

Lecture Notes to
Big Data Management and Analytics
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Community Detection

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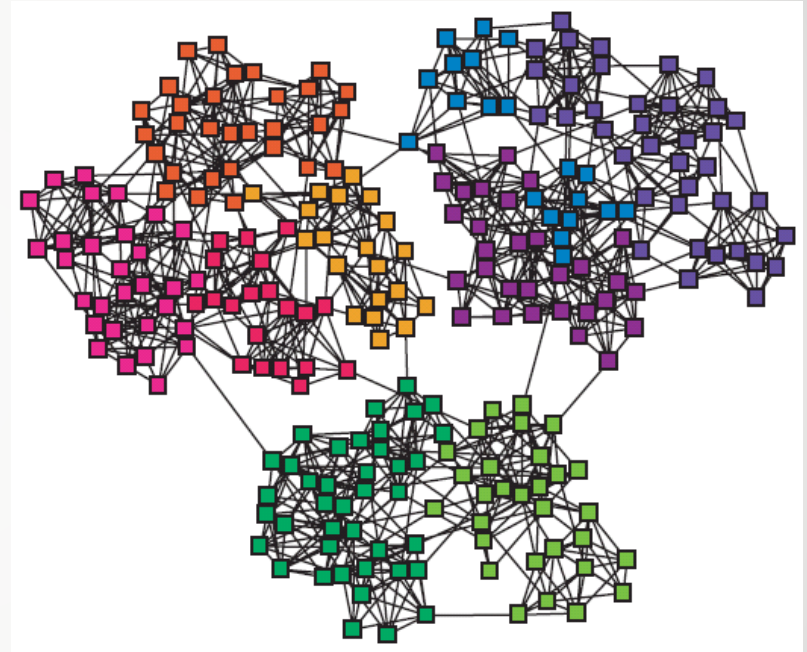
Outline

- **Community Detection**
- **Social networks**
- **Betweenness**
 - **Girvan-Newman Algorithm**
- **Modularity**
- **Graph Partitioning**
 - **Spectral Graph Partitioning**
- **Trawling**

Networks & Communities:

Think of networks being organized into:

- Modules
- Cluster
- Communities



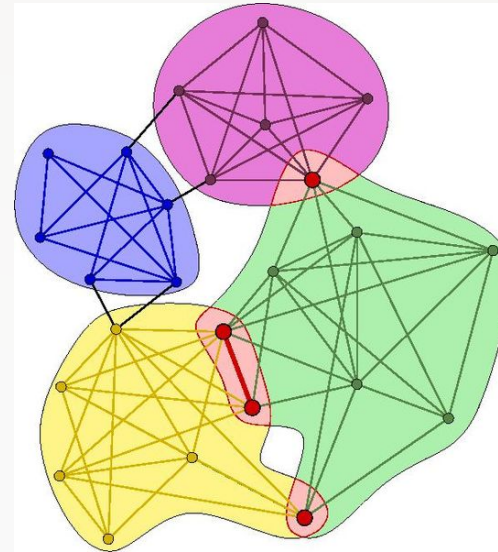
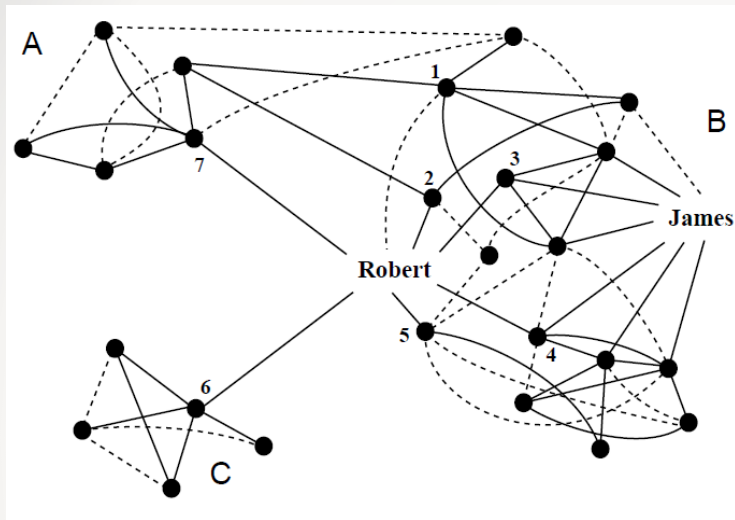
→ Goal: Find densely linked clusters

What is a Social Network?

Characteristics of a social network:

- **Collection of entities** participating in the network (entities might be individuals, phone numbers, email addresses , ...)
- At least one **relationship between entities** of the network. (Facebook: 'friend'). Relationship can be all-or-nothing or specified by a degree (e.g. fraction of the average day that two people communicate to each other)
- Assumption of **non-randomness** or **locality**, i.e. relationships tend to cluster. (e.g. A is related to B and C → higher probability that B is related to C)

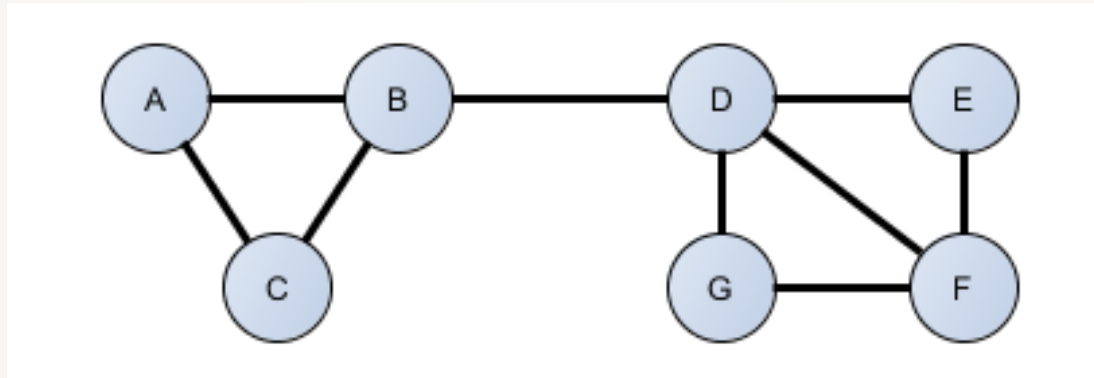
How to find communities?



- Here we will work with undirected (unweighted networks)
- We need to resolve 2 questions:
 - How to compute betweenness?
 - How to select the number of clusters?

Betweenness

Definition: The betweenness of an edge (a,b) is the number of pairs of nodes x and y such that (a,b) lies on the shortest-path between x and y.



example:

Edge (B,D) has the highest betweenness
(shortest path of A,B,C to any of D,E,F,G)

→ Betweenness of (B,D) aggregates to: $3 \times 4 = 12$

What is the betweenness of edge (D,F) ?

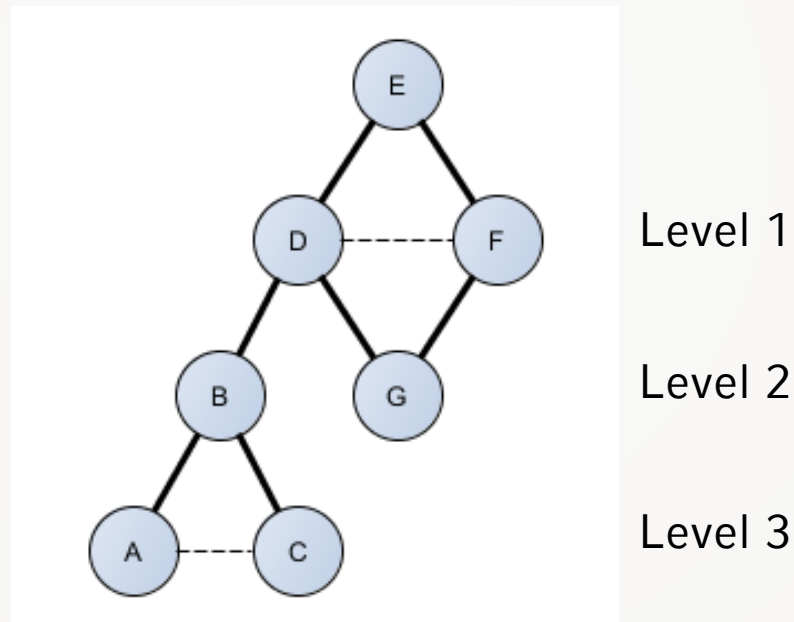
Girvan-Newman Algorithm

Goal: Computation of betweenness of edges

Step 1: Perform a breadth-first search, starting at node X and construct a DAG (directed, acyclic graph)

example:

Start at node E

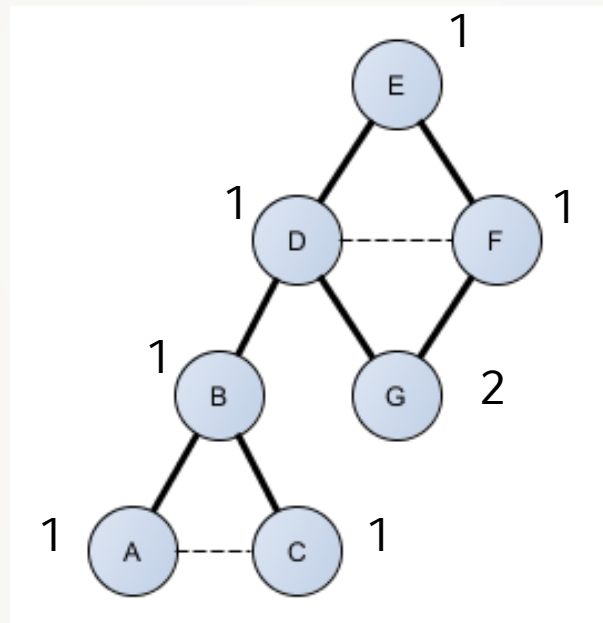


Girvan-Newman Algorithm

Goal: Computation of betweenness of edges

Step 2: label each node by the number of shortest paths that reach it from the root. Label of root = 1, each node is labeled by the sum of its parents.

example:



Level 1

Level 2

Level 3

Girvan-Newman Algorithm

Goal: Computation of betweenness of edges

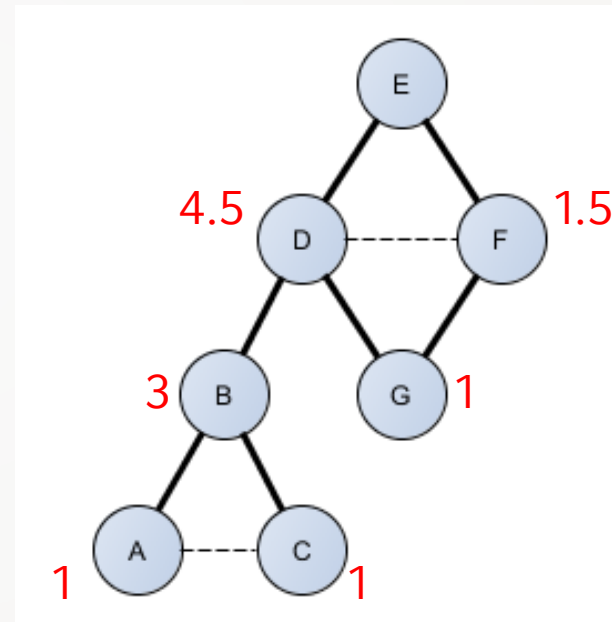
Step 3: calculate for each edge e the sum over all nodes Y the fraction of shortest paths from the root X to Y :

in detail:

1. Each leaf gets a credit of 1.
2. Non-leaf nodes get a credit of 1 plus the sum of the credit of their children
3. A DAG edge e entering node Z from the level above is given a share of the credit of Z proportional to the fraction of shortest paths from the root to Z .

Formally: let Y_1, \dots, Y_k be the parent nodes of Z with $p_i, 1 \leq i \leq k$, be the number of shortest path to Y_i . The credit for edge (Y_i, Z) is given by:

$$Z * p_i / \sum_{j=1}^k p_j$$



Level 1

Level 2

Level 3

Find Communities using Betweenness

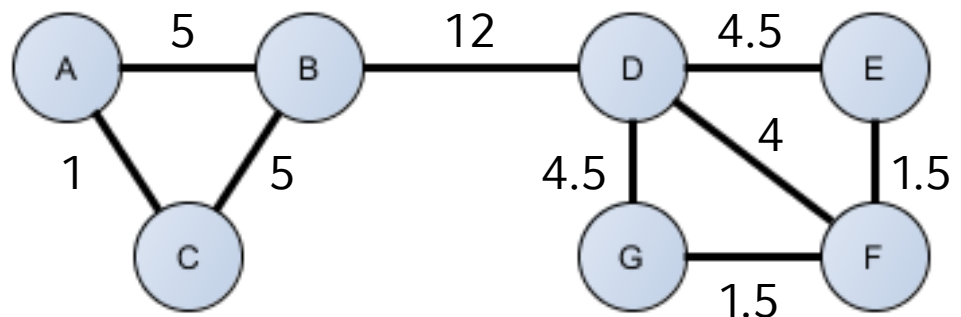
idea: Clustering is performed by removing edges with the largest betweenness until separated communities remain.

example:

GN-Algorithm has been performed for every node and the credit of each edge has been calculated (by summing the credits up and dividing them by 2. **Why?**)

Remove edges, starting with highest betweenness:

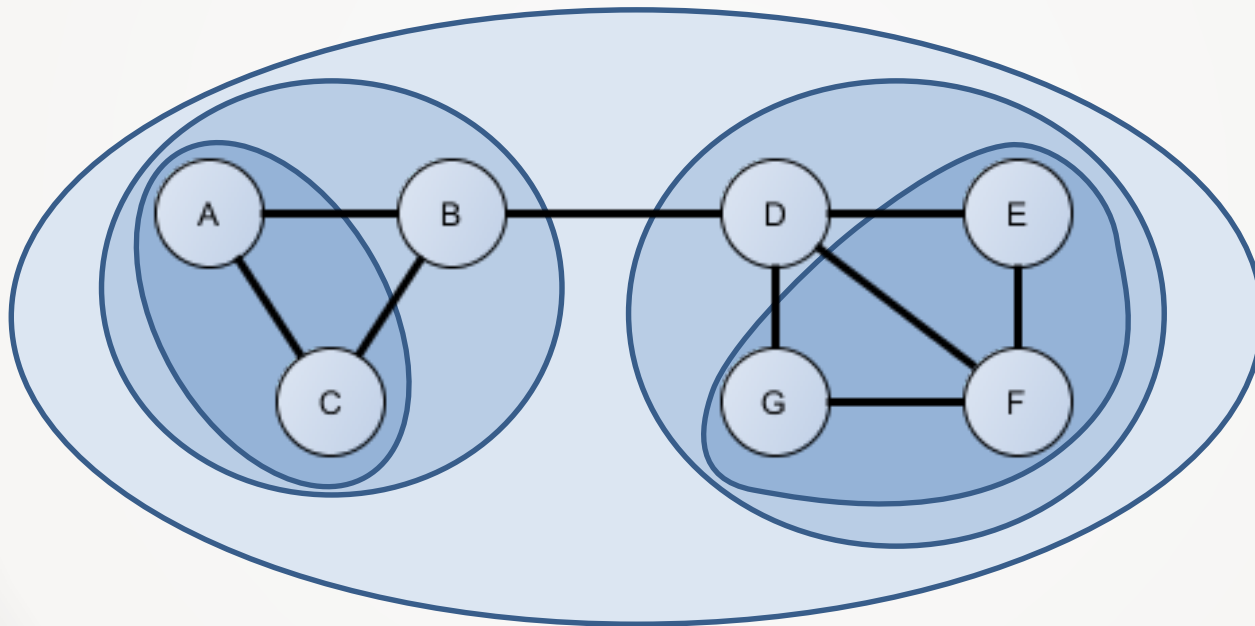
- 1. Remove (B,D)
→ Communities {A,B,C} and {D,E,F,G}
- 2. Remove (A,B), (B,C), (D,G), (D,E), (D,F)
→ Communities {A,C} and {E,F,G}
Node B and D are encapsulated as
,traitors' of communities



Find Communities using Betweenness

Girvan-Newman Algorithm:

- connected components are communities
- gives a hierarchical decomposition of the network

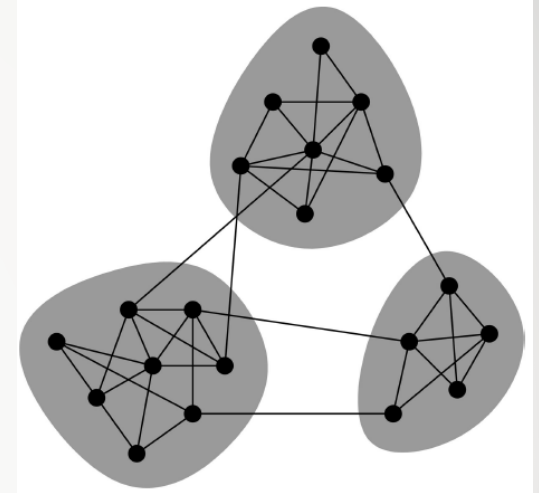


Analysis of Large Graphs

Network Communities

- ✓ How to compute betweenness?
- How to select the number of clusters?

Communities: sets of tightly connected nodes



Modularity Q:

- A measure of how well a network is partitioned into communities.
- Given a partitioning of the network into groups $s \in S$:

$$Q \propto \sum_{s \in S} [(\#edges\ within\ group\ s) - \underbrace{(\text{expected}\ \#edges\ within\ group\ s)}_{\text{defined by null model}}]$$

Null Model: Configuration Model

Given a graph G with n nodes and m edges, construct rewired network G' :

- same degree distribution but random connections
- consider G' as a **multigraph**

→ The **expected number of edges between nodes i and j** of degrees k_i and k_j is given by: $\frac{1}{2m} * k_i k_j$

Proof that G' contains the expected number of m edges:

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in N} \sum_{j \in N} \frac{k_i k_j}{2m} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i \in N} k_i \left(\sum_{j \in N} k_j \right) = \frac{1}{4m} * 2m * 2m = m$$

Modularity

Modularity of partitioning S of graph G :

$$Q \propto \sum_{s \in S} [(\#edges\ within\ group\ s) - (expected\ \#edges\ within\ group\ s)]$$

$$Q(G, S) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2m}} \sum_{s \in S} \sum_{i \in s} \sum_{j \in s} (a_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{2m})$$

Normalizing: $-1 < Q < 1$

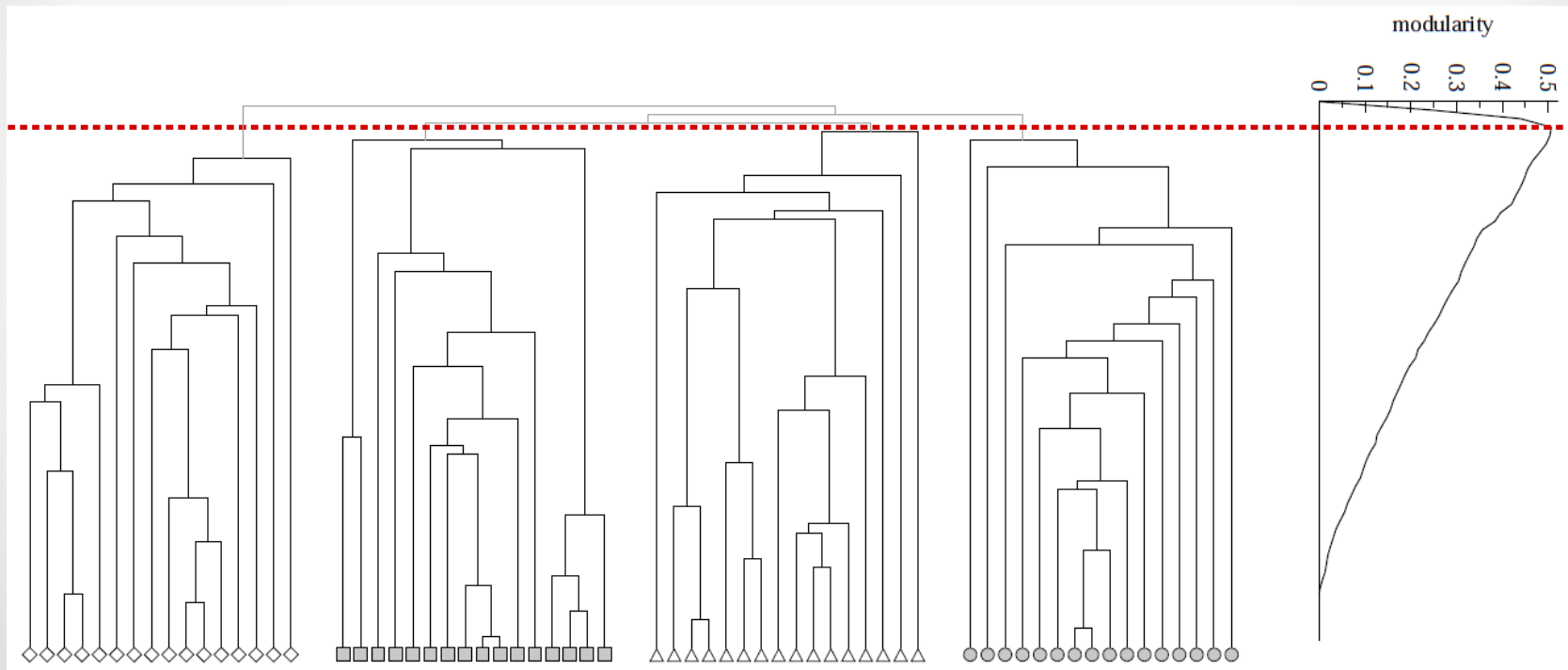
Modularity values take range $[-1, 1]$:

- positive if the number of edges within groups exceeds the expected number
- **0.3 – 0.7** < **Q** means significant community structure

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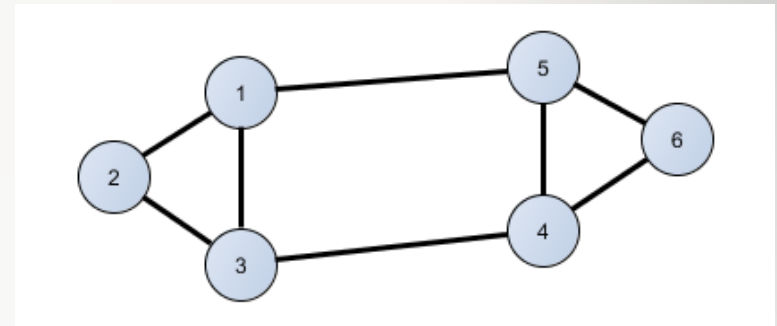
Modularity

→ Q is useful for selecting the number of clusters



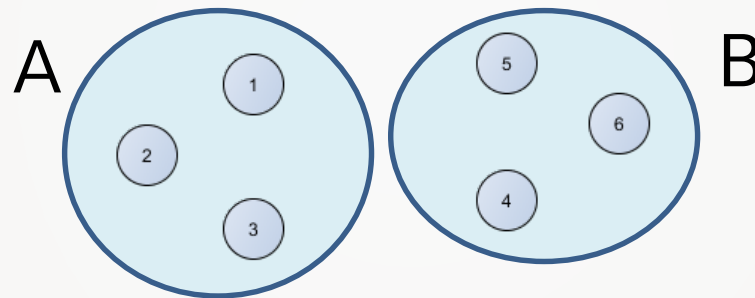
Partitioning of Graphs

given an undirected Graph $G(V, E)$:



bi-partitioning task:

- Divide vertices into two **disjoint** groups A, B



questions:

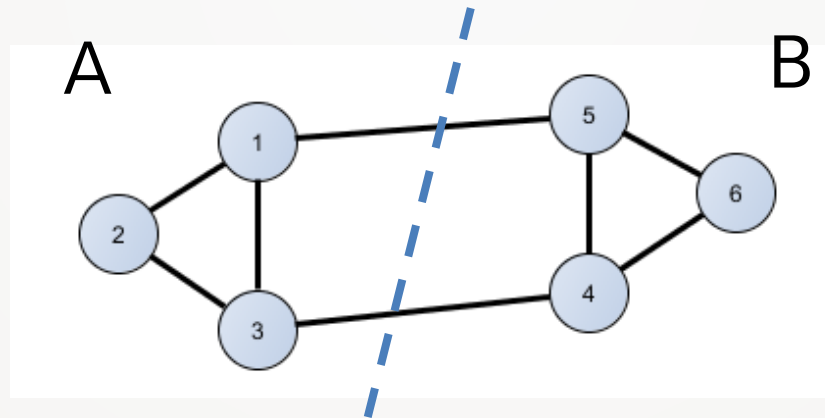
- How can we define 'good' partition of G ?
- How can we efficiently identify such a partition?

Partitioning of Graphs

What makes a good partition?

- Maximize the number of within-group connections
- Minimize the number of between-group connections

example:



Partitioning of Graphs

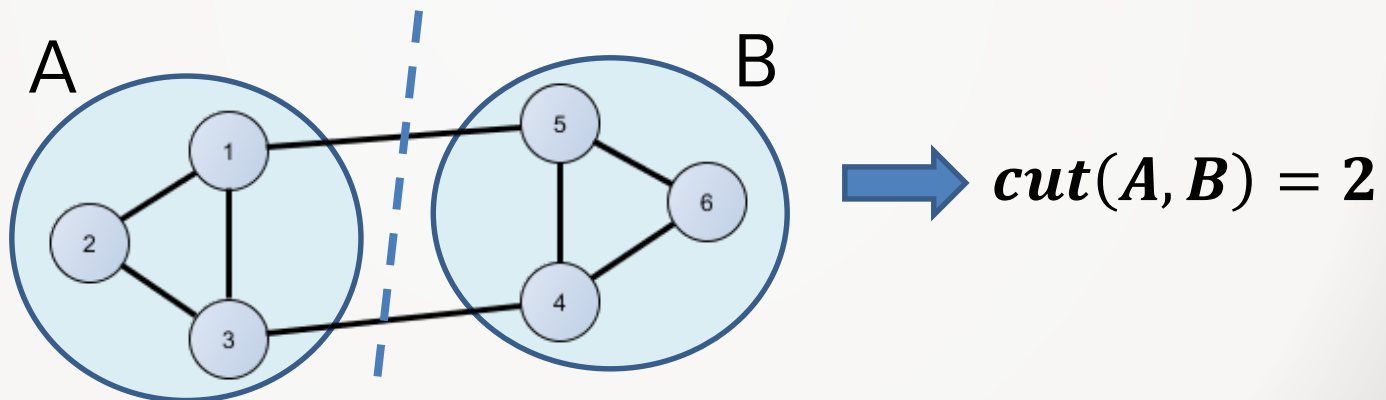
Graph Cuts

Express partitioning objectives as a function of the 'edge cut' of the partition.

Cut: Set of edges with only one vertex in a group:

$$cut(A, B) = \sum_{i \in A, j \in B} w_{ij}$$

example:



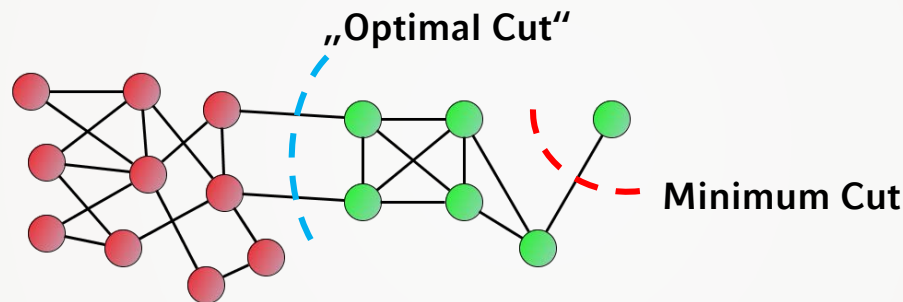
Partitioning of Graphs

Minimum-cut

minimize weight of connections between groups:

$$\mathit{arg\ min}_{A,B} \mathit{cut}(A, B)$$

example:



problem:

- only considers external cluster connections
- does not consider internal cluster connectivity

Partitioning of Graphs - Graph Cuts

Normalized-cut: Connectivity between groups relative to the density of each group

$$ncut(A, B) = \frac{cut(A, B)}{vol(A)} + \frac{cut(A, B)}{vol(B)}$$

$vol(X)$:total weight of edges with at least one endpoint in X : $vol(X) = \sum_{i \in X} k_i$

→ Produces more balanced partitions

How to find a good partition efficiently?

Problem: Computing optimal cuts is **NP-hard!**

Spectral Graph Partitioning

Given

- **Adjacency matrix** of an undirected Graph G
 $a_{ij} = 1$ if (i, j) exist in G , else 0
- Vector $x \in R^n$ with components (x_1, \dots, x_n)
Think of it as a label/value of each node of G

What is the meaning of $A * x$?

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \quad y_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} * x_j = \sum_{(i,j) \in E} x_j$$

→ entry y_i is a sum of labels / values x_j of neighbors of i

Spectral Graph Partitioning

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$A * x = \lambda * x$ *eigenvalue problem*

Spectral Graph Theory:

- analyze the 'spectrum' of matrix representing G
- **spectrum**: eigenvectors x_i of a graph, ordered by the magnitude (strength) of their corresponding eigenvalues λ_i
- $\Lambda = \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$ with $\lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$

Spectral Graph Partitioning

Intuition

Suppose all nodes in G have degree d and G is connected.

What are some eigenvalues/vectors of G ?

eigenvalue problem: $A * x = \lambda * x \rightarrow$ find λ and x

- Let's try $x = (1, \dots, 1)$
- Then $A * x = (d, \dots, d) = \lambda * x \rightarrow \lambda = d$

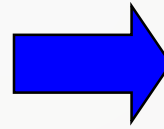
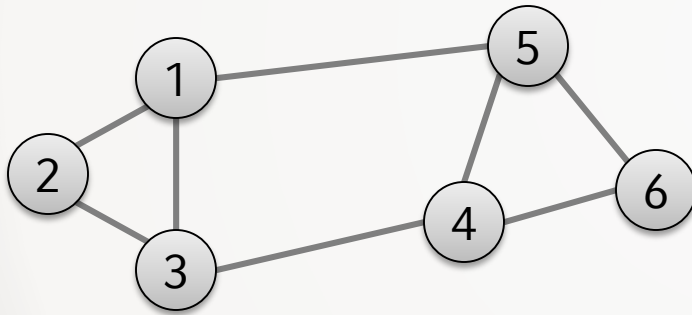
Remember:

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} * x_j = \sum_{(i,j) \in E} x_j$$

Spectral Graph Partitioning

Adjacency matrix A:

- $n \times n$ matrix
- $A = [a_{ij}]$, $a_{ij} = 1$ if there is an edge between node i and j

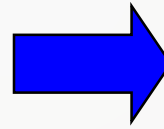
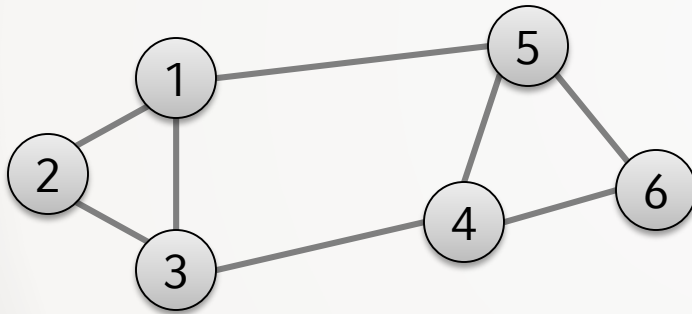


	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	0	1	1	0	1	0
2	1	0	1	0	0	0
3	1	1	0	1	0	0
4	0	0	1	0	1	1
5	1	0	0	1	0	1
6	0	0	0	1	1	0

Spectral Graph Partitioning

Degree matrix D :

- $n \times n$ diagonal matrix
- $D = [d_{ii}]$, d_{ii} = degree of node i

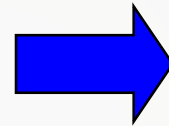
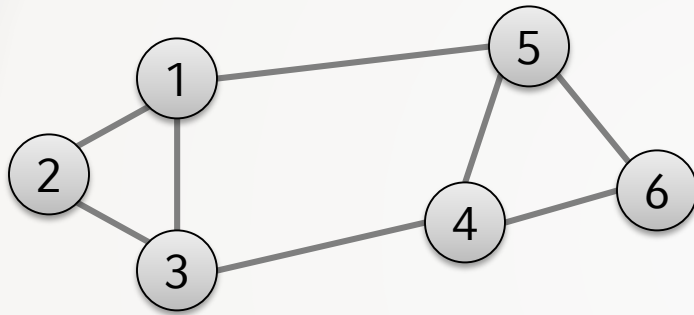


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1	3	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	2	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	3	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	3	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	3	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	2

Spectral Graph Partitioning

Laplacian Matrix L:

- $n \times n$ symmetric matrix
- $L = D - A$



	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	3	-1	-1	0	-1	0
2	-1	2	-1	0	0	0
3	-1	-1	3	-1	0	0
4	0	0	-1	3	-1	-1
5	-1	0	0	-1	3	-1
6	0	0	0	-1	-1	2

- Trivial eigenpair?
 - $X = (1, \dots, 1)$, then $L * x = 0$ and so $\lambda_1 = 0$

Spectral Graph Partitioning

Now decompose the Laplacian instead of the adjacency matrix

What are the eigenvalues/vectors of L?

eigenvalue problem: $A * x = \lambda * x \rightarrow$ find λ and x

- Let's try $x = (1, \dots, 1)$
- Then $L * x = (0, \dots, 0) = 0 * x \rightarrow \lambda = 0$
(diagonal entry in row i : $L_{i,i} = -\sum_j X_{i,j}$)

\Rightarrow The Laplacian of a connected graph has an eigenvalue 0 with a corresponding eigenvector $(1,1,1,1,\dots,1)$

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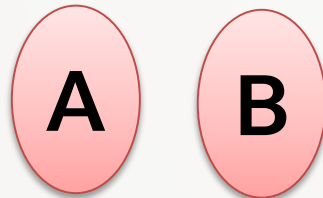
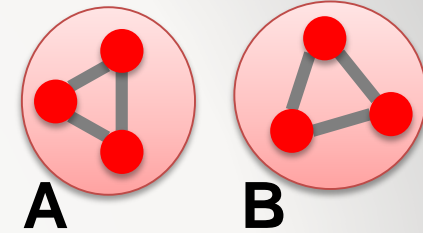
Intuition

What if G is not connected?

- G has 2 components, each d -regular

What are some eigenvectors?

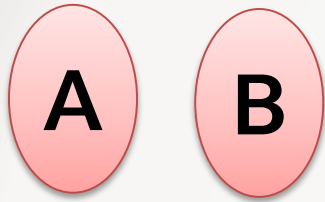
- $x =$ put all 1s on A and 0s on B or vice versa
 - $x' = (1, \dots, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$, then $A * x' = (d, \dots, d, 0, \dots, 0)$
 - $x'' = (0, \dots, 0, 1, \dots, 1)$, then $A * x'' = (0, \dots, 0, d, \dots, d)$
 - \rightarrow in both cases the corresponding $\lambda = d$



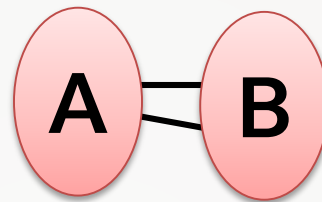
$$\lambda_n = \lambda_{n-1}$$

Spectral Graph Partitioning

Intuition



$$\lambda_n = \lambda_{n-1}$$



$$\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1} \approx 0$$

2nd largest eigenvalue λ_{n-1} now has value very close to λ_n

- If the graph is connected (right example) then we already know that $x_n = (1, \dots, 1)$ is an eigenvector of L
- Since eigenvectors are orthogonal then the components of x_{n-1} sum to 0
 - Why? \rightarrow Because $\sum_i x_n[i] * x_{n-1}[i] = 0$
(x_{n-1} must have negative components)
- **General Idea:** we can look at the eigenvector of the 2nd largest eigenvalue and declare nodes with positive label in A and negative label in B

Spectral Clustering Algorithms

Three basic stages:

1. Pre-processing

- Construct a matrix representation of the graph

2. Decomposition

- Compute eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix
- Map each point to a lower-dimensional representation on one or more eigenvectors

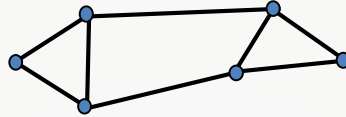
3. Grouping

- Assign points to two or more clusters, based on the new representation

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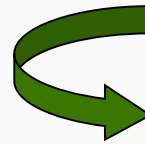
- Build Laplacian matrix L of the graph



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4	0	0	-1	3	-1	-1
5	-1	0	0	-1	3	-1
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2. Decomposition:

- Find eigenvalues λ and eigenvectors x of the matrix L
- Map vertices to lower-dimensional representation



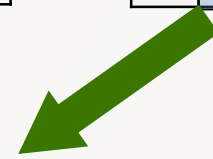
$\lambda =$

0.0
1.0
3.0
3.0
4.0
5.0

$X =$

0.4	0.3	-0.5	-0.2	-0.4	-0.5
0.4	0.6	0.4	-0.4	0.4	0.0
0.4	0.3	0.1	0.6	-0.4	0.5
0.4	-0.3	0.1	0.6	0.4	-0.5
0.4	-0.3	-0.5	-0.2	0.4	0.5
0.4	-0.6	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	0.0

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5	-0.3
6	-0.6



How do we now find the clusters?

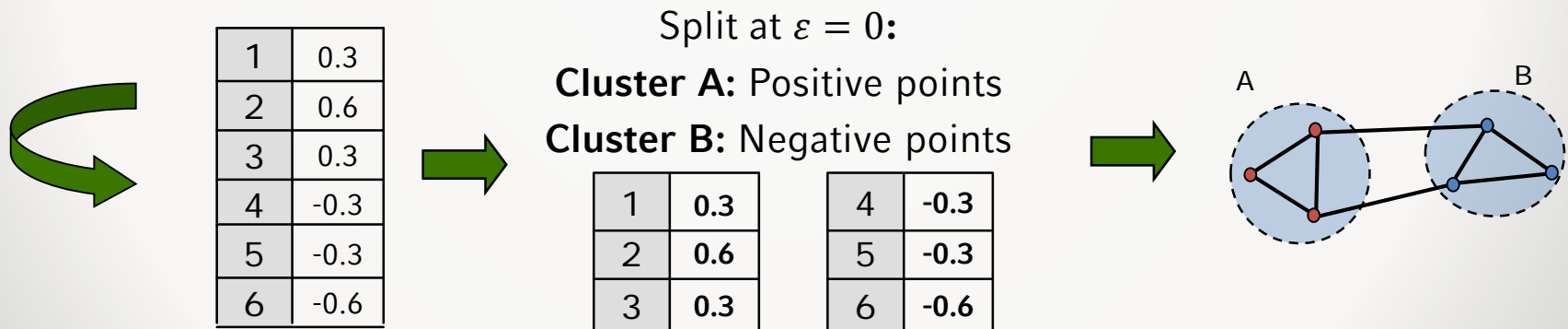
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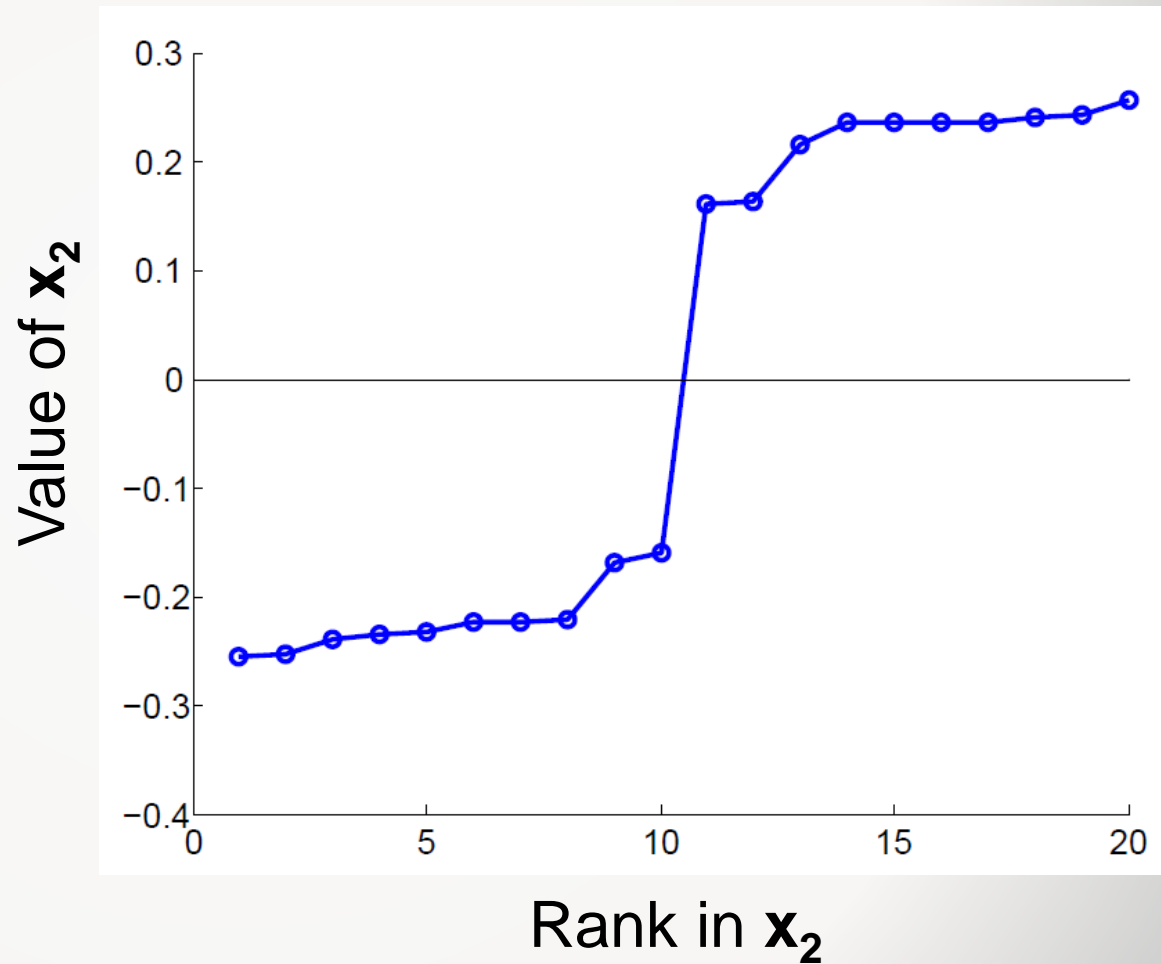
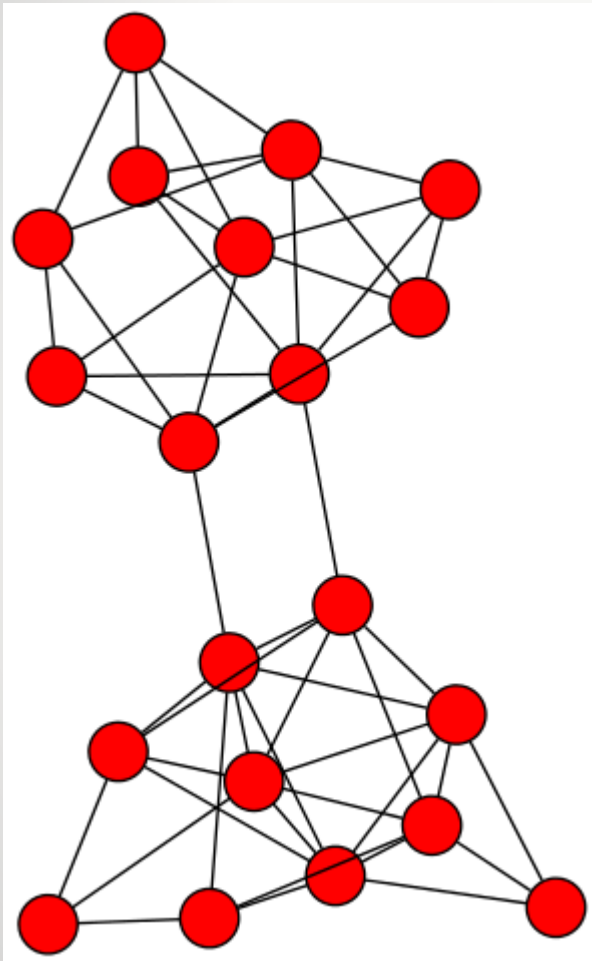
- Sort components of reduced 1-dimensional vector
- Identify clusters by splitting the sorted vector in two (threshold ϵ)
- By choosing m vectors, there are max. 2^m clusters

→ How to choose a splitting point, i.e threshold ϵ ?

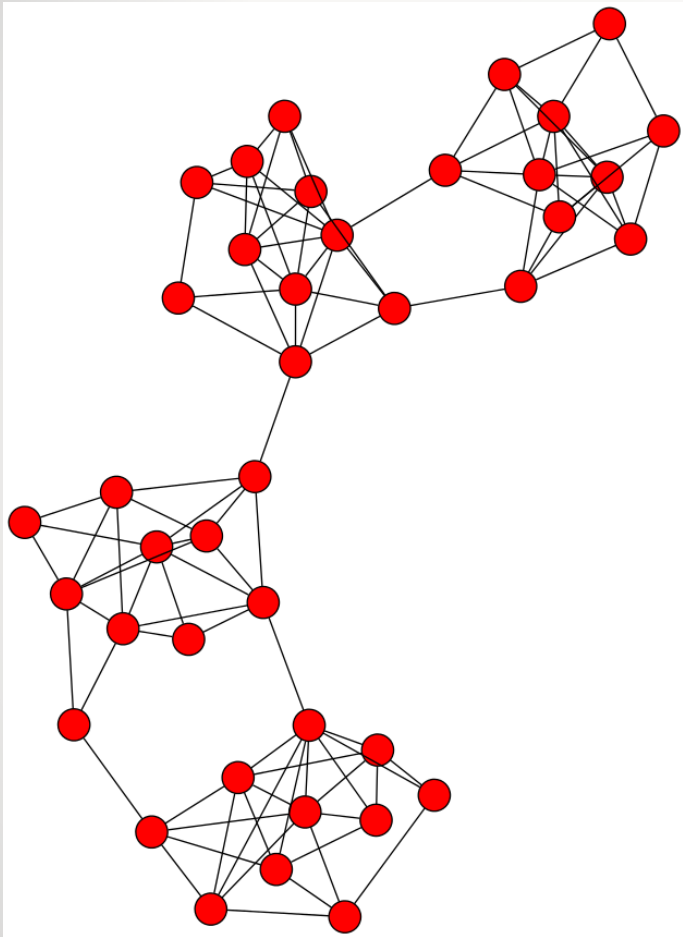
- Naive approaches:
 - Split at $\epsilon = 0$ or median value
- More expensive approaches:
 - Attempt to minimize normalized cut in 1-dimension
 - (sweep over ordering of nodes induces by the eigenvector)



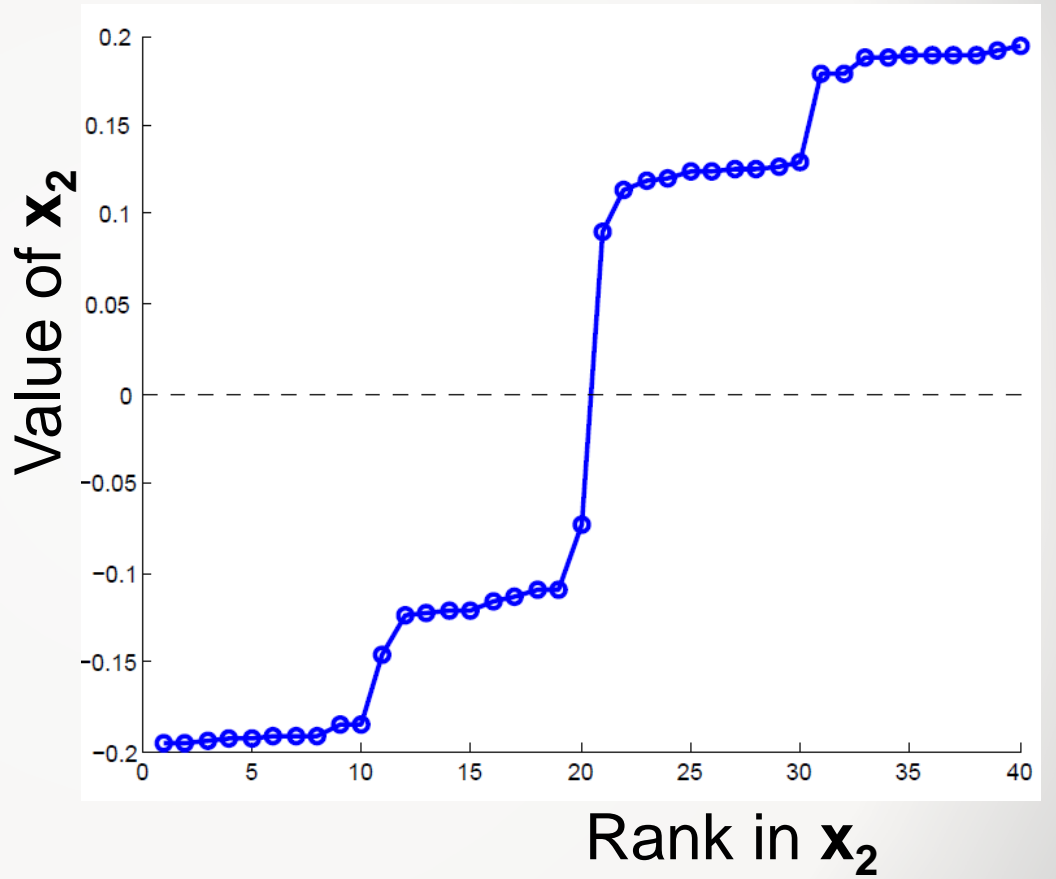
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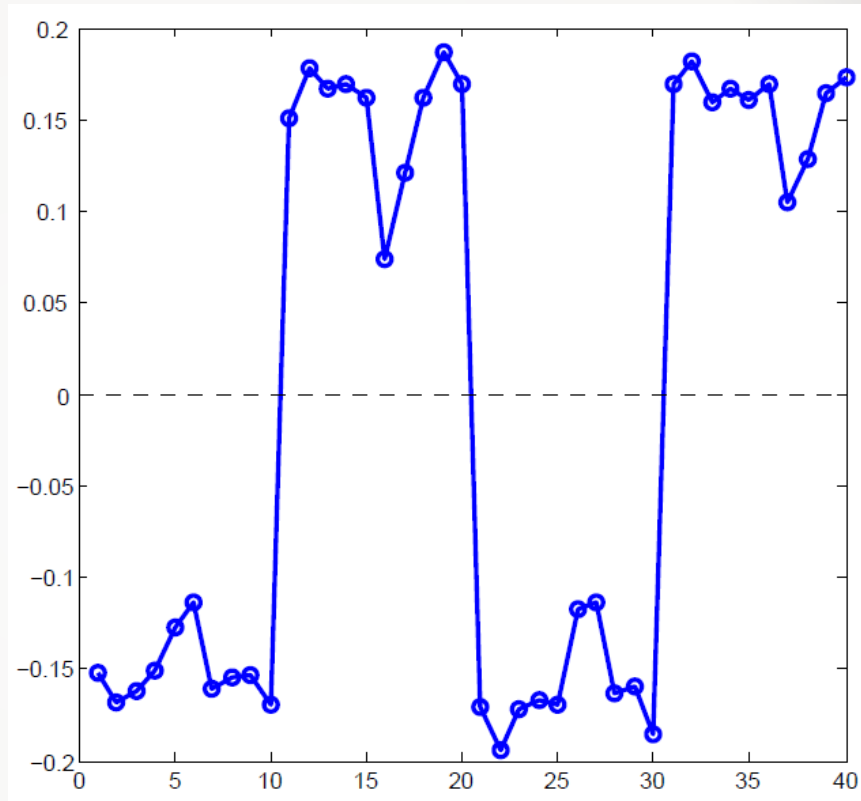
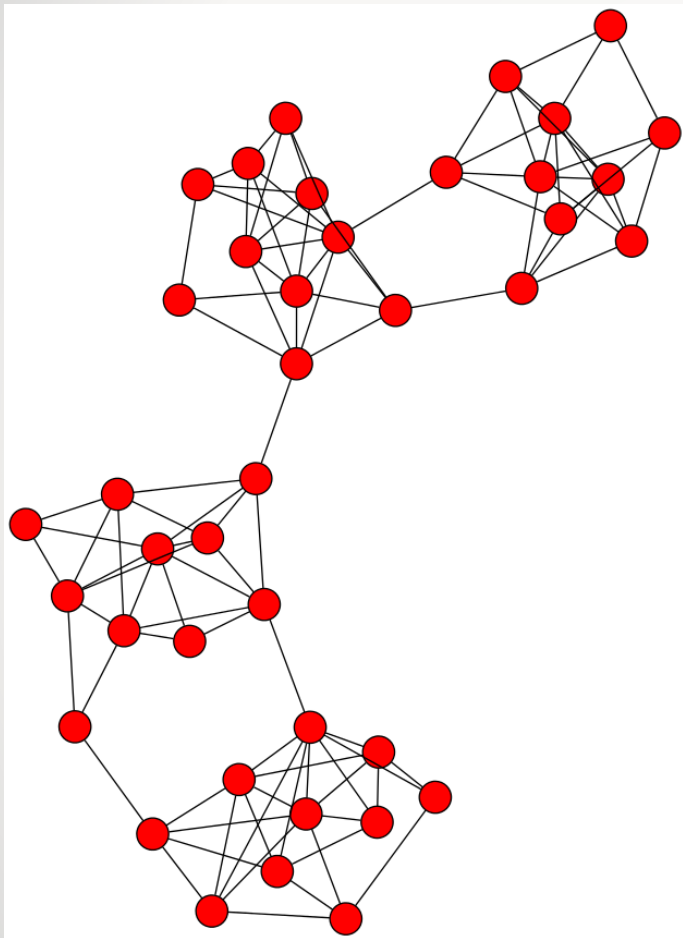
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Components of \mathbf{x}_2



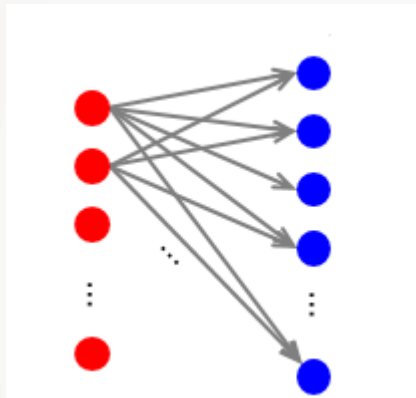
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Analysis of Large Graphs - Trawling

Goal: find small communities in huge graphs,
e.g. how to describe community/discussion in a Web

example:



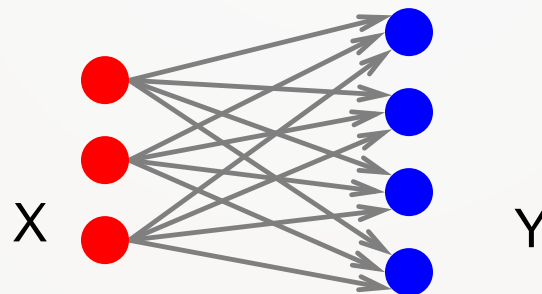
E.g. people talking about the same things or visited web pages

Analysis of Large Graphs - Trawling

Problem definition:

Enumerate complete bipartite subgraphs $K_{s,t}$:

- All vertices in $K_{s,t}$ can be partitioned in two sets. Each vertex in the first set of size s is linked to each vertex in second set of size t
- Where $K_{s,t}$: s nodes on the "left" where each links to the same t other nodes on the "right"



$$|X| = s = 3$$

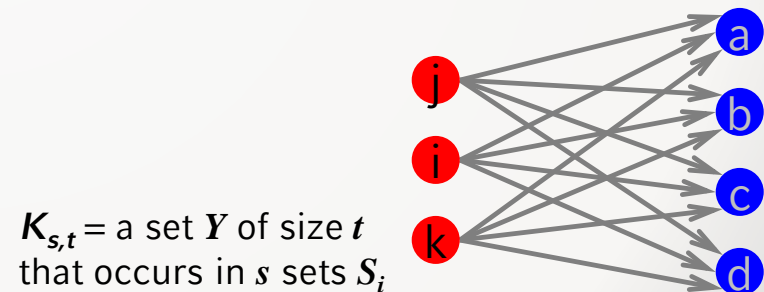
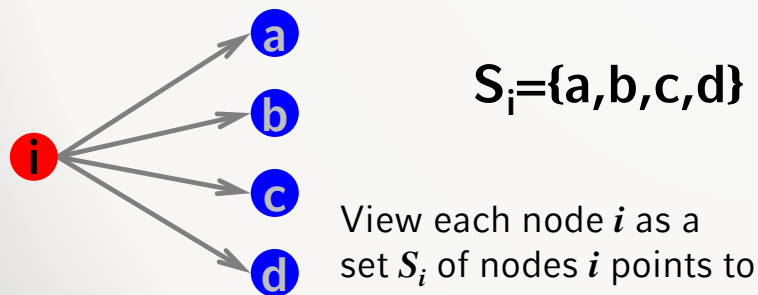
$$|Y| = t = 4$$

Analysis of Large Graphs - Trawling

Frequent Itemset Analysis – Market Basket Analysis

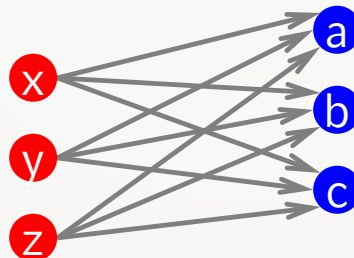
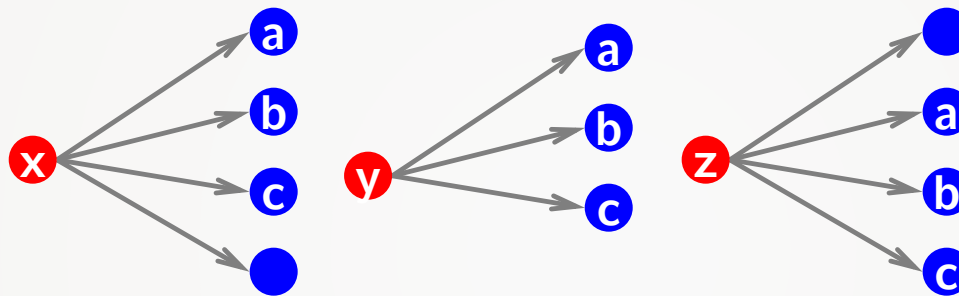
- **Market:** Universe U of n items
- **Baskets:** subsets of U : $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m \subseteq U$
 - (S_i is a set of items one person bought)
- **Support:** frequency threshold
- **Goal:** Find all subsets T s.t. $T \subseteq S_i$ of at least f sets S_i
 - (items in T were bought together at least f times)

Frequent itemsets = complete bipartite graphs



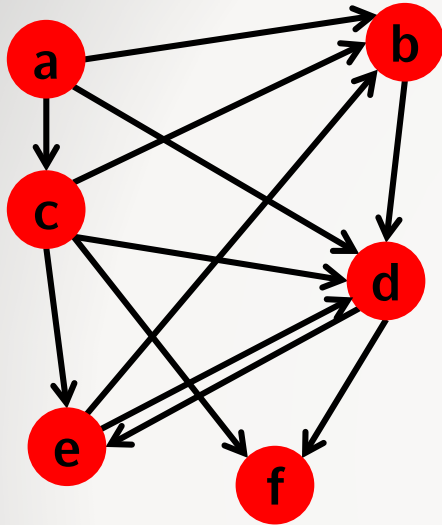
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E.g. Bipartite subgraph $K_{3,4}$ a **frequent itemset** $Y=\{a,b,c\}$ of supp s . So, there are s nodes that link to all of $\{a,b,c\}$:



We found $K_{s,t}$!
 $K_{s,t}$ = a set Y of size t
that occurs in s sets S_i

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Itemsets:

$a = \{b, c, d\}$

$b = \{d\}$

$c = \{b, d, e, f\}$

$d = \{e, f\}$

$e = \{b, d\}$

$f = \{\}$

**Frequent itemsets
support > 1**

$\{b, d\}$: support 3

$\{e, f\}$: support 2

