

# 50.039 Theory and Practice of Deep Learning

## W10-S2 Graph Convolutional Networks

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# About this week (Week 10)

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 does 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

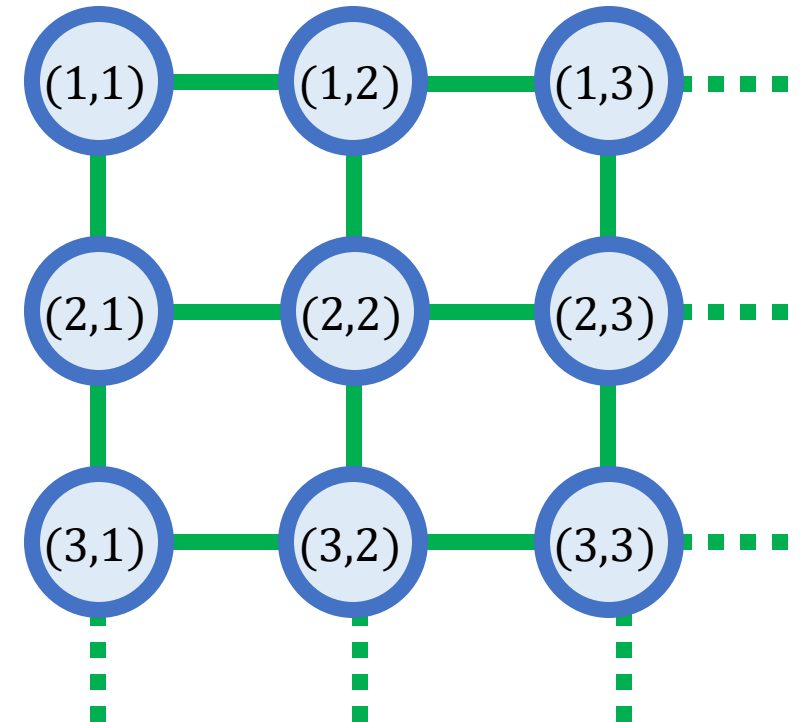
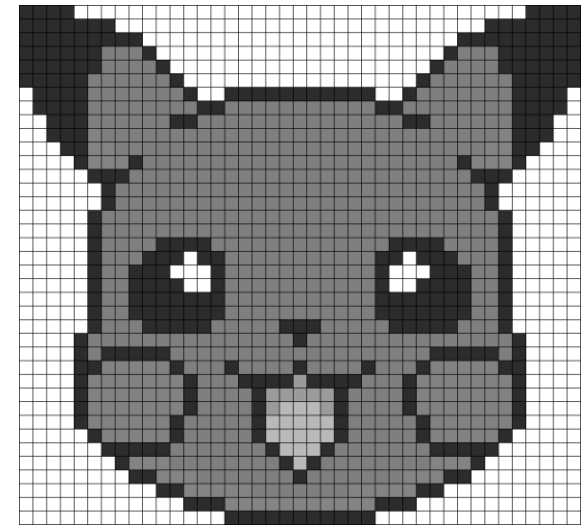
- Using graph types datasets
- Graph convolutions and graph embeddings
- How these convolutions relate to images
- Graph Convolutional Neural Networks

## In the next lectures

- Some more advanced graph embeddings techniques

# Learning from CNNs: images are graphs?

- **Previous lecture:** recognizing graph structures.
- 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.



# Learning from CNNs: the need for convolutional operations

## **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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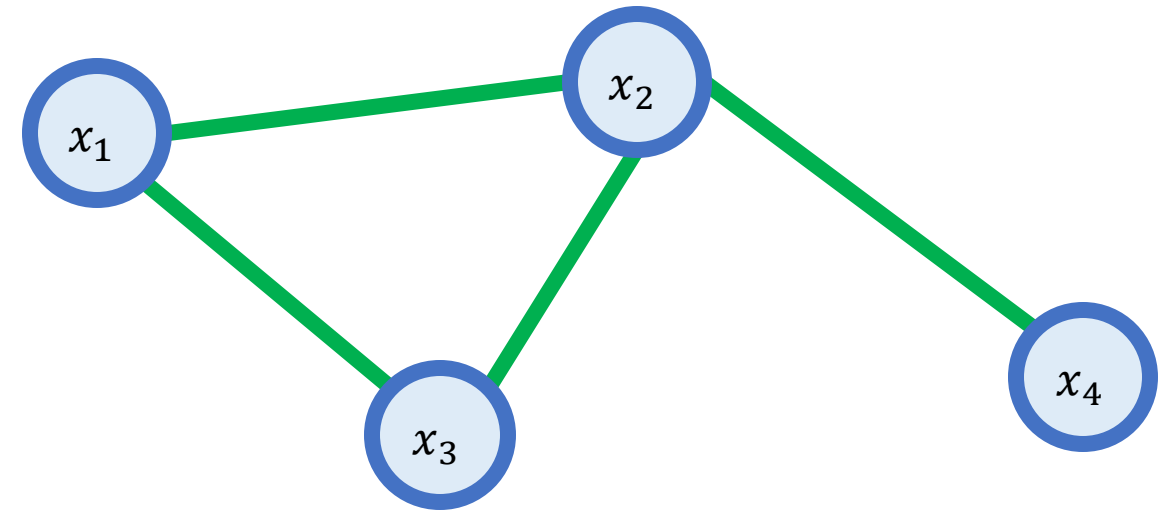
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→ **Key question: what is the equivalent of an image convolution applied to a (not necessarily regular) graph?**



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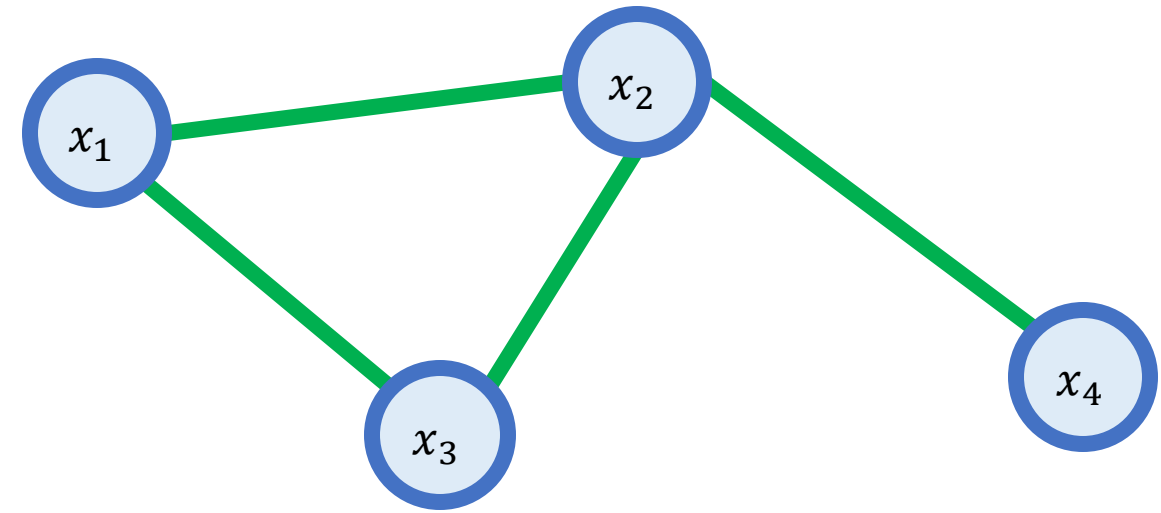


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In [2]: 1 # Adjacency matrix
        2 A = np.matrix([
        3     [0, 1, 1, 0],
        4     [1, 0, 1, 1],
        5     [1, 1, 0, 0],
        6     [0, 1, 0, 0]],
        7     dtype=float)
        8 print("A:\n", A)
```

```
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- For demonstration, let us assume that each node has a feature vector of two elements [index of node, and  $-1 \times$  index of node]



```
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        2 X = np.matrix([[i+1, -i-1] for i in range(A.shape[0])])
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 [ 4 -4]]
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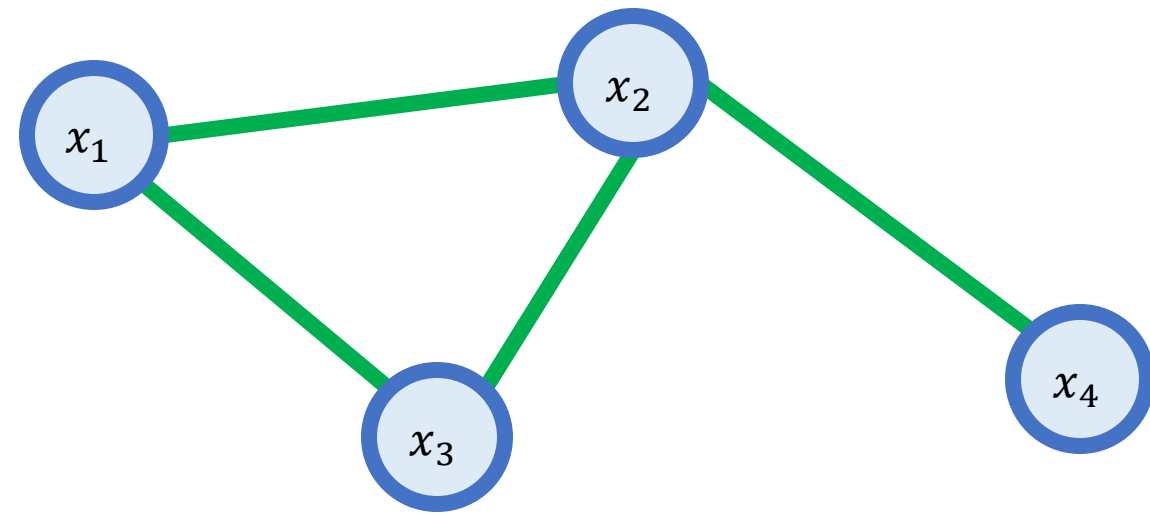
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- **Definition (graph convolution – nearby features only):**  
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$$H = AX$$

With  $A$  the adjacency matrix of the graph and  $X$  the nodes features matrix of the graph.

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In [4]: 1 # Identity function as activation
        2 def f_identity(X):
        3     return X
```

```
In [5]: 1 # Propagation rule
        2 H_next = f_identity(A*X)
        3 print("H_next:\n", H_next)
```

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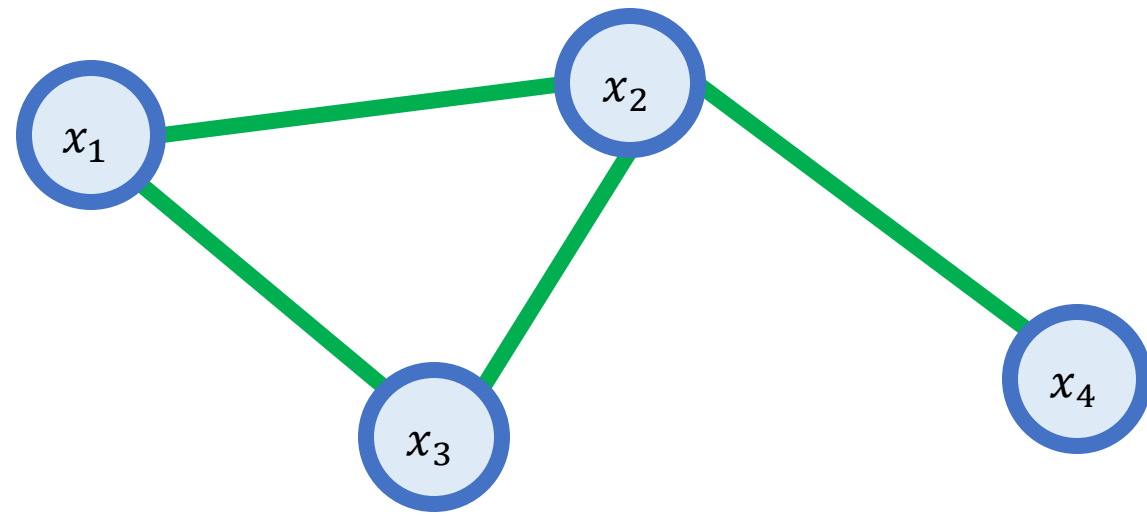
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- **Definition (graph convolution – self and nearby features):**

The graph convolution operation is defined as the multiplication

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With  $A$  the adjacency matrix of the graph,  $X$  the nodes features matrix of the graph.



```
In [6]: 1 # Identity matrix
        2 I = np.matrix(np.eye(A.shape[0]))
        3 print("I:\n", I)
```

```
I:
[[1. 0. 0. 0.]
 [0. 1. 0. 0.]
 [0. 0. 1. 0.]
 [0. 0. 0. 1.]]
```

```
In [7]: 1 # Define A_hat as A + I
        2 A_hat = A + I
        3 print("A:\n", A)
        4 print("\n")
        5 print("A_hat:\n", A_hat)
```

```
A:
[[0. 1. 1. 0.]
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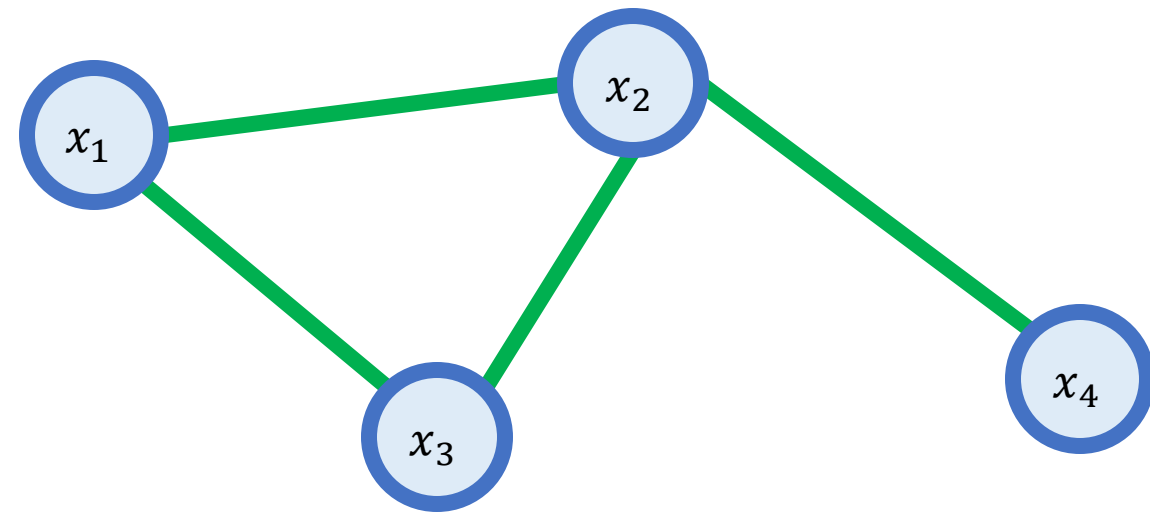
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# Image Convolution vs. Graph Convolution

- **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

1 <sub>x1</sub>	1 <sub>x0</sub>	1 <sub>x1</sub>	0	0
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0 <sub>x1</sub>	0 <sub>x0</sub>	1 <sub>x1</sub>	1	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	0	0

Image

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Convolved Feature

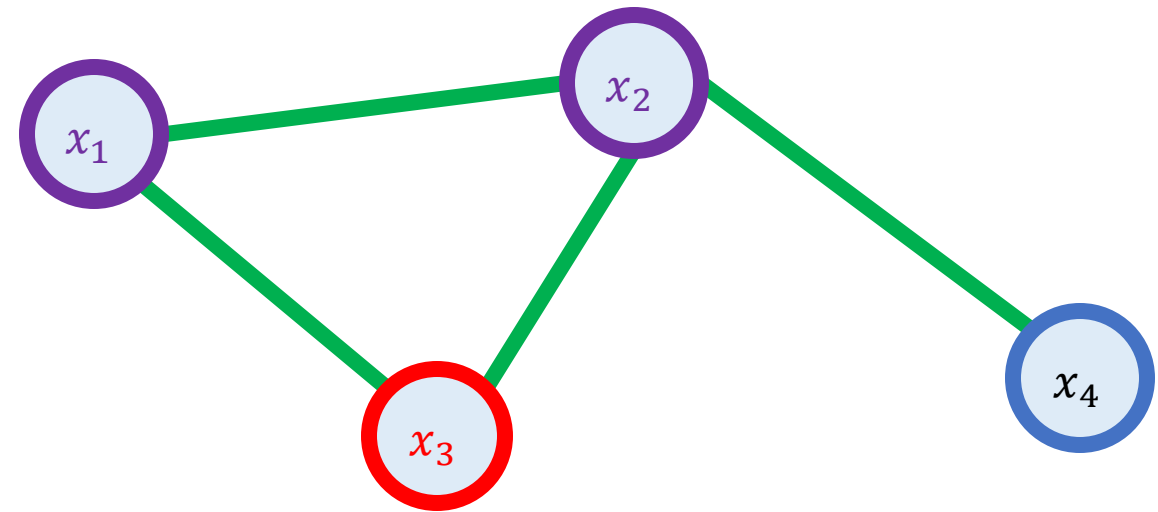
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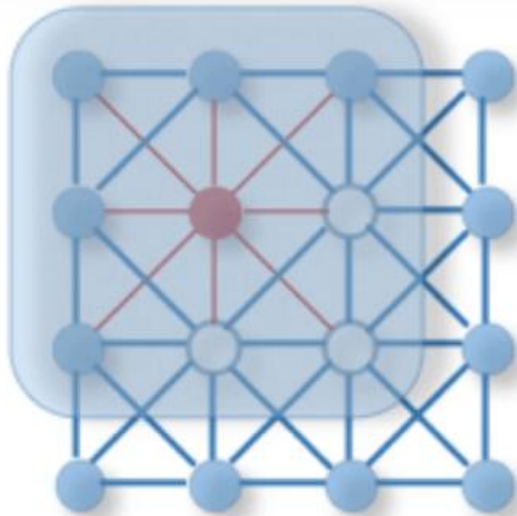
$$\mathbf{H} = \hat{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{X}, \text{ with } \hat{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I}$$

The operation gives, for node  $x_i$ :

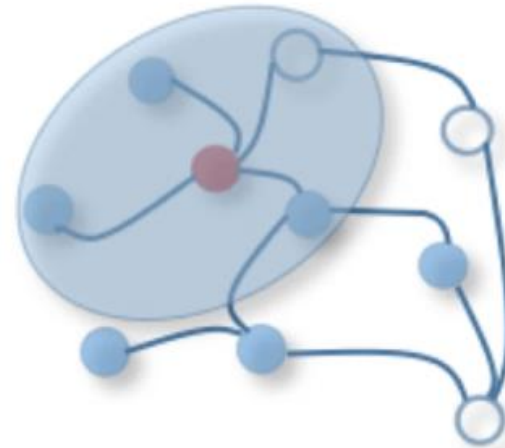
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(a) 2D Convolution. Analogous to a graph, each pixel in an image is taken as a node where neighbors are determined by the filter size. The 2D convolution takes a weighted average of pixel values of the red node along with its neighbors. The neighbors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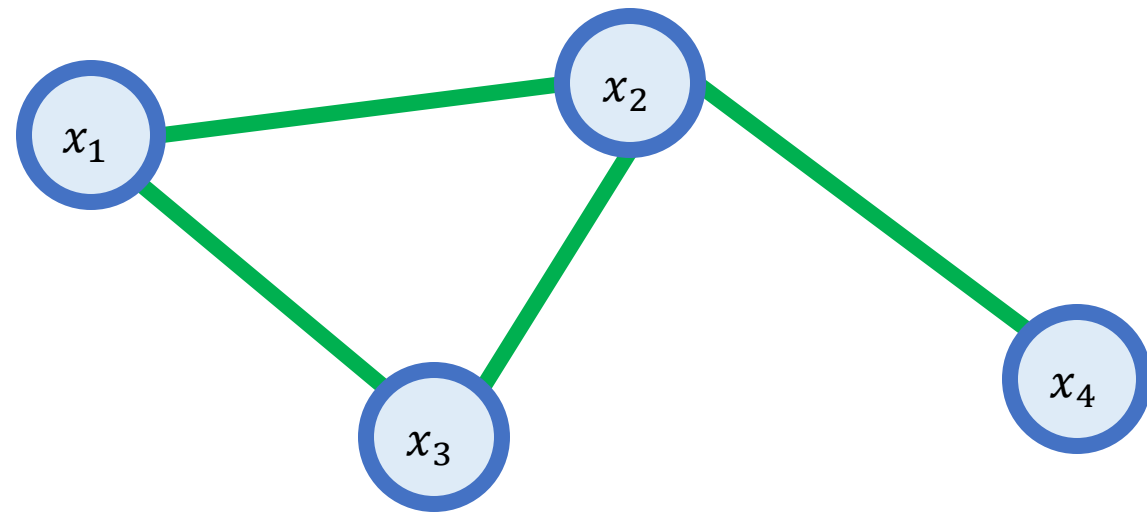
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# Normalizing

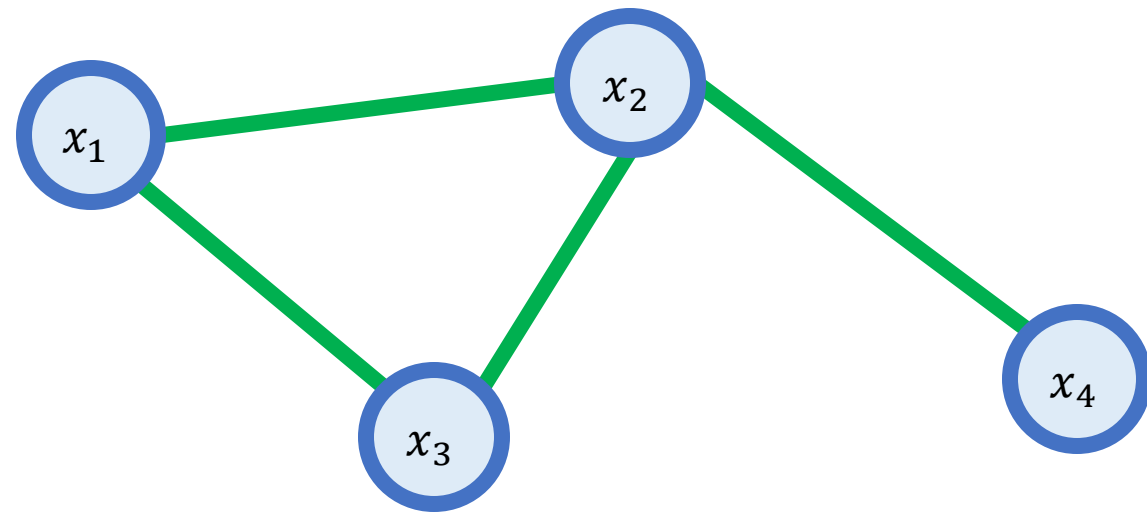
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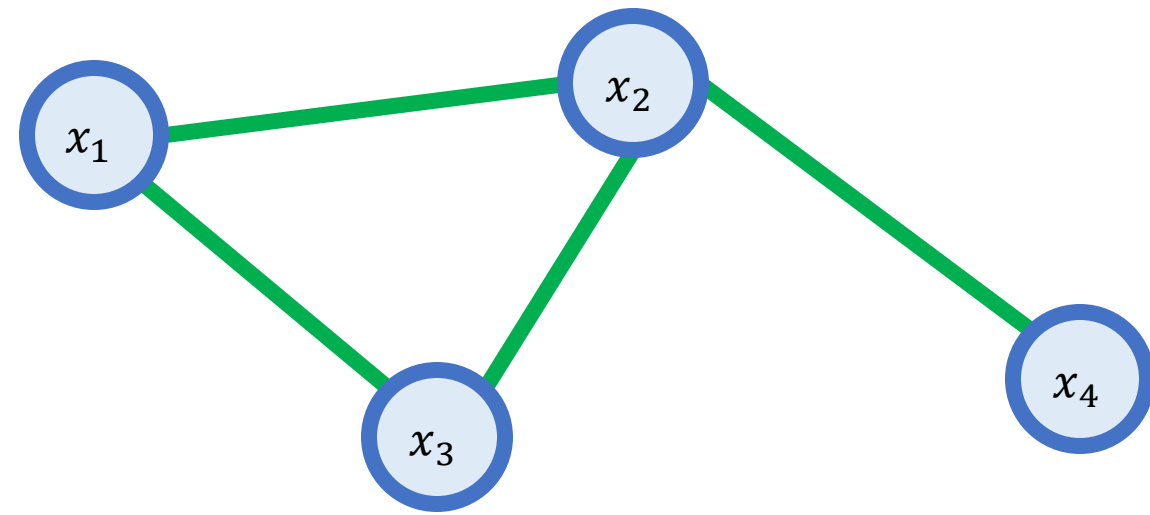
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- Normalizing = dividing by the degree of node  $x_i$ , plus one, i.e.

$$d_{ii} + 1$$



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- **Definition:** We denote as  $\hat{\mathbf{D}}$ , the diagonal matrix of degrees plus one.
- It can be computed from  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$ , by summing its rows and reporting the values on the diagonal.
- Or, even simpler,  $\hat{\mathbf{D}} = \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{I}$ .



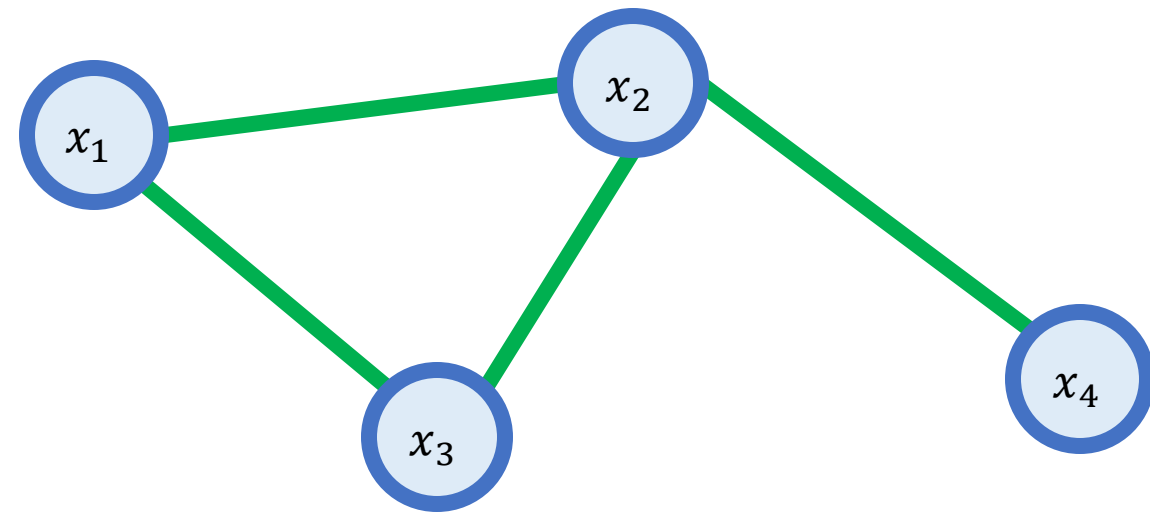
```
In [14]: 1 # Define D_hat as the degree matrix of A_hat
          2 D_hat = np.array(np.sum(A_hat, axis=0))[0]
          3 D_hat = np.matrix(np.diag(D_hat))
          4 print("D_hat:\n", D_hat)
```

```
D_hat:
[[3. 0. 0. 0.]
 [0. 4. 0. 0.]
 [0. 0. 3. 0.]
 [0. 0. 0. 2.]]
```

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- **Definition:** We denote as  $\hat{\mathbf{D}}$ , the diagonal matrix of degrees plus one.
- **Definition (normalizing graph convolution matrix):** The normalizing graph convolution matrix  $\hat{\mathbf{N}}$  is defined as

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



A\_hat:

```
[[1. 1. 1. 0.]  
 [1. 1. 1. 1.]  
 [1. 1. 1. 0.]  
 [0. 1. 0. 1.]]
```

In [15]:

```
1 # Define N_hat (normalization)  
2 N_hat = (D_hat**-1)*A_hat  
3 print("N_hat:\n", N_hat)
```

N\_hat:

```
[[0.33333333 0.33333333 0.33333333 0.  
 [0.25      0.25      0.25      0.25  
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 [0.        0.5       0.        0.5
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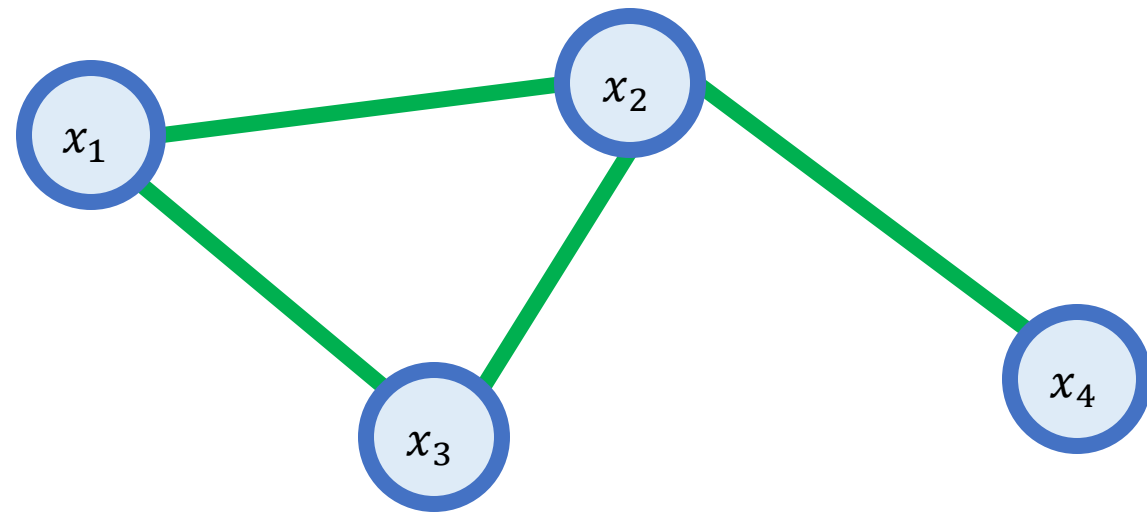
- **Definition (normalized graph convolution):** The **normalized graph convolution** operation is defined as follows:

$$H = \hat{N}X$$

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

```
H_next:  
[[ 5. -5.]  
 [ 8. -8.]  
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 [ 2. -2.]]
```

```
H_next2:  
[[ 6. -6.]  
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```



In [68]:

```
1 # Propagation rule  
2 H_next4 = f_identity(N_hat*X)  
3 print("H_next4:\n", H_next4)
```

```
H_next4:  
[[ 2. -2. ]  
 [ 2.5 -2.5]  
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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  $W$  as well.

→ **Next logical step: define a graph convolutional layer.**

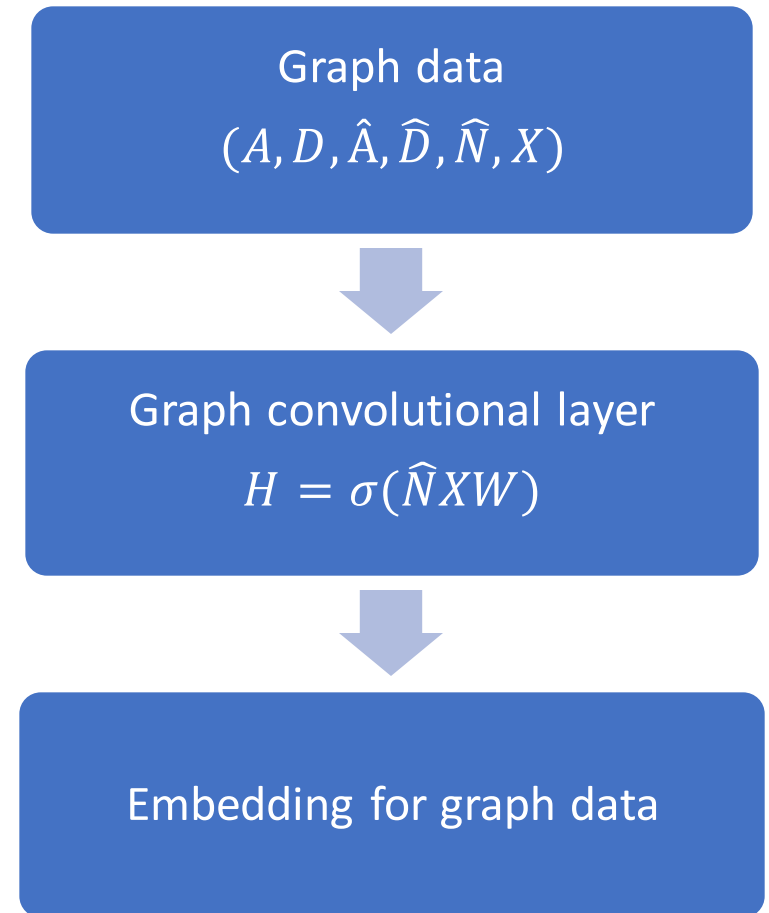
# From graph convolution to graph convolutional layers

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

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

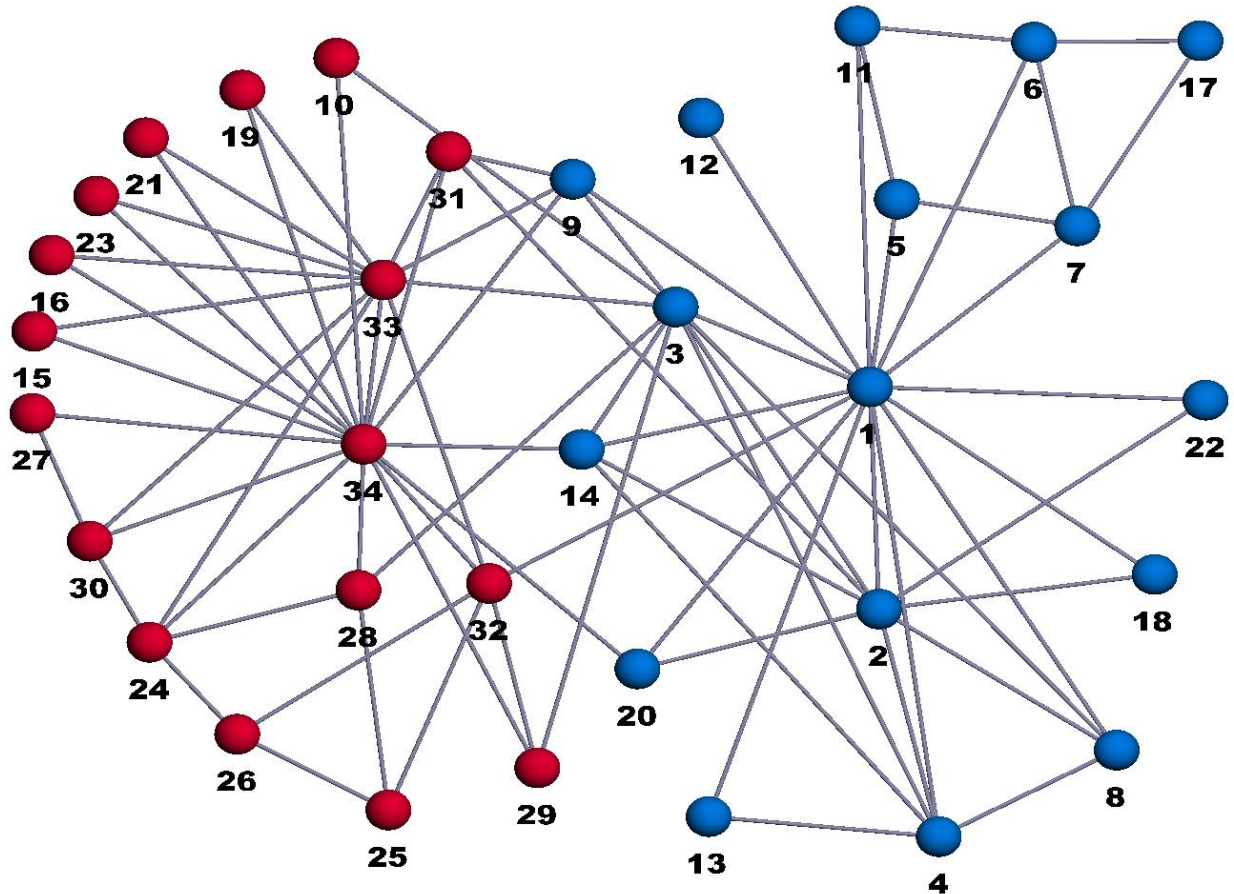
- This allows to define embeddings for our graph data!



# A more sophisticated toy example

## Zachary Karate Fight club [ZKC]:

- 34 members, as nodes, indexed from 1 to 34.
- Mr. Hi, the owner is node 1.
- The Officer/Trainer is node 34.
- All other nodes are members.
- Edges define friendships between individuals.
- **Question:** If Mr. Hi and the officer/trainer decide to fight, what will be the teams?



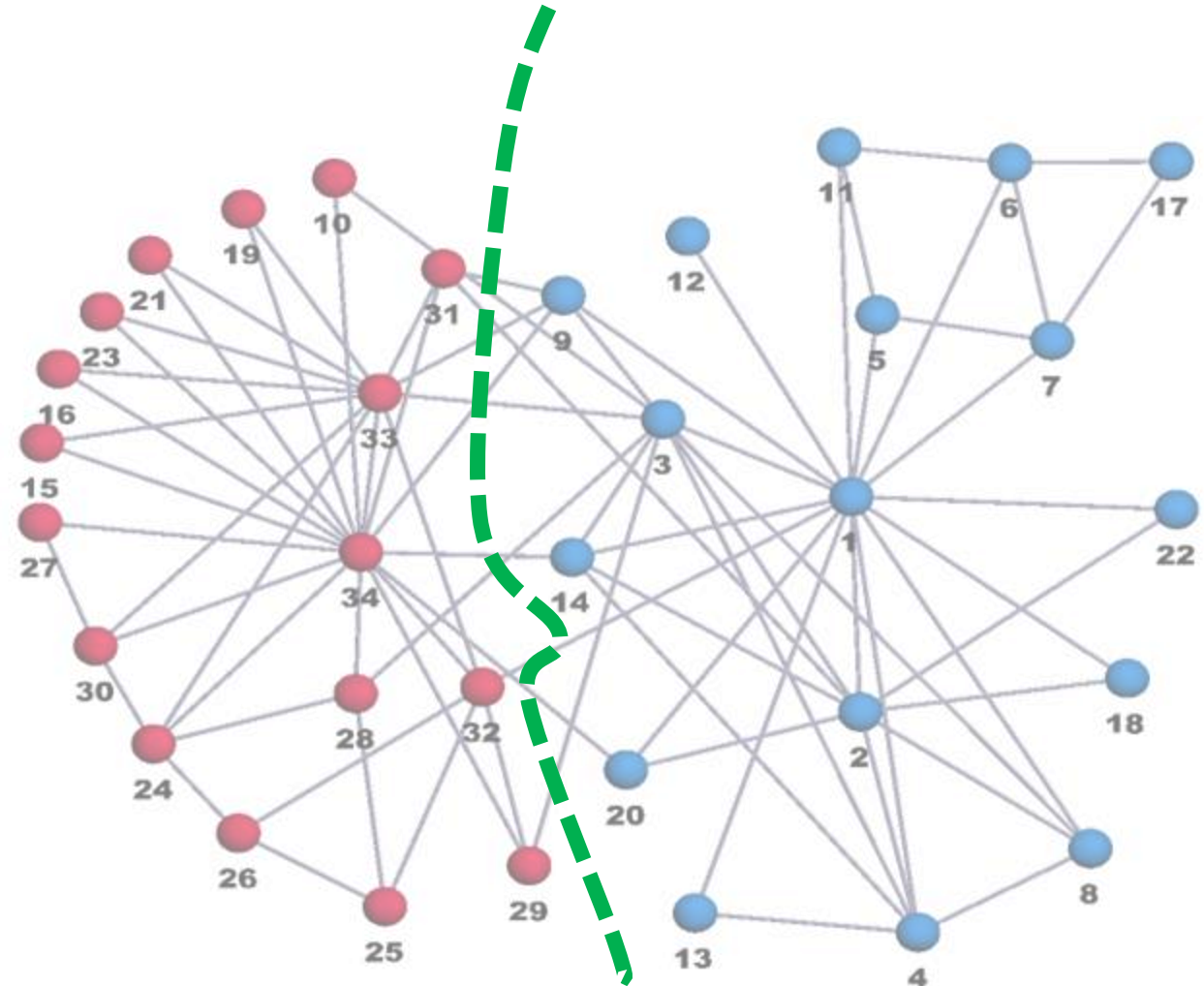
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## Zachary Karate Fight club [ZKC]:

- It consists of a binary classification problem.
- Separate the nodes (as with any classification problem).
- Need an embedding to represent the graph data, as a matrix/vector of some sort.

→ **Graph convolutional layer**



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In [25]:

```
1 # Import Zachary's karate club dataset
2 from networkx import karate_club_graph, to_numpy_matrix
3 zkc = karate_club_graph()
```

In [27]:

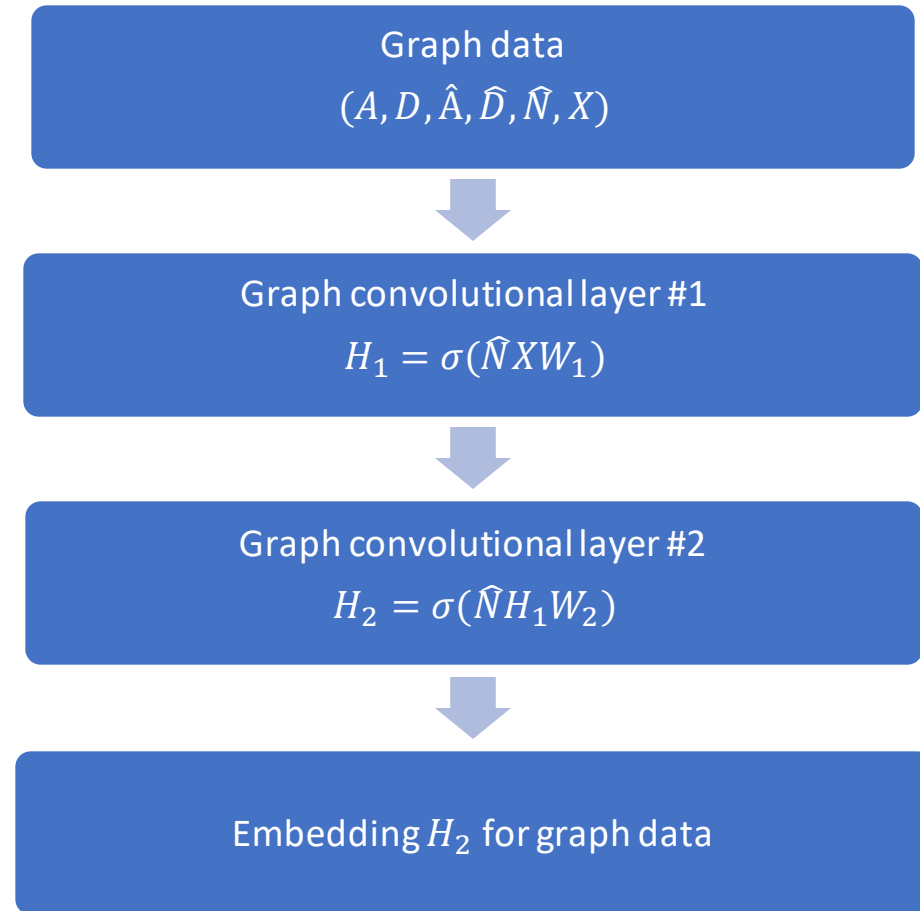
```
1 nodes_index_list = []
2 for node_key, node_value in zkc._node.items():
3     print("Node index: {}, node labels: {}".format(node_key, node_value))
4     nodes_index_list.append(node_key)
```

```
Node index: 0, node labels: {'club': 'Mr. Hi'}
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Node index: 4, node labels: {'club': 'Mr. Hi'}
Node index: 5, node labels: {'club': 'Mr. Hi'}
Node index: 6, node labels: {'club': 'Mr. Hi'}
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```
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2 W1 = np.random.normal(loc = 0, scale = 1, size = (number_of_nodes, 4))
3 W2 = np.random.normal(loc = 0, size = (W1.shape[1], 2))
4 print("W1:\n", W1)
5 print("\n")
6 print("W2:\n", W2)
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```
In [36]: 1 # Propagation rule as a function (normalized ReLU)
2 def gcn_normalized_layer(A_hat, D_hat, X, W):
3     return f_relu((D_hat**-1)*A_hat*X*W)
```

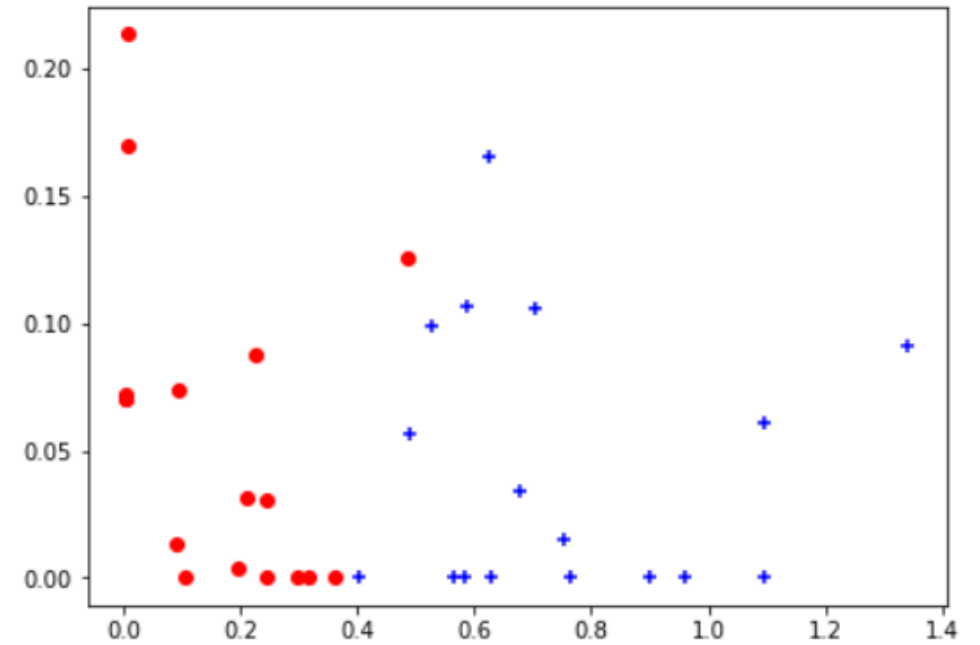
```
In [37]: 1 # Compute output for GCN normalized layer 1
2 H_layer1 = gcn_normalized_layer(A_hat, D_hat, X, W1)
3 # Compute output for GCN normalized layer 2
4 H_layer2 = gcn_normalized_layer(A_hat, D_hat, H_layer1, W2)
5 print("H_layer1:\n", H_layer1)
6 print("H_layer2:\n", H_layer2)
```



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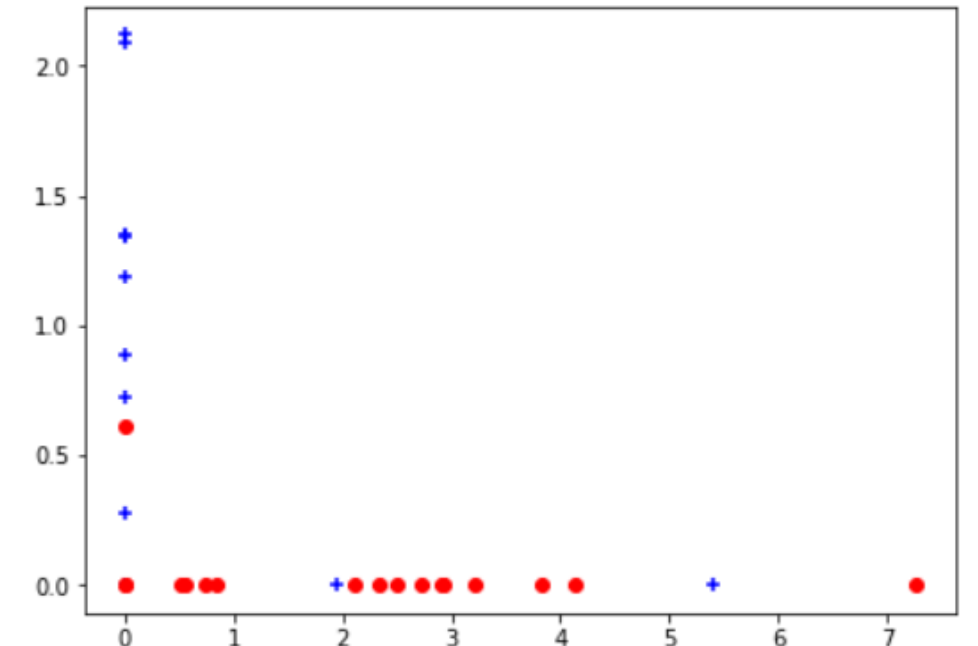
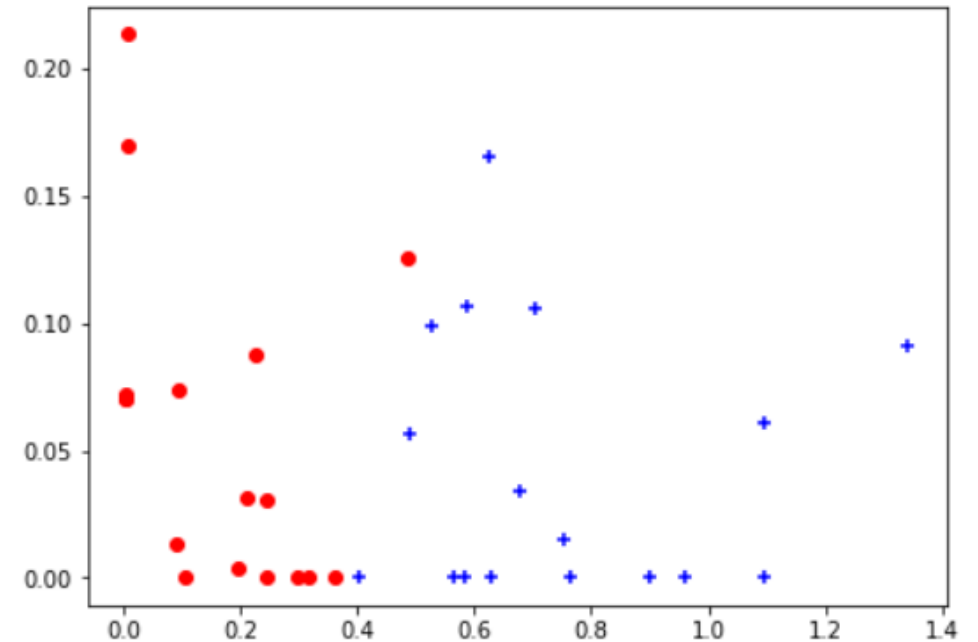
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- Sometimes it works...  
→ (Ready for classification!)
- Sometimes it does not.  
→ (Oh crap...)
- That's why you need to **train** it.



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- **Definition (graph convolutional layer, with Kipf spectral propagation rule as in the paper [Kipf]):**

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \sigma(\hat{N}^{kipf}XW) \\ &= \sigma(\hat{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\hat{A}\hat{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}XW) \end{aligned}$$

- Slightly better than  $\hat{D}^{-1}\hat{A}$ , especially in oriented graphs.
- $M = \hat{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\hat{A}\hat{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  is called the symmetric Laplacian of the graph.

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→ **Question: why is matrix  $M$  more interesting mathematically speaking?**

- Definition (graph convolutional layer, with Kipf spectral propagation rule as in the paper [Kipf]):

$$H = \sigma(\hat{N}^{kipf}XW) \\ = \sigma(\hat{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\hat{A}\hat{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}XW)$$

- Slightly better than  $\hat{D}^{-1}\hat{A}$ , especially in oriented graphs.
- $M = \hat{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\hat{A}\hat{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  is called the symmetric Laplacian of the graph.

# Graph convolutional layer (Kipf) vs. “Normal” graph convolutional layer

- Our “normal” graph convolutional layer

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

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

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

**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.

# Why did we use Laplacians for our spectral embedding layers? (intuition, out of class)

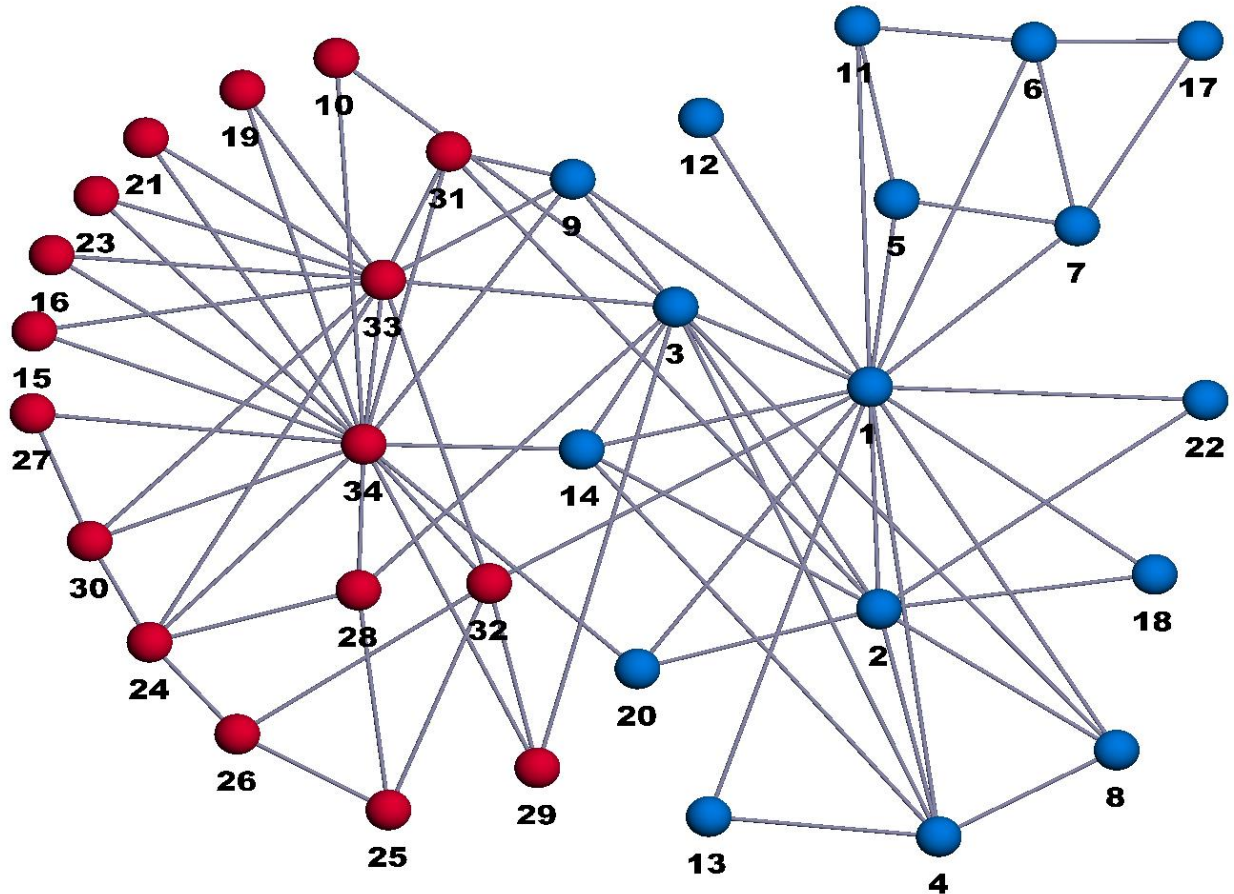
- **Reason:** The spectral properties (eigenvalues and eigenvectors) of the Laplacian matrices give interesting insights on the structure/connectivity of the graph.
- For instance, see challenges on the “normal” Laplacian matrix properties in previous lecture for some examples!
- The variations of the Laplacians give different properties (see Lecture Notes with challenge answers given on W10S1 if curious!)



# A more sophisticated toy example

## Zachary Karate Fight club [ZKC]:

- 34 members, as nodes, indexed from 1 to 34.
- Mr. Hi, the owner is node 1.
- The Officer/Trainer is node 34.
- All other nodes are members.
- Edges define friendships between individuals.
- **Question:** If Mr. Hi and the officer/trainer decide to fight, what will be the teams?

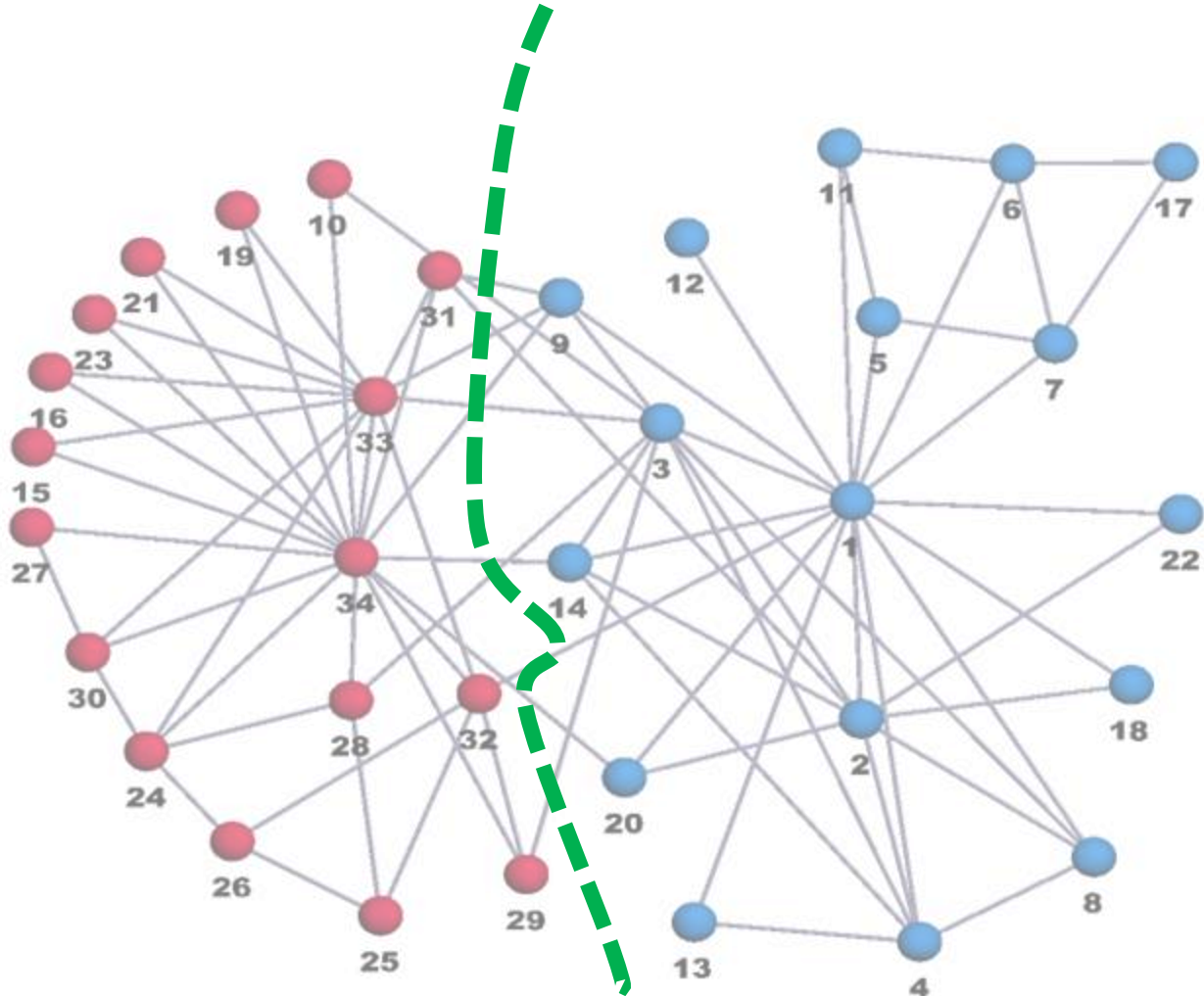


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# A more sophisticated toy example

## Zachary Karate Fight club [ZKC]:

- It consists of a binary classification problem.
- Separate the nodes (as with any classification problem)



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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):
          2
          3     # Initialize nodes parameters
          4     nodes_parameters = {}
          5
          6     # Nodes number
          7     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
         16     nodes_parameters['labels_list'] = []
         17
         18     # Nodes labels
         19     nodes_parameters['nodes_labels'] = []
         20
         21     # Read nodes from graph
         22     for node_key, node_value in G._node.items():
         23         nodes_parameters['nodes_number'] += 1
         24         nodes_parameters['nodes_names'].append(node_key)
         25         node_value = node_value['club']
         26         if not node_value in nodes_parameters['labels_list']:
         27             nodes_parameters['labels_list'].append(node_value)
         28             nodes_parameters['nodes_labels'].append(nodes_parameters['labels_list'].index(node_value))
         29
         30     # Return
         31     return nodes_parameters

```

```

In [36]: 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,
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```

```
In [5]: 1 def define_edges_parameters(G, nodes_number):
2
3     # Initialize edges parameters
4     edges_parameters = {}
5
6     # Edges number
7     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])
14
15    # Degree matrix
16    edges_parameters['degree_matrix'] = np.zeros([nodes_number, nodes_number])
17
18    # Read edges and update adjacency matrix and degree matrix
19    for edge in edges_parameters['edges_names']:
20        node1, node2 = edge
21        edges_parameters['adjacency_matrix'][node1, node2] = 1
22        edges_parameters['adjacency_matrix'][node2, node1] = 1
23        edges_parameters['degree_matrix'][node1, node1] += 1
24        edges_parameters['degree_matrix'][node2, node2] += 1
25
26    # Return
27    return edges_parameters
```

```
In [6]: 1 edges_parameters = define_edges_parameters(G, nodes_number = nodes_parameters['nodes_number'])
2 print(edges_parameters)
```

```
{'edges_number': 78, 'edges_names': [(0, 1), (0, 2), (0, 3), (0, 4), (0, 5), (0, 6), (0, 7), (0, 8), (0, 10), (0, 11), (0, 12),
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[ 0., 9., 0., ..., 0., 0., 0.],
[ 0., 0., 10., ..., 0., 0., 0.],
...,
[ 0., 0., 0., ..., 6., 0., 0.],
[ 0., 0., 0., ..., 0., 12., 0.],
[ 0., 0., 0., ..., 0., 0., 17.]])}
```



[illegible]

# 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 # Labels for all nodes
2 # (0 is admin, 34 is instructor, all others are -1 because they are currently unlabeled)
3 current = torch.tensor([0, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, \
4                          -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, 1])
```

```
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, \
3                               1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1])
```

# 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!

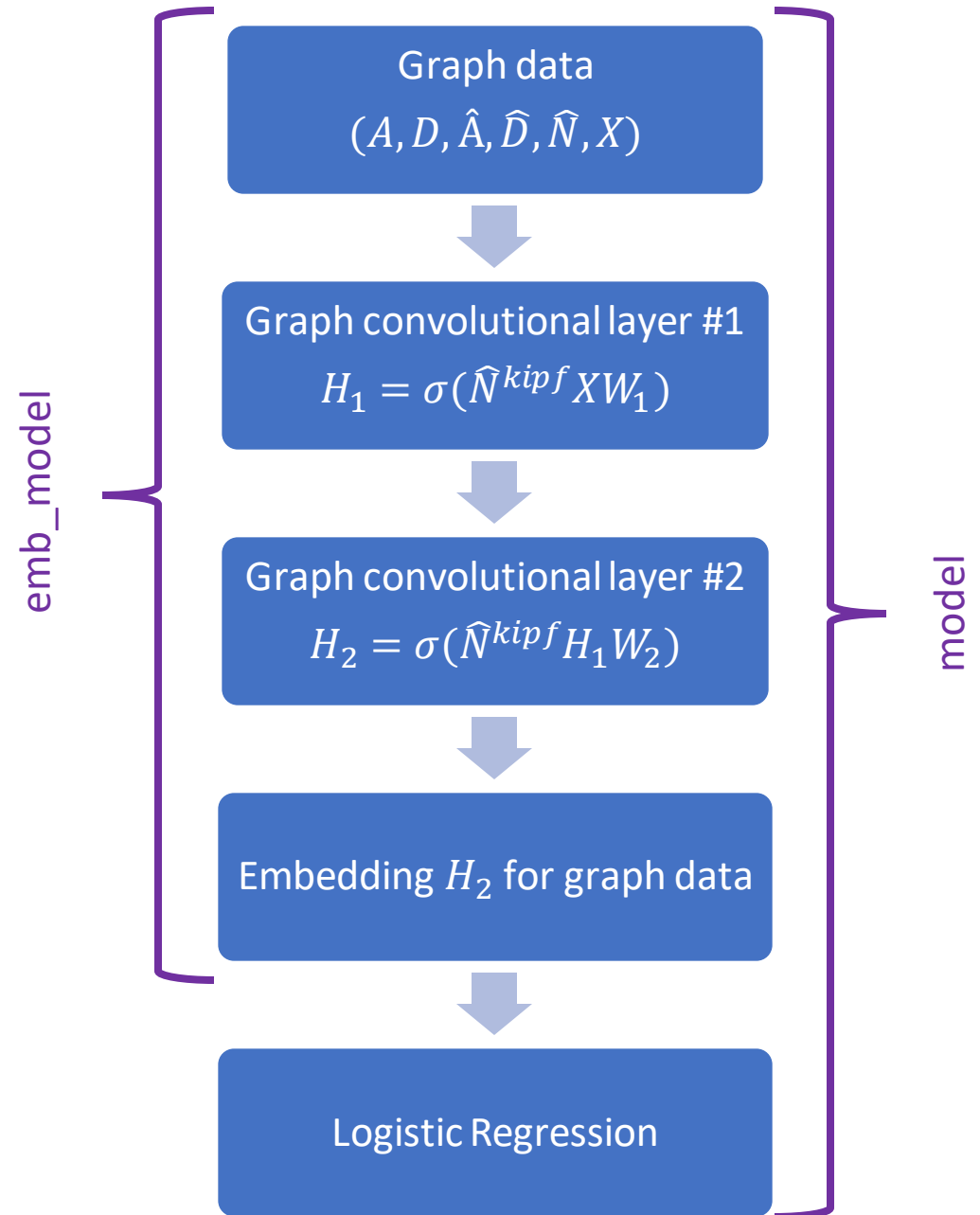
In [1]:

```
1 from collections import namedtuple
2
3 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
4
5 import mxnet.ndarray as nd
6 from mxnet import autograd, init
7 from mxnet.initializer import One, Uniform, Xavier
8 from mxnet.gluon import HybridBlock, Trainer
9 from mxnet.gluon.loss import SigmoidBinaryCrossEntropyLoss
10 from mxnet.gluon.nn import HybridSequential, Activation
11 from mxnet.ndarray import array
12 from mxnet.ndarray import sum as ndsum
13 from mxnet.random import seed as mxn_seed
14
15 from networkx import read_edgelist, set_node_attributes
16 from networkx import karate_club_graph, to_numpy_matrix
17 from networkx import shortest_path_length
18
19 import numpy as np
20 from numpy import array
21 from numpy.random import seed as np_seed
22
23 from pandas import read_csv, Series
24
25 from sklearn.metrics import classification_report
```



# Building blocks for classifier

- Classification task on graph dataset (ZKC).
- **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:  $H = \sigma(\hat{D}^{-1}\hat{A}XW)$

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1 class GCNConv_Layer(nn.Module):
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4     """
5
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8         self.A_hat = adj + torch.eye(adj.size(0))
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10        self.D = self.D.inverse()
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13
14    def forward(self, X):
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```

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4     """
5
6     def __init__(self, adj, num_feat, num_hid, num_out):
7         super().__init__()
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9         self.conv2 = GCNConv_Layer(adj, num_hid, num_out)
10
11    def forward(self, X):
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# Assembling both GCN layers for embedding

Two basic GCN layers for graph embedding

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

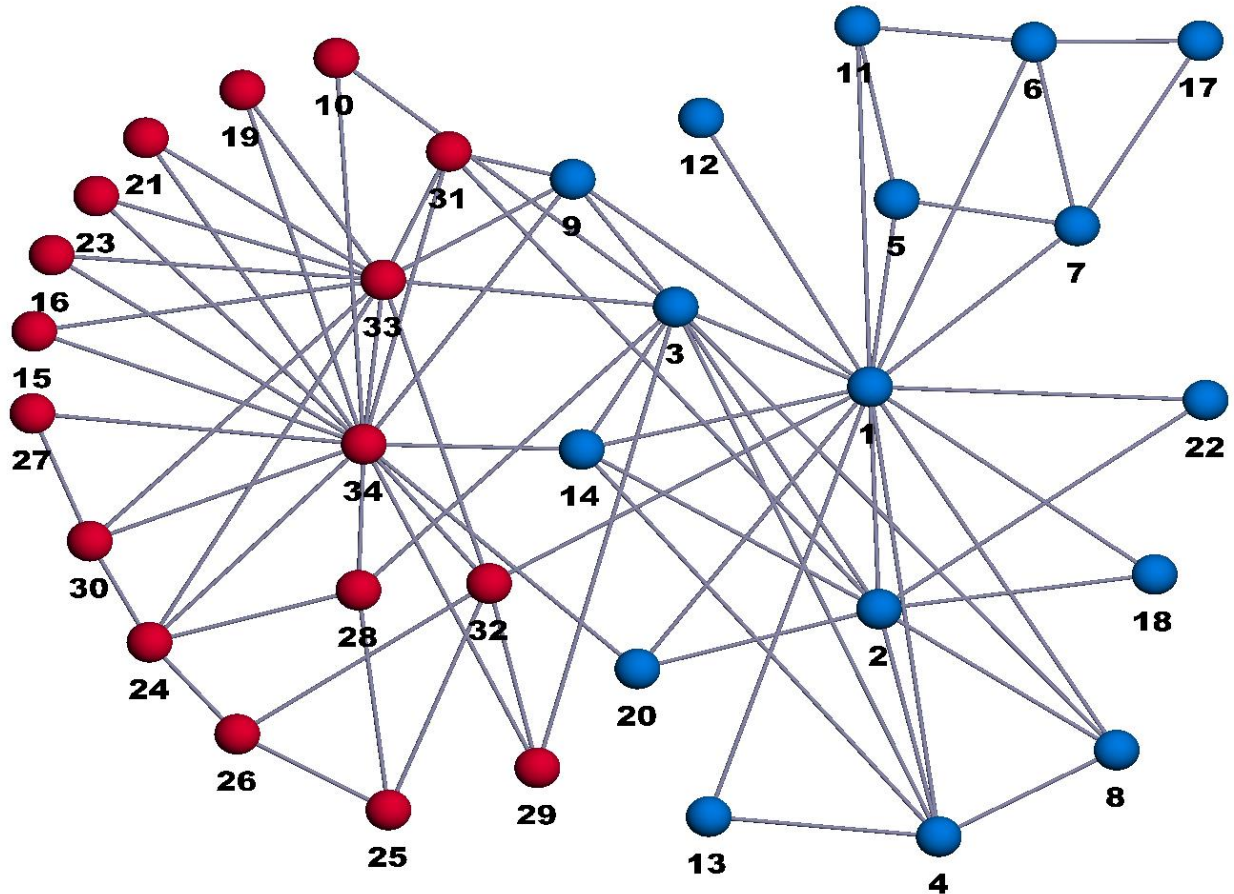
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```
1 model = Net1(A, X.size(0), 10, 2)
```

# 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.



# 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:** no node features for now, making  $X = I$ , to make these nodes irrelevant in the forward propagation rule!

```
1 model = Net1(A, X.size(0), 10, 2)
2 criterion = torch.nn.CrossEntropyLoss(ignore_index = -1)
3 optimizer = optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr = 0.01, momentum = 0.9)
4 loss = criterion(model(X), ground_truth)
```

```
1 history1 = []
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6
7     # Backprop
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10
11     # For display later
12     l = (model(X))
13
14     if i%10 == 0:
15         history1.append(loss.item())
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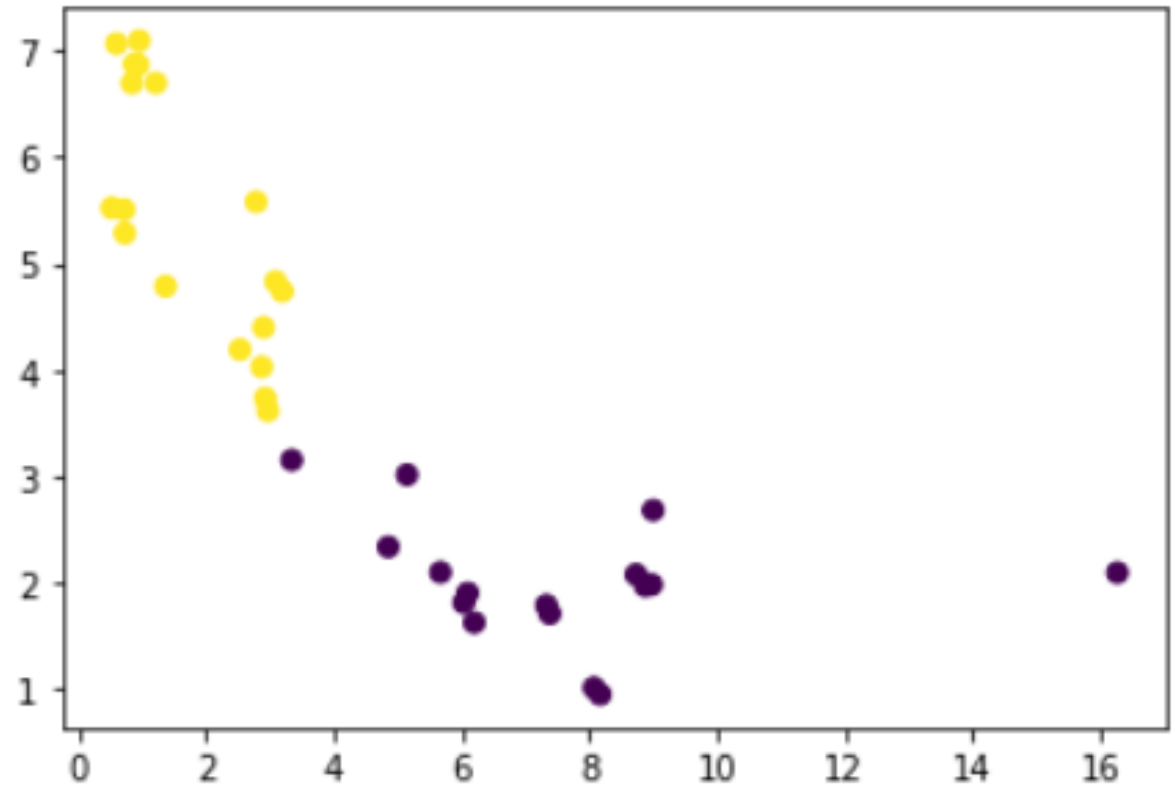
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```
1 plt.scatter(l.detach().numpy()[ :,0], l.detach().numpy()[ :,1], \
2             c = ground_truth)
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5
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5
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```

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```

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- Kipf formula seems to make the training slightly faster.

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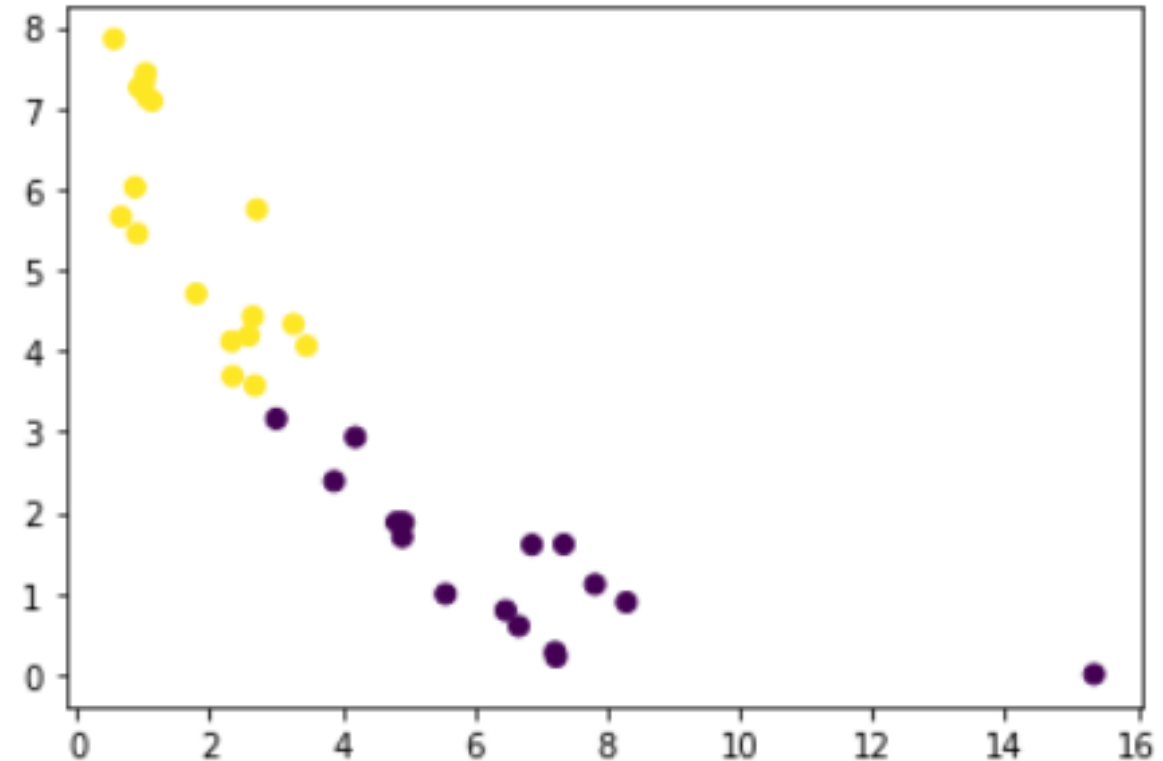
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- It however has no useful nodes features it could rely on.
- Kipf formula seems to make the training slightly faster.



# 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!)

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$$P = [p_1(h_1), \dots, p_N(h_N)]$$

is obtained through the following minimization

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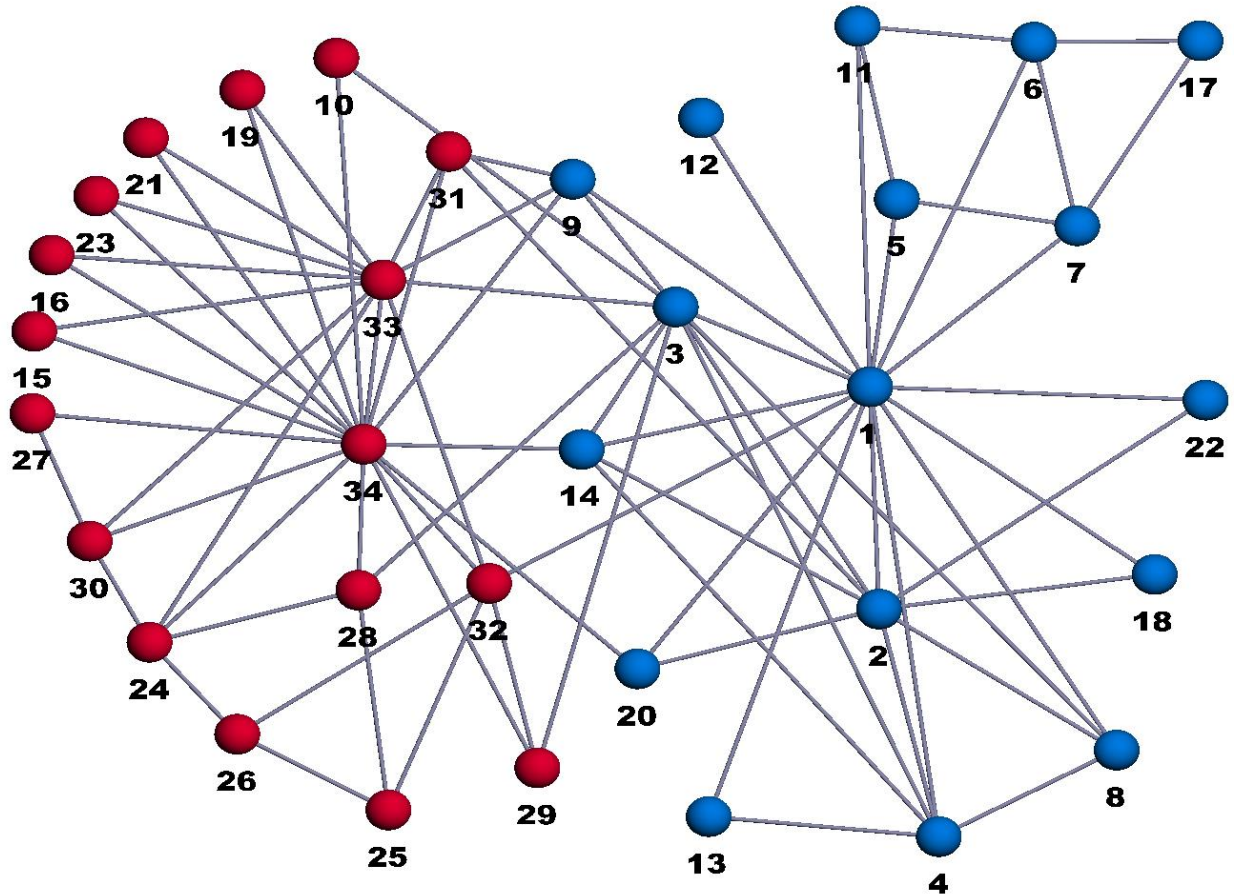
- Using the random walk Laplacian  $L_{rw}$ , instead of the “normal” Laplacian adds a **normalization** factor to the embedding.
- Using the symmetric Laplacian  $L_{sym}$ , instead of the “normal” Laplacian adds a **normalization factor + accounts for neighboring nodes in the embedding**.
- If you 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/L14\\_GraphLaplacian.pdf](https://cse291-i.github.io/WI18/LectureSlides/L14_GraphLaplacian.pdf)

Maybe this will not be covered in  
Lecture 2

But it will be covered in Lecture 3 instead?

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1 def bfs(adj, start, goal):
2     """
3     Gives hop-distance between node start and node goal
4     for given adjacency matrix.
5     Returns zero if start = goal
6     or goal not reachable from start.
7     """
8
9     if start == goal:
10         return float(0)
11     queue = [start]
12     visited = []
13     dist = float(0)
14
15     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:
21                 return dist
22             else:
23                 for n in neighbours_node:
24                     not_visited = (n not in visited)
25                     not_queue = (n not in queue)
26                     not_temp = (n not in temp)
27                     if not_visited and not_queue and not_temp:
28                         temp.append(n)
29         visited.extend(queue)
30         queue = temp
31     return float(-1)
```

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1 y = bfs(adj, 1, 33)
2 print(y)
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1 # Adding relevant features (hop distance to nodes admin and instructor)
2 node_features = np.array([bfs(adj, i, 0), bfs(adj, i, 33)] for i in range(34))
3 X2 = torch.from_numpy(node_features).float()
4 print(X2)
```

```
tensor([[0., 2.],
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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.
- **Note:** no node features for now, making  $X = I$ , to make these nodes irrelevant in the forward propagation rule!

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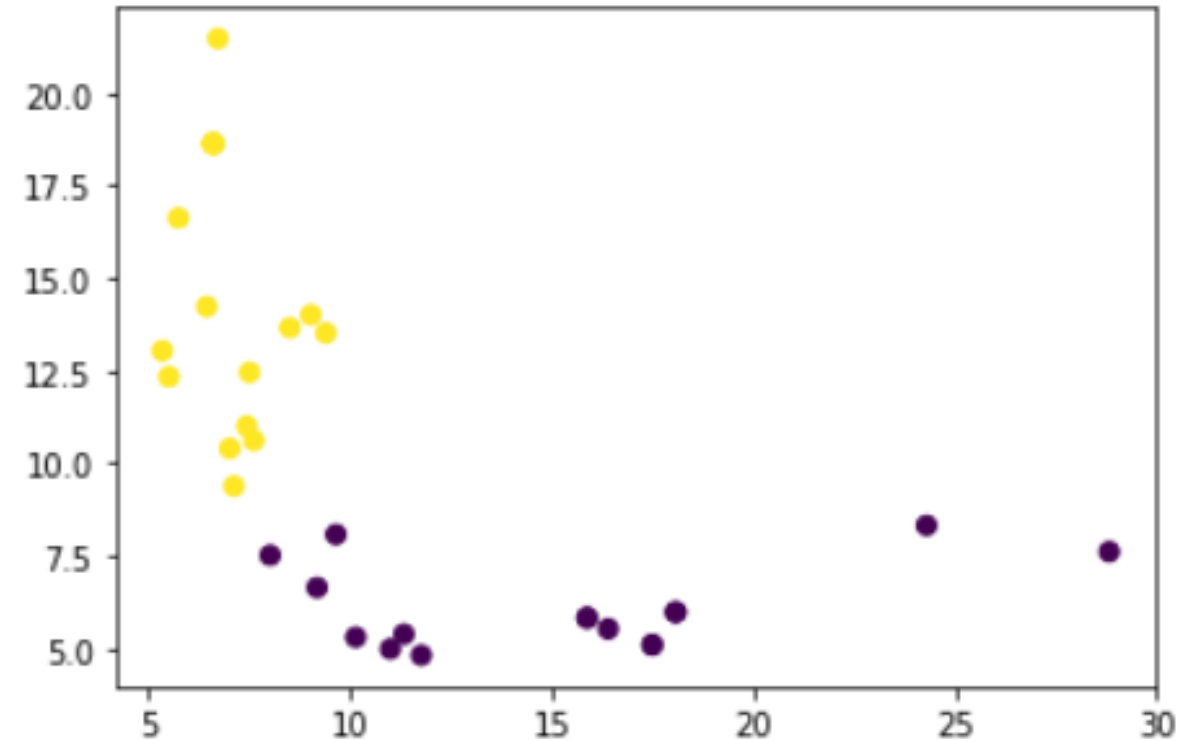
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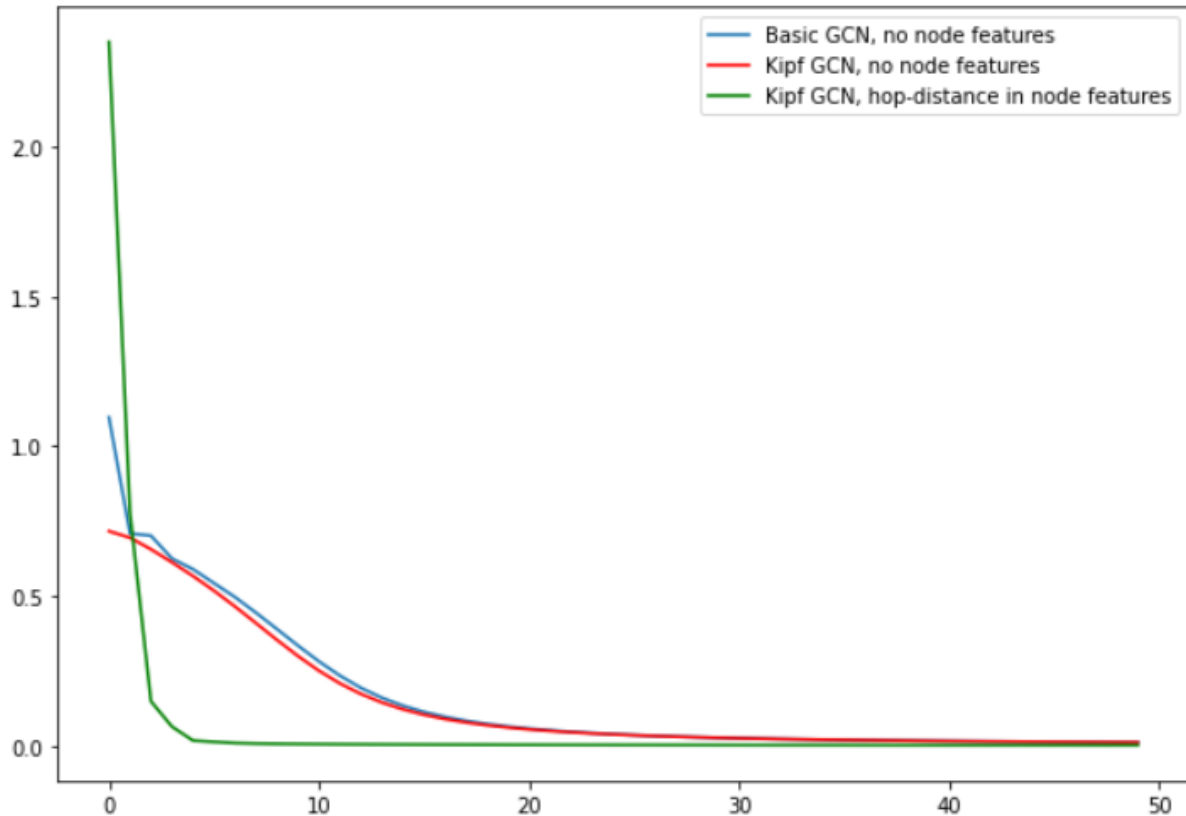
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# Train model (with some features)

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



```
1 plt.figure(figsize = (10, 7))
2 plt.plot(history1, label = 'Basic GCN, no node features')
3 plt.plot(history2, color = 'red', label = 'Kipf GCN, no node features')
4 plt.plot(history3, color = 'green', label = 'Kipf GCN, hop-distance in node features')
5 plt.legend(loc = 'best')
```

# 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!