

# Traditional Methods for Machine Learning in Graphs

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# Graph Properties

- **Degree:**  
how many friends do I have?
- **Weights:**  
how strong are the ties?
- **Path:**  
how far am I from another vertex?
- **Connectivity:**  
can I reach all other vertices?
- **Diameter:**  
how dense are they?
- **Centrality**  
(e.g., betweenness, closeness): Am I in the center of everyone?



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# Graph Analysis Problem

- Existing Graph Analysis Problems

1. Clique identification

2. Shortest path

3. K-core decomposition

and more...

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# We need machine learning for graphs

- Many Applications
- Challenge:
  - finding a way to represent, or encode, graph structure so that it can be easily exploited by machine learning models.
- Traditionally, machine learning approaches relied on user-defined heuristics to extract features encoding structural information about a graph (e.g., degree statistics or kernel functions).

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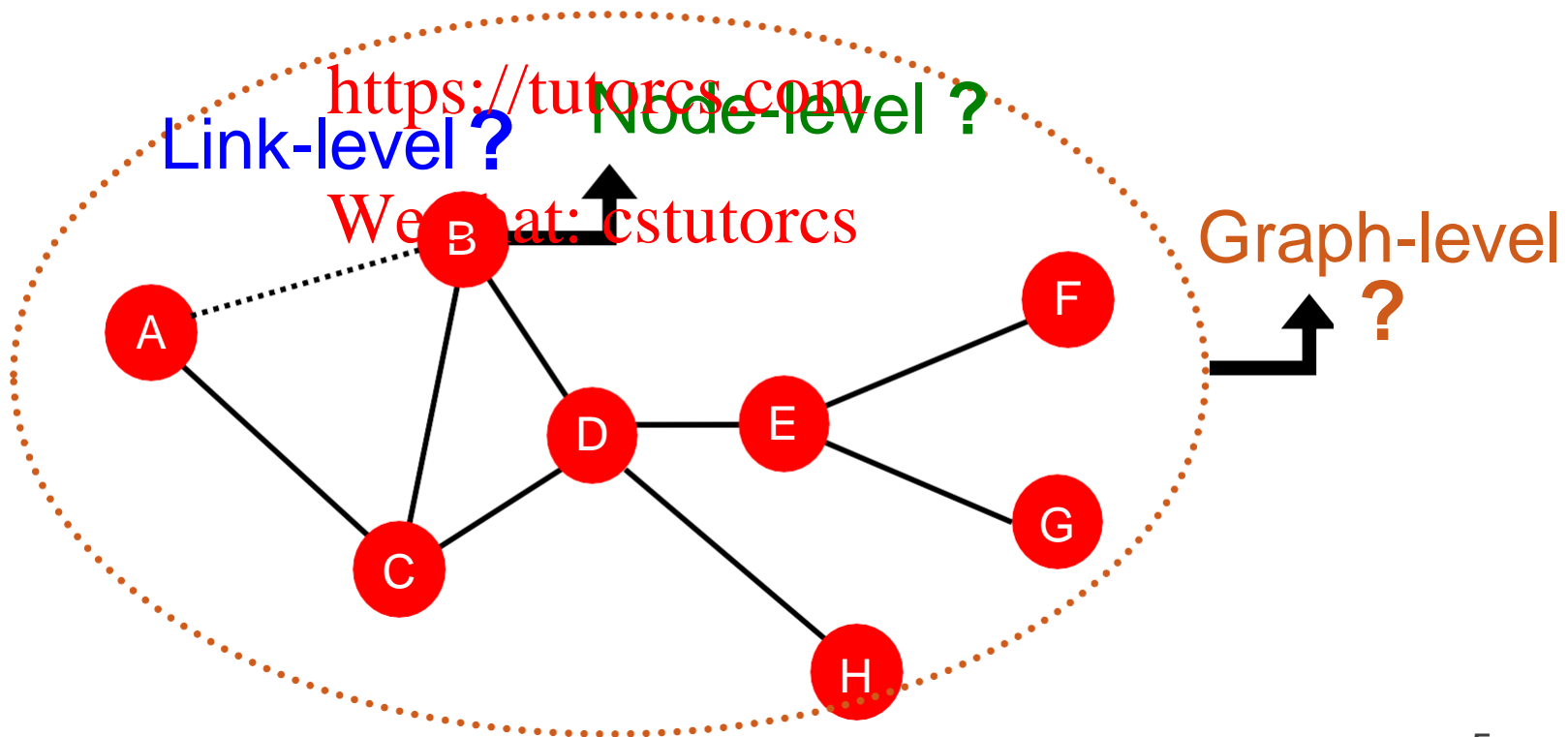
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# Machine Learning Tasks on Graphs

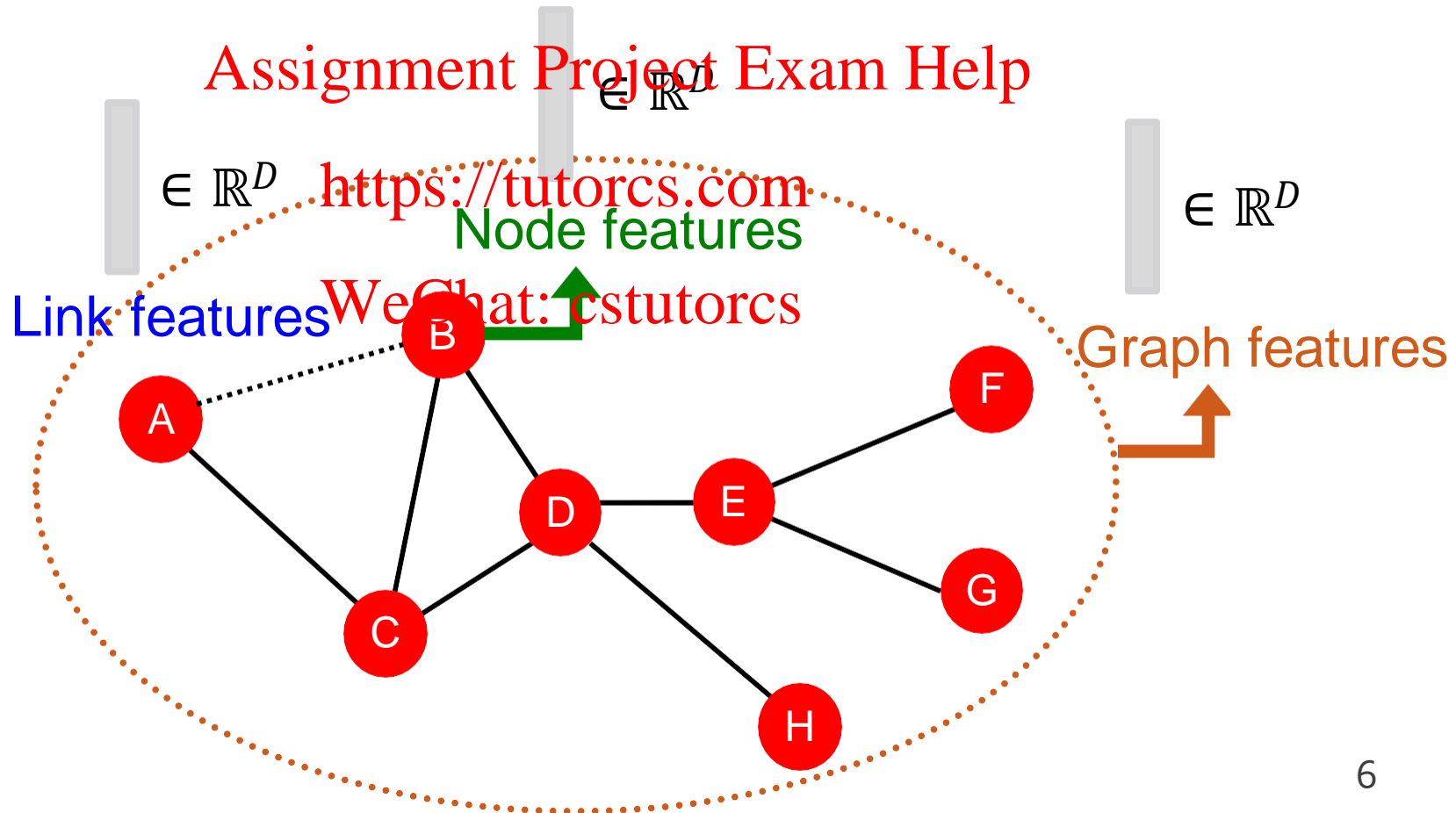
- Node-level prediction
- Link-level prediction
- Graph-level prediction

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# Traditional ML Pipeline

- Design features for nodes/links/graphs
- Obtain features for all training data



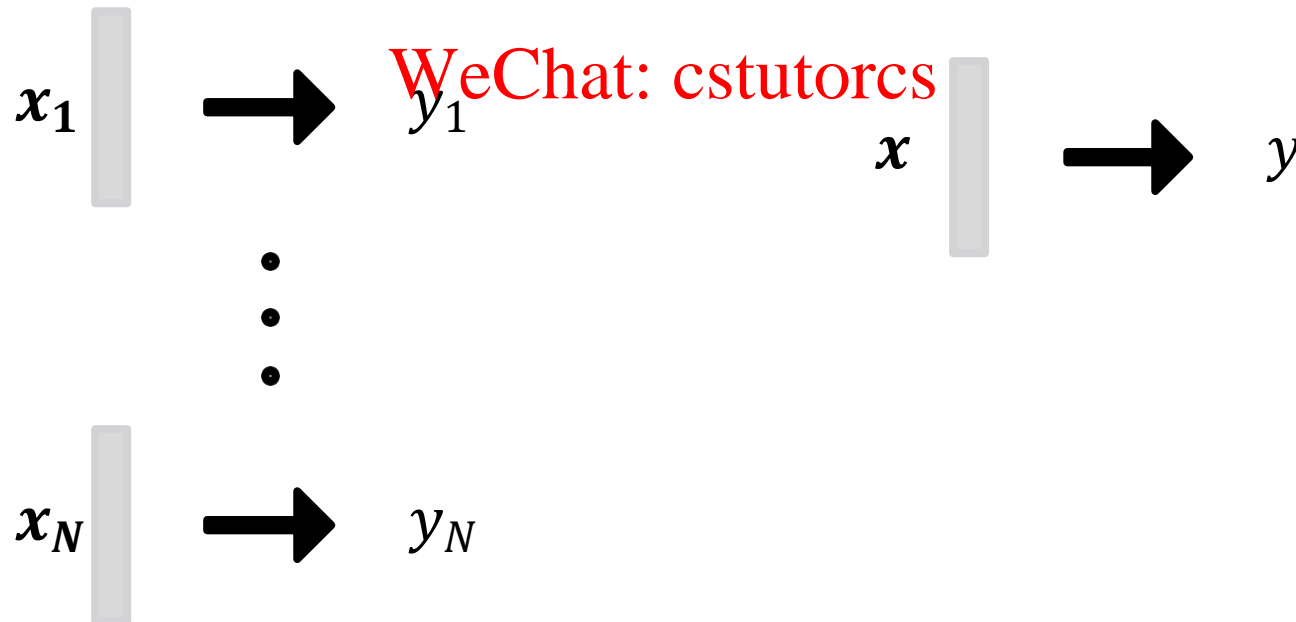
# Traditional ML Pipeline

## ■ Train an ML model:

- Random forest
- SVM
- Neural network, etc

## ■ Test the model:

- Given a new node/link/graph, obtain its features and make a prediction



# Feature Design

- Using effective features over graphs is the key to achieving good model performance.
- Traditional ML pipeline uses hand-designed features.
- In this lecture, we overview the traditional features for:
  - Node-level prediction
  - Link-level prediction
  - Graph-level prediction
- For simplicity, we focus on undirected graphs.



# ML in Graphs

**Goal:** Make predictions for a set of objects

## Design choices:

- **Features:** *Assignment Project Exam Help*  
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 $d$ -dimensional vectors
- **Objects:** *WeChat: cstutorcs*  
Nodes, edges, sets of nodes, entire graphs
- **Objective function:**  
What task are we aiming to solve?

# ML in Graphs

## Example: Node-level prediction

- Given:  $G = (V, E)$

- Learn a function:  $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

How do we learn the function?

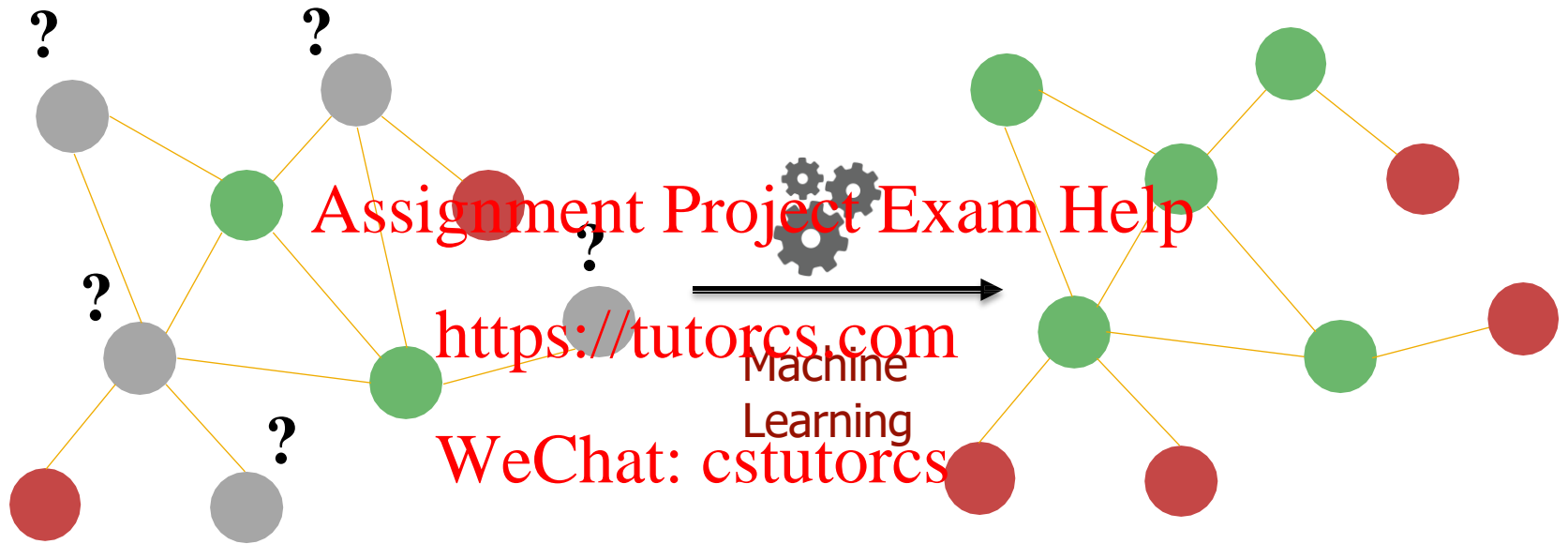
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# Node-level Tasks and Features

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# Node-level Tasks



Node classification!

ML needs features.

# Node-level Features: Overview

- **Goal:** Characterize the structure and position of a node in the network:

- Node degree

- Node centrality

- Clustering coefficient

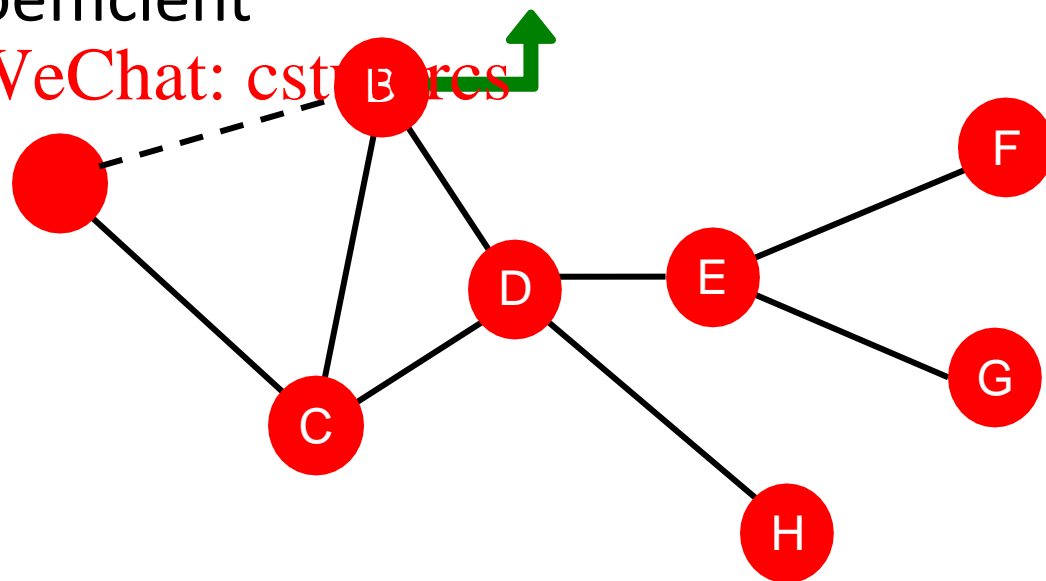
- Graphlets

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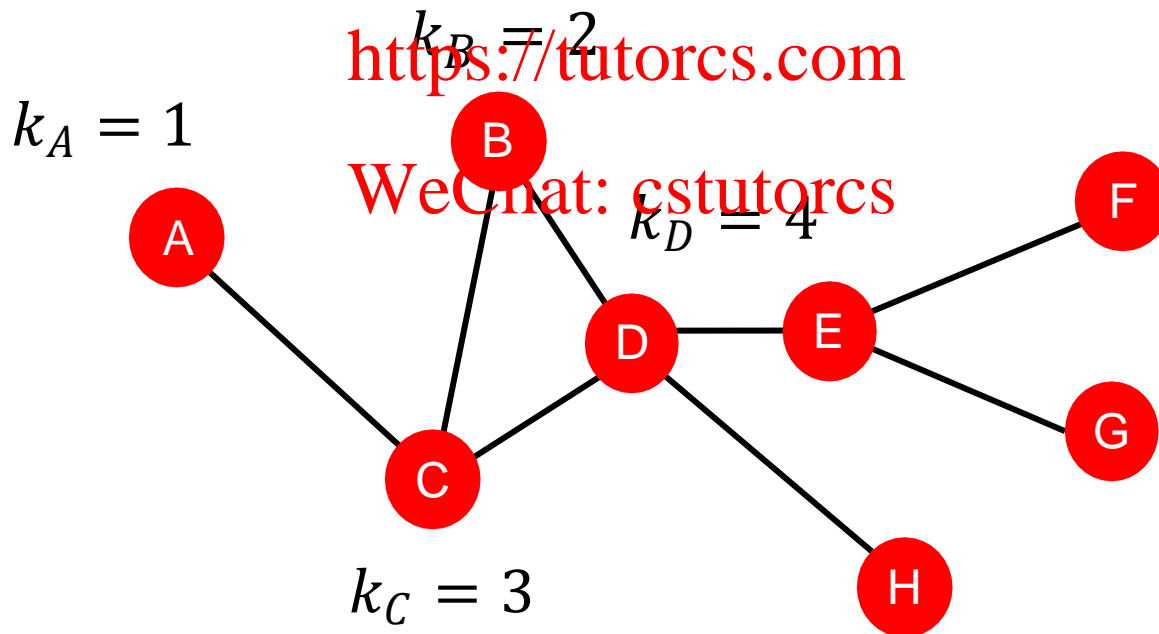
Node feature?



# Node-level Features: Node Degree

- The **degree**  $k_v$  of node  $v$  is the number of edges (neighboring nodes) the node has.
- Treats all neighboring nodes equally.

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# Node-level Features: Node Centrality

- Node degree counts the neighboring nodes without capturing their importance.
- Node centrality  $c_v$  takes the node importance in a graph into account.
- Different ways to model importance:
  - Eigenvector centrality
  - Betweenness centrality
  - Closeness centralitymany others...

# Node Centrality (1)

## ■ Eigenvector centrality:

- A node  $v$  is important if surrounded by important neighboring nodes  $u \in N(v)$ .
- We model the centrality of node  $v$  as the sum of the centrality of neighboring nodes:

$$c_v = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{u \in N(v)} c_u$$

$\lambda$  is normalization constant  
(it will turn out to be the largest eigenvalue of A)

- Notice that the above equation models centrality in a recursive manner. **How do we solve it?**



# Node Centrality (1)

## ■ Eigenvector centrality:

- Rewrite the recursive equation in the matrix form.

$$c_v = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{u \in N(v)} c_u$$

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$\lambda$  is normalization const (largest eigenvalue of A)

$A_{uv} = 1$  if  $u \in N(v)$

•  $A$ : Adjacency matrix

•  $c$ : Centrality vector

WeChat: cstutorcs  $\lambda$ : Eigenvalue

- We see that centrality  $c$  is the **eigenvector of  $A$** !
- The largest eigenvalue  $\lambda_{max}$  is always positive and unique (by Perron-Frobenius Theorem).
- The eigenvector  $c_{max}$  corresponding to  $\lambda_{max}$  is used for centrality.

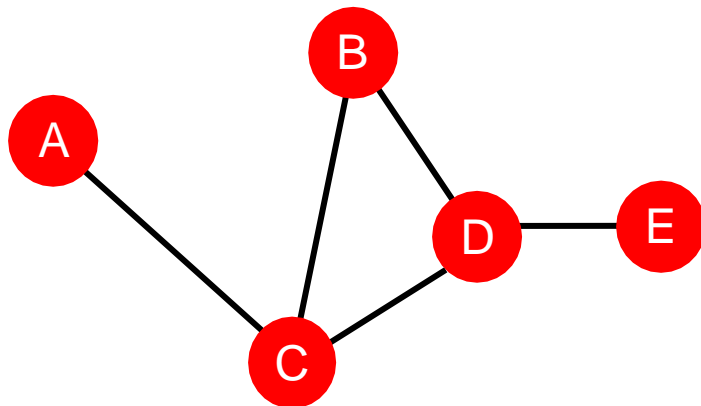
# Node Centrality (2)

## ■ Betweenness centrality:

- A node is important if it lies on many shortest paths between other nodes.

$$c_v = \sum_{s \neq v \neq t} \frac{\text{#(shortest paths between } s \text{ and } t \text{ that contain } v)}{\text{#(shortest paths between } s \text{ and } t)}$$

- **Example:** WeChat: cstutorcs



$$c_A = c_B = c_E = 0$$

$$c_C = 3$$

(A-C-B, A-C-D, A-C-D-E)

$$c_D = 3$$

(A-C-D-E, B-D-E, C-D-E)

# Node Centrality (3)

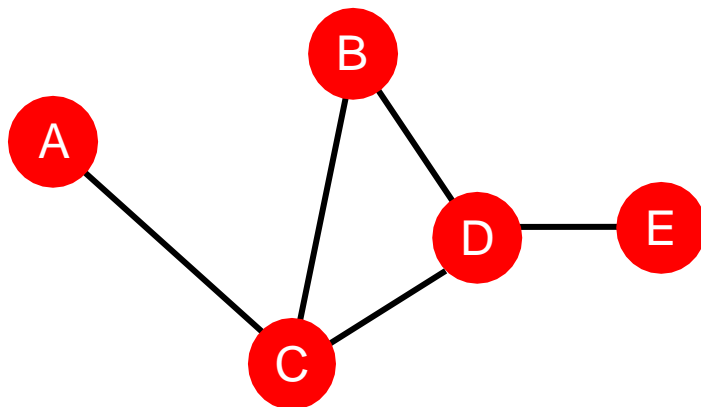
## ■ Closeness centrality:

- A node is important if it has small shortest path lengths to all other nodes.

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$$c_v = \frac{1}{\sum_{u \neq v} \text{shortest path length between } u \text{ and } v}$$

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$$c_A = 1/(2 + 1 + 2 + 3) = 1/8$$

(A-C-B, A-C, A-C-D, A-C-D-E)

$$c_D = 1/(2 + 1 + 1 + 1) = 1/5$$

(D-C-A, D-B, D-C, D-E)

# Node Features: Clustering Coefficient

- Measures how connected  $v$ 's neighboring nodes are:

$$e_v = \frac{\text{\#(edges among neighboring nodes)}}{\binom{k_v}{2}} \in [0,1]$$

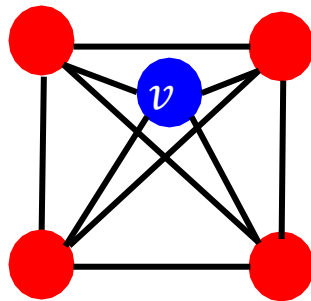
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\#(node pairs among  $k_v$  neighboring nodes)

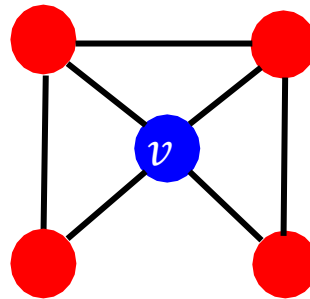
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In our examples below the denominator is 6 (4 choose 2).

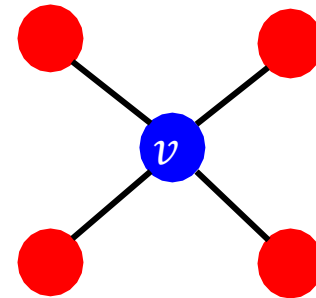
- Examples:**



$$e_v = 1$$



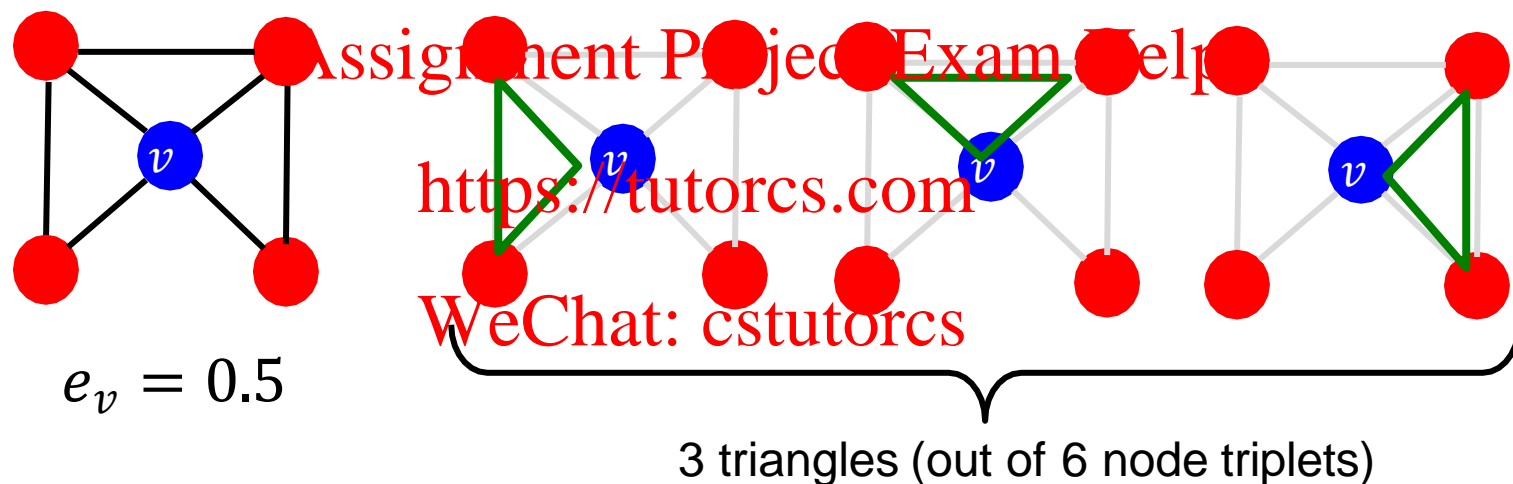
$$e_v = 0.5$$



$$e_v = 0$$

# Node Features: Graphlets

- **Observation:** Clustering coefficient counts the #(triangles) in the ego-network



- We can generalize the above by counting #(pre-specified subgraphs, i.e., **graphlets**).

# Node Features: Graphlets

- **Goal:** Describe network structure around node  $u$ 
  - **Graphlets** are small subgraphs that describe the structure of node  $u$ 's network neighborhood

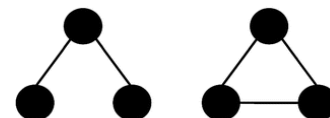
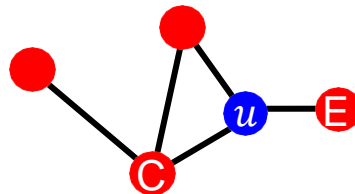
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## Analogy:

- **Degree**  
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counts **#(edges)** that a node touches
- **Clustering coefficient**  
counts **#(triangles)** that a node touches.
- **Graphlet Degree Vector (GDV):**  
Graphlet-base features for nodes
  - **GDV** counts **#(graphlets)** that a node touches

# Node Features: Graphlets

- Considering graphlets of size 2-5 nodes we get:
  - **Vector of 73 coordinates** is a signature of a node that describes the topology of node's neighborhood
- Graphlet degree vector provides a measure of a **node's local network topology:**
- Comparing vectors of two nodes provides a more detailed measure of local topological similarity than node degrees or clustering coefficient.



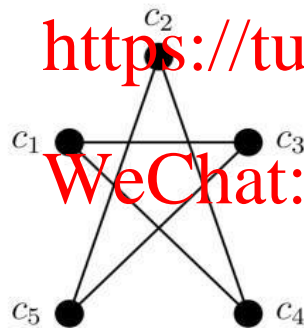
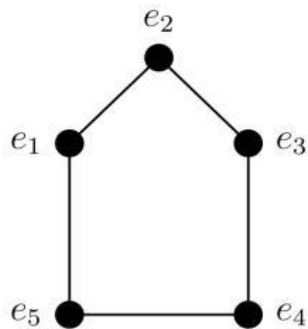
# Isomorphism

## ■ Def: Graph Isomorphism

- Two graphs which contain the same number of nodes connected in the same way are said to be isomorphic.

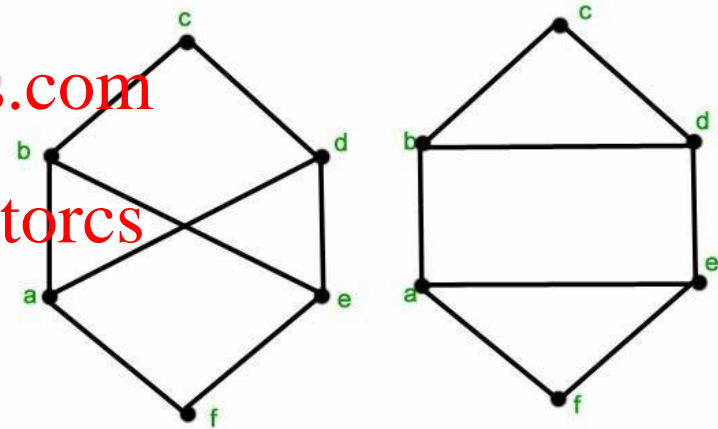
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## Isomorphic

Node mapping:  $(e2, c2)$ ,  $(e1, c5)$ ,  $(e3, c4)$ ,  $(e5, c3)$ ,  $(e4, c1)$



## Non-Isomorphic

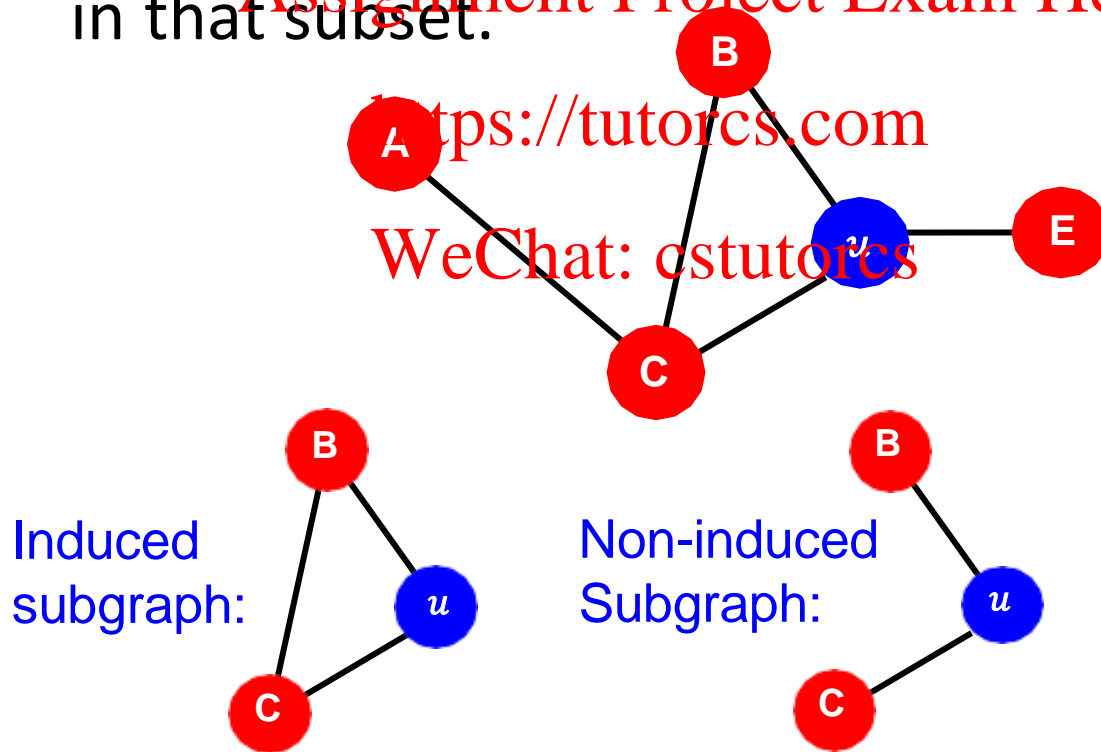
The right graph has cycles of length 3 but the left graph does not, so the graphs cannot be isomorphic.



# Induced Subgraph

- **Def: Induced subgraph**

- A graph, formed from a subset of vertices and *all* of the edges connecting the vertices in that subset.

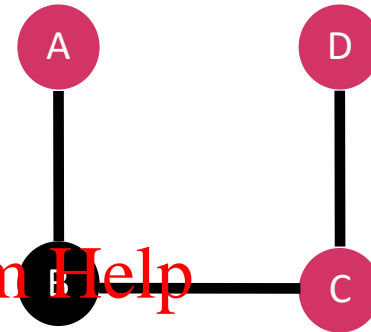


# Subgraph Isomorphism

- Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a data graph and  $p = (V_p, E_p)$  be a pattern graph.
- A function  $f: V_p \rightarrow V$  is called a **homomorphism** of  $p$  if for each edge  $(u, u') \in E_p$ , we have  $(f(u), f(u')) \in E$ .
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# An Example

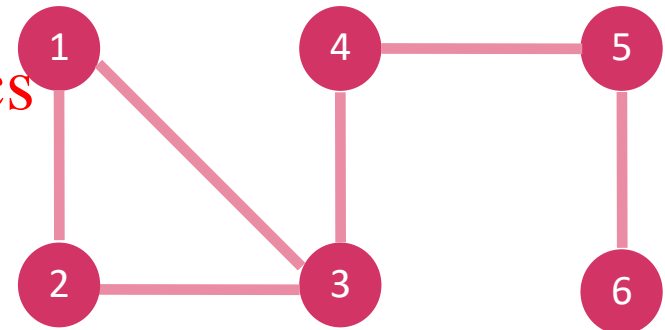
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Pattern  $p$

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Data Graph  $G$

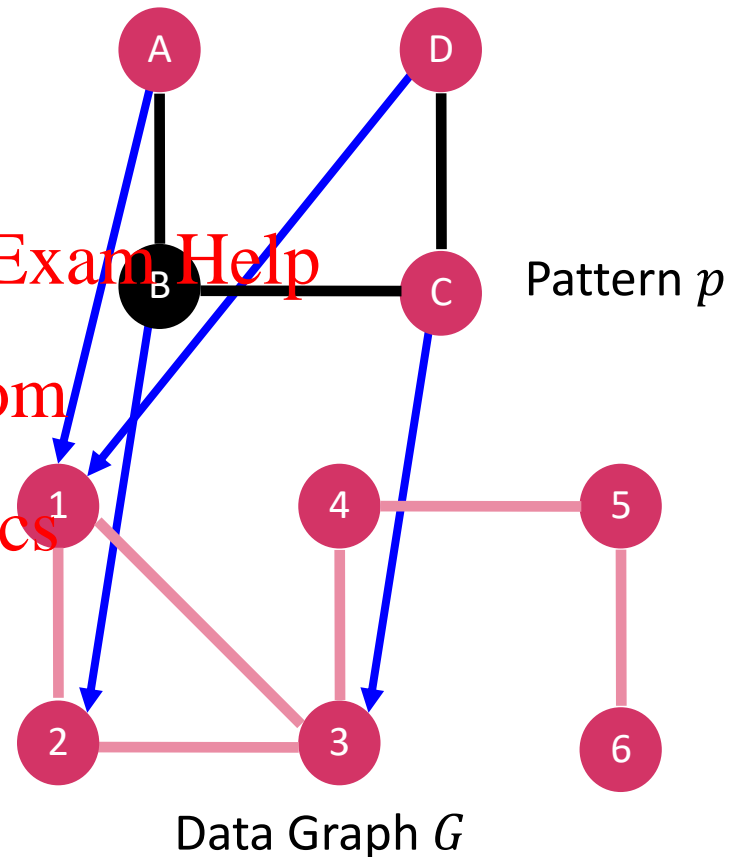
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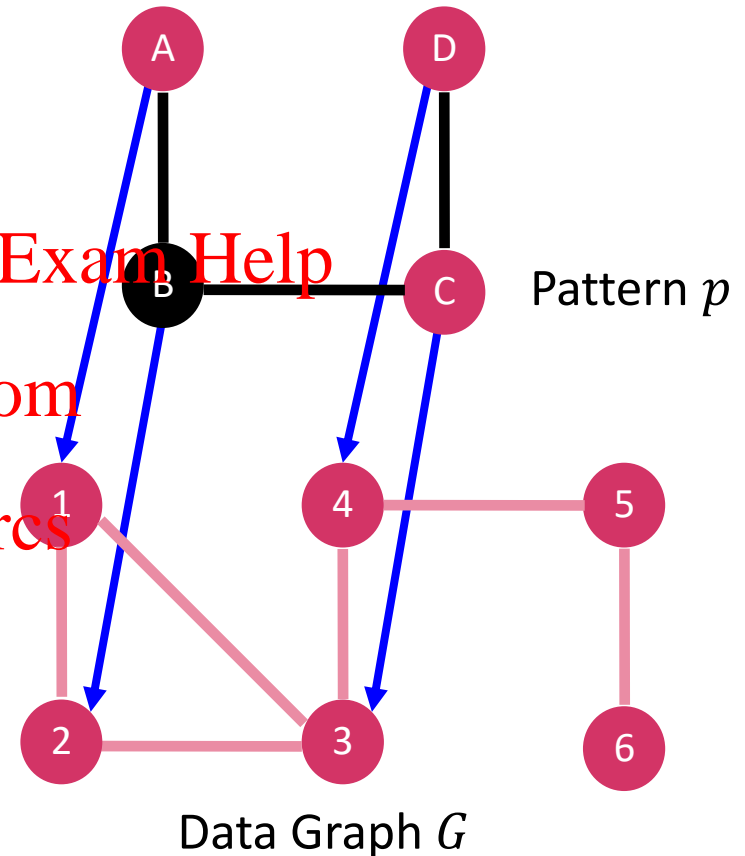
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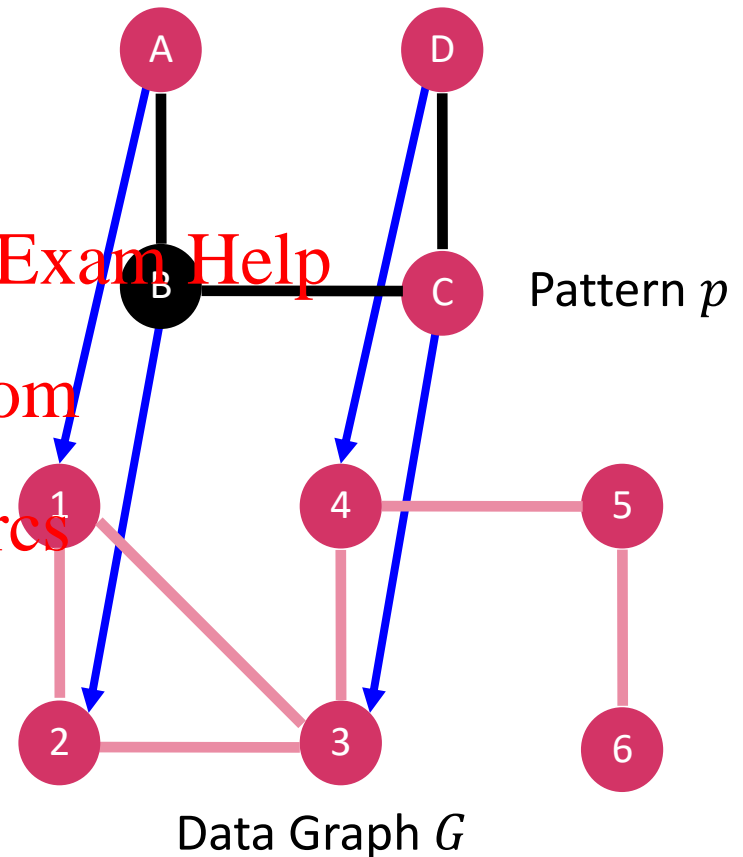
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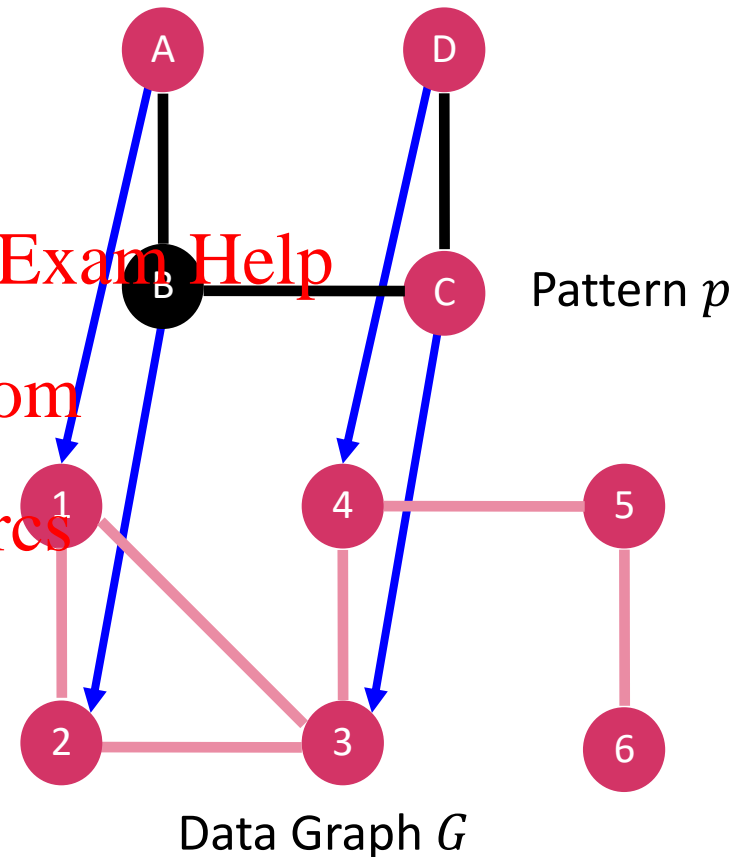
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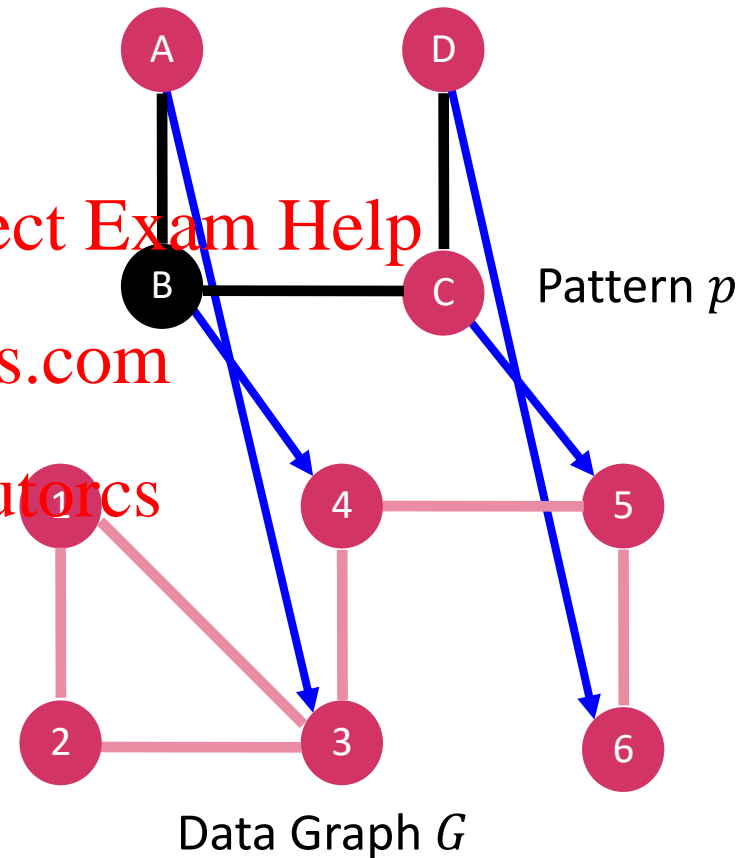
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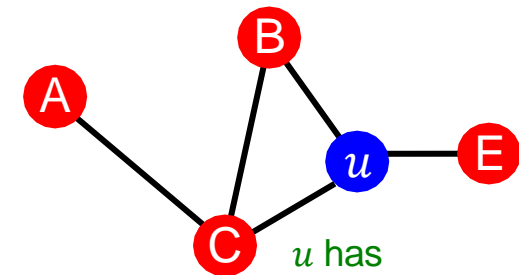
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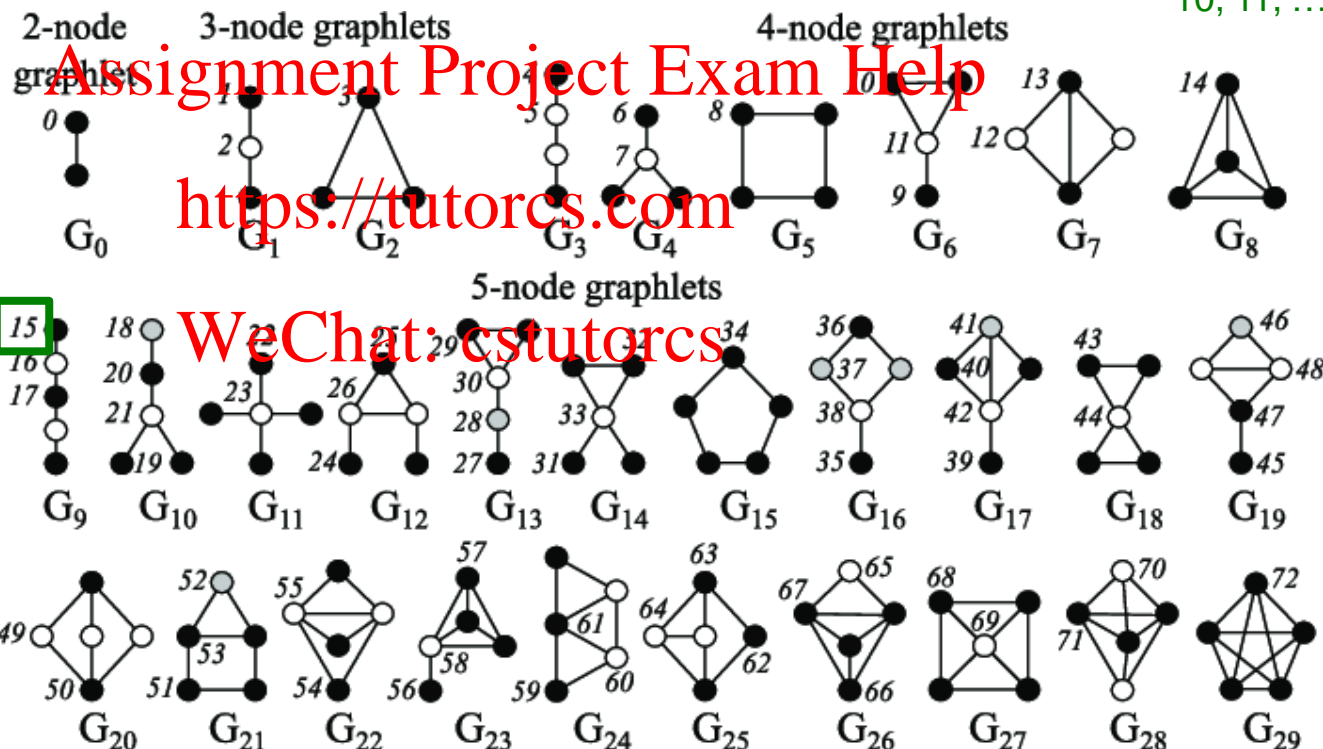
# Node Features: Graphlets



**Graphlets: Rooted** connected induced **non-isomorphic** subgraphs:

$u$  has graphlets:  
0, 1, 2, 3, 5,  
10, 11, ...

Take some nodes  
and all the edges  
between them.



Graphlet id  
(Root of node  $u$ )

There are 73 different graphlet of up to 5 nodes

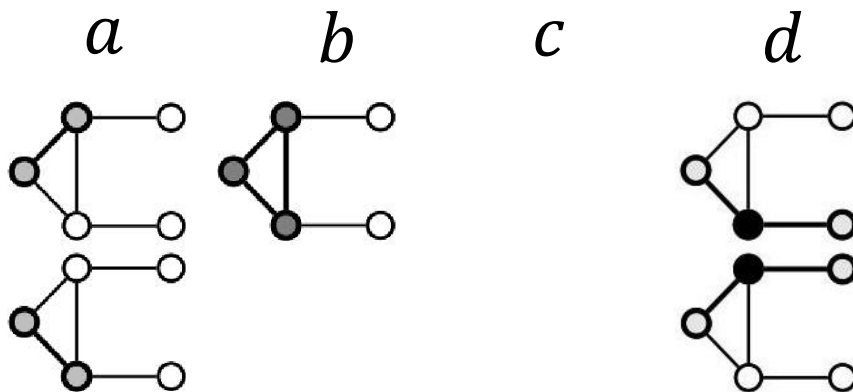
# Node Features: Graphlets

- **Graphlet Degree Vector (GDV):** A count vector of graphlets rooted at a given node.

- **Example:** Possible graphlets up to size 3



Graphlet instances of node  $u$ :



GDV of node  $u$ :

$a, b, c, d$

$[2, 1, 0, 2]$

# Node-level Feature: Summary

- We have introduced different ways to obtain node features.
- They can be categorized as:
  - Importance-based features:
    - Node degree
    - Different node centrality measures
  - Structure-based features:
    - Node degree
    - Clustering coefficient
    - Graphlet count vector

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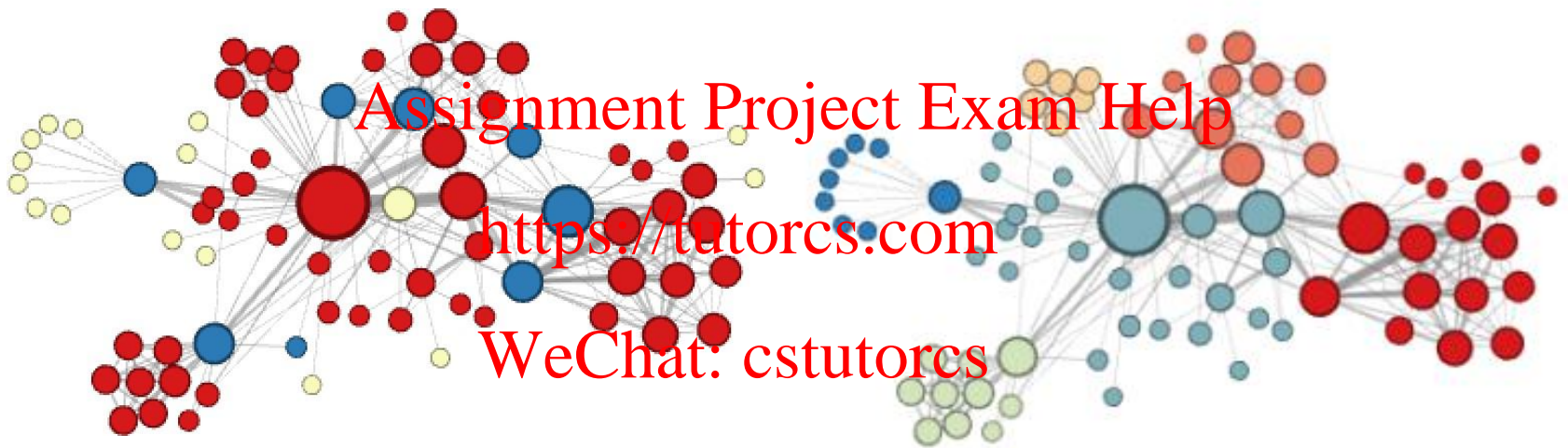
- **Importance-based features:** capture the importance of a node in a graph
  - Node degree:
    - Simply counts the number of neighboring nodes
  - Node centrality
    - Models importance of neighboring nodes in a graph
    - Different modeling choices: eigenvector centrality, betweenness centrality, closeness centrality
- Useful for predicting influential nodes in a graph
  - **Example:** predicting celebrity users in a social network

# Node-level Feature: Summary

- **Structure-based features:** Capture topological properties of local neighborhood around a node.
  - **Node degree:**
    - Counts the number of neighboring nodes
  - **Clustering coefficient:**
    - Measures how connected neighboring nodes are
  - **Graphlet degree vector:**
    - Counts the occurrences of different graphlets
- **Useful for predicting a particular role a node plays in a graph:**
  - **Example:** Predicting protein functionality in a protein-protein interaction network.

# Discussion

## Different ways to label nodes of the network:



Node features defined so far would allow to distinguish nodes in the above example

However, the features defines so far would not allow for distinguishing the above node labelling

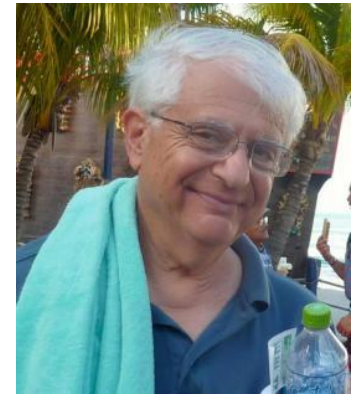
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Link Prediction Task and Features

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# When can people be friends?



- In 1960s, *Mark Granovetter interviewed people who had recently changed employers to learn how they discovered their new jobs.*

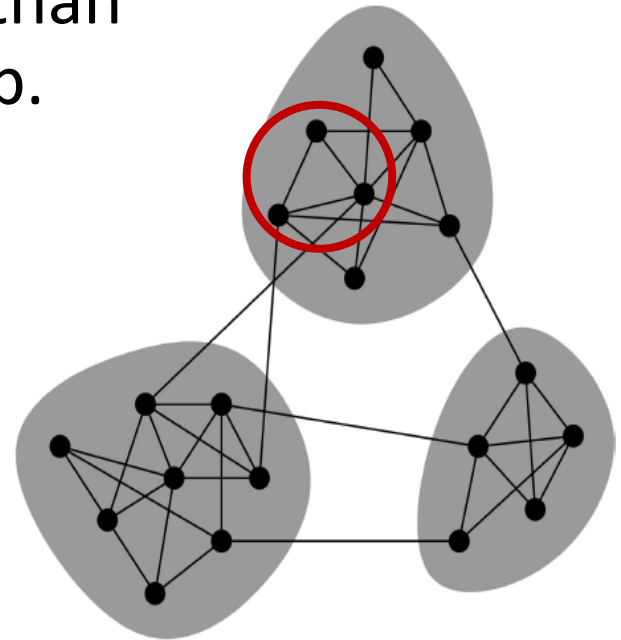
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- **Surprising:** Acquaintances rather than close friends help to find a new job.

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- **Triadic Closure:** *If two people in a social network have a friend in common, then there is an increased likelihood that they will become friends themselves at some point in future.*

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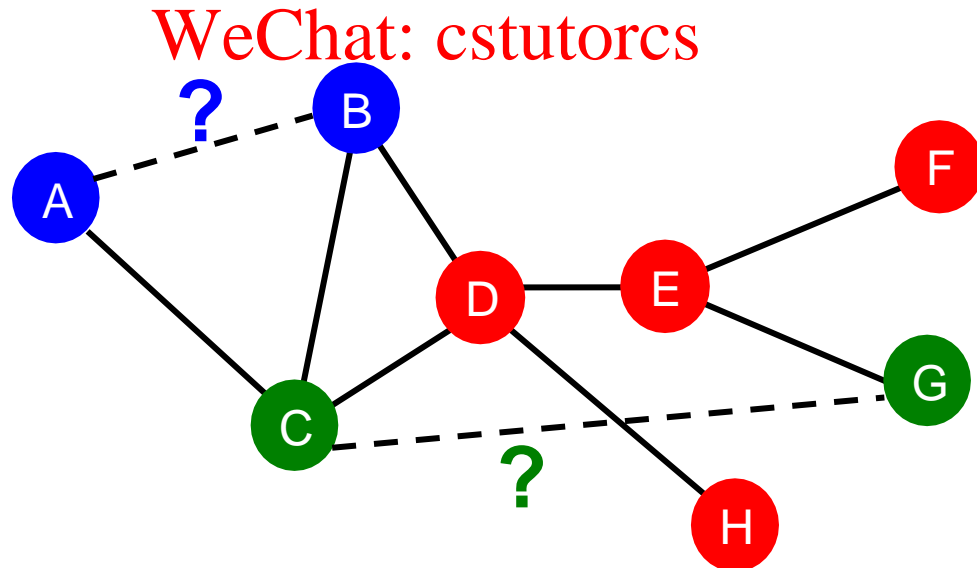


Refer to Networks Crowds and Markets by D Easley and J. Kleinberg, and Jure Leskovec's lecture notes.



# Link-level Prediction Task: Recap

- The task is to predict **new links** based on the existing links.
- At test time, node pairs (with no existing links) are ranked, and top  $K$  node pairs are predicted.
- The key is to design features for a pair of nodes.



# Link-level Prediction as a Task

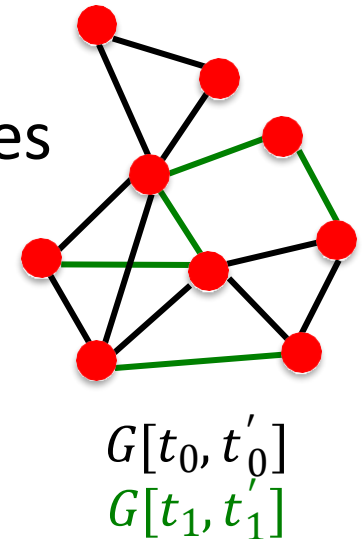
## Two formulations of the link prediction task:

### ■ 1) Links missing at random:

- Remove a random set of links and then aim to predict them

### ■ 2) Links over time:

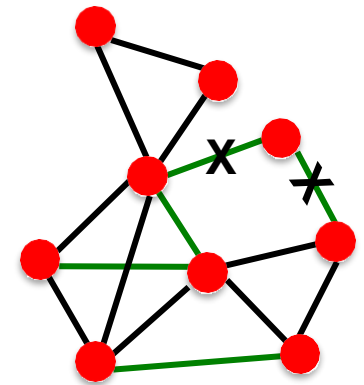
- Given  $G[t_0, t_0']$  a graph defined by edges up to time  $t_0'$ , compute a ranked list  $L$  of edges (not in  $G[t_0, t_0']$ ) that are predicted to appear in time  $G[t_1, t_1']$



# Link Prediction via Proximity

## ■ Methodology:

- For each pair of nodes  $(x, y)$  compute **score**  $c(x, y)$ 
  - For example,  $c(x, y)$  could be the # of common neighbors of  $x$  and  $y$
- Sort pairs  $(x, y)$  by the decreasing score  $c(x, y)$
- **Predict top  $n$  pairs as new links**
- **See which of these links actually appear in  $G[t_1, t'_1]$**

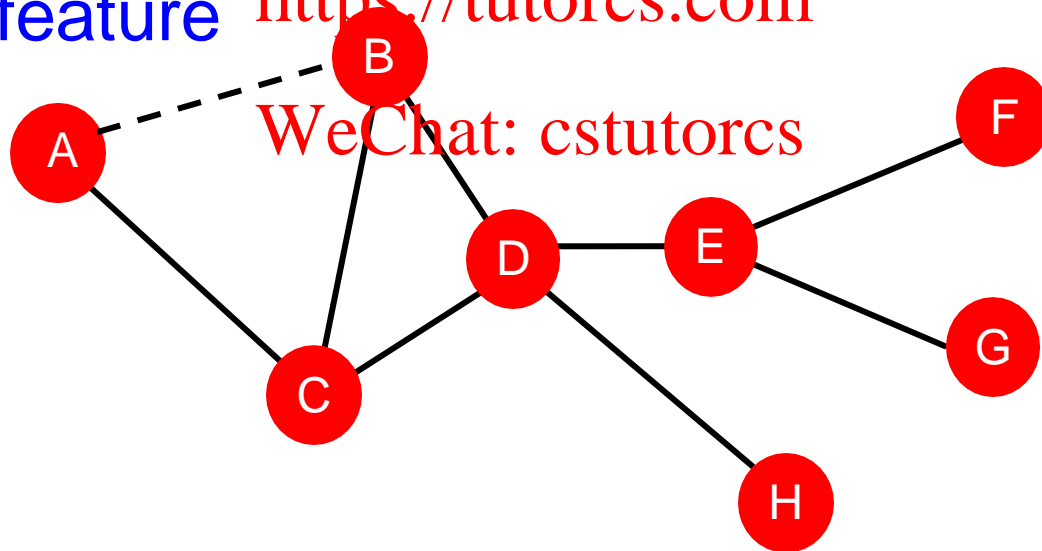


# Link-level Features: Overview

- Distance-based feature
- Local neighborhood overlap
- Global neighborhood overlap

Link feature <https://tutorcs.com>

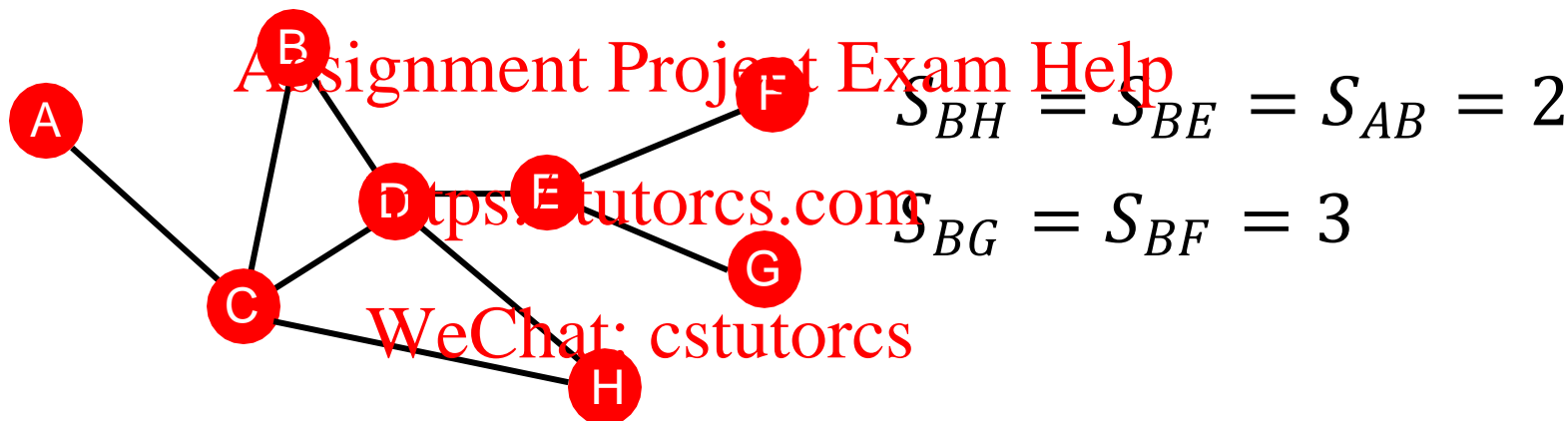
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# Distance-based Features

## Shortest-path distance between two nodes

- Example:



- However, this does not capture the degree of neighborhood overlap:
  - Node pair  $(B, H)$  has 2 shared neighboring nodes, while pairs  $(B, E)$  and  $(A, B)$  only have 1 such node.

# Local Neighborhood Overlap

Captures # neighboring nodes shared between two nodes  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ :

- Common neighbors:  $|N(v_1) \cap N(v_2)|$

- Example:  $|N(A) \cap N(B)| = |\{C\}| = 1$

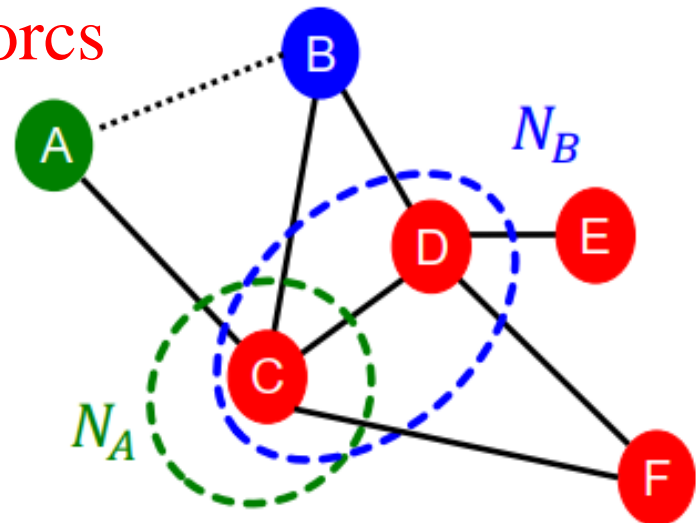
- Jaccard's coefficient:  $\frac{|N(v_1) \cap N(v_2)|}{|N(v_1) \cup N(v_2)|}$

- Example:  $\frac{|N(A) \cap N(B)|}{|N(A) \cup N(B)|} = \frac{|\{C\}|}{|\{C, D\}|} = \frac{1}{2}$

- Adamic-Adar index:

$$\sum_{u \in N(v_1) \cap N(v_2)} \frac{1}{\log(k_u)}$$

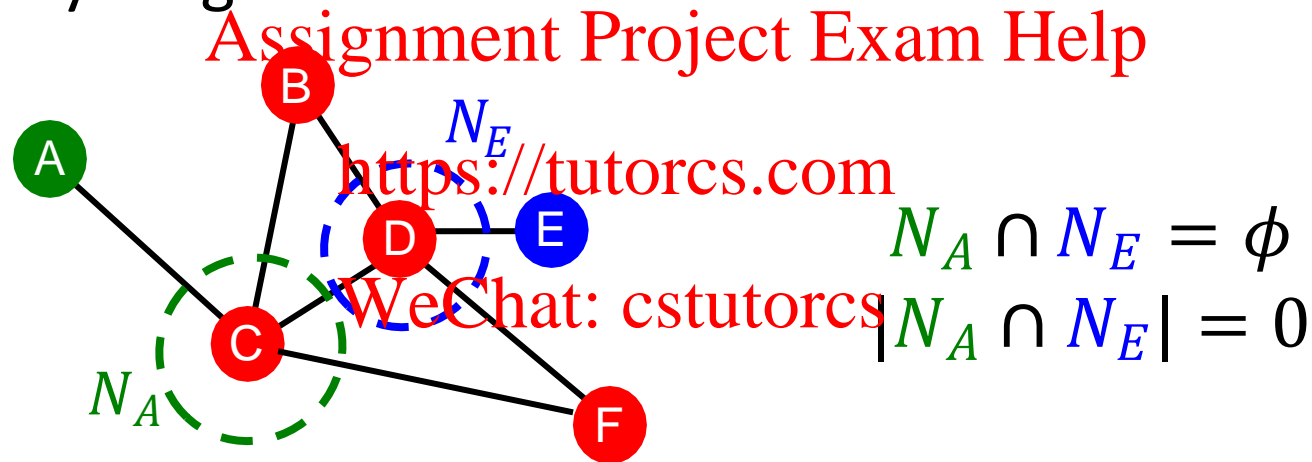
- Example:  $\frac{1}{\log(k_C)} = \frac{1}{\log 4}$



# Global Neighborhood Overlap

- **Limitation of local neighborhood features:**

- Metric is always zero if the two nodes do not have any neighbors in common.



- However, the two nodes may still potentially be connected in the future.
- **Global neighborhood overlap** metrics resolve the limitation by considering the entire graph.

# Global Neighborhood Overlap

- **Katz index:** count the number of walks of all lengths between a given pair of nodes.

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- **Q: How to compute #walks between two nodes?**

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- Use **powers of the graph adjacency matrix!**

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# Intuition: Powers of Adj Matrices

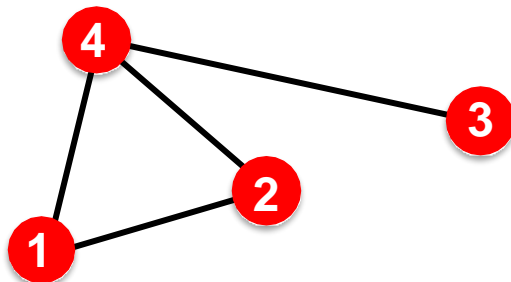
## ■ Computing #walks between two nodes

■ **Recall:**  $A_{uv} = 1$  if  $u \in N(v)$

■ Let  $P_{uv}^{(K)}$  = #walks of length  $K$  between  $u$  and  $v$

■ We will show  $P_{uv}^{(K)} = A^k$

■  $P_{uv}^{(1)}$  = #walks of length 1 (direct neighborhood) between  $u$  and  $v = A_{uv}$



$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$P_{12}^{(1)} = A_{12}$

# Intuition: Powers of Adj Matrices

- How to compute  $P_{uv}^{(2)}$  ?
  - Step 1: Compute **#walks** of length 1 **between each of  $u$ 's neighbor and  $v$**
  - Step 2: **Sum up** these #walks across  $u$ 's neighbors
  - $P_{uv}^{(2)} = \sum_i A_{ui} * P_{iv}^{(1)} = \sum_i A_{ui} * A_{iv} = A_{uv}^2$

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Node 1's neighbors

#walks of length 1 between  
Node 1's neighbors and Node 2

$$P_{12}^{(2)} = A_{12}^2$$

$$A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Power of adjacency

# Global Neighborhood Overlap

- **Katz index:** count the number of walks of all lengths between a pair of nodes.
- How to compute #walks between two nodes?
- Use **adjacency matrix powers!**
  - $A_{uv}$  specifies #walks of length 1 (direct neighborhood) between  $u$  and  $v$ .
  - $A_{uv}^2$  specifies #walks of **length 2** (neighbor of neighbor) between  $u$  and  $v$ .
  - And,  $A_{uv}^l$  specifies #walks of **length  $l$** .

# Global Neighborhood Overlap

- **Katz index** between  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  is calculated as

Sum over **all** walk lengths

$$S_{v_1 v_2} = \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \beta^l A_{v_1 v_2}^l$$

#walks of length  $l$  between  $v_1$  and  $v_2$

$\beta$  discount factor

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- Katz index matrix is computed in closed-form:

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \beta^i A^i = \underbrace{(I - \beta A)^{-1} - I}_{= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i A^i}$$

by geometric series of matrices

# Link-level Features: Summary

## ■ Distance-based features:

- Uses the shortest path length between two nodes but does not capture how neighborhood overlaps.

## ■ Local neighborhood overlap:

- Captures how many neighboring nodes are shared by two nodes.
- Becomes zero when no neighbor nodes are shared.

## ■ Global neighborhood overlap:

- Uses global graph structure to score two nodes.
- Katz index counts #walks of all lengths between two nodes.

# Learning Outcomes

- **Traditional ML Pipeline**

- Hand-crafted feature + ML model

- **Hand-crafted features for graph data**

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- **Node-level:**

- Node degree, centrality, clustering coefficient, graphlets

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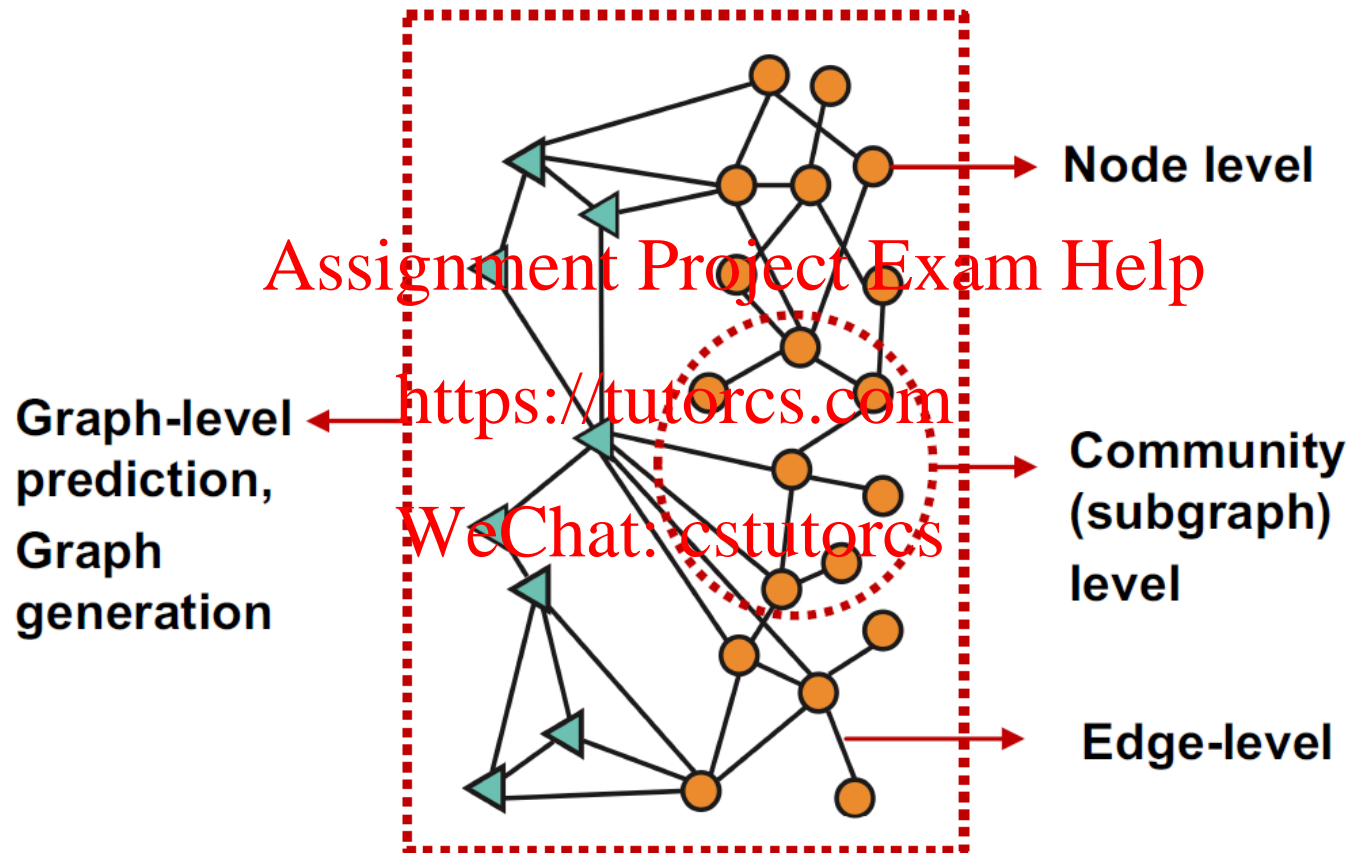
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- Distance-based feature
- local/global neighborhood overlap

# Classic Graph ML Tasks

- **Node classification:**
  - Predict a property of a node
  - **Example:** Categorize online users/items
- **Link prediction:**
  - Predict whether there are missing links between two nodes
  - **Example:** Knowledge graph completion
- **Graph classification:**
  - Categorize different graphs
  - **Example:** Molecule property prediction

# Different Types of Tasks





# Protein Folding Problem

- Computationally **predict** a protein's **3D structure** based solely on its **amino acid sequence**

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Every protein is made up of a sequence of amino acids bonded together

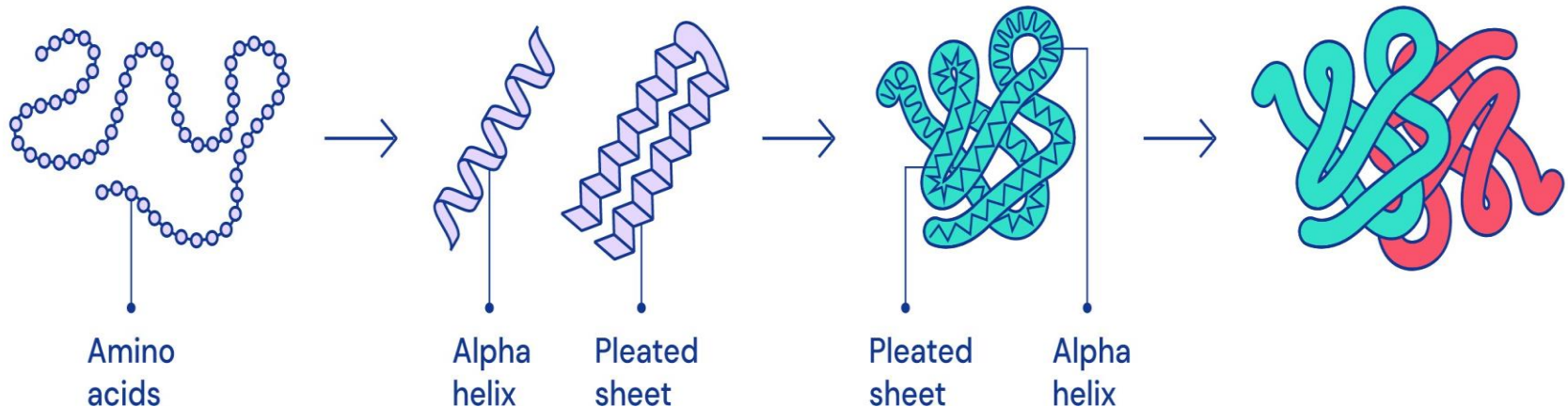
These amino acids interact locally to form shapes like helices and sheets

These shapes fold up on larger scales to form the full three-dimensional protein structure

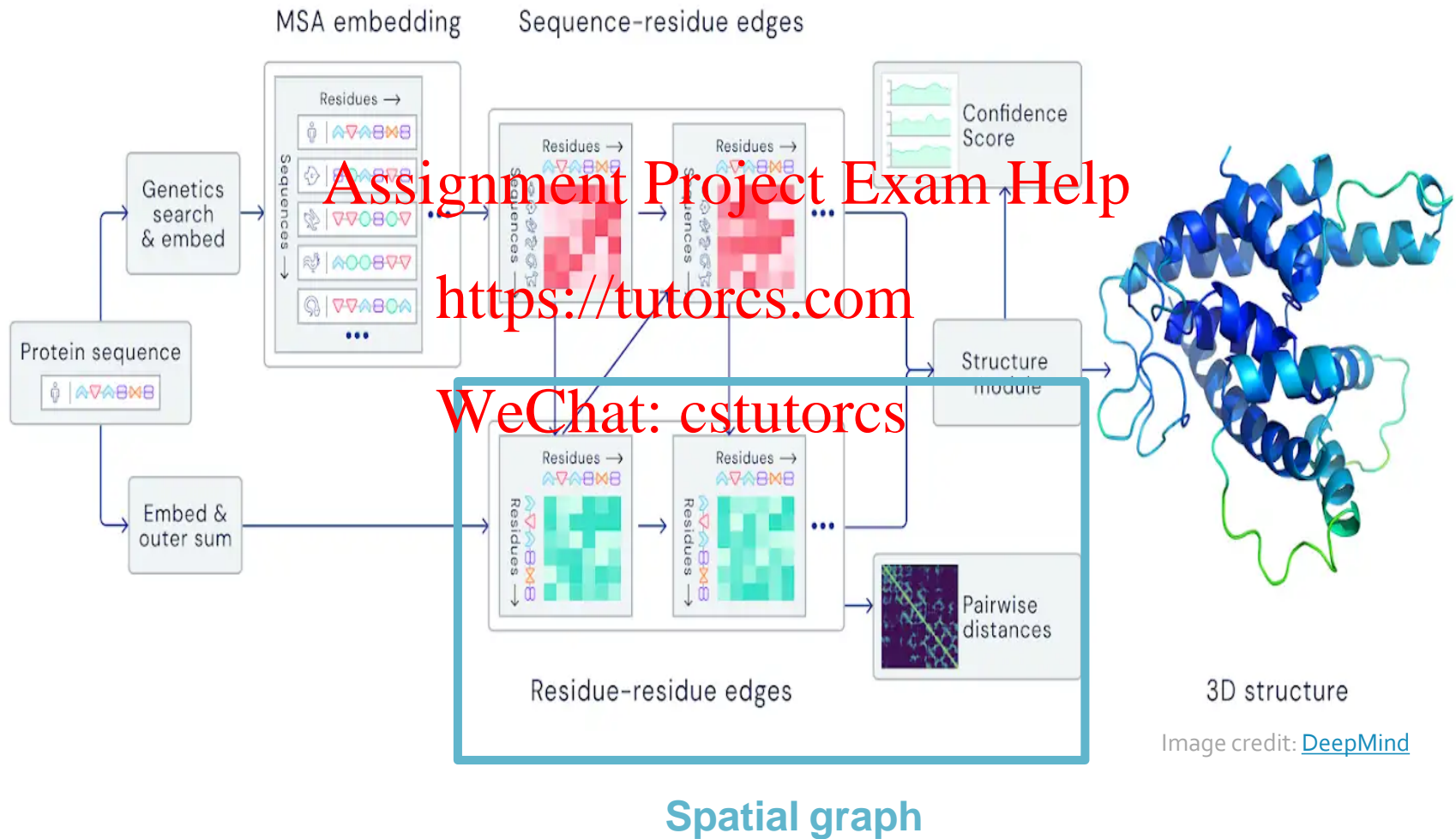
Proteins can interact with other proteins, performing functions such as signalling and transcribing DNA

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# AlphaFold



# AlphaFold: Impact



Median Free-Modelling Accuracy



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DeepMind's latest AI breakthrough can accurately predict the way proteins fold

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Has Artificial Intelligence 'Solved' Biology's Protein-Folding Problem?

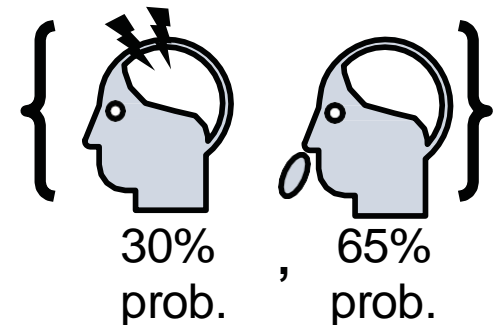
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DeepMind's latest AI breakthrough could turbocharge drug discovery

AlphaFold's AI could change the world of biological science as we know it

# Example 2: Drug Side Effects

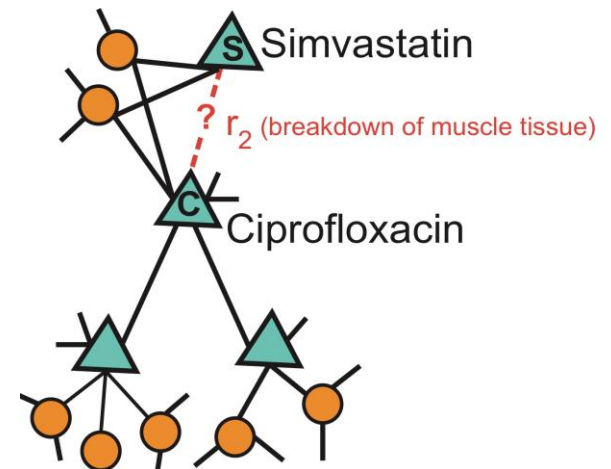
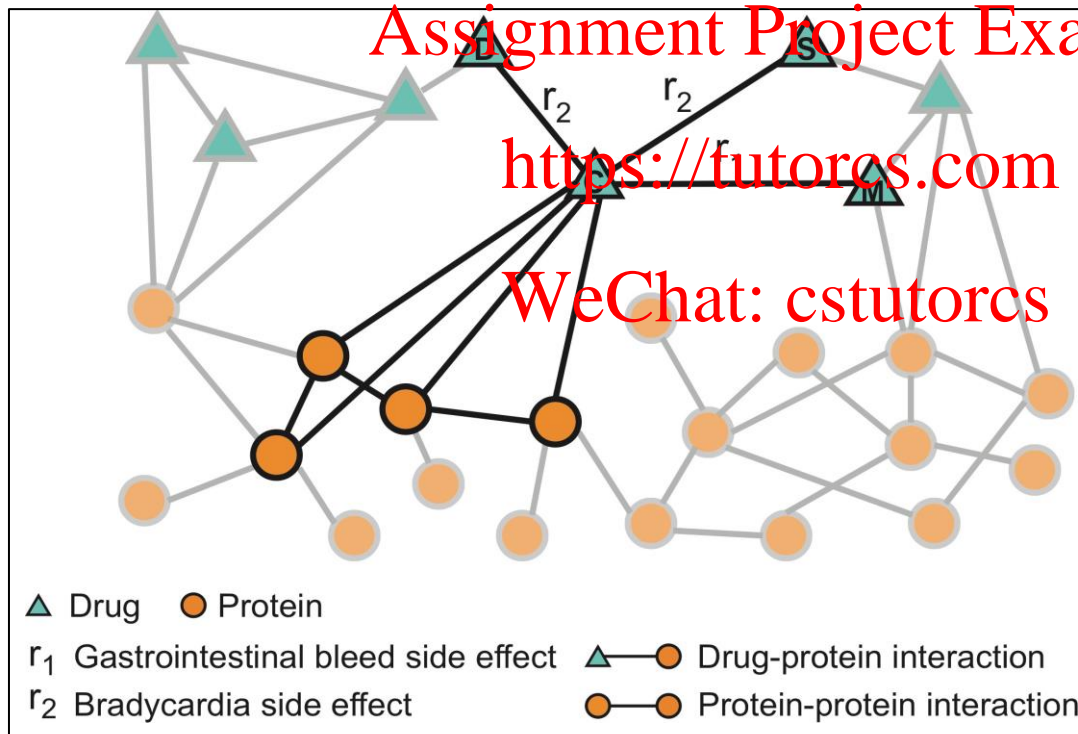
- Polypharmacy is the use of drug combinations and is commonly used for treating complex and terminal diseases.
  - 46% of people ages 70-79 take **more than 5** drugs
  - Many patients take more than 20 drugs to treat heart disease, depression, insomnia, etc.
- Despite its effectiveness in many cases, it poses high risks of adverse side effects.



# Link Prediction: Biomedical Graph

- **Nodes:** Drugs & Proteins
- **Edges:** Interactions

**Query:** How likely will Simvastatin and Ciprofloxacin, when taken together, break down muscle tissue?





# Link Prediction: Biomedical Graph

Rank	Drug $c$	Drug $d$	Side effect $r$	Evidence found
1	Pyrimethamine	Aliskiren	Sarcoma	<a href="#">Stage et al. 2015</a>
2	Tigecycline	Bimatoprost	Autonomic neuropathy	
3	Omeprazole	Dacarbazine	Telangiectases	
4	Tolcapone	Pyrimethamine	Breast disorder	<a href="#">Bicker et al. 2017</a>
5	Minoxidil	Paracetamol	Cluster headache	
6	Omeprazole	Amoxicillin	Renal tubular acidosis	<a href="#">Russo et al. 2016</a>
7	Anagrelide	Aspirin	Cerebral thrombosis	
8	Atorvastatin	Amlodipine	Muscle inflammation	<a href="#">Banakh et al. 2017</a>
9	Aliskiren	Tioconazole	Breast inflammation	<a href="#">Parving et al. 2012</a>
10	Estradiol	Nadolol	Endometriosis	

## Case Report

**Severe Rhabdomyolysis due to Presumed Drug Interactions between Atorvastatin with Amlodipine and Ticagrelor**