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# Graph Data-Driven Recommendation Systems Empowered by Generative AI

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# Learning Outcome

- Innovative fusion of Generative AI with graph data to create personalised, timely, and immersive recommendations.
- How to build community detection on graph data?
- How to perform trend analysis using customer interaction data?

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# Today's Session

1. The Imperative of Modern Recommendation Systems
2. Recommendation Systems Redefined: Graph Data as the Key Differentiator
3. How does GenAI further elevate the power of Recommendation Systems?
4. Demo
5. QnA







## Section - 1

# What is Recommendation System?

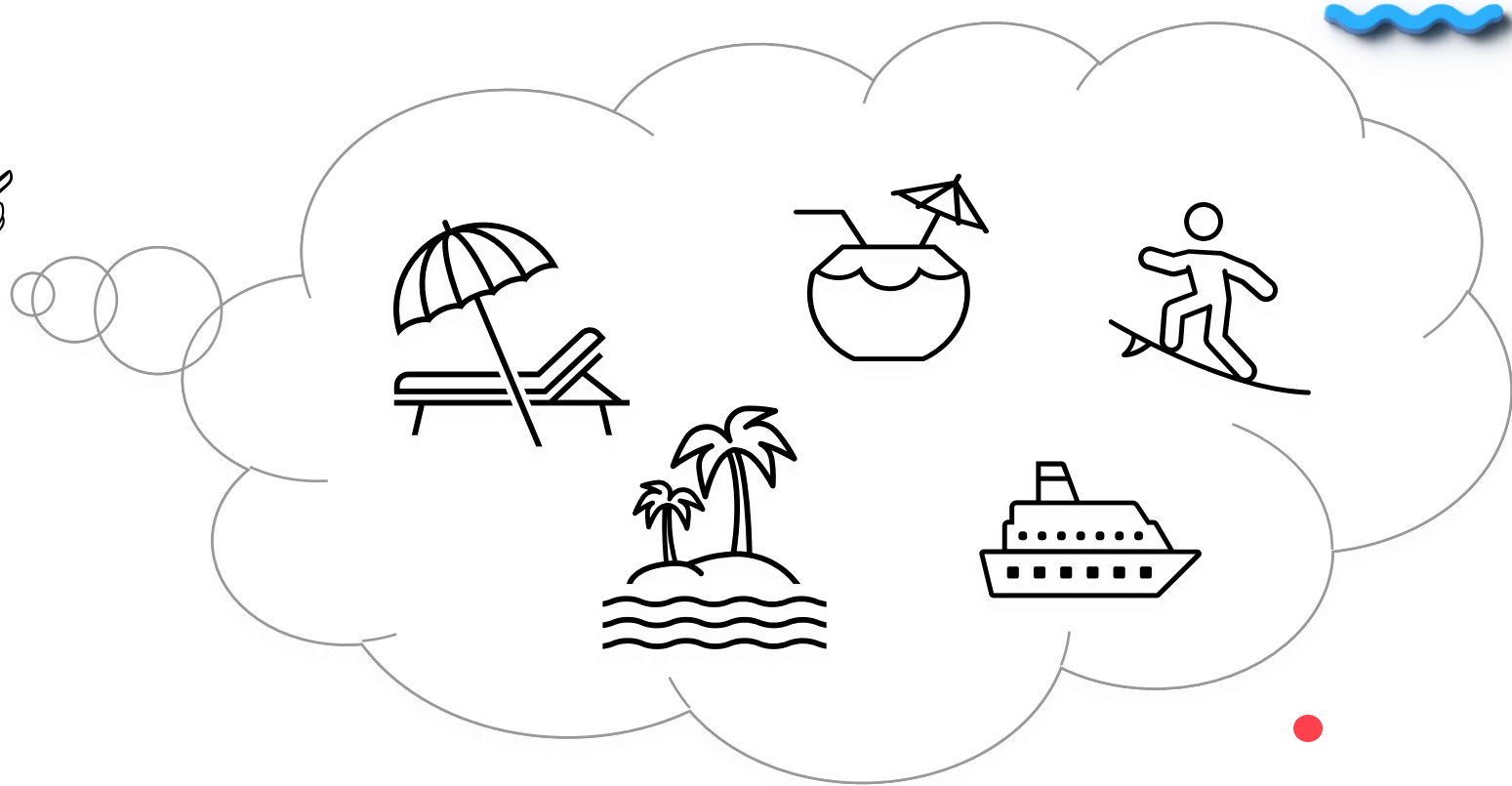
*“Serve the **relevant** items to users in an **automated** fashion to **optimize short- and long-term** business objectives.”*



# Recommendation System is **everywhere!**



## Case Study – Online Travel Booking



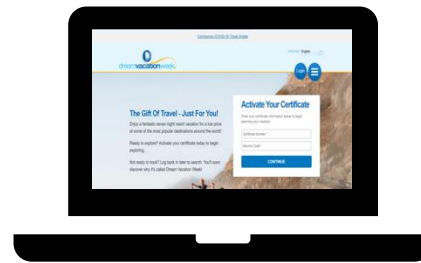
Meet Sarah, a frequent traveller searching for the perfect hotel.



# Traditional Recommendation System



Sarah visits a popular travel website and searches for hotels



Dreamvacay.com

	Hotel 1	Hotel 2	Hotel 3	Hotel 4	Hotel 5
User 1	X		X		
User 2		X		X	
User 3	X	X			X
User 4			X		X
User 5			X	X	

User Interaction Matrix

- Complex Relationships **Ignored**
- **Long-Tail** Problem
- **Cold Start** Problem
- **Evolving** Preferences



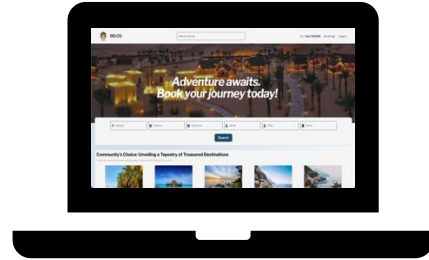
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# Recommendation Systems Redefined: Graph Data as the Key Differentiator

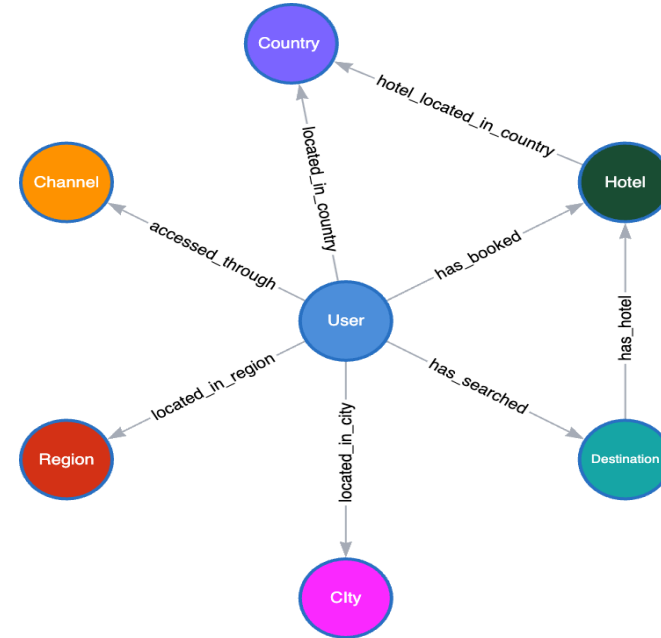
# Graph Based Recommendation System



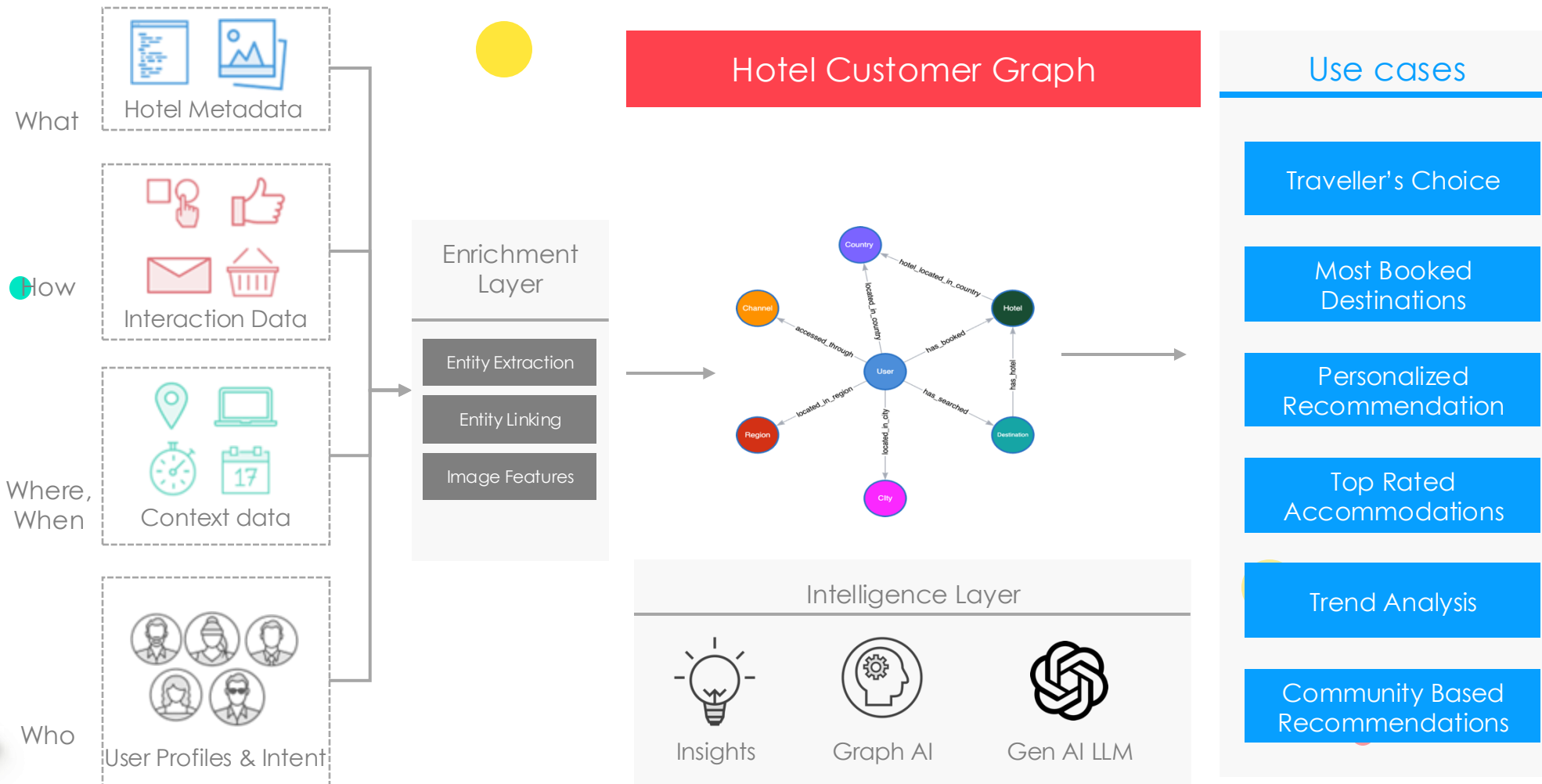
Sarah tries a new travel website with a graph-based recommendation system.



Recommend



- **Real-time recommendations** are adjusted based on current data and user behaviour.
- **Richer** Data Representation
- **Context-Aware** Recommendations
- **Detecting** Community Structure



## Why graph for recommendations?



**Flexible:** Products having common features with more weightage (based on sales) are given priority during recommendation



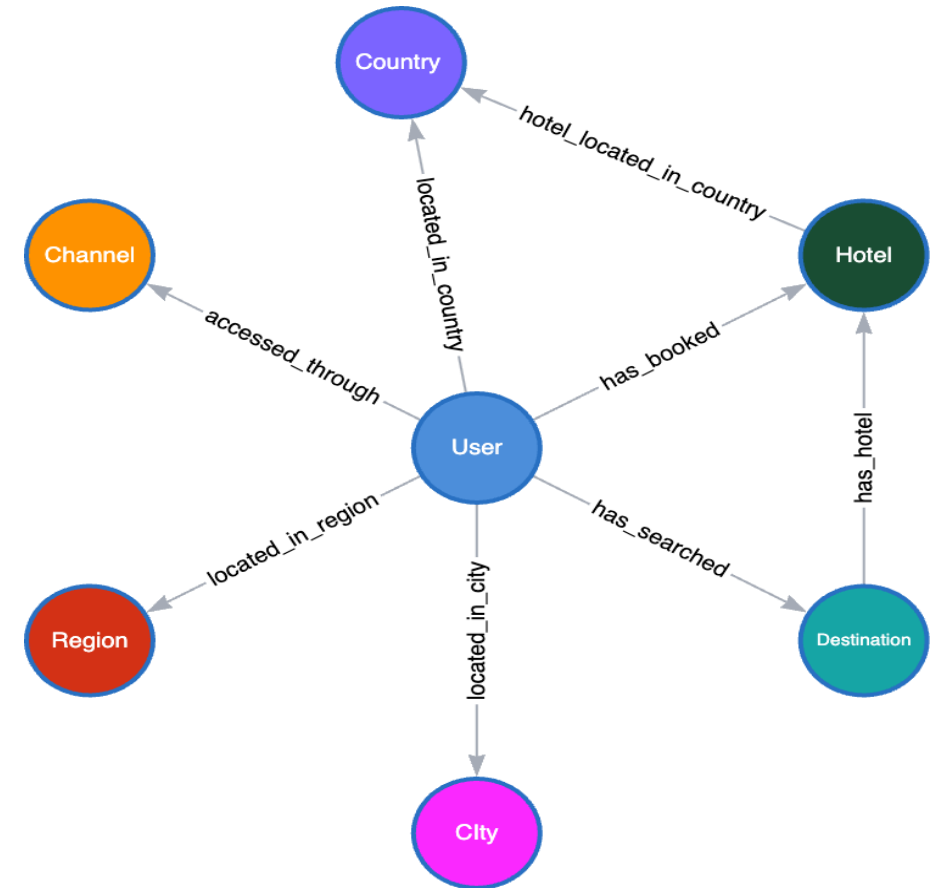
**Explainability:** Uncovers relationships between different products using common linkages to provide optimum recommendations which can be easily explained



**Relevance:** Uses keywords/entities to reach relevant products in the graph

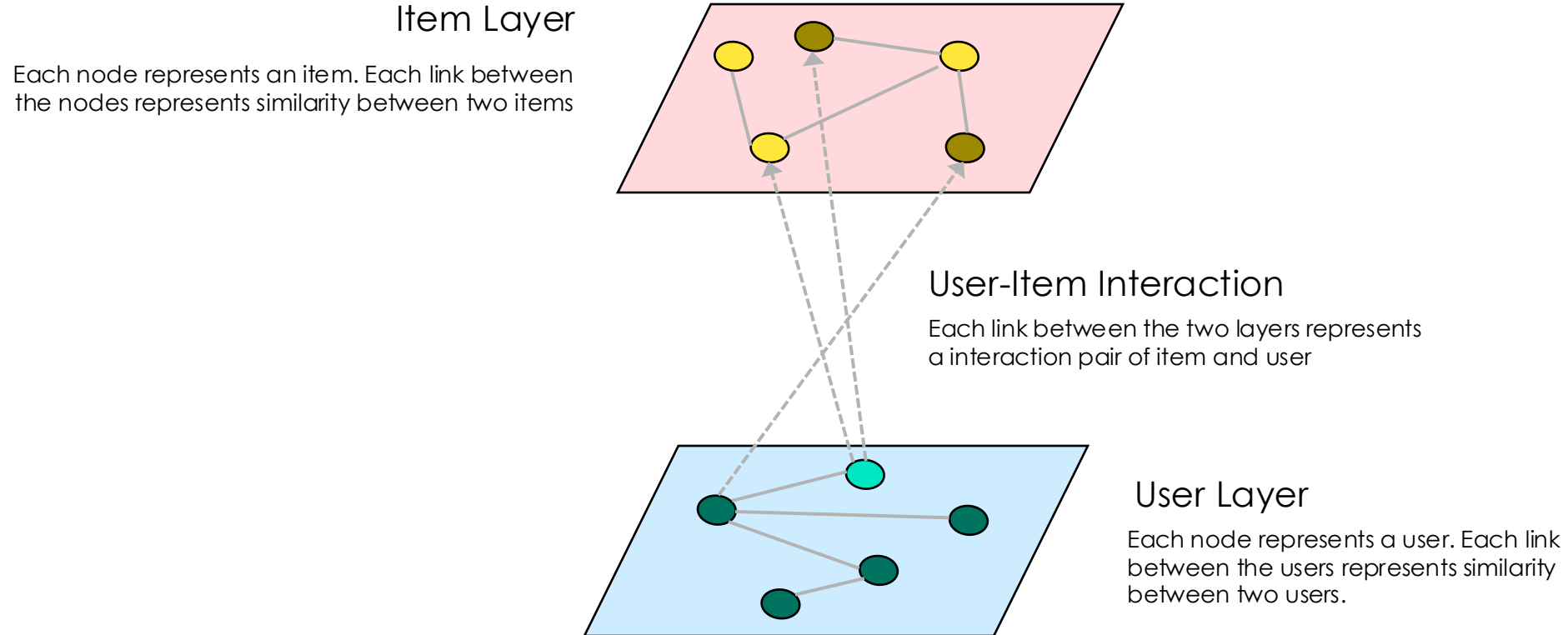


**Agility:** Uses hierarchical relationships to reduce search space and efficiently provide recommendation in different levels

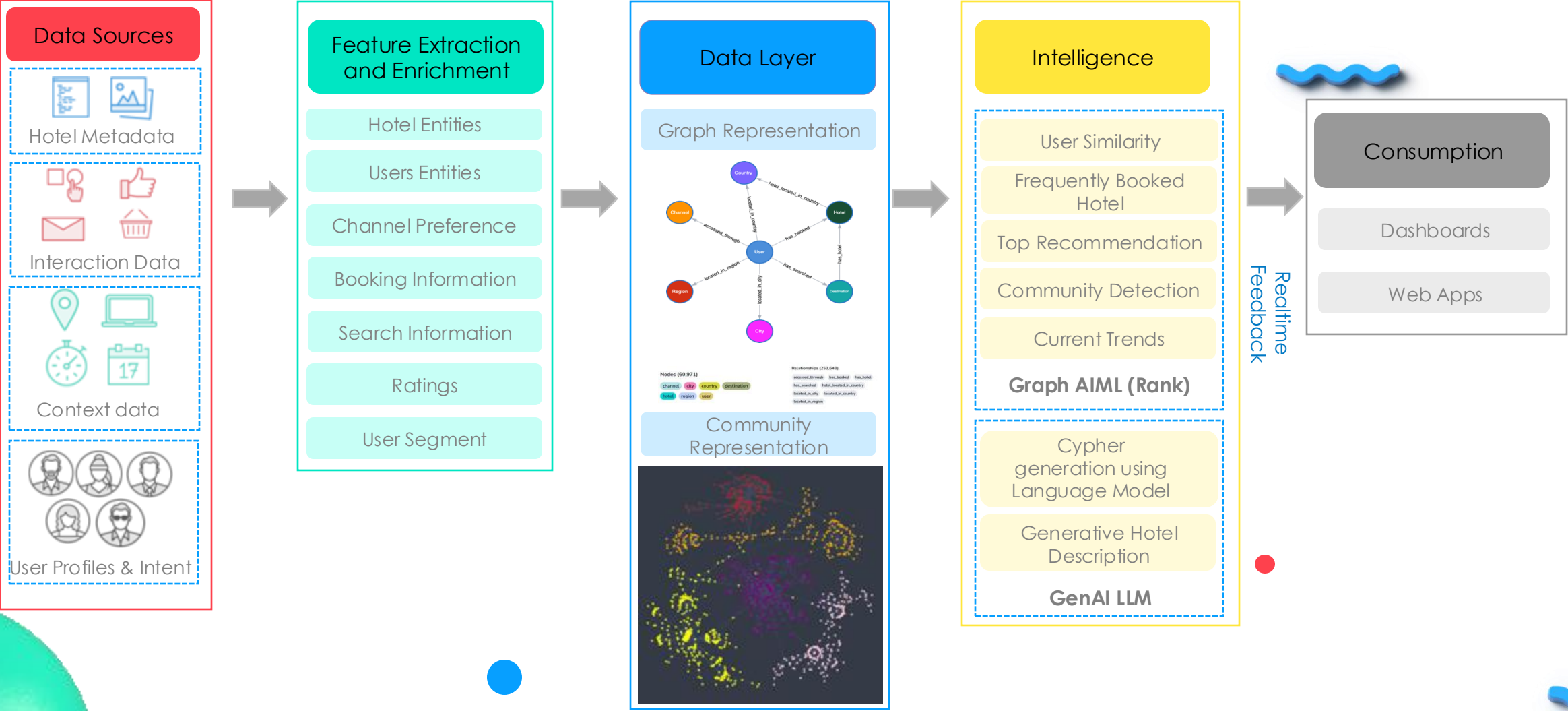




## 2 Layer Graph



# Recommend (High Level Design)





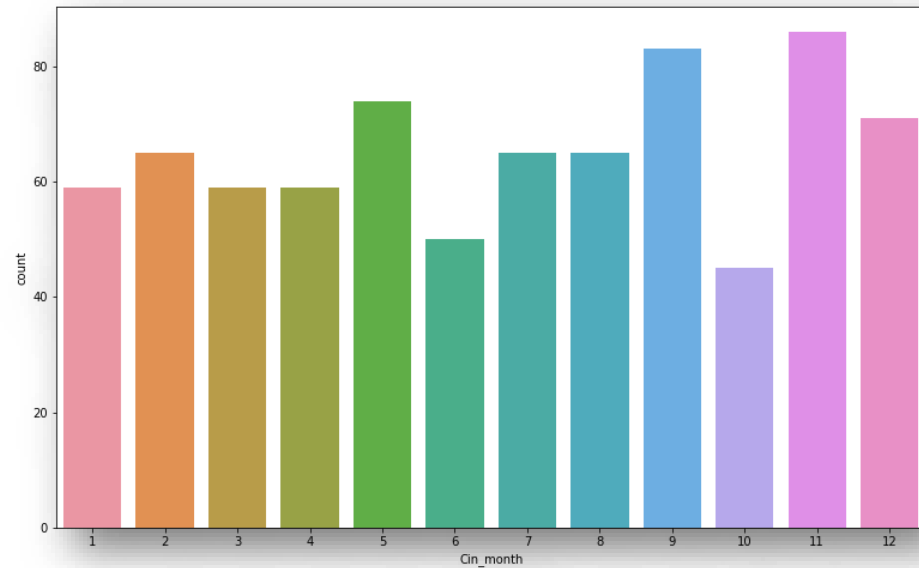
# Data Preprocessing

# Data Sampling

- The Expedia dataset had about 37 million data points.
- To optimize usability, feasibility, minimize bias, and facilitate data exploration, we employed sub-sampling, selecting a representative subset of data points.
- We sub-sampled about 0.1% of data points from every month to get about 37 thousand data points.

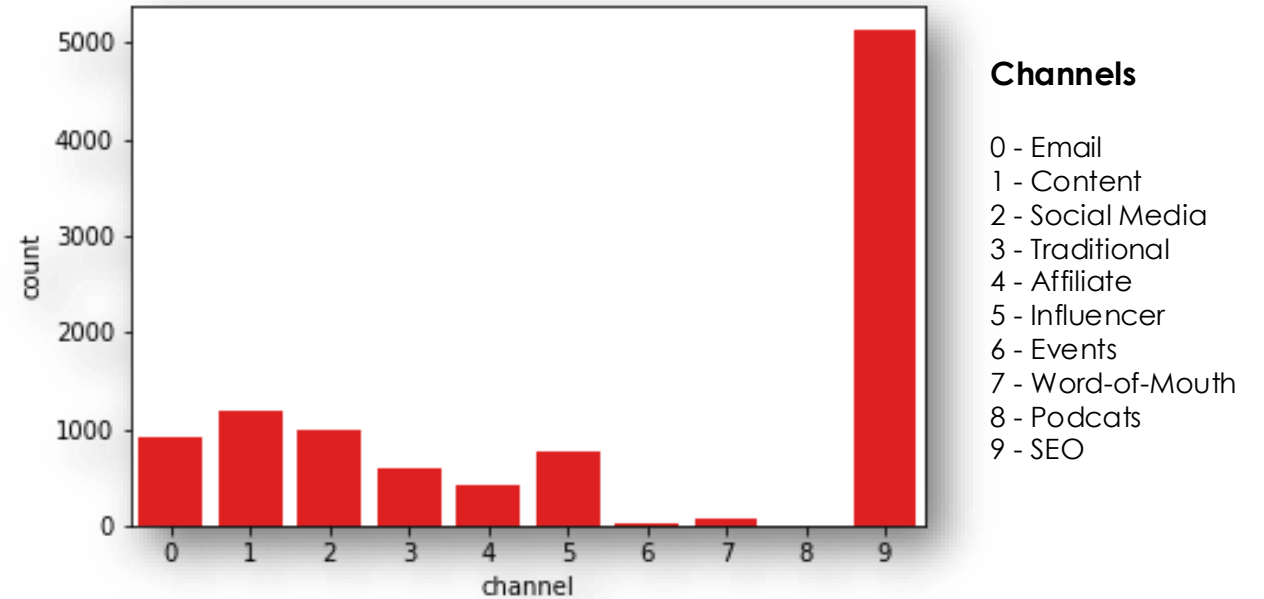
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## Data Exploration



**Number of Hotels Booked Per Month**

The number of hotels booked per month is useful in finding seasonal trends.



**Channels**

- 0 - Email
- 1 - Content
- 2 - Social Media
- 3 - Traditional
- 4 - Affiliate
- 5 - Influencer
- 6 - Events
- 7 - Word-of-Mouth
- 8 - Podcasts
- 9 - SEO

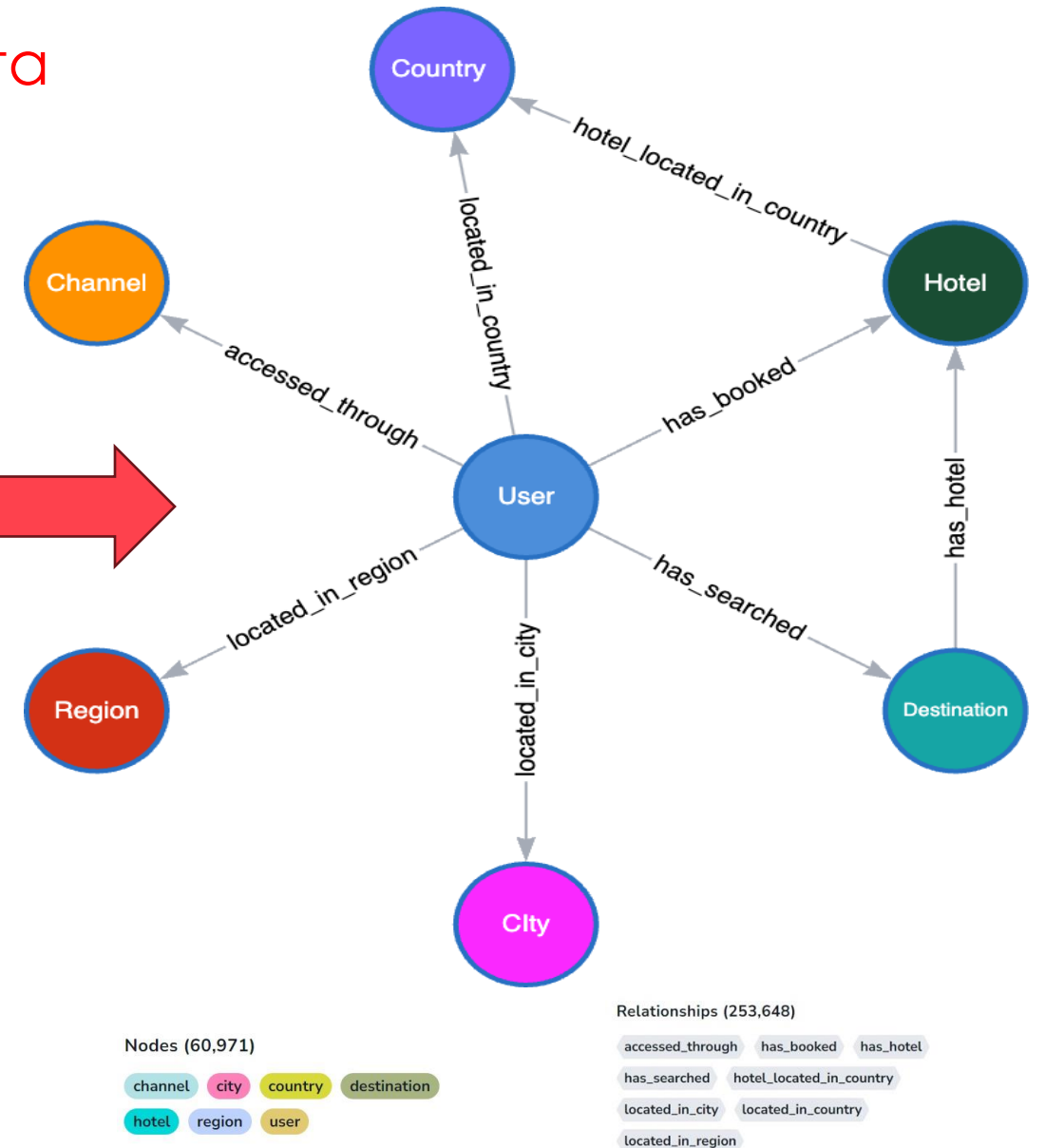
**Number of Booking through a given channel**

Analyse the marketing channel that brings us the most bookings



# Converting Tabular Data to Graph Data

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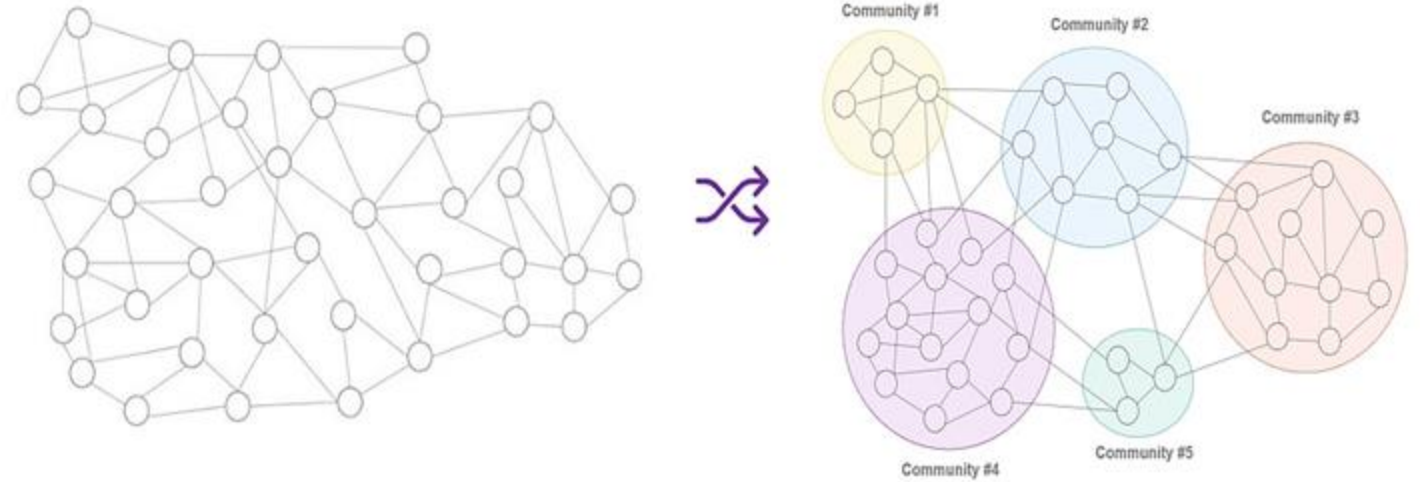




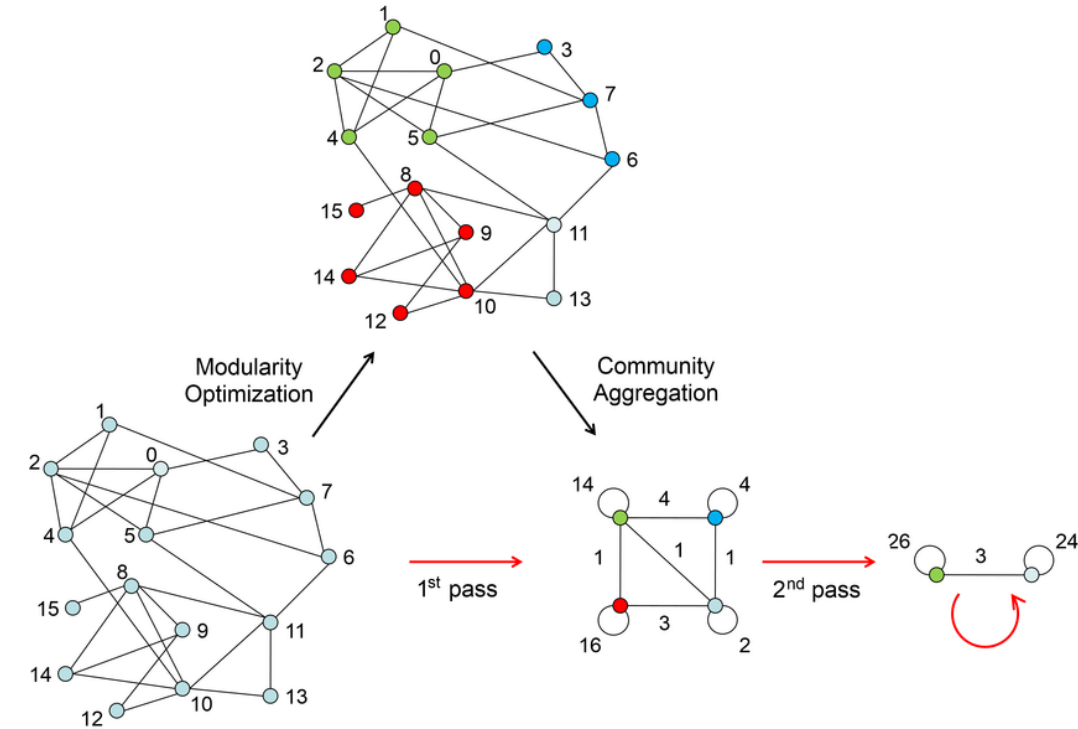
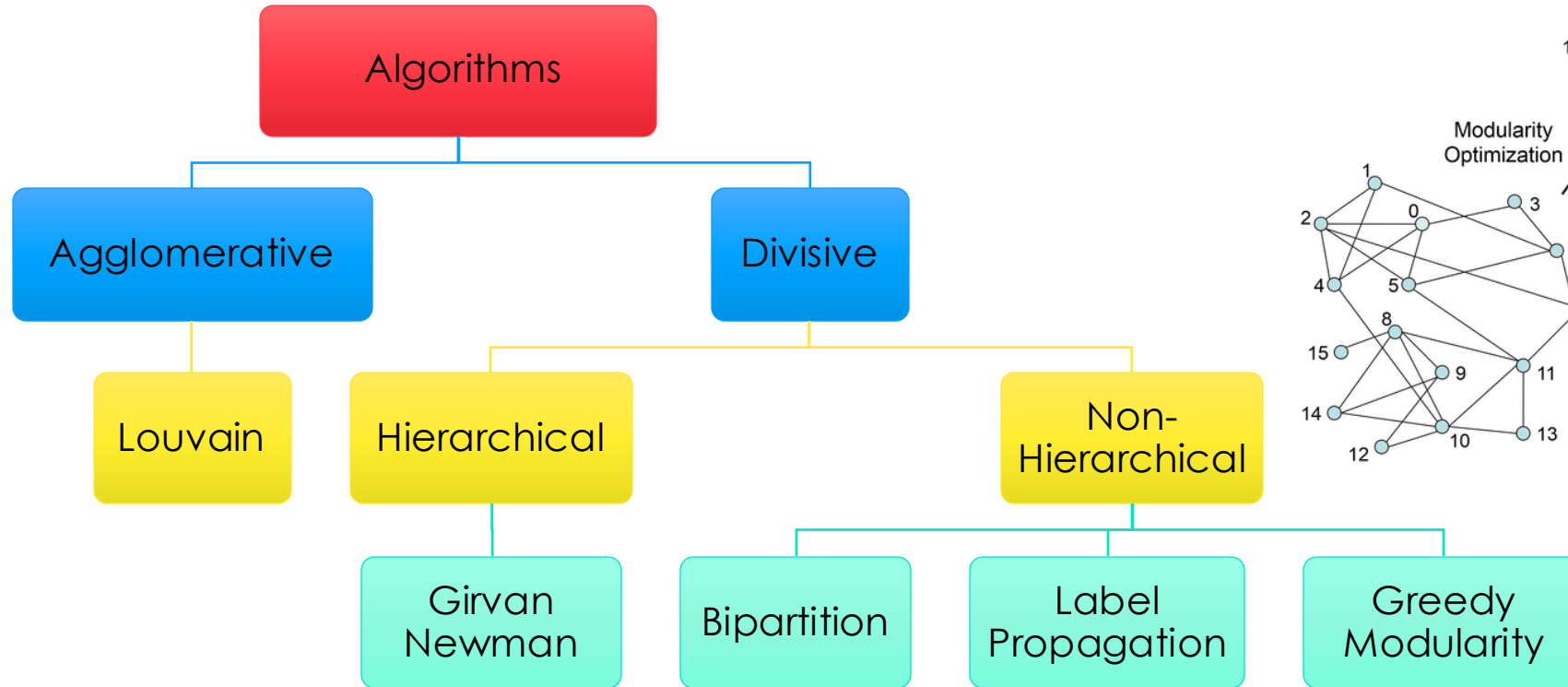
# Community Detection

# Importance of Community Detection in Graphs and its Relevance in Recommendation Systems

- Provides insights into structure and patterns by identifying densely connected groups of nodes within networks.
- Helps personalize recommendations.
- Mitigates the cold-start problem for new users.
- For example, in Social Media Platforms communities represent groups of friends with similar hobbies.



# Community Detection Algorithms



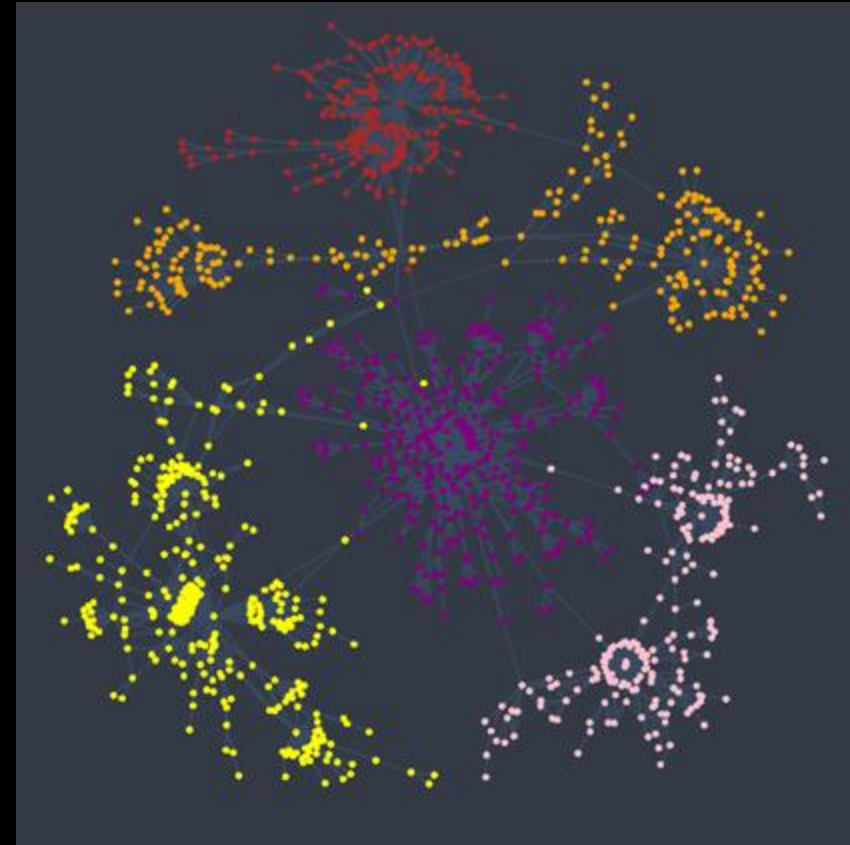
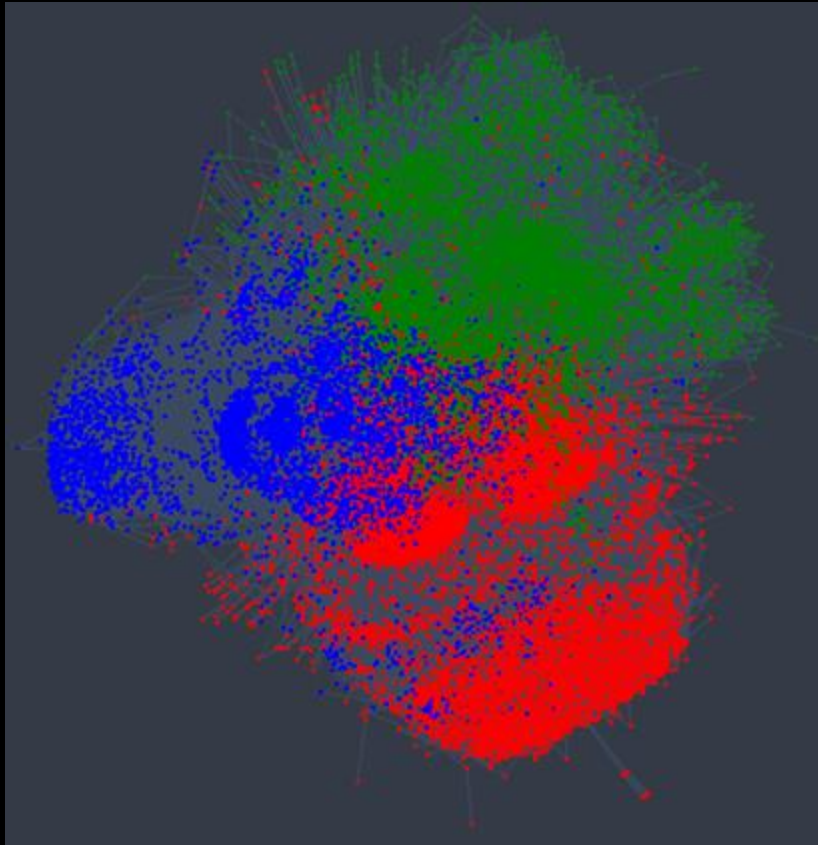
## Performance Comparison

Algorithm	Modularity Score	Number of Communities
Bipartition	0.31	2
Louvain	0.5	26
Greedy Modularity	0.469	384
Label Propagation	0.137	678
Girvan Newman	-	-

- Louvain is the **best-performing algorithm** due to its highest modularity score and optimal number of communities.
- Girvan Newman algorithm was computationally very expensive.



# Visualization of Louvain Communities



# Trend Analysis

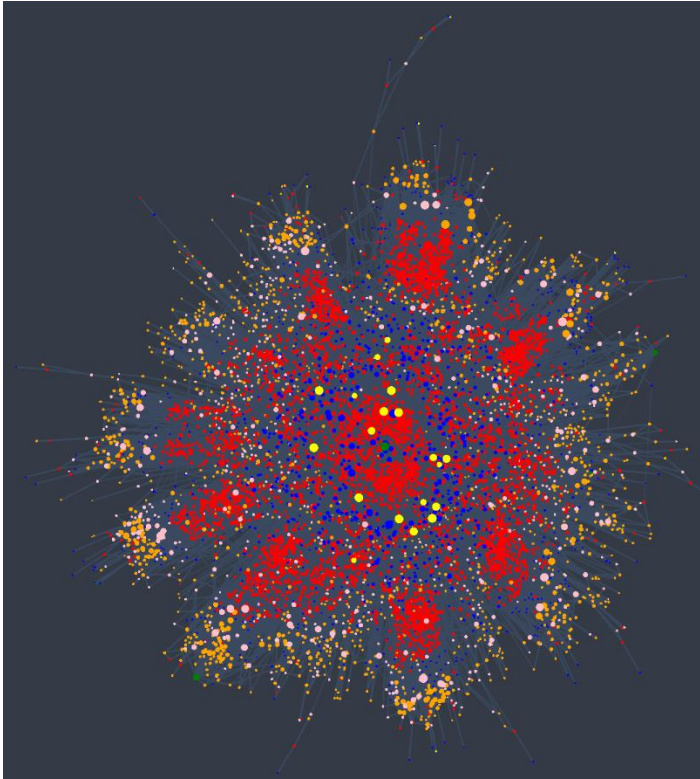
# Community Wise

- Trending destinations and hotels for each community
- Below table shows an illustration of popular destinations and hotels for 5 communities:

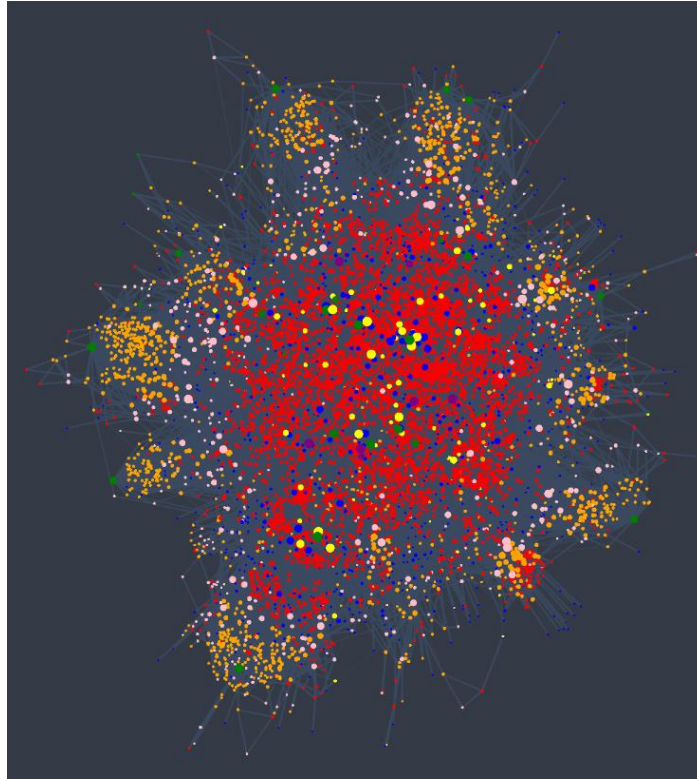
Community	Top_Destinations_id	Top_Hotels_id
0	[696, 146, 287, 20, 348]	[690, 3379, 21, 4254, 1108]
1	[218, 497, 612, 598, 586]	[31, 3350, 2945, 4114, 3642]
2	[192, 386, 545, 548, 151]	[1063, 577, 365, 981, 1837]
3	[342, 1620, 1044, 163, 2688]	[440, 3026, 2483, 5051, 3313]
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**Popular Destinations and Hotels for various communities**

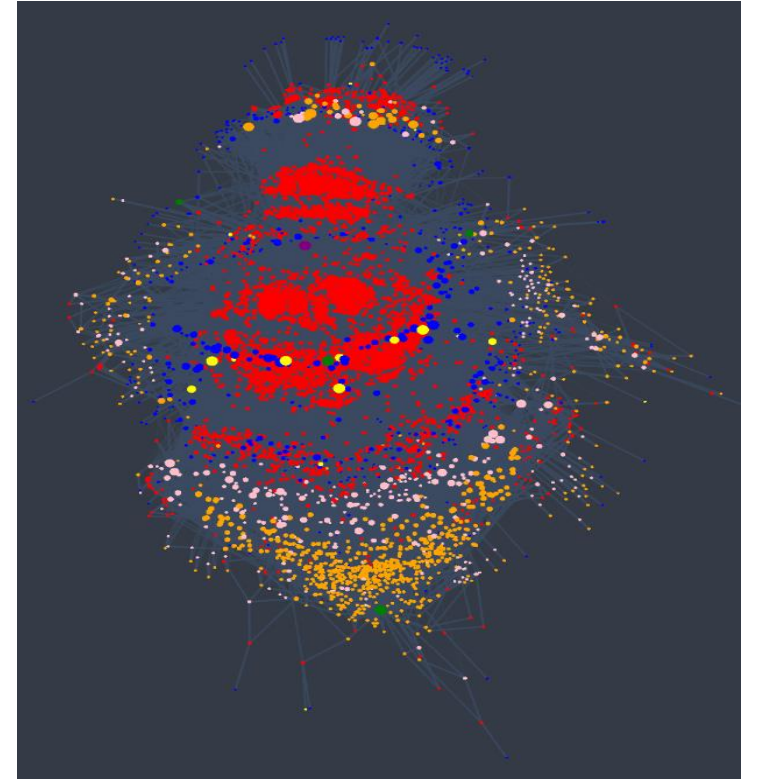
# Top Communities Trend Visualizations



Community 1



Community 2



Community 3

- The **size** of a node in the above visualizations is proportional to its **popularity** and **degree**.

## Seasonal Trends

- Trending hotels for every destination and season combination
- Below table shows an illustration of popular hotels for a particular destination based on the season :

srch_destination_id	quarter	hotel_id	
200	1	[4746, 5300]	Spring
200	2	[6911, 11278]	Summer
200	3	[235, 2346, 2781, 3747]	Autumn
200	4	[6911, 6911, 2781, 8248]	Winter

Popular Hotels for Destination ID 200

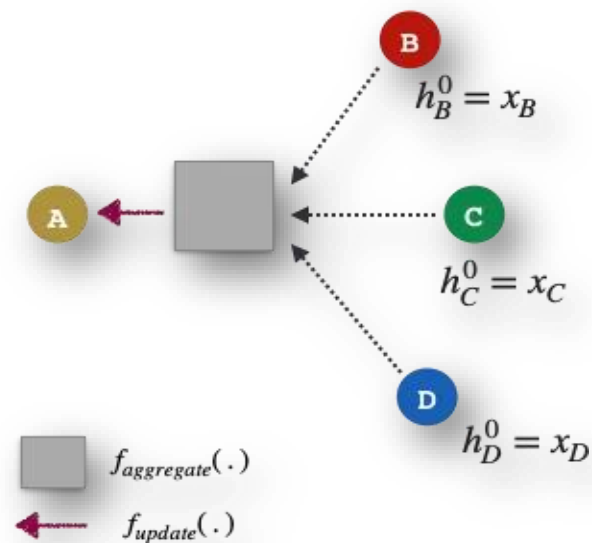
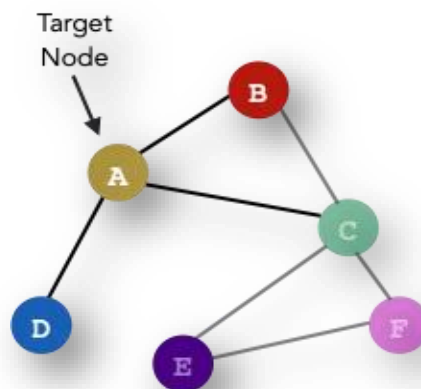
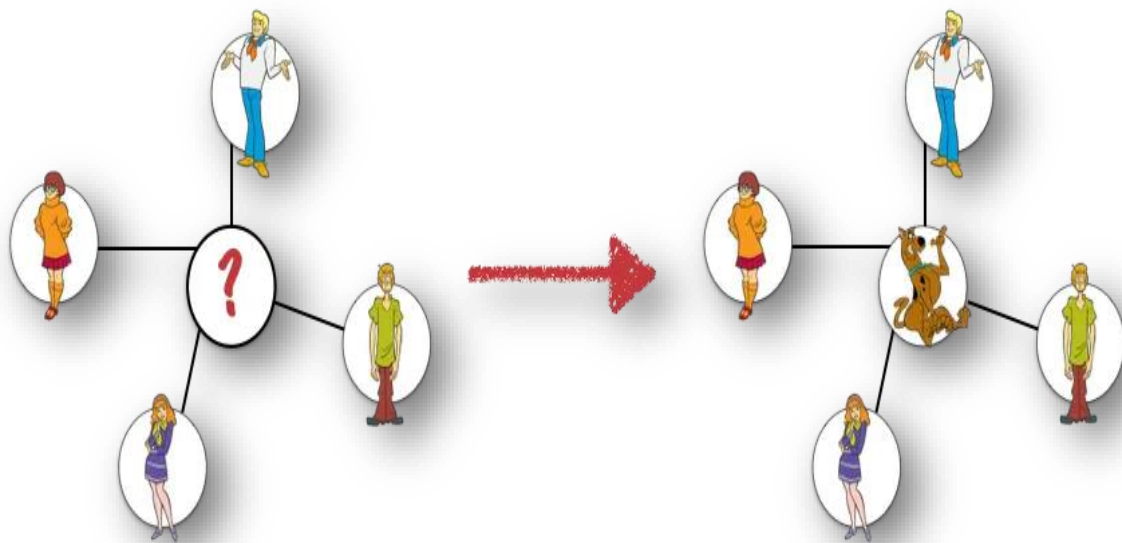


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# Recommendation Algorithms

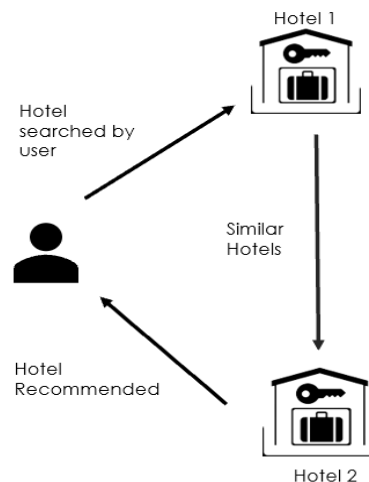
# Why use GraphSage Embeddings?

GraphSAGE is an **inductive** framework that leverages node attribute information to efficiently generate representations on previously unseen data.



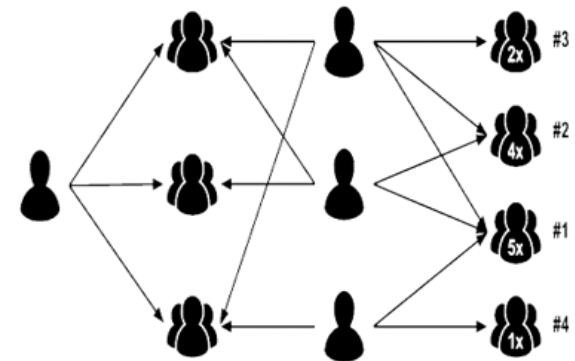
# Content Based Filtering

- The content-based approach utilizes user and/or item information to recommend similar items based on user preferences and previous actions
- Content-based methods aim to construct a model that explains user-item interactions using available features



# Collaborative Filtering

- Collaborative filtering offers personalized recommendations to users by leveraging their similarities with other users or items.
- It relies on the assumption that users who have similar preferences in the past will have similar preferences in the future.

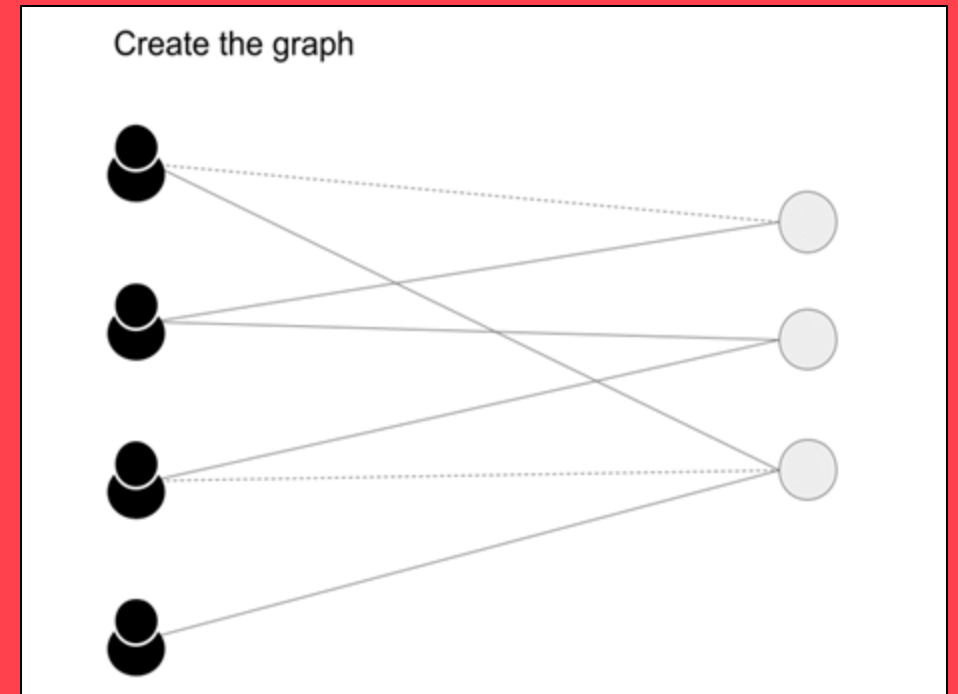


# Graph Neural Networks

- GNNs as a class of deep learning models designed to handle graph-structured data.
- GNNs operate on nodes and edges of a graph, capturing information from neighboring nodes to learn representations.

## How do GNN capture information from neighboring nodes and relations?

- Neural message passing enables communication among nodes in GNN-based recommender systems.
- It involves passing messages along edges and updating node embeddings based on aggregated information.



# Error Metrics

The model utilizes user and destination embeddings to recommend hotels. By calculating the probabilities of hotel bookings, the model identifies hotels with the highest probabilities for personalized recommendations.

Recall and Precision as error metrics allows for the evaluation of recommendation system performance.

- **Recall** is the fraction of hotels that users have interacted with that can be found back in the recommended items.
- **Precision** is the fraction of recommended hotels that our user has indeed interacted with.

**For Destination Id 678 and user 621166, different algorithms perform as follows:**

Algorithm	GNN	Collaborative Filtering	Content Based
Recall	75%	50%	62.5%

DEMO



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