27
          28
                     nodes parameters['nodes labels'].append(nodes parameters['labels list'].index(node value))
          29
         30
                 # Return
                 return nodes parameters
         31
In [36]:
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```
1 nodes_parameters = define_nodes_parameters(G)
2 print(nodes_parameters)

{'nodes_number': 34, 'nodes_names': [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33], 'nodes_features': [], 'labels_list': ['Mr. Hi', 'Officer'], 'nodes_labels': [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
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In [5]: 1 def define edges parameters(G, nodes number):
         3
                # Initialize edges parameters
         4
                edges parameters = {}
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         6
                # Edges number
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                edges parameters['edges number'] = len(list(G.edges().keys()))
         8
         9
                # Edges names
        10
                edges parameters['edges names'] = list(G.edges().keys())
        11
        12
                # Adjacency matrix
        13
                edges parameters['adjacency matrix'] = np.zeros([nodes number, nodes number])
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        15
                # Degree matrix
                edges parameters['degree matrix'] = np.zeros([nodes number, nodes number])
        16
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        18
                # Read edges and update adjacency matrix and degree matrix
        19
                for edge in edges_parameters['edges_names']:
                    node1, node2 = edge
        20
        21
                    edges_parameters['adjacency_matrix'][node1, node2] = 1
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                # Return
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                return edges parameters
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  36 A = torch.Tensor(adj)
```

Graph dataset: import and information extraction (nodes, edges, matrices)

- The only nodes with pre-established labels are the nodes 0 and 33.
- 0 = Mr. Hi, which always gets classified as class 0,
- 33 = Officer/Trainer, which always gets classified as class 1.
- Ground truth labels available for all nodes.
- -1 as current class means it is a member and needs to be classified

```
1 # Ground truth for reference
2 ground_truth = torch.tensor([0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1])
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Building blocks for classifier

Classification task on graph dataset (ZKC).

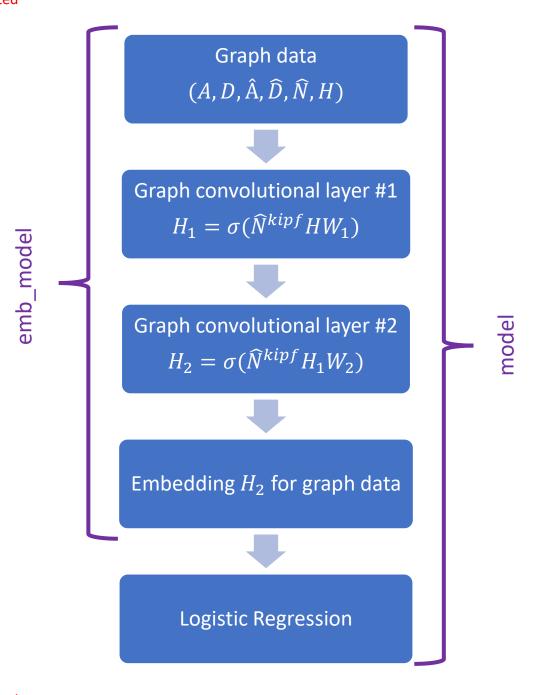
- DL library: Notebooks with implementations on both
 PyTorch and MXNet (very similar to PyTorch, Tensorflow, etc.)
- **Note:** we are showing this library so you can see that even though multiple libraries exist for DL, they more or less follow the same logic as PyTorch!

```
In [1]:
            from collections import namedtuple
             import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
             import mxnet.ndarray as nd
             from mxnet import autograd, init
             from mxnet.initializer import One, Uniform, Xavier
             from mxnet.gluon import HybridBlock, Trainer
            from mxnet.gluon.loss import SigmoidBinaryCrossEntropyLoss
             from mxnet.gluon.nn import HybridSequential, Activation
             from mxnet.ndarray import array
            from mxnet.ndarray import sum as ndsum
            from mxnet.random import seed as mxn seed
            from networkx import read edgelist, set node attributes
             from networkx import karate club graph, to numpy matrix
             from networkx import shortest path length
             import numpy as np
             from numpy import array
             from numpy.random import seed as np seed
            from pandas import read csv, Series
         25 from sklearn.metrics import classification report
```

Classification task on graph dataset (ZKC).

Model Structure:

- 2 GCN layers (with Kipf propagation rule)
- 1 Logistic Regression for classification



Building a basic GCN layer and model

Create our own custom basic GCN layer block, using the PyTorch nn. Module class as superclass.

- Pass the adjacency matrix A, compute \hat{A} , \hat{D} , etc.
- Propagation rule: $H' = \sigma(\widehat{D}^{-1}\widehat{A}HW)$

```
class GCNConv_Layer(nn.Module):
    """

Standard GCN convolution layer class
"""

def __init__(self, adj, input_channels, output_channels):
    super().__init__()
    self.A_hat = adj + torch.eye(adj.size(0))
    self.D = torch.diag(torch.sum(adj, 1))
    self.D = self.D.inverse()
    self.A_hat = torch.mm(self.D, self.A_hat)
    self.W = nn.Parameter(torch.rand(input_channels, output_channels))

def forward(self, H):
    out = torch.relu(torch.mm(torch.mm(self.A_hat, H), self.W))
    return out
```

```
class Net1(torch.nn.Module):
    """

Standard GCN model class
"""

def __init__(self, adj, num_feat, num_hid, num_out):
    super().__init__()
    self.conv1 = GCNConv_Layer(adj, num_feat, num_hid)
    self.conv2 = GCNConv_Layer(adj, num_hid, num_out)

def forward(self, H):
    H_next = self.conv1(H)
    out = self.conv2(H_next)
    return out
```

Assembling both GCN layers for embedding

Two basic GCN layers for graph embedding

- ReLU as activation function
- W_1 . shape = [34, 10]
- W_2 . shape = [10, 2]
- The layers will progressively decrease the size of the feature vectors from size F, to size 10 and then finally size 2.

```
# No relevant features for nodes
# Using H = identity will make nodes features irrelevant
# and the model will have to learn from adjacency matrix only
H = torch.eye(A.size(0))

model = Net1(A, H.size(0), 10, 2)
criterion = torch.nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
optimizer = optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr = 0.01, momentum = 0.9)
loss = criterion(model(H), ground_truth)

history1 = []
for i in range(500):
    # Forward pass
    optimizer.zero_grad()
    pred = model(H)
    # Remove first and last nodes predictions
```

loss = criterion(trimmed pred, revised ground truth)

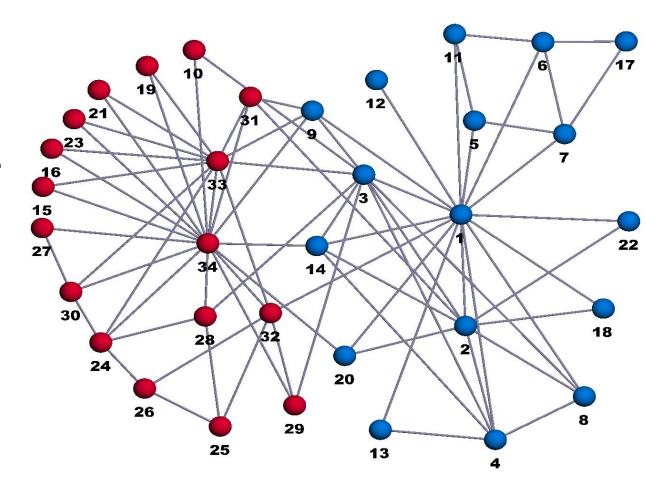
trimmed pred = pred[1:-1]

Data splitting

All nodes are in the training set.

 Note: We do not care about test/val for now, but in practice we should train/test/val split the nodes!

 Only Mr. Hi and Officer/Trainer nodes will already have their labels set correctly.



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Trainer definition

Define a training function for our GCN + Logistic Regression model.

- Loss: Binary Cross Entropy
- Optimizer: SGD, with learning rate 0.01 and momentum 1.
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```
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    # Backprop
    loss.backward()
   optimizer.step()
    # For display later
    l = (model(H))
    if i%10 == 0:
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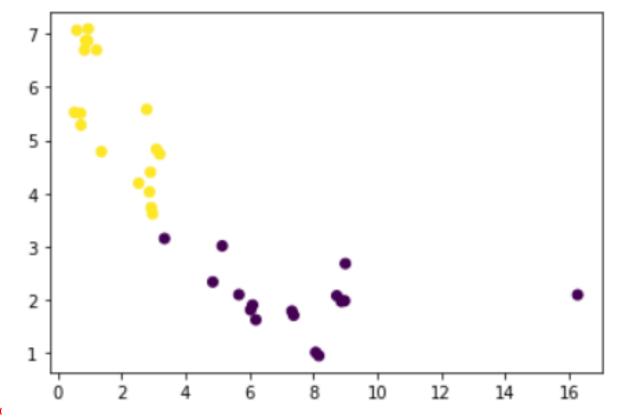
```
history1 = []
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Building a Kipf GCN layer and model

 Similarly, let us create our own custom Kipf GCN layer block, using the PyTorch nn.Module class as superclass.

- Pass the adjacency matrix A, compute \hat{A} , \hat{D} , etc.
- Propagation rule:

$$H' = \sigma \left(\widehat{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \widehat{A} \widehat{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} HW \right)$$

```
class GCNKipf_Layer(nn.Module):
    Kipf GCN convolution layer class
    """

def __init__(self, adj, input_channels, output_channels):
        super().__init__()
        self.A_hat = adj + torch.eye(adj.size(0))
        self.D = torch.diag(torch.sum(adj, 1))
        self.D = self.D.inverse().sqrt()
        self.A_hat = torch.mm(torch.mm(self.D, self.A_hat), self.D)
        self.W = nn.Parameter(torch.rand(input_channels, output_channels))

def forward(self, H):
        out = torch.relu(torch.mm(torch.mm(self.A_hat, H), self.W))
        return out
```

```
class Net2(torch.nn.Module):
    """

Standard GCN model class
"""

def __init__(self, adj, num_feat, num_hid, num_out):
    super().__init__()
    self.conv1 = GCNKipf_Layer(adj, num_feat, num_hid)
    self.conv2 = GCNKipf_Layer(adj, num_hid, num_out)

def forward(self, H):
    H_next = self.conv1(H)
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As before...

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```
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    optimizer.step()
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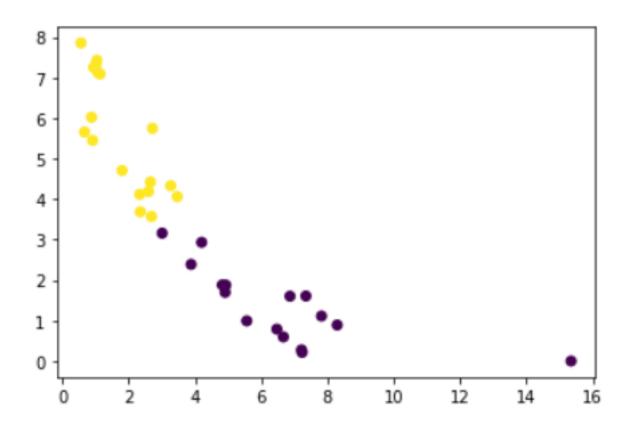
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Conclusion

In this lecture

- Using graph types datasets
- Graph convolutions and graph embeddings
- How these convolutions relate to images
- Building a Graph Convolutional Neural Network for classification
- Training a Graph Convolutional Neural Network

In the next lectures

- (Feature Engineering for Graph Convolutional Neural Networks)
- Limits of basic approaches
- Graph Convolutional Neural Networks with Attention Mechanisms
- Some more advanced embeddings
- Open questions in Graph
 Convolutional Neural Networks

Learn more about these topics

Out of class, for those of you who are curious

 [TDS] A good article on Graph Theory and typical problems/algorithms with GIF visualizations! https://towardsdatascience.com/10-graph-algorithms-visually-explained-e57faa1336f3

- No extra readings for today
- (You already have many notebooks to look into!)

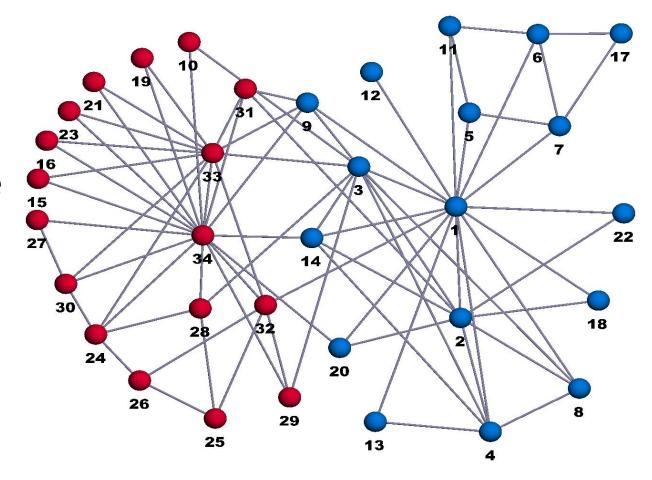
Maybe this will not be covered in Lecture 2 of this week.

But it will be covered in Lecture 3 instead?

Build model: adding nodes features

- The nodes have no features.
- → Needs feature engineering

- Some interesting features for the nodes would be
 - the hop-distance to Mr. Hi (i.e. node 0),
 - and the hop-distance to the officer/trainer (i.e. node 33).
 - Use a simple BFS to calculate them!



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```
def bfs(adj, start, goal):
        Gives hop-distance between node start and node goal
        for given adjacency matrix.
        Returns zero if start = goal
        or goal not reachable from start.
        if start == goal:
            return float(0)
        queue = [start]
       visited = []
        dist = float(0)
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        while(len(queue) > 0):
16
            dist += 1
17
            temp = []
18
            for q in queue:
19
                neighbours node = np.argwhere(adj[q]).reshape(1, -1)[0]
20
                if goal in neighbours node:
                    return dist.
                else:
23
                    for n in neighbours node:
24
                        not visited = (n not in visited)
25
                        not queue = (n not in queue)
                        not temp = (n not in temp)
26
27
                        if not visited and not queue and not temp:
                            temp.append(n)
28
29
            visited.extend(queue)
30
            queue = temp
31
        return float (-1)
   y = bfs(adj, 1, 33)
```

2 print(y)

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```
node_features = np.array([[bfs(adj, i, 0), bfs(adj, i, 33)] for i in range(34)])
H2 = torch.from numpy(node features).float()
print(H2)
tensor([[0., 2.],
        [1., 2.],
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        [1., 2.],
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        [1., 3.],
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        [3., 1.],
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        [2., 0.]])
```

Adding relevant features (hop distance to nodes admin and instructor)

Trainer definition

Define a training function for our GCN + Logistic Regression model.

- Loss: Binary Cross Entropy
- Optimizer: SGD, with learning rate 0.01 and momentum 1.

• **Note:** let us now try with these relevant node features H_2 !

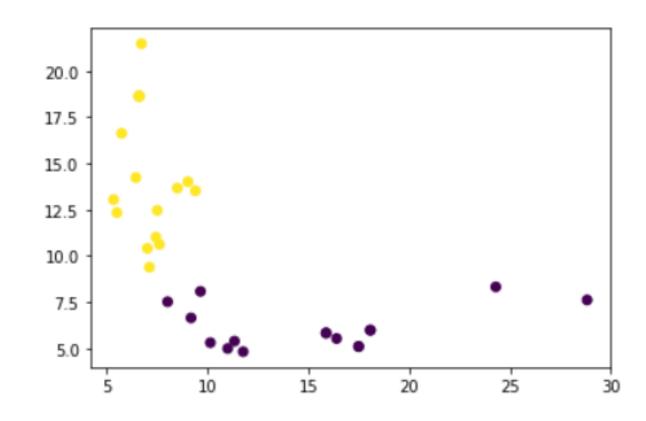
Train model (with some features)

- Overall, the model is now able to train properly.
- The model attempts to learn from the adjacency matrix and degree matrix only.
- The hop-distances carry an information on the proximity of members to Mr. Hi and the Officer/Trainer.

```
history3 = []
for i in range(500):
    # Forward pass
   optimizer.zero grad()
    pred = model3(H2)
    # Remove first and last nodes predictions
   trimmed pred = pred[1:-1]
   loss = criterion(trimmed pred, revised ground truth)
    # Backprop
    loss.backward()
   optimizer.step()
    # For display later
    1 = (model3(H2))
    if i%10 == 0:
       history3.append(loss.item())
       print("Cross Entropy Loss (iter = {}): =".format(i), loss.item())
Cross Entropy Loss (iter = 0): = 3.753018617630005
Cross Entropy Loss (iter = 10): = 0.7272272109985352
Cross Entropy Loss (iter = 20): = 0.1322544813156128
Cross Entropy Loss (iter = 30): = 0.09342840313911438
Cross Entropy Loss (iter = 40): = 0.08162444829940796
Cross Entropy Loss (iter = 50): = 0.0526009276509285
Cross Entropy Loss (iter = 60): = 0.047182802110910416
Cross Entropy Loss (iter = 70): = 0.04264695197343826
Cross Entropy Loss (iter = 80): = 0.03863685205578804
Cross Entropy Loss (iter = 90): = 0.03590169921517372
Cross Entropy Loss (iter = 100): = 0.033363137394189835
Cross Entropy Loss (iter = 110): = 0.03127694129943848
Cross Entropy Loss (iter = 120): = 0.0294414721429348
Cross Entropy Loss (iter = 130): = 0.027817633002996445
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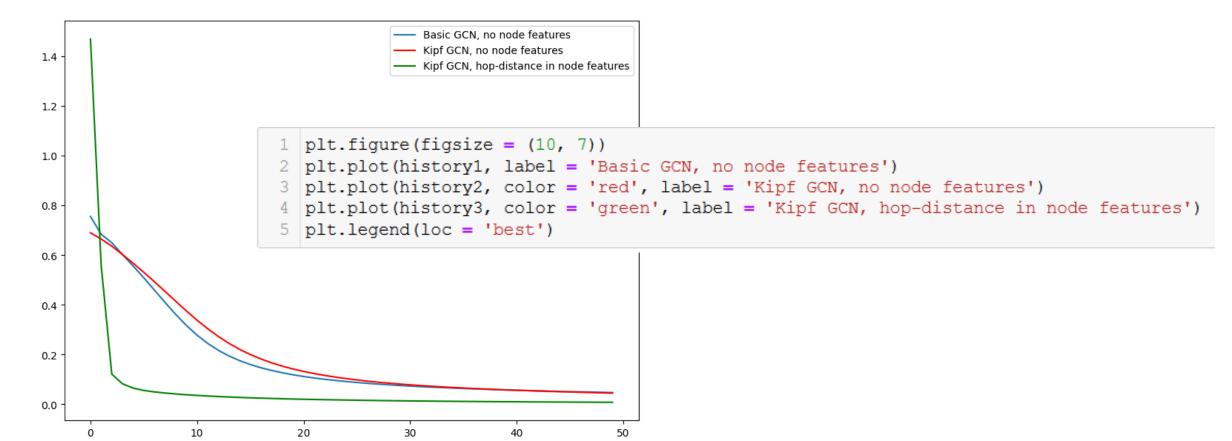
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- Overall, the model is now able to train properly.
- The model attempts to learn from the adjacency matrix and degree matrix only.
- The hop-distances carry an information on the proximity of members to Mr. Hi and the Officer/Trainer.



Train model (with some features)

Important message: Additional nodes features make the training much more efficient! Features engineering is key with graphs!



Additional features?

We could think of additional features to help the Graph Convolutional Neural Network learn. For instance:

- Additional node features: for instance, number of close friends to Mr.
 Hi and Officer/Trainer among the neighbors of the node
 (close friends = nodes with hop-distance of 1).
- Edge features: for instance, add a random "Friendship" value to the edges, that quantifies friendship between two nodes.
 Open question: Later on, how would you modify your propagation formulas to take into account the edge weights?

Challenge: Leaving the implementation of these extra features as challenge for you to practice!

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A "good" embedding matrix $P = [p_1(h_1), ..., p_N(h_N)]$

is obtained through the following minimization

$$\min_{P} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \left(p_i(h_i) - p_j(h_j) \right)^2 \right]$$

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• **Solution:** The solution is provided by the matrix of eigenvectors corresponding to the $F^{'}$ lowest non-zero eigenvalues of the eigenvalue problem

$$LP = \lambda P$$

- Using the random walk Laplacian L_{rw} , instead of the "normal" Laplacian adds a **normalization** factor to the embedding.
- Using the symmetric Laplacian L_{sym} , instead of the "normal" Laplacian adds a normalization factor + accounts for neighboring nodes in the embedding.
- If you are curious, find more details (mathematical foundations behind embedding problems, proofs, applications, etc.)
- UC San Diego lecture (more specifically, slides 14-end):
 https://cse291-i.github.io/WI18/LectureSlides/L
 14 GraphLaplacian.pdf