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# Machine Learning for Graphs and Sequential Data (Problem sheet)

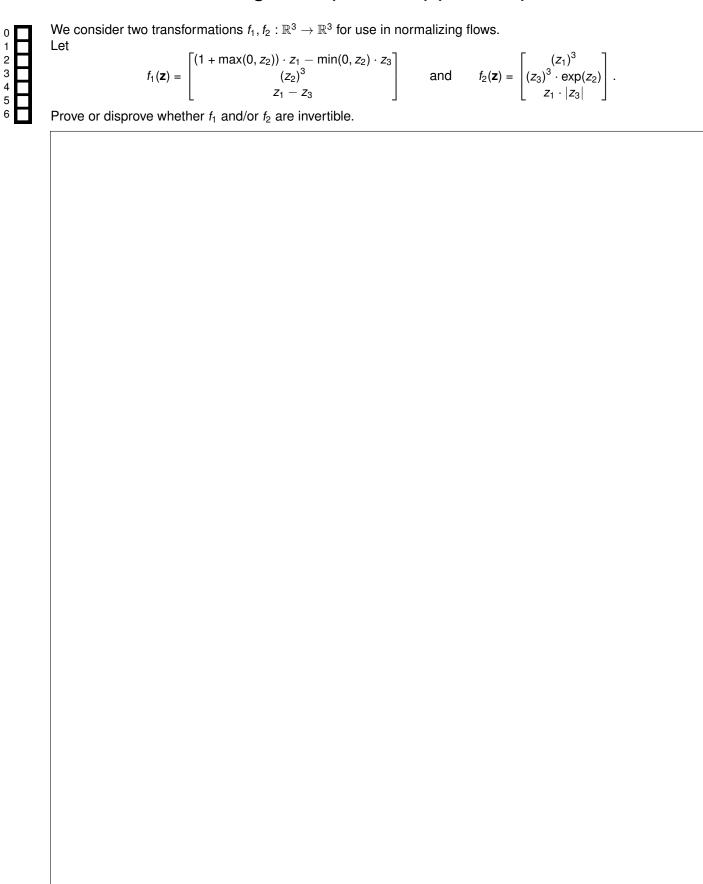
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**Examiner:** Prof. Dr. Stephan Günnemann **Time:** 14:15 – 15:30

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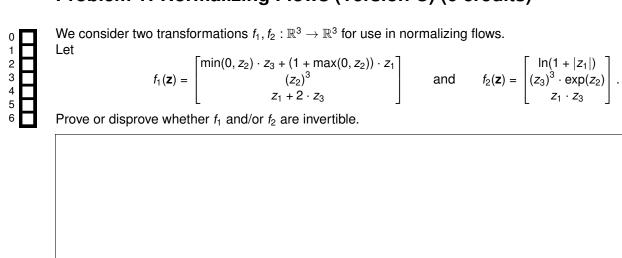
# Problem 1: Normalizing Flows (Version A) (6 credits)



# **Problem 1: Normalizing Flows (Version B) (6 credits)**

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We conside	er two tra	nsformations	$f_1,f_2:\mathbb{R}^3  ightarrow$	$\mathbb{R}^3$ for use i	n normalizir	ng flows.		
Let							Γ (z,) <sup>3</sup>	1
	$f_1(\mathbf{z}) =$	$(1 + \max(0,$	$(z_2)$ $(z_2)$ $\times z_1 - mi$	$in(0, z_2) \cdot z_3$	and	$f_2({\bf z}) =$	$ \ln(1+ z_3 )\cdot \exp(z_3)$	2) .
			$z_1 - z_3$				$\begin{bmatrix} (z_1)^3 \\ \ln(1+ z_3 ) \cdot \exp(z_1) \\ z_1 \cdot z_3 \end{bmatrix}$	
Prove or dis		hether $f_1$ and						

# Problem 1: Normalizing Flows (Version C) (6 credits)



# **Problem 1: Normalizing Flows (Version D) (6 credits)**

et	$f_1(\mathbf{z}) =$	$\left[\min(0,z_2)\cdot z\right]$	$(z_2)^3$ $z_3 + (1 + ma)$ $z_1 + 2 \cdot z_3$	$x(0,z_2))\cdot z_1$	and	$f_2(\mathbf{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} (z_2)^3 \\ z_2 \cdot  z_1  \\ (z_1)^3 \cdot \exp(z_3) \end{bmatrix}.$
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Reminder: The ELBO for parameters  $\theta$  and variational distribution  $q_{\phi}$  is defined as

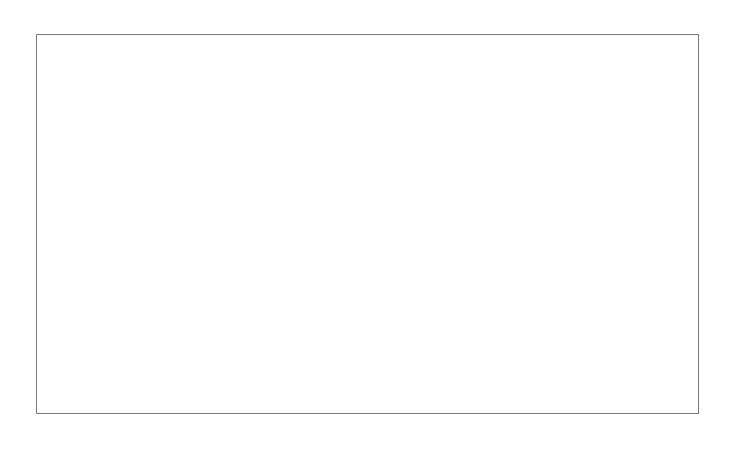
$$\mathcal{L}(\theta, q_{\phi}) = \underset{\mathbf{z} \sim q_{\phi}}{\mathbb{E}} \left[ \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) - \log q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z}) \right].$$

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b) Suppose  $\theta$  is fixed. Derive the value of  $\phi$  that maximizes the ELBO.



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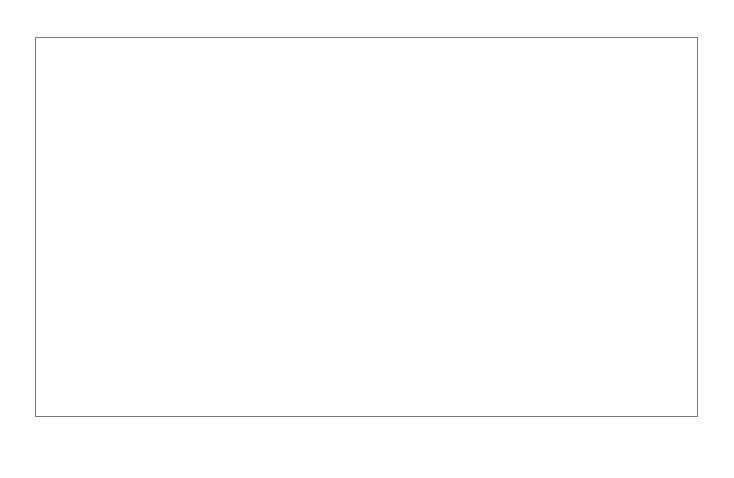
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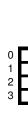
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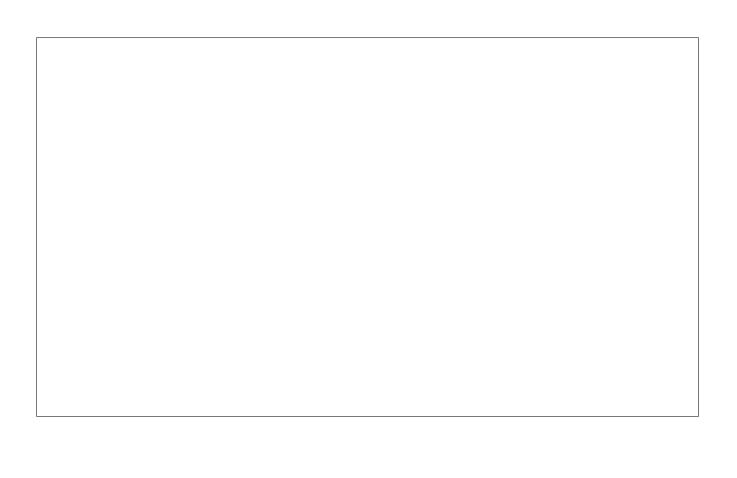
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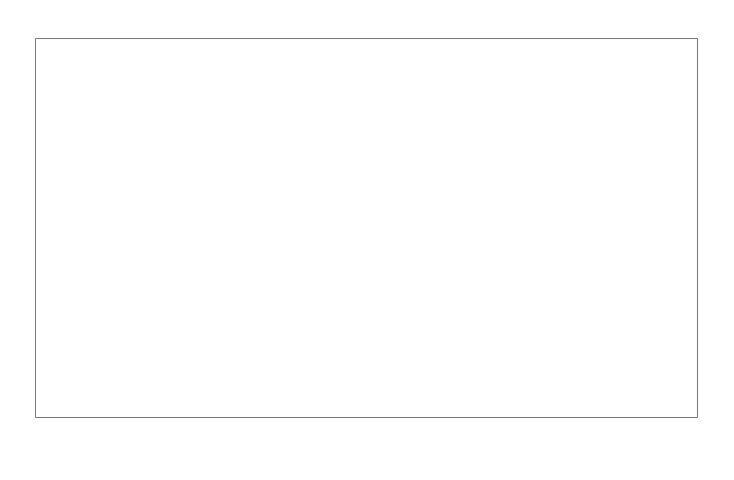
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## Problem 3: Variational Autoencoder (Version A) (2 credits)



We would like to define a variational autoencoder model for black-and-white images. Each image is represented as a binary vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \{0,1\}^N$ . We define the conditional distribution  $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})$  as follows.

1. We obtain the distribution parameters as

$$\lambda = \exp(f_{\theta}(\mathbf{z})),$$

where  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^L$  is the latent variable and  $f_{\theta} : \mathbb{R}^L \to \mathbb{R}^N$  is the decoder neural network.

2. We obtain the conditional distribution as

$$p_{\theta}(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{z}) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} \mathsf{Exponential}(x_i|\lambda_i)$$

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### Problem 3: Variational Autoencoder (Version B) (2 credits)

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## Problem 3: Variational Autoencoder (Version C) (2 credits)



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### Problem 3: Variational Autoencoder (Version D) (2 credits)

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### Problem 4: Robustness - Convex Relaxation (Version A) (7 credits)

In the lecture, we have derived a tight convex relaxation for the ReLU activation function. Now we want to generalize this result to the LeakyReLU activation function

LeakyReLU(x) = 
$$\begin{cases} x & \text{for } x \ge 0 \\ \alpha x & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

with  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  be the variables we use to model the function's input and output, respectively. Assume we know that  $l \le x \le u$  with  $l, u \in \mathbb{R}$ . Specify a set of **linear constraints** on  $\begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix}^T$  that model the **convex hull** of  $\begin{bmatrix} x & \text{LeakyReLU}(x) \end{bmatrix}^T$ , i.e. whose feasible region is

$$\left\{\lambda\begin{bmatrix}x_1\\\text{LeakyReLU}(x_1)\end{bmatrix}+(1-\lambda)\begin{bmatrix}x_2\\\text{LeakyReLU}(x_2)\end{bmatrix}\bigg|\ x_1,x_2\in[\mathit{I},\mathit{u}]\land\lambda\in[0,1]\right\}.$$

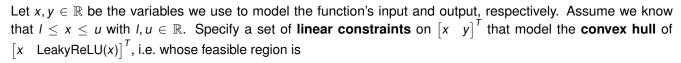
Reminder: A linear constraint is an inequality or equality relation between terms that are linear in x and y. Hint: You will have to make a **case distinction** to account for different ranges of l and u.

### Problem 4: Robustness - Convex Relaxation (Version B) (7 credits)

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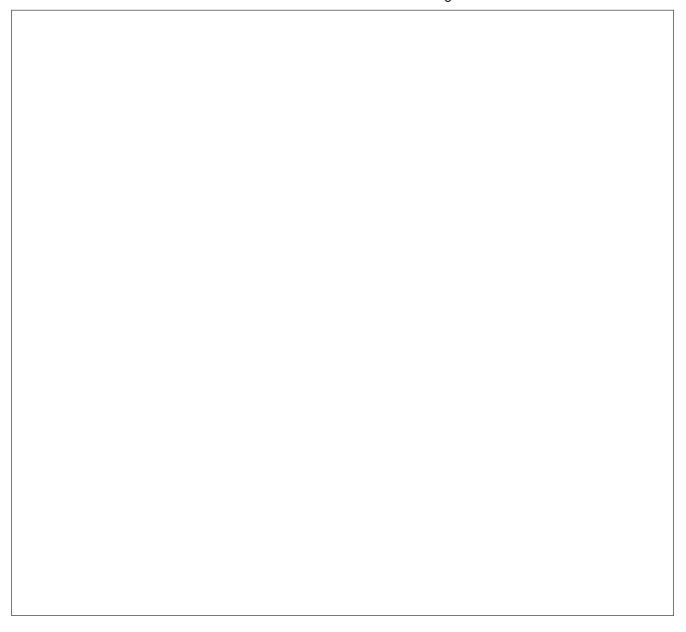
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### Problem 4: Robustness - Convex Relaxation (Version C) (7 credits)

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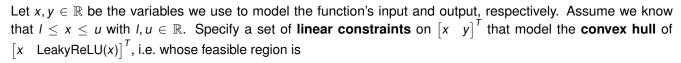
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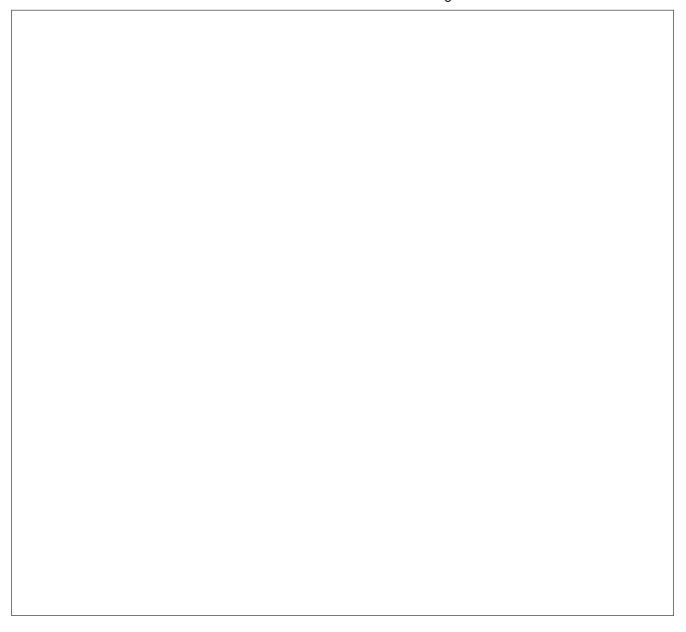
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### Problem 5: Markov Chain Language Model (Version A) (7 credits)

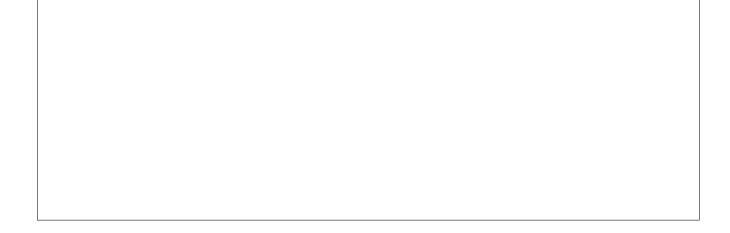
We want to use a Markov chain to model a very simple language consisting of the 4 words I, orange, like, eat. While the words are borrowed from the English language, our simple language is not bound to its grammatical rules. The words map to the Markov chain parameters as follows.

$$\pi = \begin{array}{c} \text{like} \begin{pmatrix} \pi_1 \\ \pi_2 \\ \text{eat} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{A} = \begin{array}{c} \text{lorange} & \text{like} \\ A_{11} & \cdots & A_{14} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{41} & \cdots & A_{44} \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\mathbf{A}_{ij}$  specifies the probability of transitioning from state i to state j.



- a) Fit the Markov chain to the following dataset of example sentences by computing the most likely parameters.
  - · I like orange
  - · I eat orange
  - · orange eat orange
  - I like I



$$\pi = \begin{array}{c} \text{like} \\ \text{orange} \\ \text{eat} \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{6} \\ \frac{2}{6} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \pmb{A} = \begin{array}{c} \text{l} \\ \text{orange} \\ \text{like} \\ \text{orange} \\ \text{like} \\ \text{eat} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/6 & 3/6 & 2/6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2/6 & 4/6 \\ 1/6 & 3/6 & 1/6 & 1/6 \\ 1/6 & 5/6 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



- b) Which of the following two sentences is more likely according to the model? Justify your answer.
  - 1) I like orange
  - 2) orange eat I

c) Given that the 3rd word $X_3$ of a sentence is $orange$ , compute the (unnormalized) probability distribution over the previous word $X_2$ . Justify your answer.	H
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### Problem 5: Markov Chain Language Model (Version B) (7 credits)

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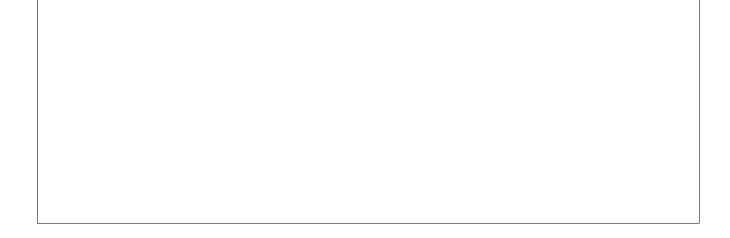
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  - I like orange
  - · orange like orange
  - I see orange



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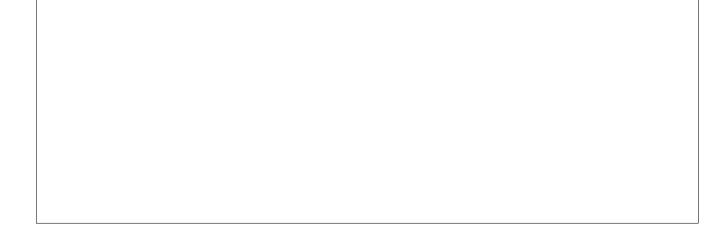
We want to use a Markov chain to model a very simple language consisting of the 4 words you, apple, see, like. While the words are borrowed from the English language, our simple language is not bound to its grammatical rules. The words map to the Markov chain parameters as follows.

$$\pi = \begin{array}{c} \text{you} \\ \text{apple} \\ \text{see} \\ \text{like} \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} \pi_1 \\ \pi_2 \\ \pi_3 \\ \pi_4 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{A} = \begin{array}{c} \text{you} \\ \text{you} \\ \text{you} \\ \mathbf{A}_{11} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{A}_{41} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{A}_{44} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{A}_{44}$$

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- a) Fit the Markov chain to the following dataset of example sentences by computing the most likely parameters.
  - you see apple
  - · you like apple
  - · apple like apple
  - · you see you



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- b) Which of the following two sentences is more likely according to the model? Justify your answer.
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  - 2) apple like you

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### Problem 5: Markov Chain Language Model (Version D) (7 credits)

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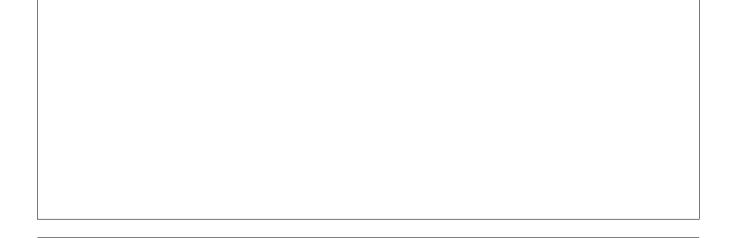
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  - · they eat apple
  - · apple eat apple
  - · they like apple



$$\pi = \begin{array}{c} \text{they} \\ \text{apple} \\ \text{like} \\ \text{eat} \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} 4/6 \\ 2/6 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \pmb{A} = \begin{array}{c} \text{they} \\ \text{they} \\ \text{apple} \\ \text{like} \\ \text{eat} \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/6 & 3/6 & 2/6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2/6 & 4/6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2/6 & 4/6 \\ 1/6 & 3/6 & 1/6 & 1/6 \\ 1/6 & 5/6 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



- b) Which of the following two sentences is more likely according to the model? Justify your answer.
  - 1) they like apple
  - 2) apple eat they

c) Given that the 3rd word $X_3$ of a sentence is $apple$ , compute the (unnormalized) probability distribution over the	_
previous word $X_2$ . Justify your answer.	

### Problem 6: Neural Sequence Models (Version A) (4 credits)

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We want to find out the limitations of our neural models for sequential data. To do that, we construct a dataset where the inputs are multiple sequences of n > 10 numbers  $[x_1, x_2, ..., x_n]$ ,  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ , where the corresponding target for each sequence is  $y = x_1 + x_n$ . We use four different encoders:

- 1. RNN with positional encoding
- 2. Transformer with positional encoding
- 3. Transformer without positional encoding
- 4. Dilated causal convolution with 2 hidden layers. We set dilation size to 2.

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#### Problem 6: Neural Sequence Models (Version B) (4 credits)

We want to find out the limitations of our neural models for sequential data. To do that, we construct a dataset where the inputs are multiple sequences of n > 10 numbers  $[x_1, x_2, ..., x_n], x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ , where the corresponding target for each sequence is  $y = x_1 + x_n$ . We use four different encoders: 1. Recurrent neural network 2. Transformer without positional encoding 3. Transformer with positional encoding 4. Sliding window neural network that takes  $[x_{i-k}, ..., x_{i-1}, x_i]$  and outputs  $h_i \in \mathbb{R}^h$ , for each i. We set k = 5After processing the sequence with the above described encoders, we have access to hidden states  $h_i \in \mathbb{R}^h$ , corresponding to the *i*-th place in the sequence. We use the last hidden state  $h_n$  to make the prediction. For each of the four encoders, write down if they can learn the given task in theory. Justify your answer. For those encoders that can learn it, what issues might you encounter in practice?

### Problem 6: Neural Sequence Models (Version C) (4 credits)

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We want to find out the limitations of our neural models for sequential data. To do that, we construct a dataset where the inputs are multiple sequences of n > 10 numbers  $[x_1, x_2, ..., x_n]$ ,  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ , where the corresponding target for each sequence is  $y = x_1 + x_n$ . We use four different encoders:

- 1. Transformer with positional encoding
- 2. Transformer without positional encoding
- 3. Multilayer neural network that takes vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  as input (all numbers concatenated) and outputs  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times h}$
- 4. Recurrent neural network

After processing the sequence with the above described encoders, we have access to hidden states $h_i \in \mathbb{R}$	,
corresponding to the <i>i</i> -th place in the sequence. We use the last hidden state $h_n$ to make the prediction. For each	ch
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#### Problem 6: Neural Sequence Models (Version D) (4 credits)

We want to find out the limitations of our neural models for sequential data. To do that, we construct a dataset where the inputs are multiple sequences of n > 10 numbers  $[x_1, x_2, ..., x_n], x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ , where the corresponding target for each sequence is  $y = x_1 + x_n$ . We use four different encoders: 1. Recurrent neural network 2. Dilated causal convolution with 2 hidden layers. We set dilation size to 2. 3. Transformer with positional encoding 4. Transformer without positional encoding After processing the sequence with the above described encoders, we have access to hidden states  $h_i \in \mathbb{R}^h$ , corresponding to the *i*-th place in the sequence. We use the last hidden state  $h_n$  to make the prediction. For each of the four encoders, write down if they can learn the given task in theory. Justify your answer. For those encoders that can learn it, what issues might you encounter in practice?

# Problem 7: Temporal Point Process (Version A) (6 credits)

We fit a homogeneous Poisson process with intensity parameter  $\mu$  to model event occurrences in a time interval [0, T]. We have observed a single sequence that contains n points  $\{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n\}, t_i \in [0, T]$ .

0	a) Derive the maximum likelihood estimate of the parameter $\mu.$
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2	in one year. Our task is to find the least busy 2 hour interval in each day to close down the road for maintenance.
	Can we use the homogeneous Poisson process to achieve this? If not, can you suggest an alternative model? Justify your answer.

# Problem 7: Temporal Point Process (Version B) (6 credits)

We fit a homogeneous Poisson process with intensity parameter  $\mu$  to model event occurrences in a time interval [0,5]. We have observed a single sequence  $\{0.7, 0.8, 1.5, 2.3, 4.7\}$ .

a) Derive the maximum likelihood estimate of the parameter $\mu.$	
b) Suppose we install a sensor next to a busy road that records the times when cars drive by. We model the times as described above, using the events from the whole day as one sequence. For each day of the week we estimate the parameter $\mu$ using data we collected in one year. That means we have $\mu_{\text{Mon}}, \mu_{\text{Tue}}, \dots, \mu_{\text{Sun}}$ , each $\mu$ corresponding to one day of the week. Our task is to find the least busy day of the week to close down the road for maintenance. Can we use the homogeneous Poisson process to achieve this? If not, can you suggest an alternative model? Justify your answer.	B

# Problem 7: Temporal Point Process (Version C) (6 credits)

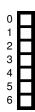
We fit a homogeneous Poisson process with intensity parameter  $\mu$  to model event occurrences in a time interval [0, 2]. We have observed a single sequence  $\{0.1, 0.8, 1.3, 1.5, 1.7, 1.9\}$ .

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# **Problem 7: Temporal Point Process (Version D) (6 credits)**

We fit a homogeneous Poisson process with intensity parameter  $\mu$  to model event occurrences in a time interval [3, 13]. We have observed a single sequence  $\{3.5, 4.3, 4.5, 7.1, 8.3\}$ .

a) Derive the maximum likelihood estimate of the parameter $\mu$ .	
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b) Suppose we install a sensor next to a busy road that records the times when cars drive by. We model the times as described above, using the events from the whole day as one sequence. Using our model, we want to answer whether fast vehicles get stuck behind slower vehicles. That is, we want to see if observing one vehicle leads to a few more following behind it. Can we use the homogeneous Poisson process to achieve this? If not, can you suggest an alternative model? Justify your answer.	0 1 2

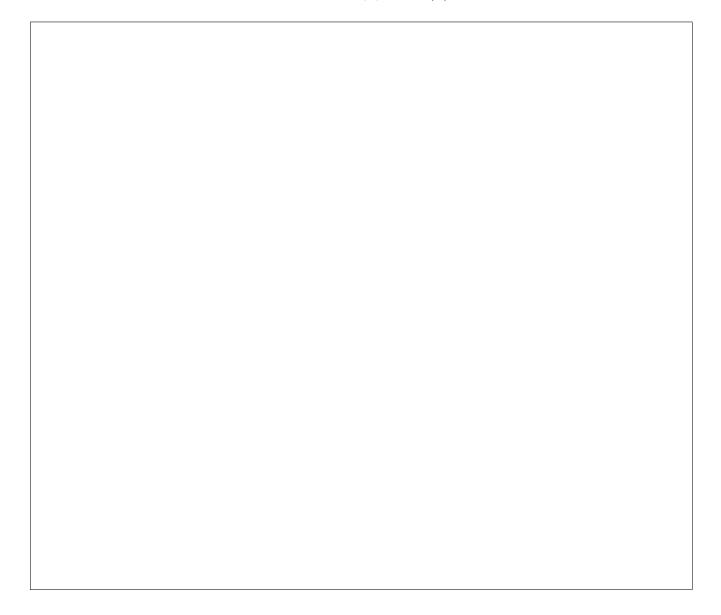


#### Problem 8: Clustering (Version A) (6 credits)

We consider the graph G=(E,V) with adjacency matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  where the nodes are separated into two clusters, C and  $\bar{C}$ . We define the associated random walk  $\Pr(X_{t+1}=j|X_t=i)=\frac{A_{ij}}{d_i}$  where  $d_i=\sum_j A_{ij}$  is the degree of node i and  $\Pr(X_0=i)=\frac{d_i}{\operatorname{vol}(V)}$  is the starting distribution where  $\operatorname{vol}(V)=\sum_{i\in V}d_i$  is the volume of the set of nodes V. We define the probability to transition from cluster C to cluster  $\bar{C}$  in the first random walk step as  $\Pr(\bar{C}\mid C)=\Pr(X_1\in \bar{C}\mid X_0\in C)$  and vice versa. Show that the normalized cut satisfies the equation

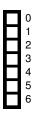
$$Ncut(C, \bar{C}) = Pr(\bar{C} \mid C) + Pr(C \mid \bar{C}).$$

$$\operatorname{Ncut}(C, \bar{C}) = \frac{\operatorname{cut}(C, \bar{C})}{\operatorname{vol}(C)} + \frac{\operatorname{cut}(C, \bar{C})}{\operatorname{vol}(\bar{C})}.$$



#### Problem 8: Clustering (Version B) (6 credits)

We consider the graph G=(E,V) with adjacency matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  where the nodes are separated into two clusters, C and  $\bar{C}$ . We define the associated random walk  $\Pr(X_{t+1}=j|X_t=i)=\frac{A_{ij}}{d_i}$  where  $d_i=\sum_j A_{ij}$  is the degree of node i and  $\Pr(X_0=i)=\frac{d_i}{\operatorname{vol}(V)}$  is the starting distribution where  $\operatorname{vol}(V)=\sum_{i\in V}d_i$  is the volume of the set of nodes V. We define the probability to transition from cluster C to cluster  $\bar{C}$  in the first random walk step as  $\Pr(\bar{C}\mid C)=\Pr(X_1\in \bar{C}\mid X_0\in C)$  and vice versa. Show that the normalized cut satisfies the equation



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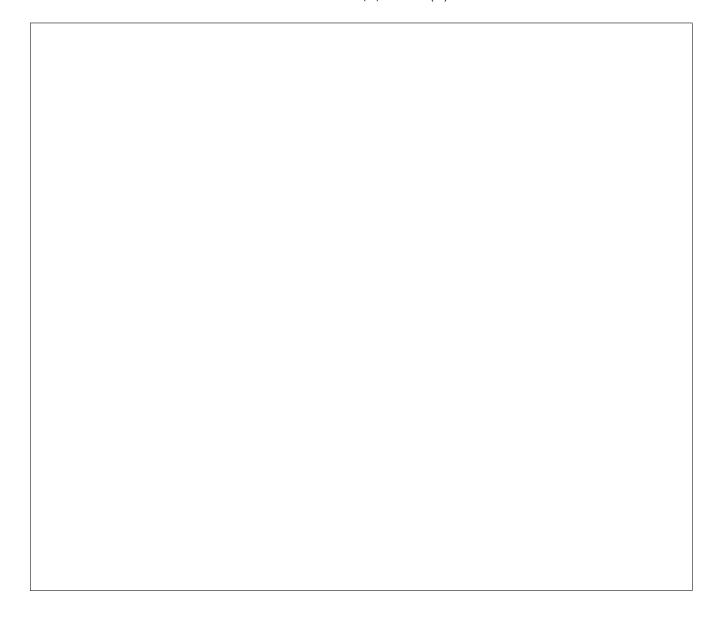


#### Problem 8: Clustering (Version C) (6 credits)

We consider the graph G=(E,V) with adjacency matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  where the nodes are separated into two clusters, C and  $\bar{C}$ . We define the associated random walk  $\Pr(X_{t+1}=j|X_t=i)=\frac{A_{ij}}{d_i}$  where  $d_i=\sum_j A_{ij}$  is the degree of node i and  $\Pr(X_0=i)=\frac{d_i}{\operatorname{vol}(V)}$  is the starting distribution where  $\operatorname{vol}(V)=\sum_{i\in V}d_i$  is the volume of the set of nodes V. We define the probability to transition from cluster C to cluster  $\bar{C}$  in the first random walk step as  $\Pr(\bar{C}\mid C)=\Pr(X_1\in \bar{C}\mid X_0\in C)$  and vice versa. Show that the normalized cut satisfies the equation

$$Ncut(C, \bar{C}) = Pr(\bar{C} \mid C) + Pr(C \mid \bar{C}).$$

$$\operatorname{Ncut}(C, \bar{C}) = \frac{\operatorname{cut}(C, \bar{C})}{\operatorname{vol}(C)} + \frac{\operatorname{cut}(C, \bar{C})}{\operatorname{vol}(\bar{C})}.$$



#### Problem 8: Clustering (Version D) (6 credits)

We consider the graph G=(E,V) with adjacency matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  where the nodes are separated into two clusters, C and  $\bar{C}$ . We define the associated random walk  $\Pr(X_{t+1}=j|X_t=i)=\frac{A_{ij}}{d_i}$  where  $d_i=\sum_j A_{ij}$  is the degree of node i and  $\Pr(X_0=i)=\frac{d_i}{\operatorname{vol}(V)}$  is the starting distribution where  $\operatorname{vol}(V)=\sum_{i\in V}d_i$  is the volume of the set of nodes V. We define the probability to transition from cluster C to cluster  $\bar{C}$  in the first random walk step as  $\Pr(\bar{C}\mid C)=\Pr(X_1\in \bar{C}\mid X_0\in C)$  and vice versa. Show that the normalized cut satisfies the equation



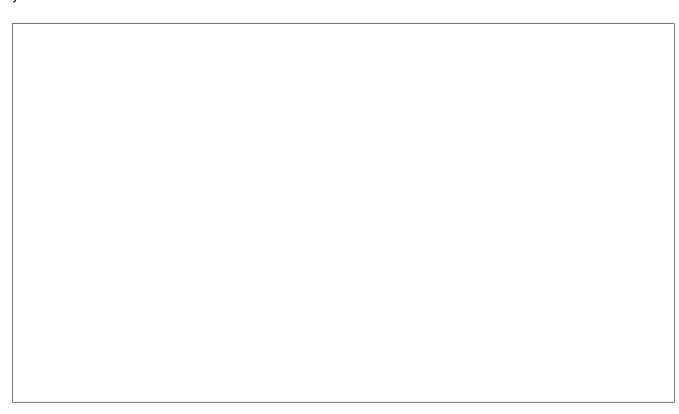
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### Problem 9: Embeddings & Ranking (Version A) (6 credits)

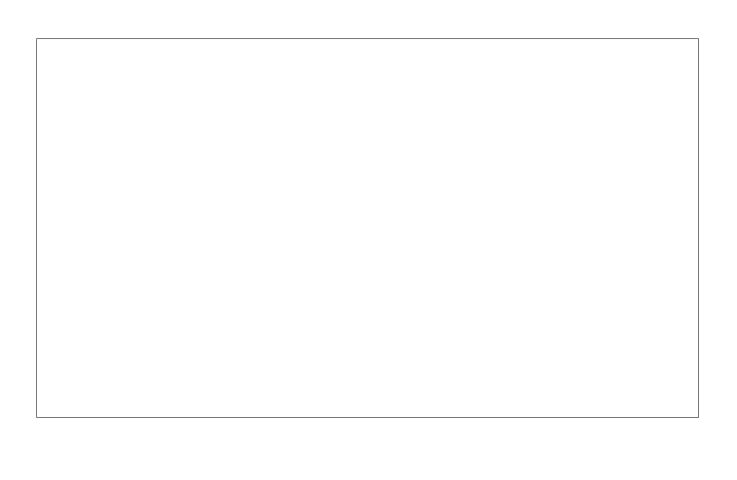
We consider a graph G = (V, E) with adjacency matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  where  $A_{ij} = \mathbb{1}_{(i,j) \in E}$  indicates if an edge exist between node i and node j in the graph G. The node features are represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times D}$ . We consider the three following models  $M_k$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  which produce node embeddings  $\mathbf{E}_k = M_k(G, \mathbf{X}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times D'}$ . The vector  $\mathbf{E}_k[i, :] \in \mathbb{R}^{D'}$  denotes the embedding of node i for model  $M_k$ :

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b) We modify the attributed graph such that the graph is a clique, i.e. the new adjacency matrix is  $\mathbf{A}' = \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{I}$  where  $\mathbf{1}$  is the all-ones matrix, and the node attributes are  $\mathbf{X}' = \mathbf{X}$ . For which model will the new node embeddings  $\mathbf{E}'_k = M_k(G', \mathbf{X}')$  be different from the embeddings obtained with the original attributed graph  $\mathbf{E}_k = M_k(G, \mathbf{X})$ ? Justify your answer.



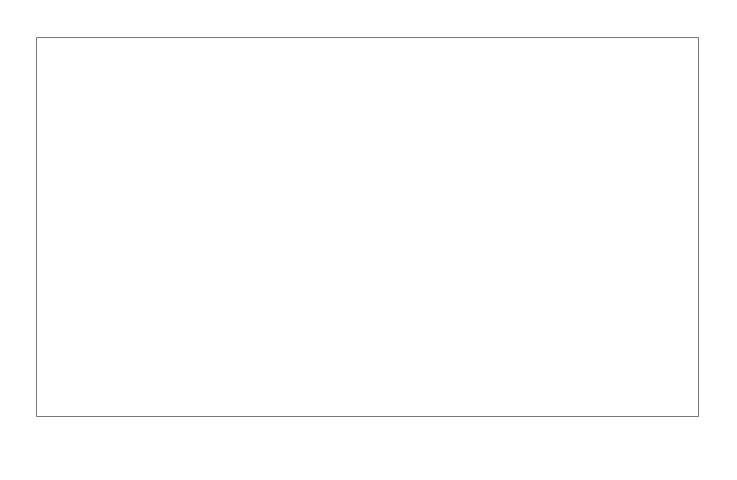
### Problem 9: Embeddings & Ranking (Version B) (6 credits)

M<sub>1</sub>: Node2Vec.

We consider a graph G = (V, E) with adjacency matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  where  $A_{ij} = \mathbb{1}_{(i,j) \in E}$  indicates if an edge exist between node i and node j in the graph G. The node features are represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times D}$ . We consider the three following models  $M_k$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  which produce node embeddings  $\mathbf{E}_k = M_k(G, \mathbf{X}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times D'}$ . The vector  $\mathbf{E}_k[i, :] \in \mathbb{R}^{D'}$  denotes the embedding of node i for model  $M_k$ :

• $M_2$ : Mean of Graph2Gauss i.e. $\mathbf{E}_2[i,:] = \mu_i$ where the Graph2Gauss mapping transforms node $i$ into the Gaussian distribution $\mathcal{N}(\mu_i, diag(\sigma_i))$ .
• $M_3$ : Spectral embedding with $k$ smallest eigenvectors.
a) We modify the attributed graph such that all nodes have the same features, i.e. the adjacency matrix is $\mathbf{A}' = \mathbf{A}$ and the new node attributes are $\mathbf{X}'$ such that $\mathbf{X}'[i,:] = \mathbf{X}'[j,:]$ for all $(i,j)$ . For which model will the new node embeddings $\mathbf{E}'_k = M_k(G', \mathbf{X}')$ be different from the embeddings obtained with the original attributed graphs $\mathbf{E}_k = M_k(G, \mathbf{X})$ ? Justify your answer.

b) We modify the attributed graph such that the graph is a clique, i.e. the new adjacency matrix is  $\mathbf{A}' = \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{I}$ where 1 is the all-ones matrix, and the node attributes are X' = X. For which model will the new node embeddings  $\boldsymbol{E}'_k = M_k(G', \boldsymbol{X}')$  be different from the embeddings obtained with the original attributed graph  $\boldsymbol{E}_k = M_k(G, \boldsymbol{X})$ ? Justify your answer.



### Problem 9: Embeddings & Ranking (Version C) (6 credits)

M<sub>1</sub>: Node2Vec.

We consider a graph G = (V, E) with adjacency matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  where  $A_{ij} = \mathbb{1}_{(i,j) \in E}$  indicates if an edge exist between node i and node j in the graph G. The node features are represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times D}$ . We consider the three following models  $M_k$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  which produce node embeddings  $\mathbf{E}_k = M_k(G, \mathbf{X}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times D'}$ . The vector  $\mathbf{E}_k[i, :] \in \mathbb{R}^{D'}$  denotes the embedding of node i for model  $M_k$ :

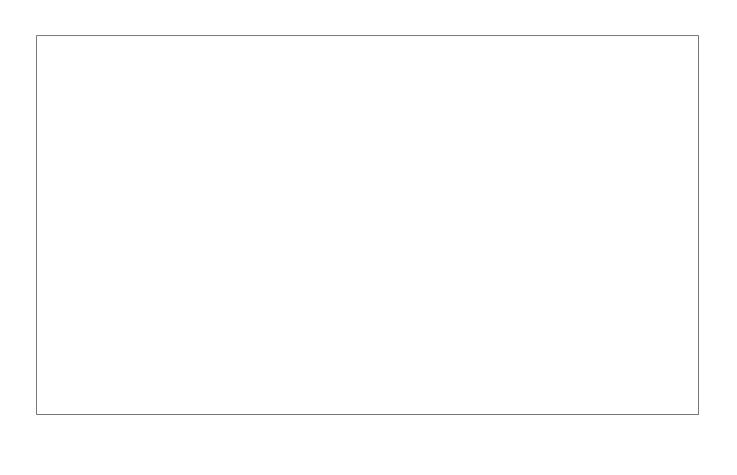
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	• $M_3$ : Spectral embedding with $k$ largest eigenvectors.
=	a) We modify the attributed graph such that all nodes have the same features, i.e. the adjacency matrix is $\mathbf{A}' = \mathbf{A}$ and the new node attributes are $\mathbf{X}'$ such that $\mathbf{X}'[i,:] = \mathbf{X}'[j,:]$ for all $(i,j)$ . For which model will the new node embeddings $\mathbf{E}'_k = M_k(G', \mathbf{X}')$ be different from the embeddings obtained with the original attributed graphs $\mathbf{E}_k = M_k(G, \mathbf{X})$ ? Justify your answer.



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b) We modify the attributed graph such that the graph is a clique, i.e. the new adjacency matrix is  $\mathbf{A}' = \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{I}$  where  $\mathbf{1}$  is the all-ones matrix, and the node attributes are  $\mathbf{X}' = \mathbf{X}$ . For which model will the new node embeddings  $\mathbf{E}'_k = M_k(G', \mathbf{X}')$  be different from the embeddings obtained with the original attributed graph  $\mathbf{E}_k = M_k(G, \mathbf{X})$ ? Justify your answer.



### Problem 9: Embeddings & Ranking (Version D) (6 credits)

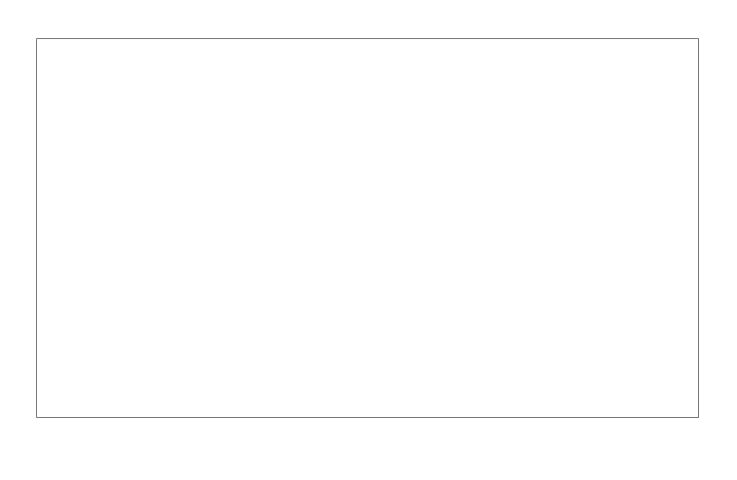
We consider a graph G = (V, E) with adjacency matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  where  $A_{ij} = \mathbb{1}_{(i,j) \in E}$  indicates if an edge exist between node i and node j in the graph G. The node features are represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times D}$ . We consider the three following models  $M_k$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  which produce node embeddings  $\mathbf{E}_k = M_k(G, \mathbf{X}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times D'}$ . The vector  $\mathbf{E}_k[i, :] \in \mathbb{R}^{D'}$  denotes the embedding of node i for model  $M_k$ :

	• M <sub>1</sub> : Node2Vec.
	• $M_2$ : Mean of Graph2Gauss i.e. $\mathbf{E}_2[i,:] = \boldsymbol{\mu}_i$ where the Graph2Gauss mapping transforms node $i$ into the Gaussian distribution $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_i, diag(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i))$ .
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b) We modify the attributed graph such that the graph is a clique, i.e. the new adjacency matrix is  $\mathbf{A}' = \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{I}$  where  $\mathbf{1}$  is the all-ones matrix, and the node attributes are  $\mathbf{X}' = \mathbf{X}$ . For which model will the new node embeddings  $\mathbf{E}'_k = M_k(G', \mathbf{X}')$  be different from the embeddings obtained with the original attributed graph  $\mathbf{E}_k = M_k(G, \mathbf{X})$ ? Justify your answer.



### Problem 10: Semi-Supervised Learning (Version A) (6 credits)

In this problem, we consider a Stochastic Block Model with two ground-truth communities  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ . The SBM has community proportions  $\pi$  and edge probability  $\nu$  given as

$$\pi = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \nu = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.9 \\ 0.9 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We consider a sampled graph *G* with *n* nodes from the SBM defined as above where the node labels are defined as the ground-truth communities of the SBM. The task is now to predict the labels of all nodes of the graphs where only a fraction of the node labels is available for training.



a) Do you expect label propagation with the optimization problem

$$\min \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} (\boldsymbol{y}_i - \boldsymbol{y}_j)^T (\boldsymbol{y}_i - \boldsymbol{y}_j)$$

to work well for this task? If not, propose a modification of the optimization problem which would solve the problem. Justify your answer.



b) The nodes are now assigned node features sampled as

$$m{h}_{v}^{(0)} \sim \mathcal{N}\left( egin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, egin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} 
ight) ext{ for } v \in C_{1} \qquad ext{and} \qquad m{h}_{v}^{(0)} \sim \mathcal{N}\left( egin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, egin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} 
ight) ext{ for } v \in C_{2}.$$

We define N(v) as the 1-hop neighborhood of node v. Do you expect a one-layer GNN with the message passing step  $\mathbf{m}_{v}^{(1)}(\mathbf{h}_{1}^{(0)},\dots,\mathbf{h}_{n}^{(0)}) = \frac{1}{|N(v)|}\sum_{u\in N(v)}\left(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{h}_{u}^{(0)}+\mathbf{b}\right)$  and the update step  $\mathbf{h}_{v}^{(1)}=\mathrm{ReLU}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{h}_{v}^{(0)}+\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{m}_{v}^{(1)})$  to work well for this task? If not, propose a modification to the message passing and/or update step that would solve the problem. Justify your answer.

# Problem 10: Semi-Supervised Learning (Version B) (6 credits)

In this problem, we consider a Stochastic Block Model with two ground-truth communities  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ . The SBM has community proportions  $\pi$  and edge probability  $\nu$  given as

$$\pi = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \nu = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.9 \\ 0.9 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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$$\min \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} (\boldsymbol{y}_i - \boldsymbol{y}_j)^T (\boldsymbol{y}_i - \boldsymbol{y}_j)$$

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b) The nodes are now assigned node features sampled as

$$\textbf{\textit{h}}_{v}^{(0)} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix}0\\1\end{bmatrix},\begin{bmatrix}1&0\\0&1\end{bmatrix}\right) \text{ for } v \in \textit{\textbf{C}}_{1} \qquad \text{and} \qquad \textbf{\textit{h}}_{v}^{(0)} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix}1\\0\end{bmatrix},\begin{bmatrix}1&0\\0&1\end{bmatrix}\right) \text{ for } v \in \textit{\textbf{C}}_{2}.$$

We define N(v) as the 1-hop neighborhood of node v. Do you expect a one-layer GNN with the message passing step  $\mathbf{m}_{v}^{(1)}(\mathbf{h}_{1}^{(0)},\dots,\mathbf{h}_{n}^{(0)}) = \frac{1}{|N(v)|}\sum_{u\in N(v)}\left(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{h}_{u}^{(0)}+\mathbf{b}\right)$  and the update step  $\mathbf{h}_{v}^{(1)}=\mathrm{ReLU}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{h}_{v}^{(0)}+\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{m}_{v}^{(1)})$  to work well for this task? If not, propose a modification to the message passing and/or update step that would solve the problem. Justify your answer.



### Problem 10: Semi-Supervised Learning (Version C) (6 credits)

In this problem, we consider a Stochastic Block Model with two ground-truth communities  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ . The SBM has community proportions  $\pi$  and edge probability  $\nu$  given as

$$\pi = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \nu = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.8 \\ 0.8 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We consider a sampled graph G with n nodes from the SBM defined as above where the node labels are defined as the ground-truth communities of the SBM. The task is now to predict the labels of all nodes of the graphs where only a fraction of the node labels is available for training.



a) Do you expect label propagation with the optimization problem

$$\min \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} (\boldsymbol{y}_i - \boldsymbol{y}_j)^T (\boldsymbol{y}_i - \boldsymbol{y}_j)$$

to work well for this task? If not, propose a modification of the optimization problem which would solve the problem. Justify your answer.

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b) The nodes are now assigned node features sampled as

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u}^{(0)} \sim \mathcal{N}\left( egin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \ 1 \end{bmatrix}, egin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} 
ight) ext{ for } v \in C_1 \qquad ext{and} \qquad extbf{ extit{h}}_{
u}^{(0)} \sim \mathcal{N}\left( egin{bmatrix} -1 \ -1 \end{bmatrix}, egin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} 
ight) ext{ for } v \in C_2.$$

We define N(v) as the 1-hop neighborhood of node v. Do you expect a one-layer GNN with the message passing step  $\mathbf{m}_{v}^{(1)}(\mathbf{h}_{1}^{(0)},\dots,\mathbf{h}_{n}^{(0)}) = \frac{1}{|N(v)|}\sum_{u\in N(v)}\left(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{h}_{u}^{(0)}+\mathbf{b}\right)$  and the update step  $\mathbf{h}_{v}^{(1)}=\mathrm{ReLU}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{h}_{v}^{(0)}+\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{m}_{v}^{(1)})$  to work well for this task? If not, propose a modification to the message passing and/or update step that would solve the problem. Justify your answer.



# Problem 10: Semi-Supervised Learning (Version D) (6 credits)

In this problem, we consider a Stochastic Block Model with two ground-truth communities  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ . The SBM has community proportions  $\pi$  and edge probability  $\nu$  given as

$$\pi = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$
 and  $\nu = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.8 \\ 0.8 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

We consider a sampled graph *G* with *n* nodes from the SBM defined as above where the node labels are defined as the ground-truth communities of the SBM. The task is now to predict the labels of all nodes of the graphs where only a fraction of the node labels is available for training.

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6	a) Do you expect label propagation with the optimization problem	

$$\min \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} (\boldsymbol{y}_i - \boldsymbol{y}_j)^T (\boldsymbol{y}_i - \boldsymbol{y}_j)$$

to work well for this task? If not, propose a modification of the optimization problem which would solve the problem. Justify your answer.

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b) The nodes are now assigned node features sampled as

$$\textbf{\textit{h}}_{v}^{(0)} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix}0\\1\end{bmatrix},\begin{bmatrix}1&0\\0&1\end{bmatrix}\right) \text{ for } v \in \textit{C}_{1} \qquad \text{and} \qquad \textbf{\textit{h}}_{v}^{(0)} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix}1\\0\end{bmatrix},\begin{bmatrix}1&0\\0&1\end{bmatrix}\right) \text{ for } v \in \textit{C}_{2}.$$

We define N(v) as the 1-hop neighborhood of node v. Do you expect a one-layer GNN with the message passing step  $\mathbf{m}_{v}^{(1)}(\mathbf{h}_{1}^{(0)},\ldots,\mathbf{h}_{n}^{(0)})=\frac{1}{|N(v)|}\sum_{u\in N(v)}\left(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{h}_{u}^{(0)}+\mathbf{b}\right)$  and the update step  $\mathbf{h}_{v}^{(1)}=\mathrm{ReLU}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{h}_{v}^{(0)}+\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{m}_{v}^{(1)})$  to work well for this task? If not, propose a modification to the message passing and/or update step that would solve the problem. Justify your answer.

