



# node2vec

Scalable Feature Learning for Networks

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#### node2vec: Scalable Feature Learning for Networks

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#### ABSTRACT

Prediction tasks over nodes and edges in networks require careful effort in engineering features used by learning algorithms. Recent research in the broader field of representation learning has led to significant progress in automating prediction by learning the features themselves. However, present feature learning approaches are not expressive enough to capture the diversity of connectivity patterns observed in networks.

Here we propose node2vec, an algorithmic framework for learning continuous feature representations for nodes in networks. In node2vec, we learn a mapping of nodes to a low-dimensional space of features that maximizes the likelihood of preserving network neighborhoods of nodes. We define a flexible notion of a node's network neighborhood and design a biased random walk procedure, which efficiently explores diverse neighborhoods. Our algorithm generalizes prior work which is based on rigid notions of network neighborhoods, and we argue that the added flexibility in exploring neighborhoods is the key to learning richer representations.

We demonstrate the efficacy of node2vec over existing state-of-the-art techniques on multi-label classification and link prediction in several real-world networks from diverse domains. Taken together, our work represents a new way for efficiently learning state-of-the-art task-independent representations in complex networks.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Many important tasks in network analysis involve predictions over nodes and edges. In a typical node classification task, we are interested in predicting the most probable labels of nodes in a network [33]. For example, in a social network, we might be interested in predicting interests of users, or in a protein-protein in-

teract whether a pair of nodes in a network should have an edge connecting them [18]. Link prediction is useful in a wide variety of domains; for instance, in genomics, it helps us discover novel interactions between genes, and in social networks, it can identify real-world friends [2, 34].

Any supervised machine learning algorithm requires a set of informative, discriminating, and independent features. In prediction problems on networks this means that one has to construct a feature vector representation for the nodes and edges. A typical solution involves hand-engineering domain-specific features based on expert knowledge. Even if one discounts the tedious effort required for feature engineering, such features are usually designed for specific tasks and do not generalize across different prediction tasks.

An alternative approach is to *learn* feature representations by solving an optimization problem [4]. The challenge in feature learning is defining an objective function, which involves a trade-off in balancing computational efficiency and predictive accuracy. On one side of the spectrum, one could directly aim to find a feature representation that optimizes performance of a downstream prediction task. While this supervised procedure results in good accuracy, it comes at the cost of high training time complexity due to a blowup in the number of parameters that need to be estimated. At the other extreme, the objective function can be defined to be independent of the downstream prediction task and the representations can be learned in a purely unsupervised way. This suggests the optimization computationally efficient and with a carefully designed objective, it results in task-independent features that closely match task-specific approaches in predictive accuracy [21, 23].

However, current techniques fail to satisfactorily define and optimize a reasonable objective required for scalable unsupervised feature learning in networks. Classic approaches based on linear and non-linear dimensionality reduction techniques such as Principal Component Analysis, Multi-Dimensional Scaling and their extensions [3, 27, 30, 35] optimize an objective that transforms a representative data matrix of the network such that it maximizes the variance of the data representation. Consequently, these approaches invariably involve eigendecomposition of the appropriate data matrix

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Embedding & Classification



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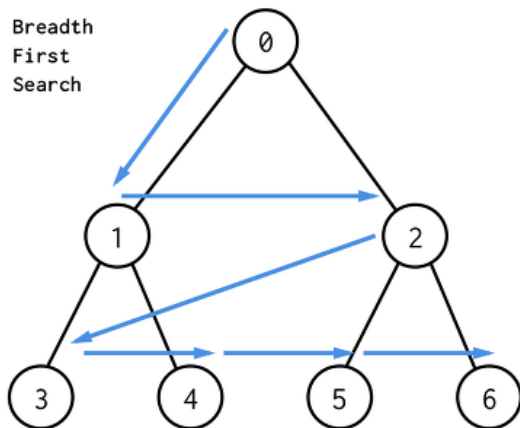
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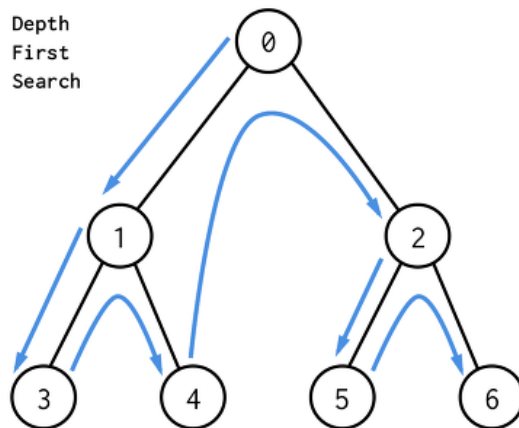
## 1. Classic Search Algorithm : BFS & DFS

“An algorithm for traversing or searching tree or graph data structures” (wikipedia)

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**BFS ( Breadth-First Search )**

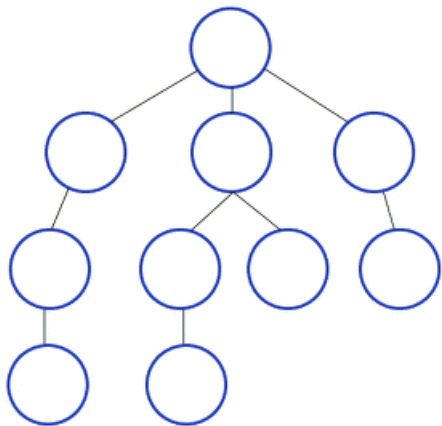


**DFS ( Depth-First Search )**

## 2. node2vec algorithm

### 1. Classic Search Algorithm : BFS & DFS

#### BFS ( Breadth-First Search )



Search the node with the same level (breadth)!

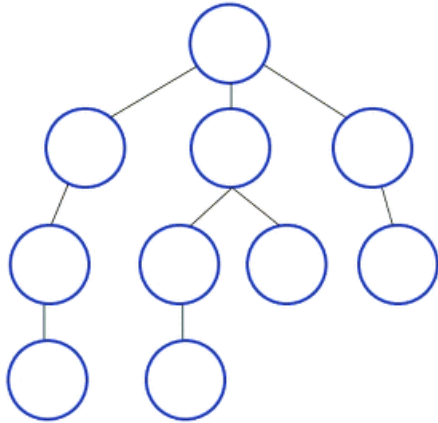
After finishing searching the certain level (breadth),  
get down to the below level (depth)!

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### DFS ( Depth-First Search )



Search the child node first!

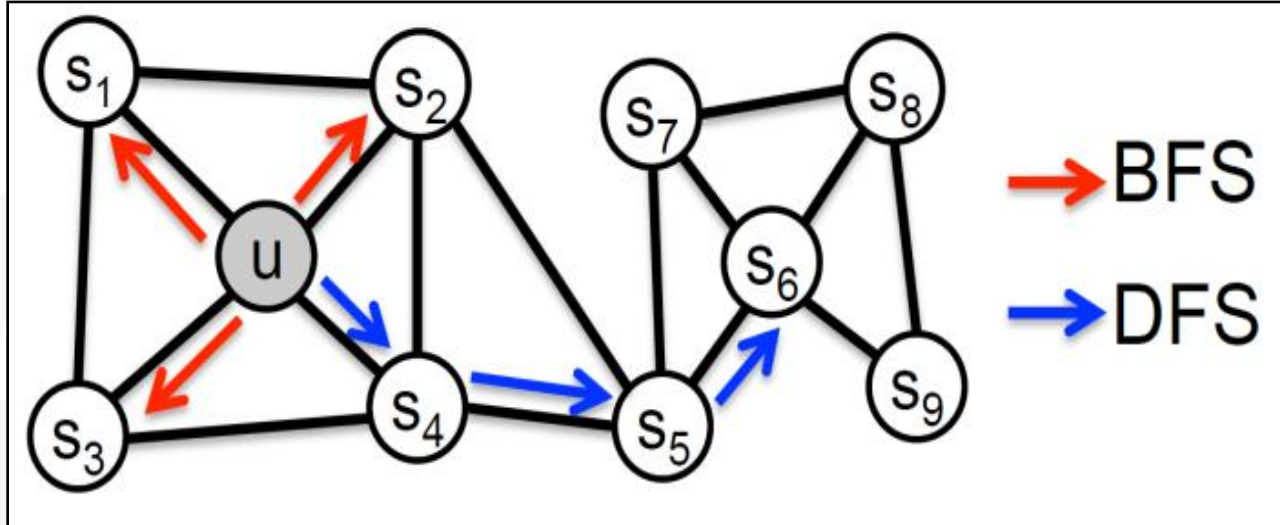
After finishing searching the last child node,  
“Backtracking” ( returning back to the parent node )

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BFS & DFS in graph

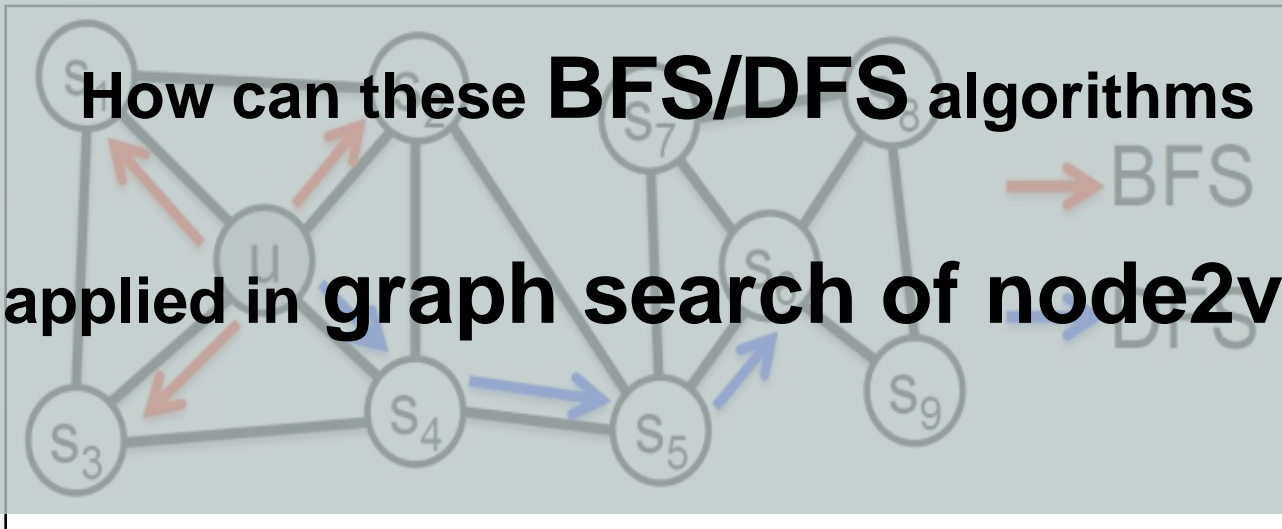


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BFS & DFS in graph

How can these **BFS/DFS** algorithms  
be applied in graph search of node2vec?





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before moving on...

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“**how to sample the random walk**” is affected by “**how we define ‘similarity’**”

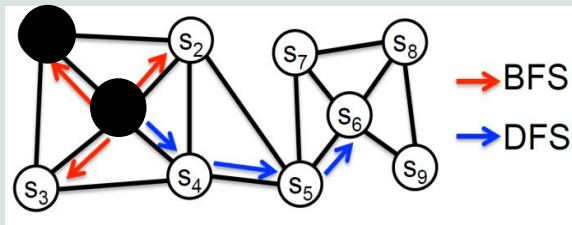
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### Two kinds of Similarity

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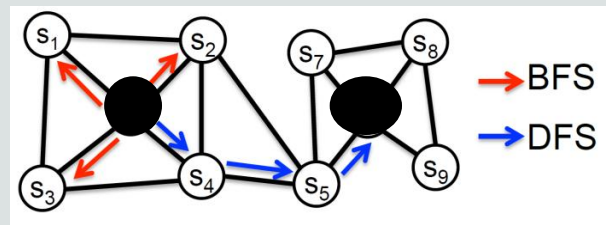
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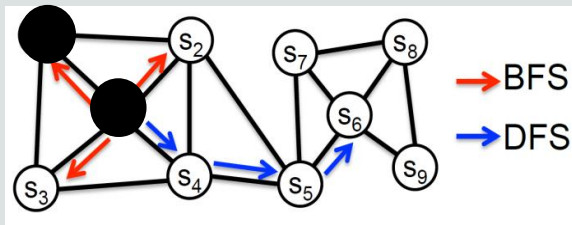
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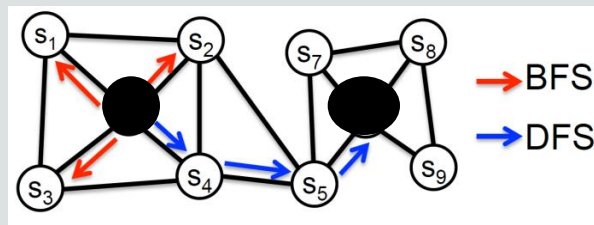
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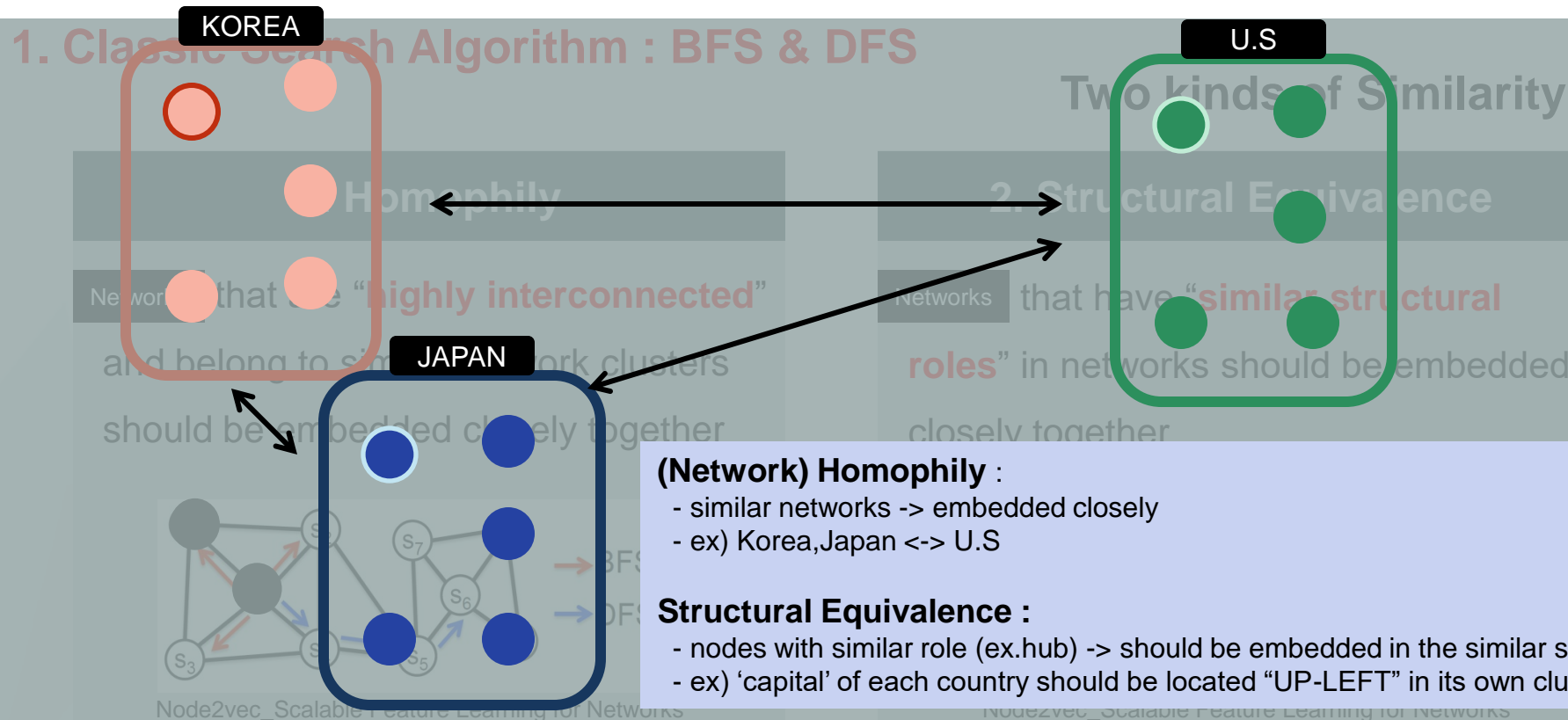
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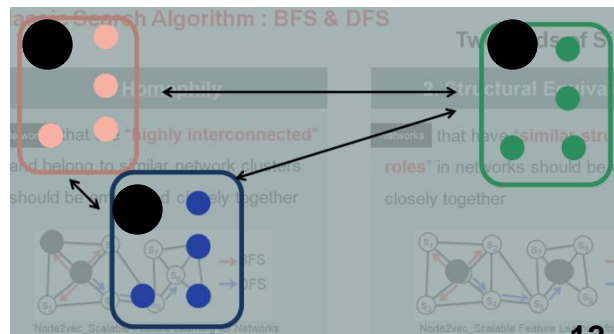
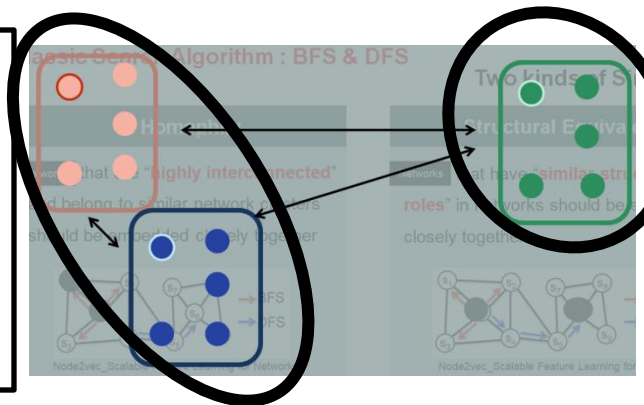
### DFS (Depth-first Sampling)

- neighborhood : nodes sequentially sampled at increasing distance from the source node
- **macro** view
- to capture “**homophily**”

### BFS (Breadth-first Sampling)

- neighborhood : only immediate neighbors of the source node
- **micro** view
- to capture “**structural equivalence**”

## BFS & DFS in node2vec



## 2. node2vec algorithm

### 2. Random Walk in node2vec

Considers both “homophily” and “structural equivalence”  
( with DFS ) ( with BFS )

- These two similarities are not exclusive!

- Introduce a “search bias” term

( Define a **“second order random walk”** with two parameters  $p$  &  $q$  )

$$\alpha_{pq}(t, x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{p} & \text{if } d_{tx} = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } d_{tx} = 1 \\ \frac{1}{q} & \text{if } d_{tx} = 2 \end{cases}$$

## 2. node2vec algorithm

### 2. Random Walk in node2vec

Transition probability

$$\pi_{vx} = \alpha_{pq}(t, x) \cdot w_{vx}$$

Search bias  $\alpha$

Weight of edge

$$P(c_i = x \mid c_{i-1} = v) = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi_{vx}}{Z} & \text{if } (v, x) \in E \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

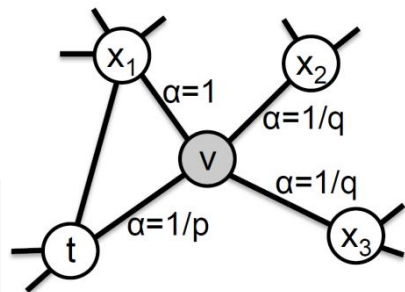
**normalize**



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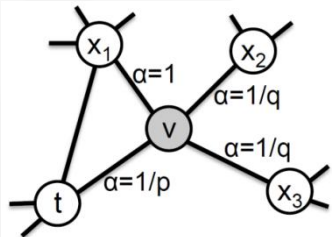
**t** : previous node / **v** : current node / **x** : node to choose as the next step

***Consider the previous node(**t**) to sample the next node!***

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return parameter, **p**

If  $p > \max(q, 1)$  :

getting further from the previous node! **DFS**

If  $p < \min(q, 1)$  :

getting closer to the previous node ( Local search ) **BFS**

return parameter, **q**

If  $q > 1$ :

getting closer to the previous node! **BFS**

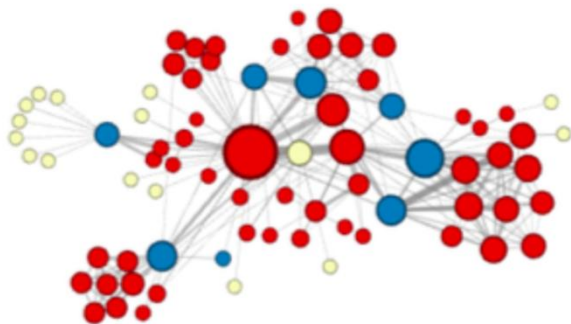
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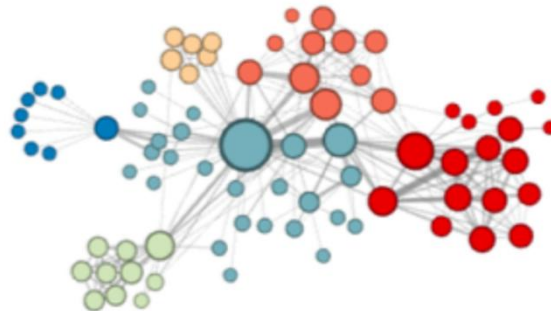
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### 2. Random Walk in node2vec

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**BFS-based:**  
Structural equivalence  
(structural roles)



**DFS-based:**  
Homophily  
(network communities)

**Tune  $p$  &  $q$  to choose the similarity to focus on!**

# 2. node2vec algorithm

## 2. Random Walk in node2vec

### Benefits of Random Walk

참고 : Node2vec(서창원)

Space complexity  $O(a^2|V|)$

Space complexity to store immediate neighbors :  $O(|E|)$

$$\begin{aligned} 2|E| &= \sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) \\ &= \frac{\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v)}{|V|} |V| \\ &= a|V| \text{ where } a \text{ is the average degree of } V \end{aligned}$$

Time complexity  $O(\frac{l}{k(l-k)})$

$$\text{random walk} = \{u, s_4, s_5, s_6, s_7, s_8, s_9\} \quad l = 7 \quad k = 5$$

$$N_S(u) = \{s_4, s_5, s_6, s_7, s_8\}$$

$$N_S(s_4) = \{s_5, s_6, s_7, s_8, s_9\}$$



### 3. node2vec implementation

- 1) Embedding
- 2) Classification with MLP & Logistic Regression

# 3. node2vec implementation

## 1. Embedding

### 1) sigmoid

```
def sigmoid(x):  
    return 1/(1+np.exp(-x))
```

Sigmoid function

1

### 2) pos\_list & neg\_list : getting the positive & negative nodes

```
def pos_list(node):  
    return np.nonzero(A[node])[1]  
  
def neg_list(node):  
    return np.where(A[node]==0)[1]
```

Getting the positive & negative nodes

2

### 3) next\_choice

- (1) previous : 't'
- (2) now : 'v'
- (3) next : 'x'

```
def next_choice(v,t,p,q):  
    positive = pos_list(v)  
    li = np.array([])  
    for pos in positive:  
        if pos==t:  
            li = np.append(li,1/p)  
        elif pos in pos_list(t):  
            li = np.append(li,1)  
        else:  
            li = np.append(li,1/q)  
  
    prob = li/li.sum()  
  
    return np.random.choice(positive,1,p=prob)[0]
```

Choosing the next step, based on transition probability  
(considering search bias)

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# 3. node2vec implementation



## 1. Embedding

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4) random\_step : getting the random step, using next\_choice

```
def random_step(v, num_walk, p, q):  
    t = np.random.choice(pos_list(v)) # (1) previous  
  
    walk_list = [v]  
    for _ in range(num_walk):  
        x = next_choice(v, t, p, q)  
        walk_list.append(x)  
        v = x  
        t = v  
    return walk_list
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sigmoid

2

pos\_list & neg\_list

3

next\_choice

4

random\_step



**node2vec**



# 3. node2vec implementation

## 1. Embedding

### 3. node2vec

```
def node2vec(dim,num_epoch,length,lr,k,p,q,num_neg):
    embed = np.random.random((A.shape[0],dim))

    for epoch in range(num_epoch):
        for v in np.arange(A.shape[0]):
            walk = random_step(v,length-1,p,q) # (1) random walk

            for idx in range(length-k):
                not_neg_list = np.append(walk[max(0,idx-k):idx+k],pos_list(walk[idx]))
                neg_list = list(set(np.arange(A.shape[0])) - set(not_neg_list))
                random_neg = np.random.choice(neg_list,num_neg,replace=False)

                for pos in range(idx+1,idx+k+1):
                    if walk[idx]!=walk[pos]:
                        pos_embed = embed[walk[pos]]
                        embed[walk[idx]] -= lr * (sigmoid(np.dot(embed[walk[idx]],pos_embed))-1) * pos_embed

                for neg in random_neg:
                    neg_embed = embed[neg]
                    embed[walk[idx]] -= lr * (sigmoid(np.dot(embed[walk[idx]],neg_embed))) * neg_embed

    return embed
```

1. Take random step ( with length 'length' )

2. Negative sampling ( with size 'num\_neg' )

3. Update with "positive" samples

4. Update with "negative" samples

input

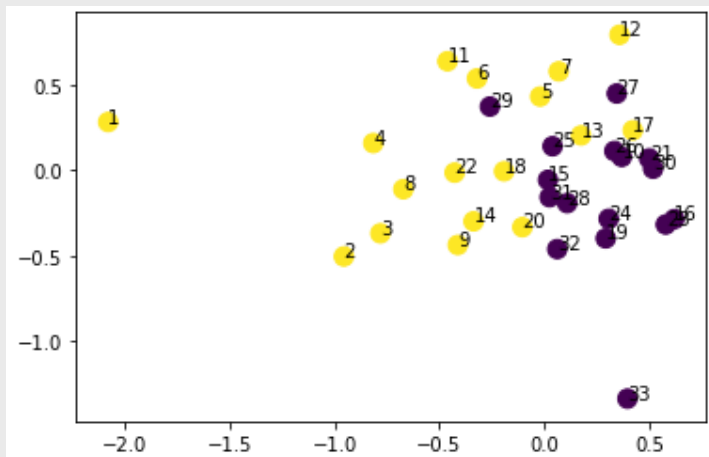
- dim ( dimension to reduce )
- num\_epoch ( number of epoch )
- length ( walk length )
- lr ( learning rate )
- k ( context size a )
- p & q ( parameter for search bias )
- num\_neg ( number of negative samples )

output

Embedded Vector

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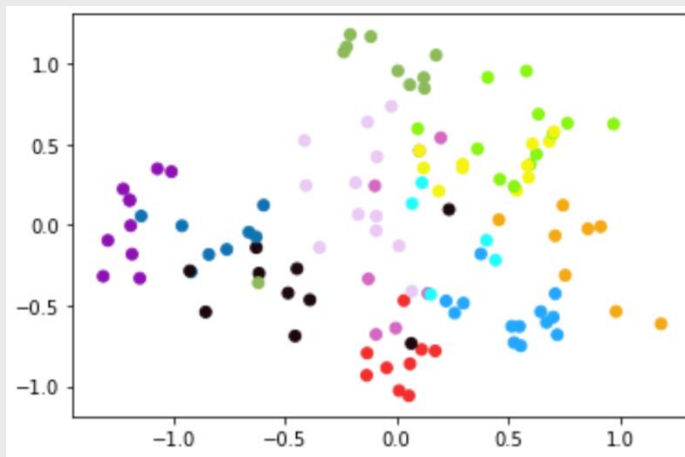
## 1. Embedding



```
embed = node2vec(dim=2,num_epoch=10,length=8,lr=0.02,  
k=2,p=2,q=2,num_neg=5)
```

1. Karate

Result : Embedded into 2-dimension



```
embed = node2vec(dim=2,num_epoch=50,length=8,lr=0.02,  
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```

2. Football

# 3. node2vec implementation



## 2. Classification

1) Karate ( Logistic Regression & MLP )

2) Football ( OVR & MLP )

( + comparison with other methods )

( 참고 : Node2vec\_project(김주현) )

# 3. node2vec implementation

## 2. Classification

### 1) Karate ( Logistic Regression & MLP )

	10%	30%	50%	70%
<b>DeepWalk(p=1, q=1)</b>	78.95%	96.0%	100.0%	100.0%
<b>p=1, q=0.5</b>	50.0%	100.0%	94.12%	100.0%
<b>p=1, q=2</b>	93.75%	92.31%	100.0%	100.0%

Logistic Regression

( epoch = 800, lr = 0.05 )

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<b>DeepWalk(p=1, q=1)</b>	70.59%	82.76%	93.33%	88.89%
<b>p=1, q=0.5</b>	68.09%	76.92%	100.0%	100.0%
<b>p=1, q=2</b>	90.91%	96.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Multi Layer Perceptron

(epoch = 1000, lr = 0.001 )

# 3. node2vec implementation

## 2. Classification

### 2) Football ( OVR & MLP )

(1) OVR

	10%	30%	50%	70%
Macro F1-score	66.63%	65.43%	77.35%	82.13%
Micro F1-score	72.82%	69.14%	82.46%	88.57%

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Micro F1-score	29.13%	56.79%	49.12%	62.86%

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Macro F1-score	48.57%	64.01%	80.12%	93.17%
Micro F1-score	58.25%	66.67%	85.96%	94.29%

DeepWalk

Line with First Order Proximity

Line with Second Order Proximity

Node2Vec

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(2) MLP

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Micro F1-score	19.42%	17.28%	12.28%	74.29%

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Macro F1-score	4.61%	48.83%	6.36%	18.67%
Micro F1-score	12.62%	54.32%	14.04%	26.32%

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Macro F1-score	1.34%	1.36%	0.6%	1.32%
Micro F1-score	8.74%	8.64%	3.51%	8.57%

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Macro F1-score	7.02%	17.67%	55.0%	80.32%
Micro F1-score	16.5%	33.33%	57.89%	88.57%

DeepWalk

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Line with Second Order Proximity

Node2Vec

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