

DSC250: Advanced Data Mining

Graph Mining

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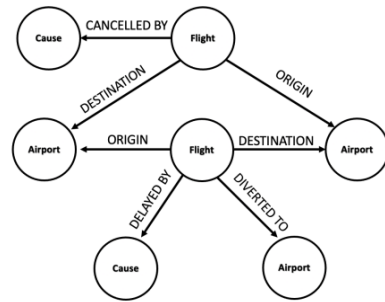
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- Graph features
- Graph representation learning

- Presentation
 - Lila Horwitz: “expainable AI and LIME”

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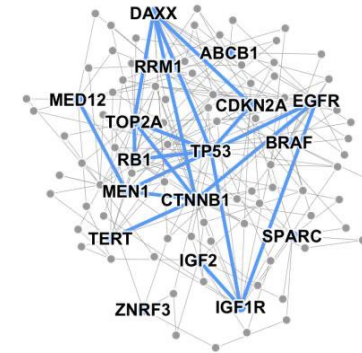


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Computer Networks



Disease Pathways

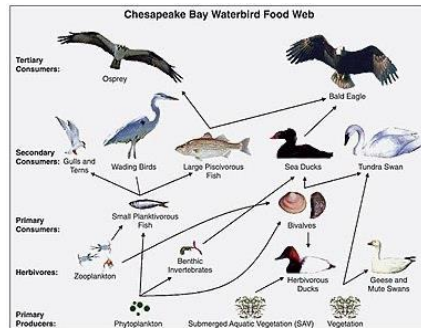


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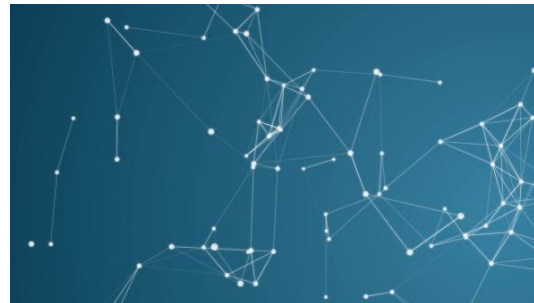


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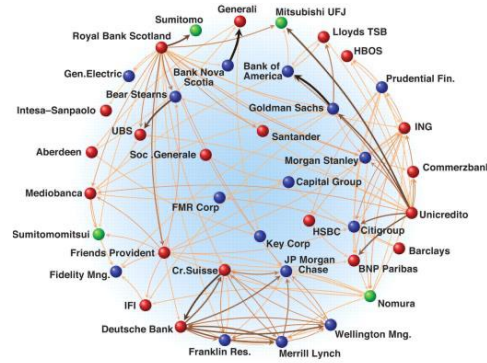


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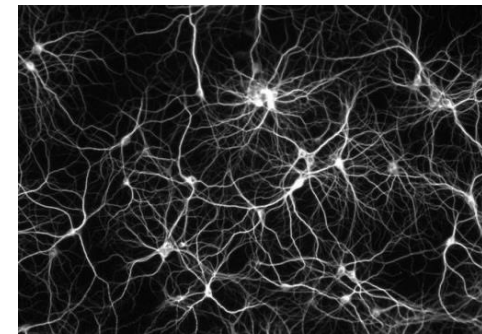


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Networks of Neurons

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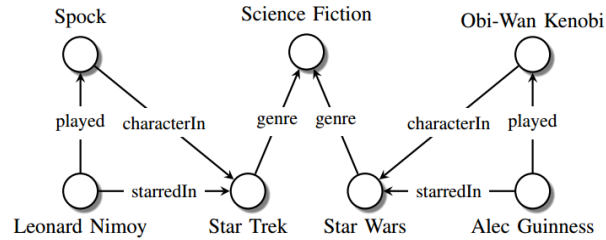


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Knowledge Graphs

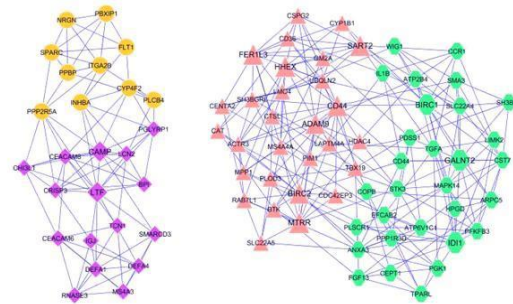


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Regulatory Networks

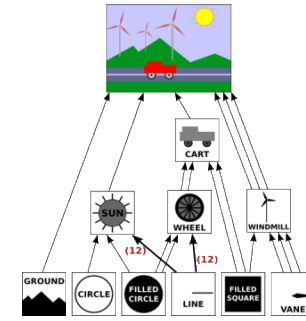


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Scene Graphs

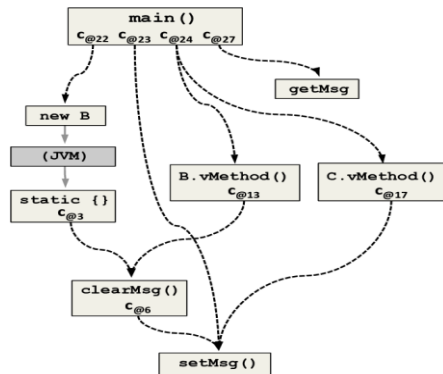


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Code Graphs

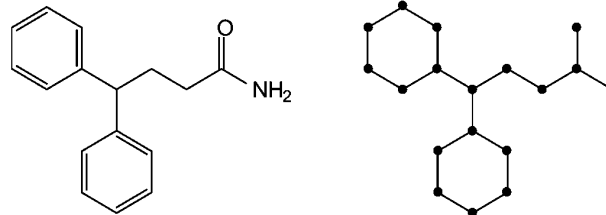


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Molecules

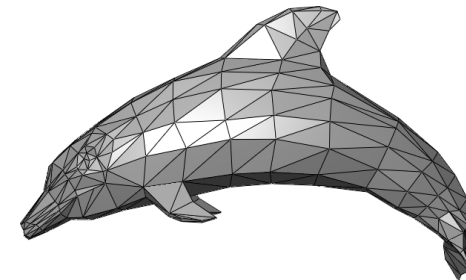
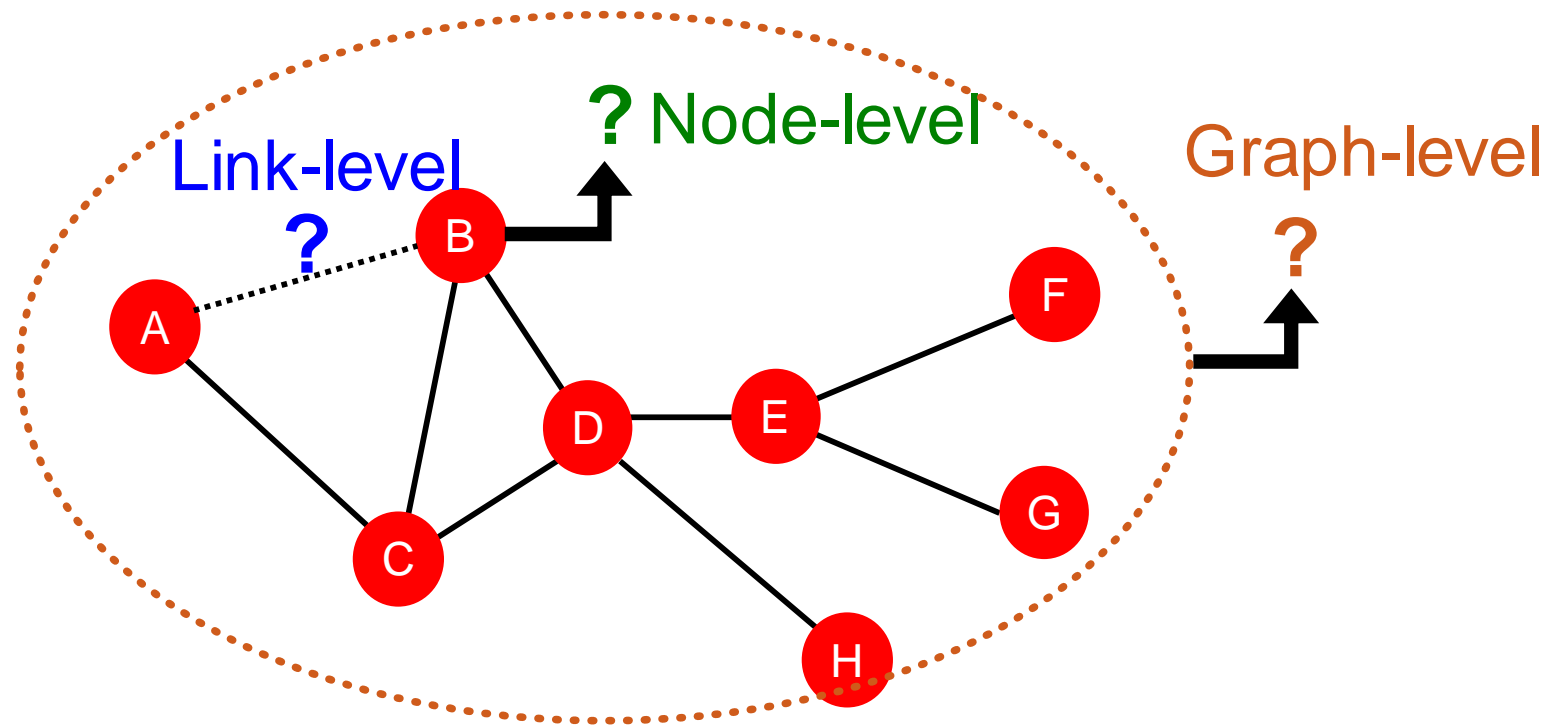


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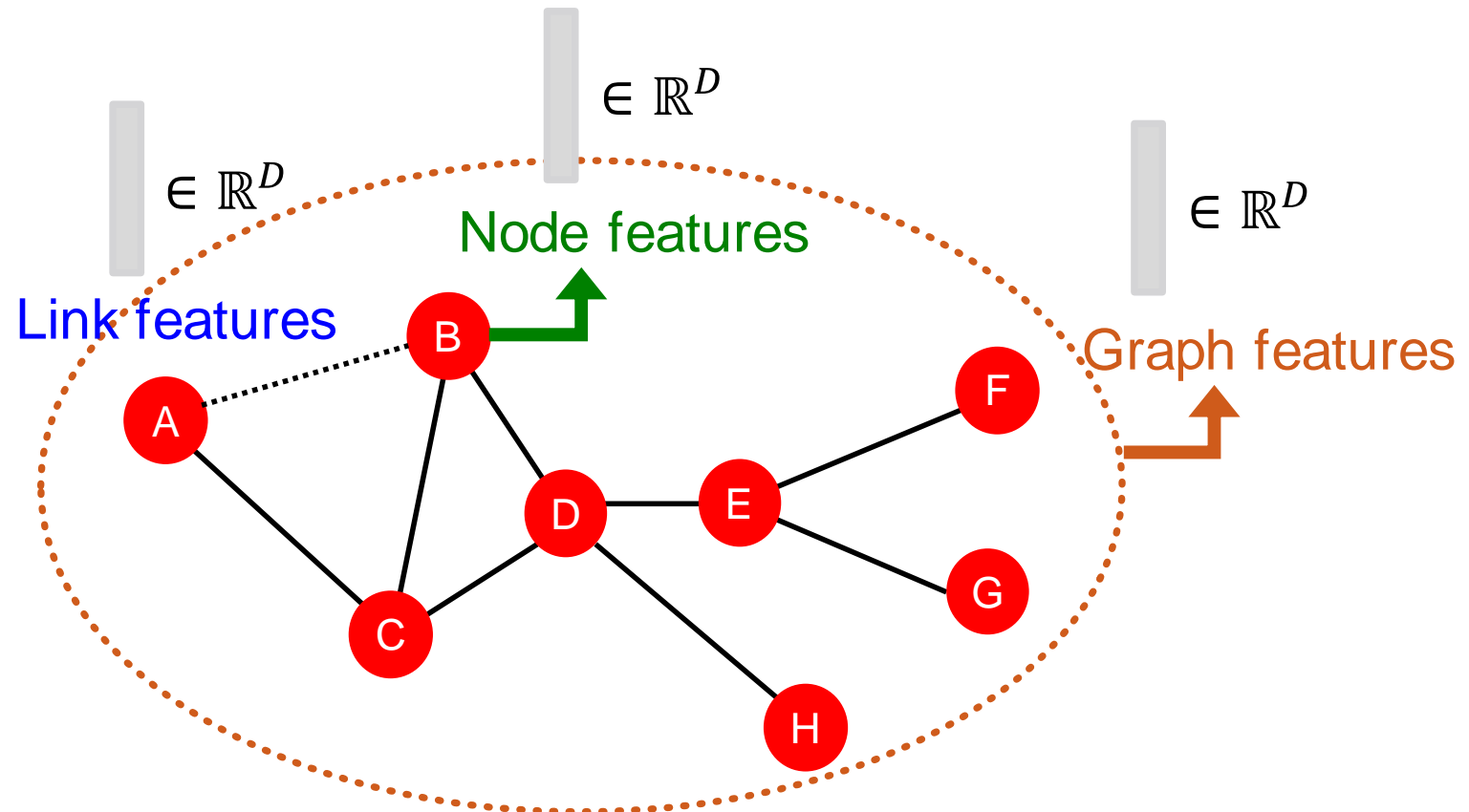
3D Shapes

Tasks on Graph

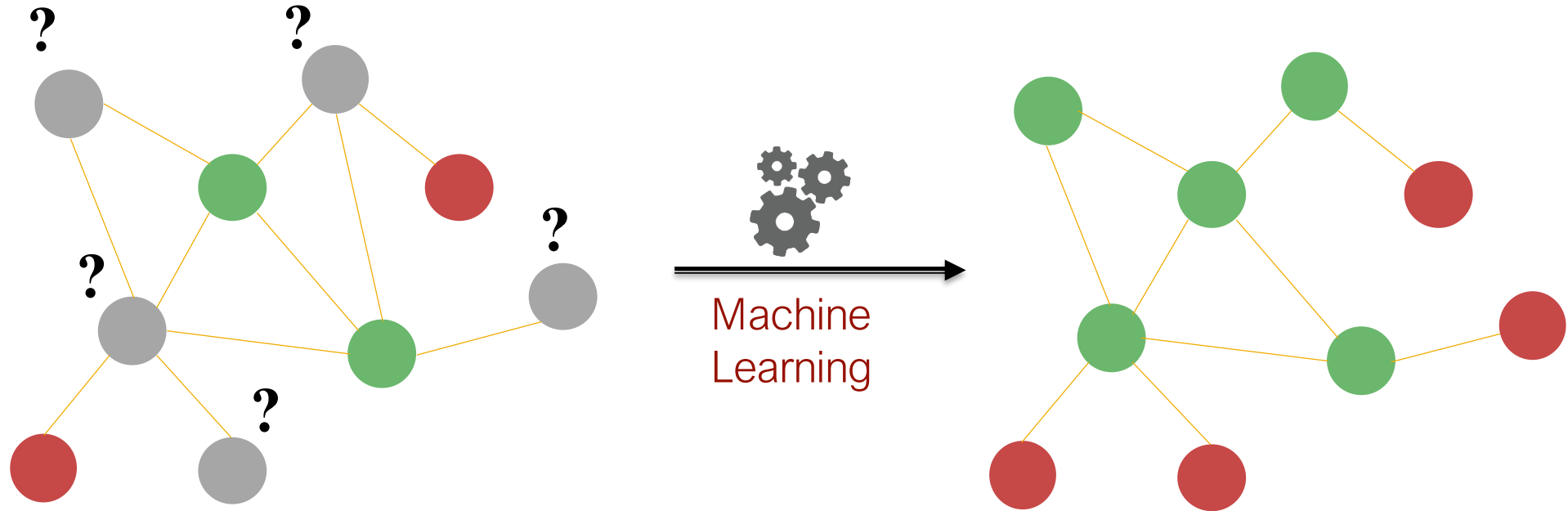
- Node-level prediction
- Link-level prediction
- Graph-level prediction



Getting Features for Nodes/Links/Graphs



Node-level Tasks

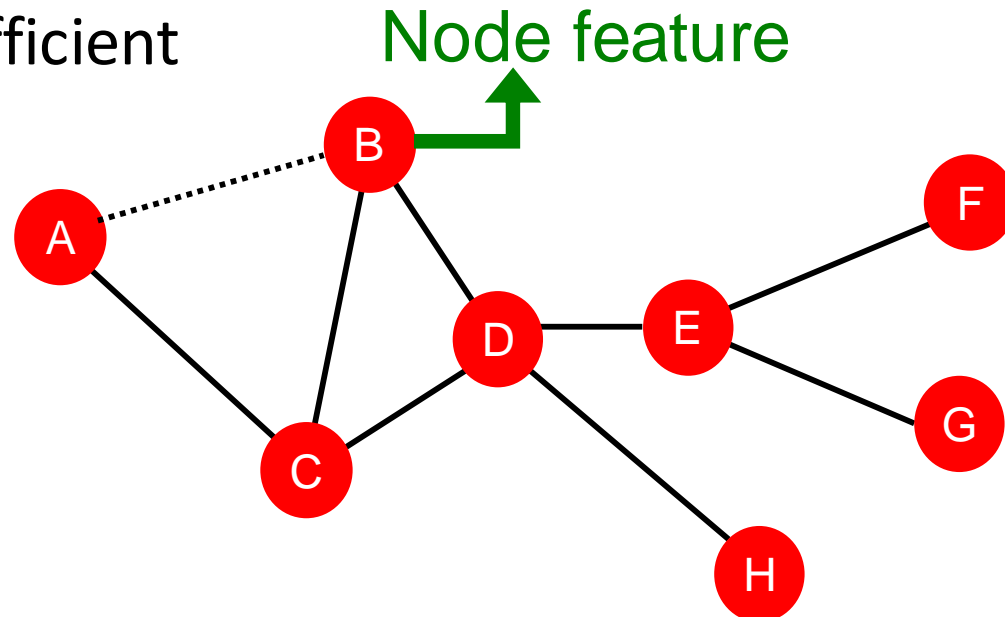


Node classification

Node-level Features

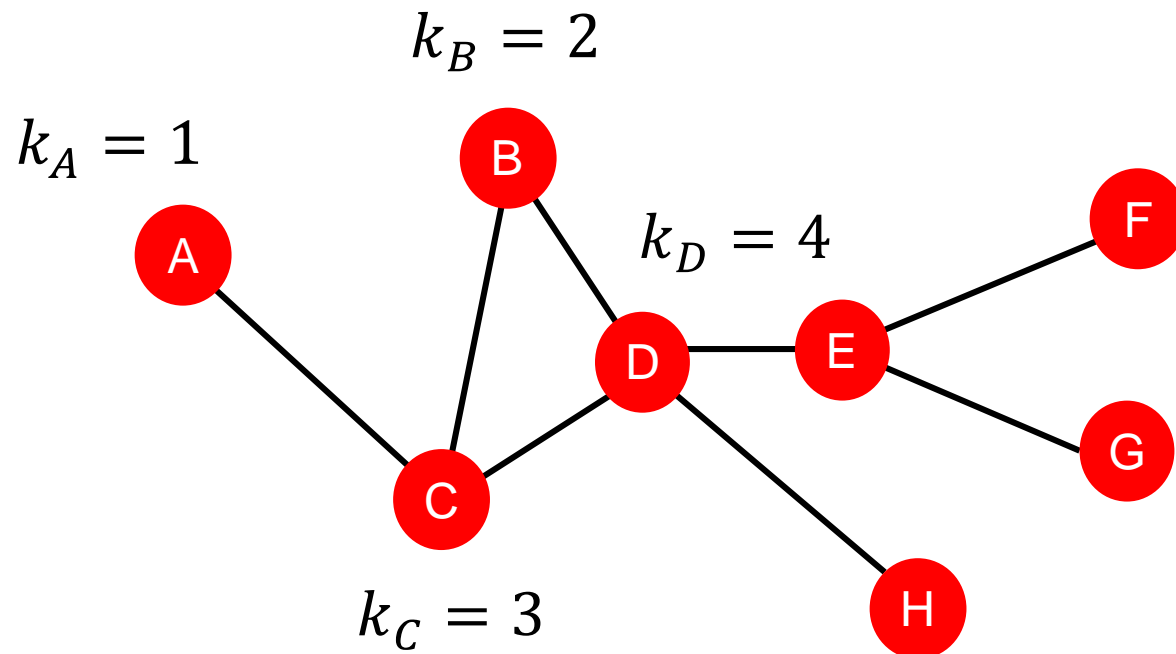
Goal: Characterize the structure and position of a node in the network:

- Node degree
- Node centrality
- Clustering coefficient
- Graphlets



Node-level Features (1): Node Degree

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



Node-level Features (2): 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 centrality
 - and many others...

Node-level Features (2): Node Centrality

- **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:**

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

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

Node-level Features (2): Node Centrality

■ Eigenvector centrality:

- Rewrite the recursive equation in the matrix form.

$$c_v = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{u \in N(v)} c_u \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \lambda \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{c}$$

λ is normalization const
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- A : Adjacency matrix
 $A_{uv} = 1$ if $u \in N(v)$
- \mathbf{c} : Centrality vector
- λ : Eigenvalue

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

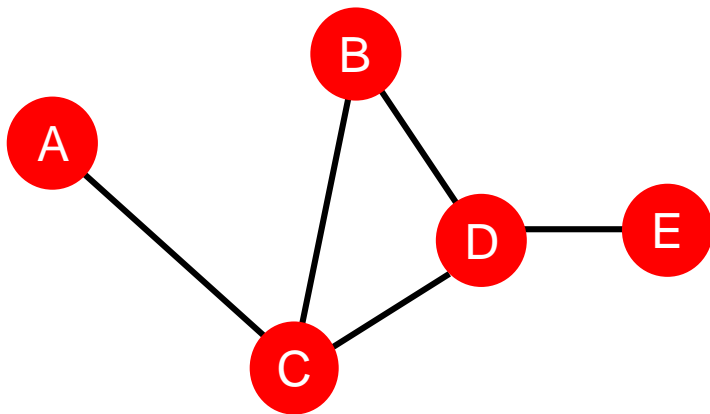
Node-level Features (2): Node Centrality

- **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:**



$$c_A = c_B = c_E = 0$$
$$c_C = 3$$

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

$$c_D = 3$$

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

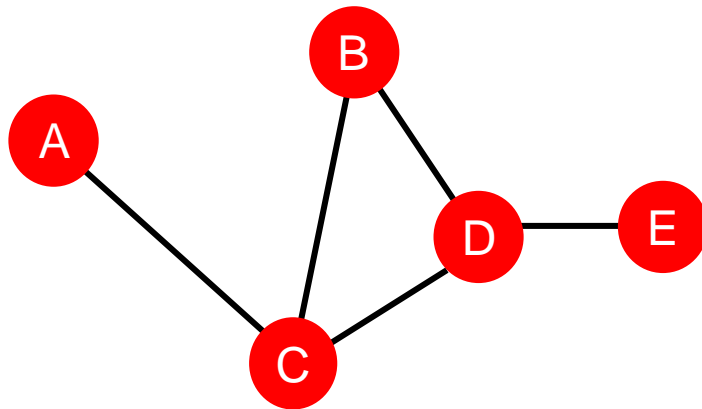
Node-level Features (2): Node Centrality

- **Closeness centrality:**

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

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

- **Example:**



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

(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)

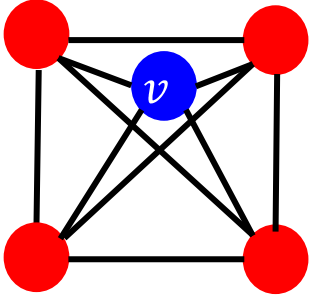
Node-level Features (3): Clustering Coefficient

- Measures how connected v 's neighboring nodes are:

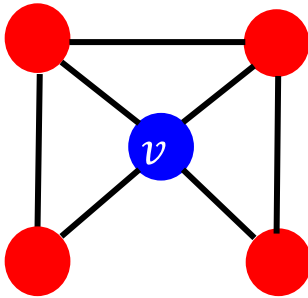
$$e_v = \frac{\#(\text{edges among neighboring nodes})}{\binom{k_v}{2}} \in [0,1]$$

#(node pairs among k_v neighboring nodes)
In our examples below the denominator is 6 (4 choose 2).

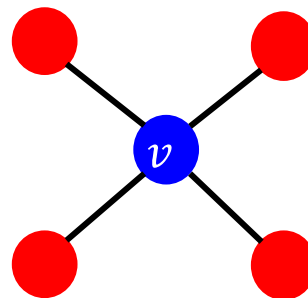
- **Examples:**



$e_v = 1$



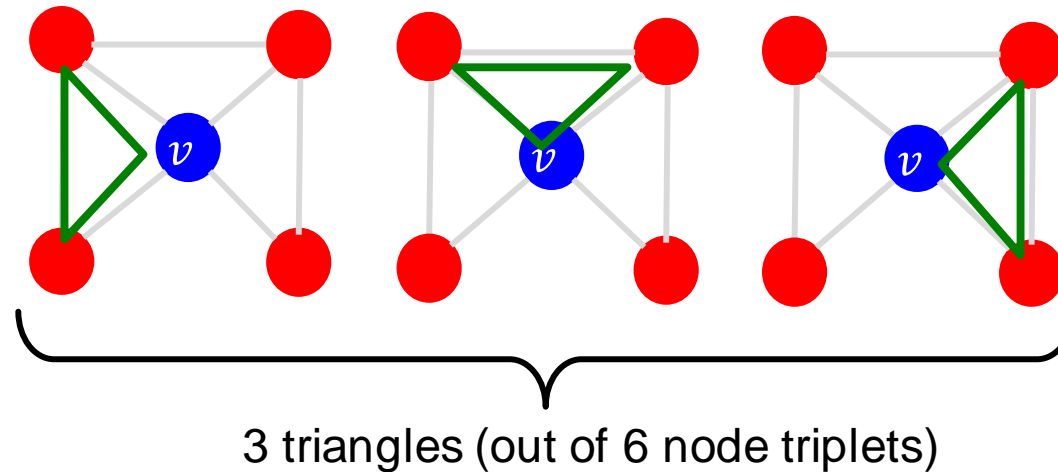
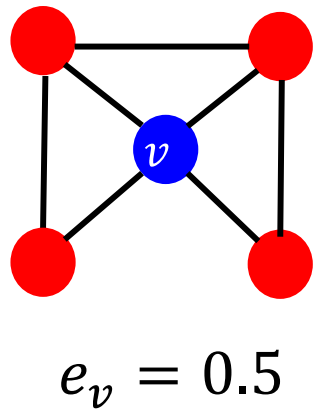
$e_v = 0.5$



$e_v = 0$

Node-level Features (4): Graphlets

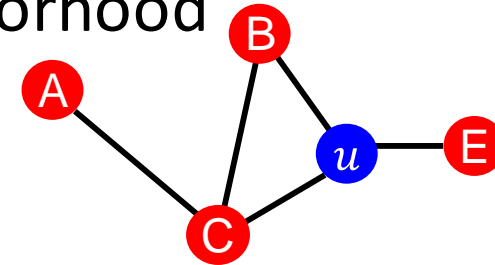
- **Observation:** Clustering coefficient counts the #(triangles) in the **ego-network**



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

Node-level Features (4): Graphlets

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



Analogy:

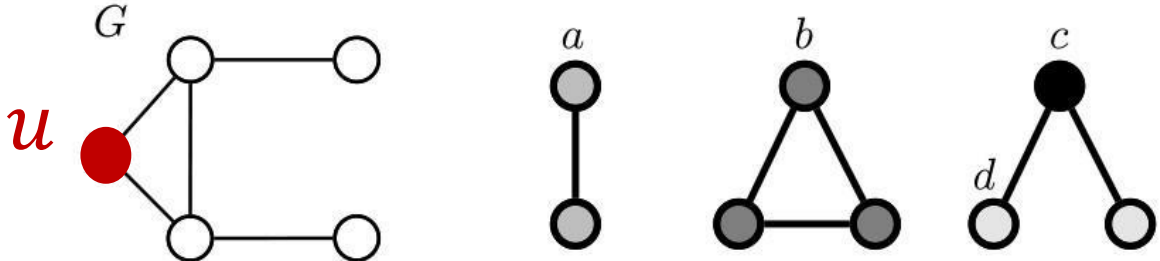
- **Degree** counts **#(edges)** that a node touches
- **Clustering coefficient** counts **#(triangles)** that a node touches.
- **Graphlet Degree Vector (GDV):** Graphlet-base features for nodes
 - **GDV** counts **#(graphlets)** that a node touches

Node-level Features (4): Graphlets

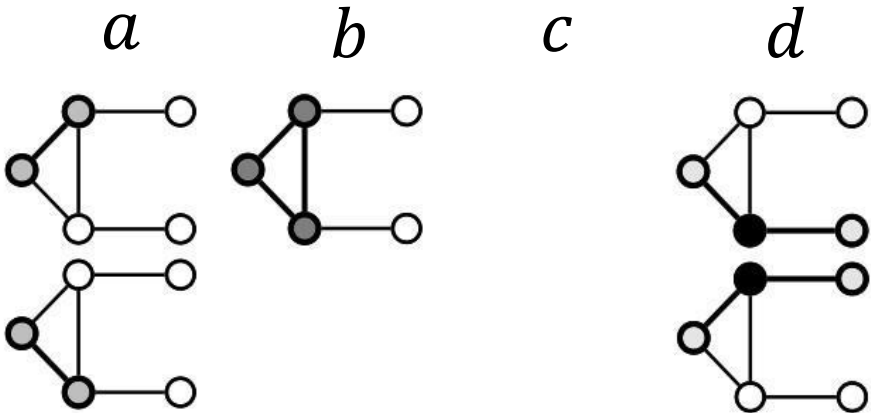
- **Graphlet Degree Vector (GDV):** A count vector of graphlets rooted at a given node.

- **Example:**

Possible graphlets on up to 3 nodes



Graphlet instances of node u :



GDV of node u :
 a, b, c, d
 $[2, 1, 0, 2]$

Node-level Features: 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

Node-level Features: Summary

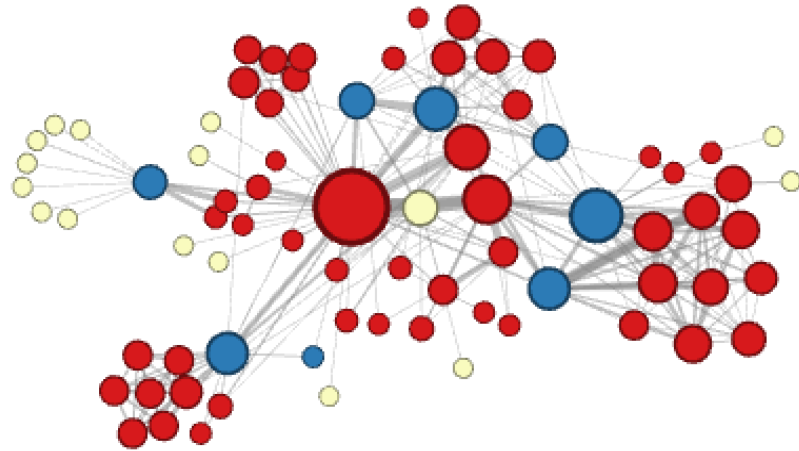
- **Importance-based features**: capture the importance of a node in a graph
 - Node degree:
 - Simply counts the number of neighboring nodes
 - Node centrality:
 - Models **importance of neighboring nodes** in a graph
 - Different modeling choices: eigenvector centrality, betweenness centrality, closeness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

Node-level Features: 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.

Node-level Features: Discussion

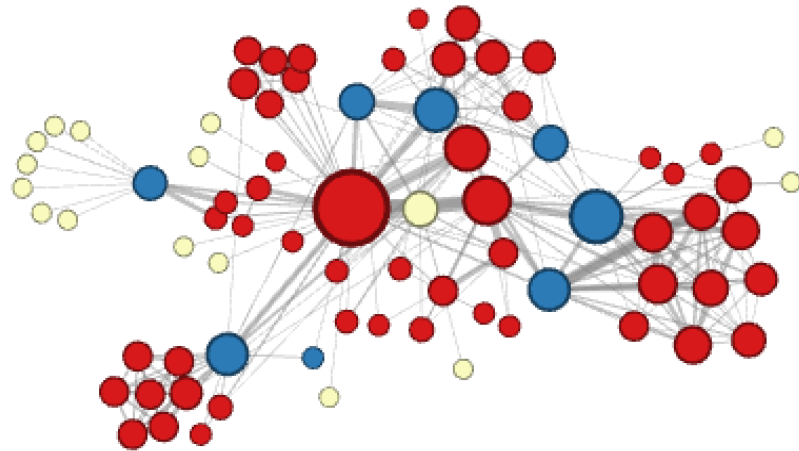
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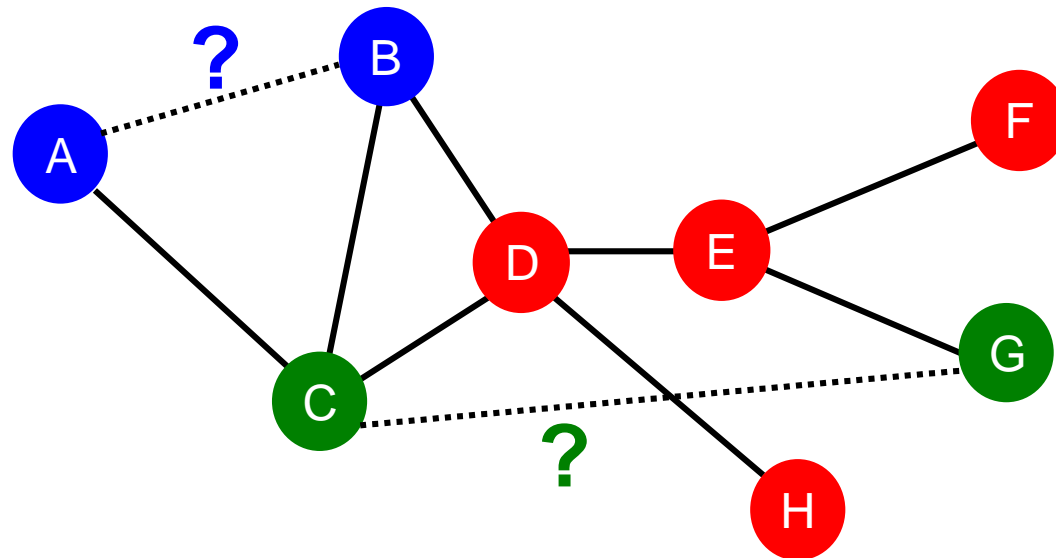


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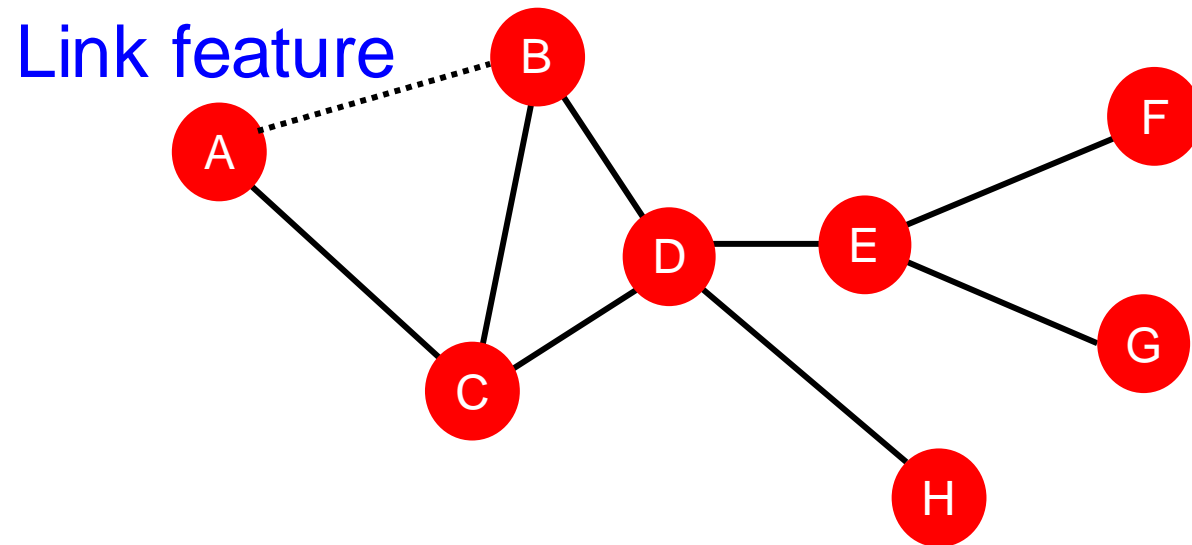
Link-level Task

- 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 Features: Quick Overview

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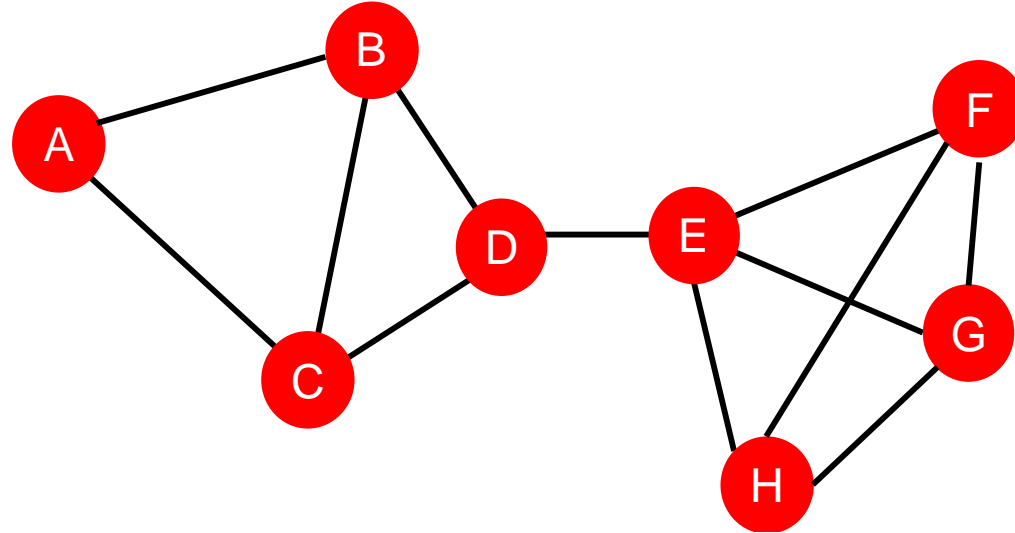
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 - Uses global graph structure to score two nodes.
 - Katz index counts #walks of all lengths between two nodes.

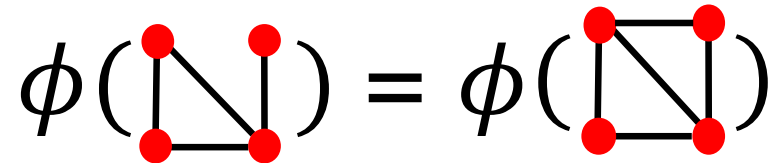
Graph-level Features

- **Goal:** We want features that characterize the structure of an entire graph.
- **For example:**



Graph-level Features

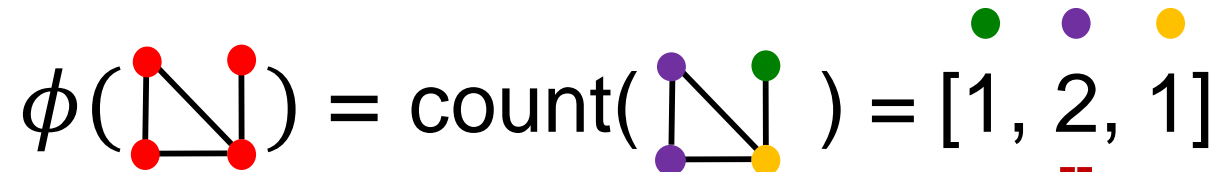
- **Key idea:** **Bag-of-Words (BoW)** for a graph
 - **Recall:** BoW simply uses the word counts as features for documents (no ordering considered).
 - Naïve extension to a graph: **Regard nodes as words.**
 - Since both graphs have **4 red nodes**, we get the same feature vector for two different graphs...

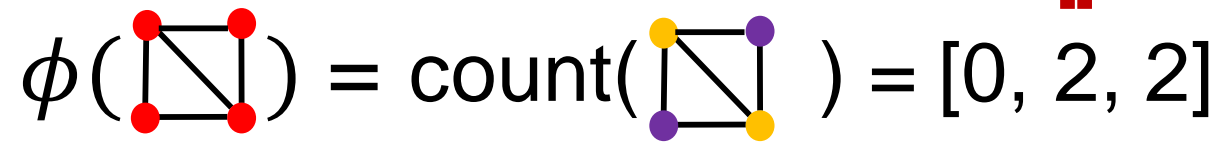
$$\phi(\text{graph}_1) = \phi(\text{graph}_2)$$


Graph-level Features

What if we use Bag of node degrees?

Deg1: ● Deg2: ● Deg3: ●

$$\phi(\text{Graph 1}) = \text{count}(\text{Graph 2}) = [1, 2, 1]$$


$$\phi(\text{Graph 3}) = \text{count}(\text{Graph 4}) = [0, 2, 2]$$


Obtains different features for different graphs!

- Both Graphlet Kernel and Weisfeiler-Lehman (WL) Kernel use **Bag-of-*** representation of graph, where ***** is more sophisticated than node degrees!

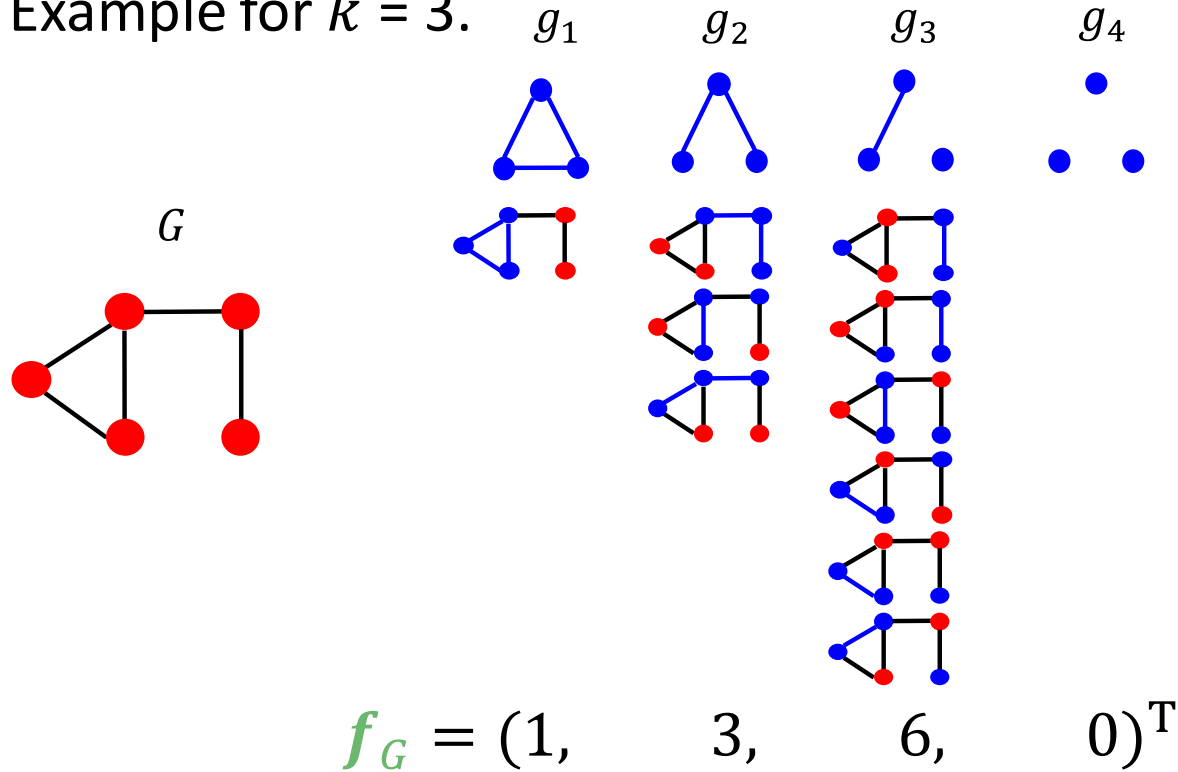
Graph-level Features: Graphlet Features

- **Key idea:** Count the number of **different graphlets** in a graph.
- Given graph G , and a graphlet list $\mathcal{G}_k = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_{n_k})$, define the graphlet count vector $f_G \in \mathbb{R}^{n_k}$ as

$$(f_G)_i = \#(g_i \subseteq G) \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n_k.$$

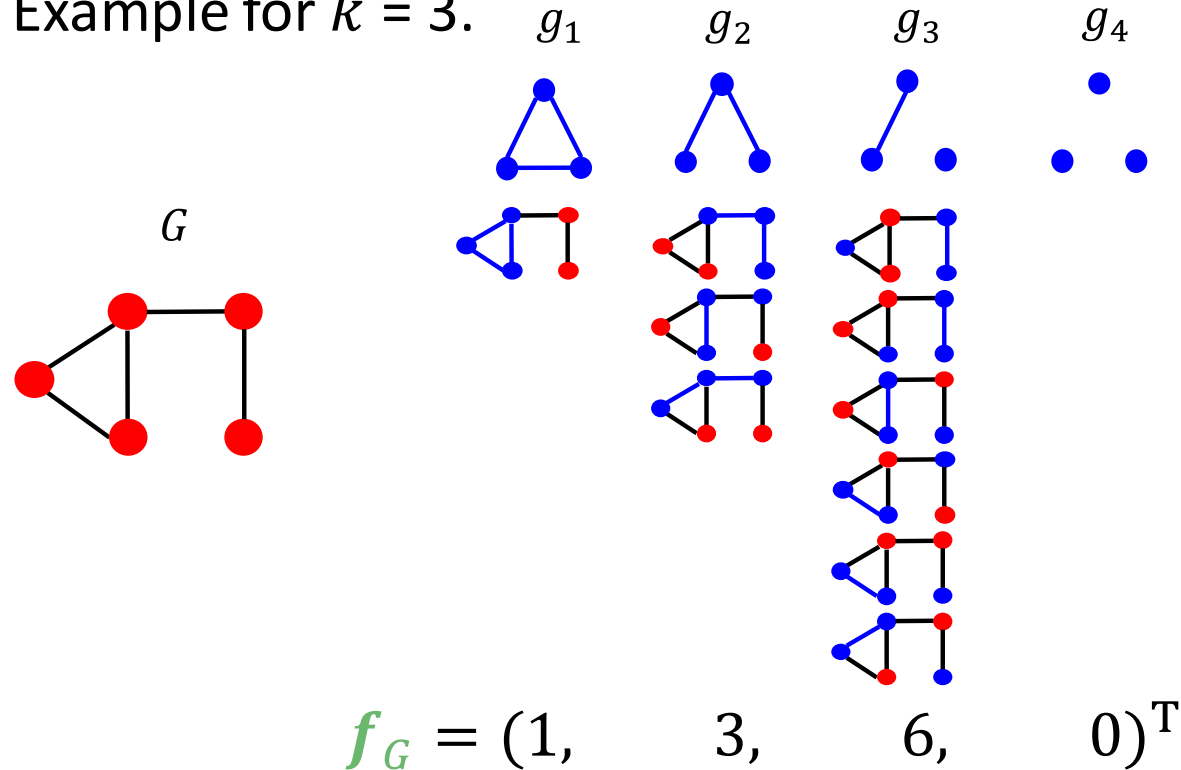
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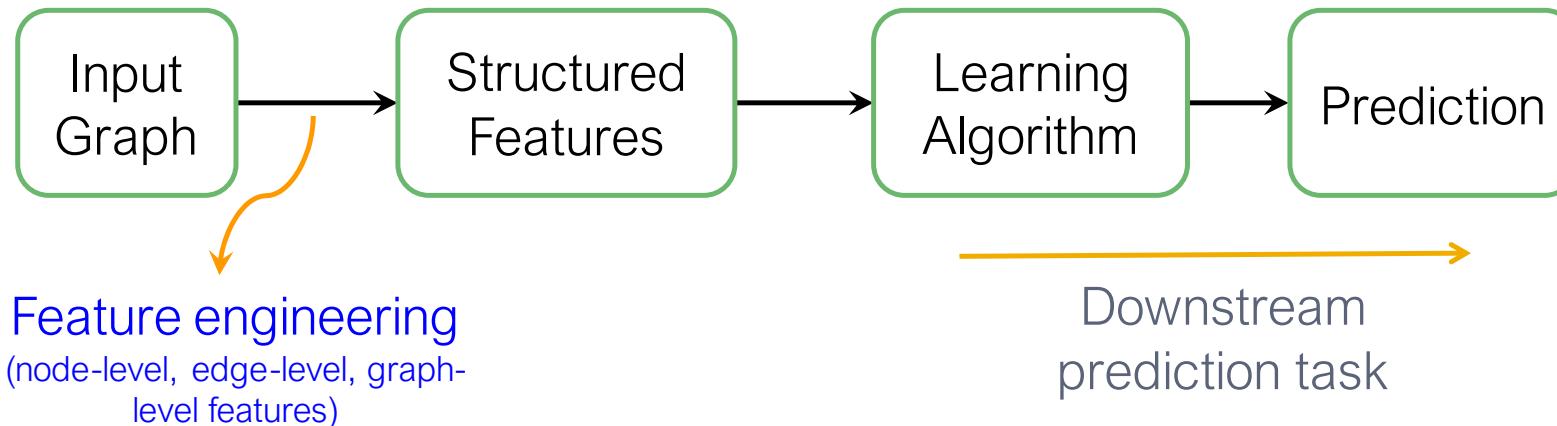
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- **Limitations:** Counting graphlets is **expensive!**
- More advanced methods: color refinement, etc.

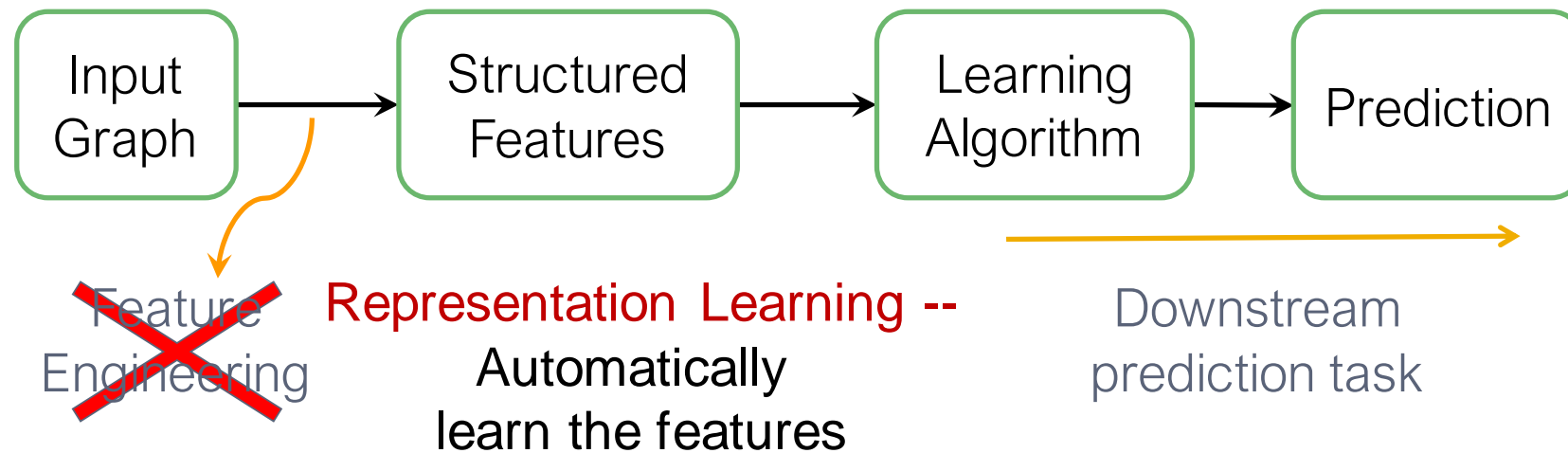
Summary so far: feature engineering

- Node-level:
 - Node degree, centrality, clustering coefficient, graphlets
- Link-level:
 - Distance-based feature
 - Local/global neighborhood overlap
- Graph-level:
 - Graphlet kernel



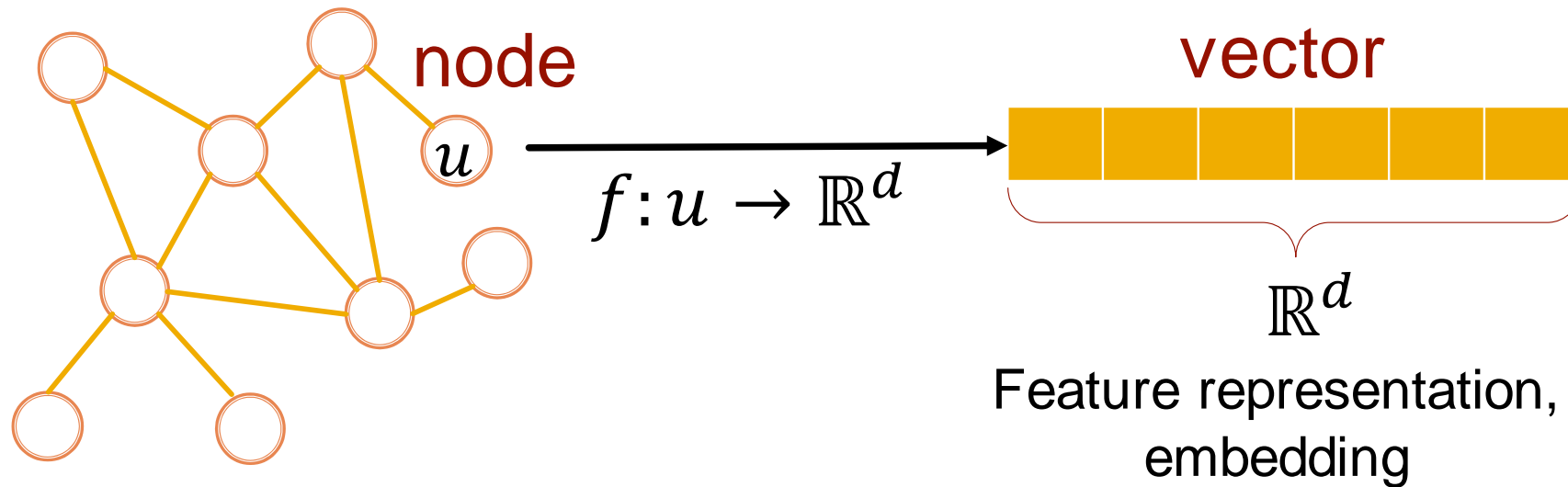
Graph Representation Learning

Graph Representation Learning alleviates the need to do feature engineering **every single time.**



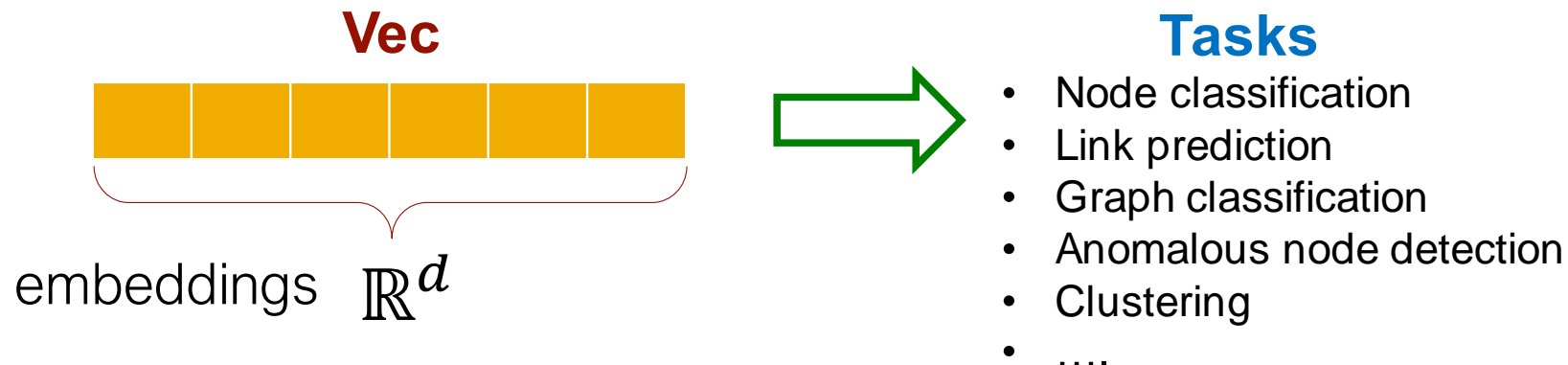
Graph Representation Learning

Goal: Efficient task-independent feature learning for machine learning with graphs!



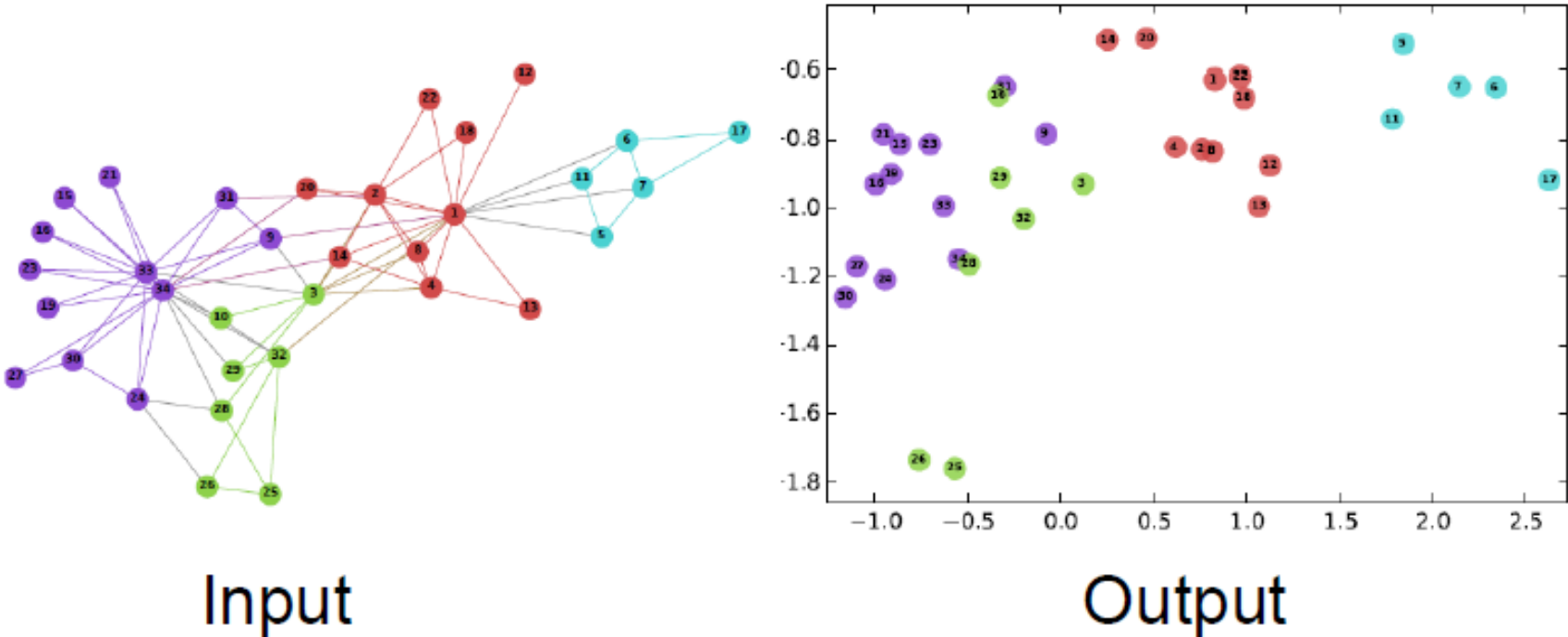
Node Embedding

- **Task: Map nodes into an embedding space**
 - Similarity of embeddings between nodes indicates their similarity in the network. For example:
 - Both nodes are close to each other (connected by an edge)
 - Encode network information
 - Potentially used for many downstream predictions



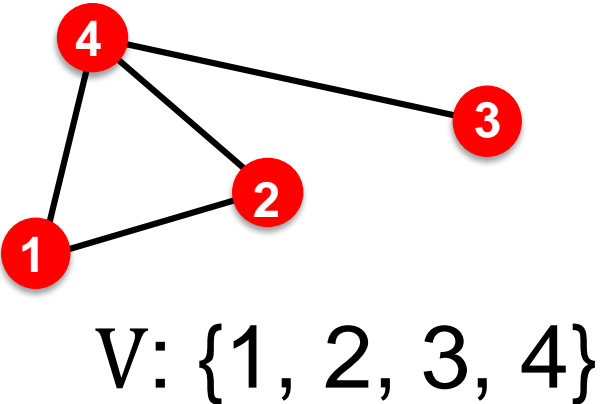
Example Node Embedding

- 2D embedding of nodes of the Zachary's Karate Club network:



Node Embedding: Setup

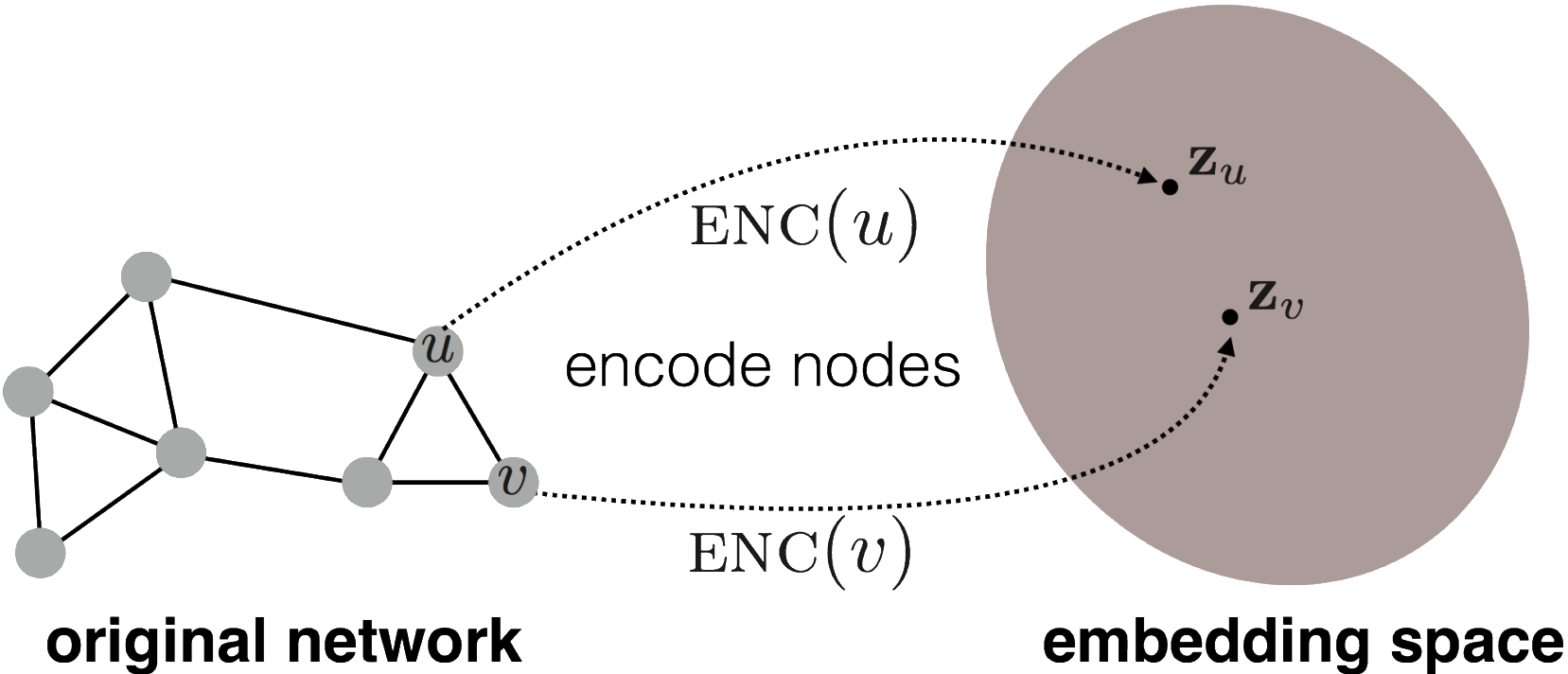
- Assume we have a graph G:
 - V is the vertex set.
 - A is the adjacency matrix (assume binary).
 - For simplicity: No node features or extra information is used



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

Node Embedding

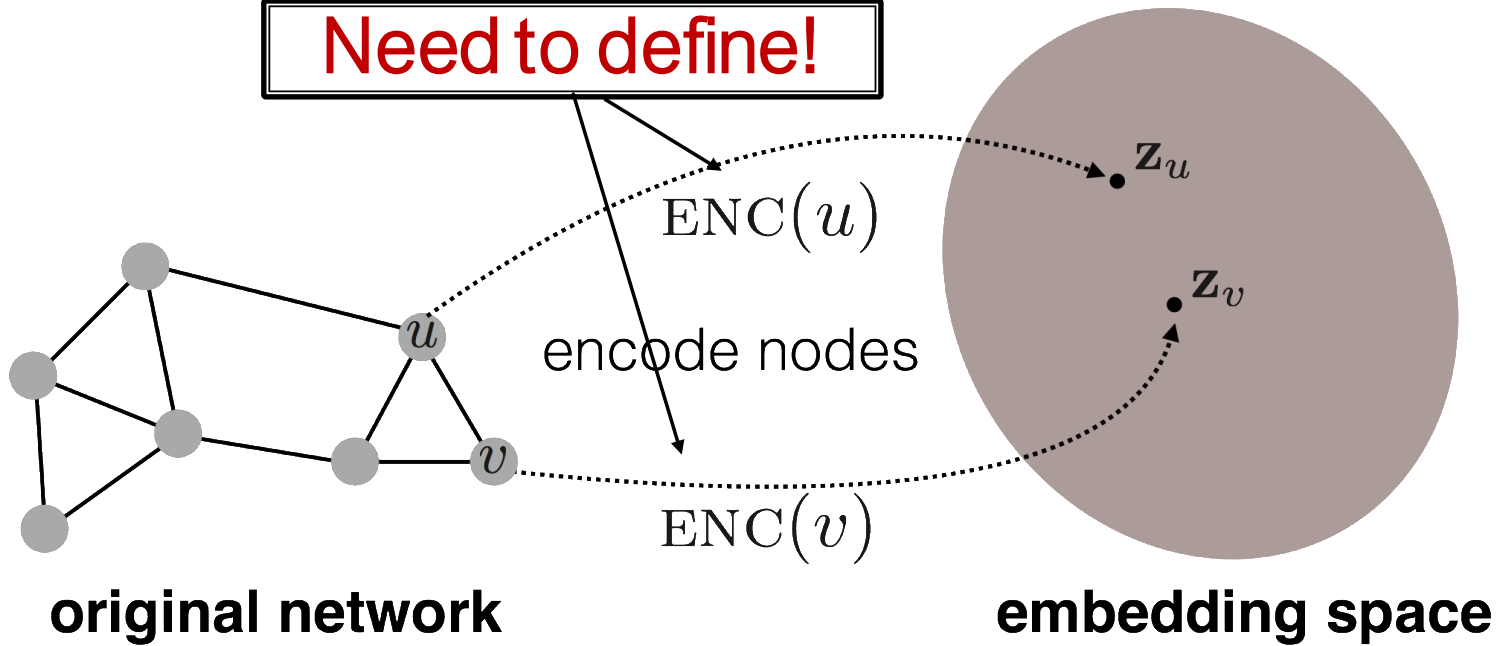
- Goal is to encode nodes so that **similarity in the embedding space** (e.g., dot product) approximates **similarity in the graph**



Node Embedding

Goal: $\text{similarity}(u, v)$ in the original network $\approx \mathbf{z}_v^T \mathbf{z}_u$ Similarity of the embedding

Need to define!



Node Embedding: Key Components

- **Encoder:** maps each node to a low-dimensional vector

$$\text{ENC}(v) = \mathbf{z}_v$$

node in the input graph

d-dimensional embedding

- **Similarity function:** specifies how the relationships in vector space map to the relationships in the original network

$$\text{similarity}(u, v) \approx \mathbf{z}_v^T \mathbf{z}_u$$

Similarity of u and v in the original network

dot product between node embeddings

Decoder

“Shallow” Encoding

Simplest encoding approach: **Encoder is just an embedding-lookup**

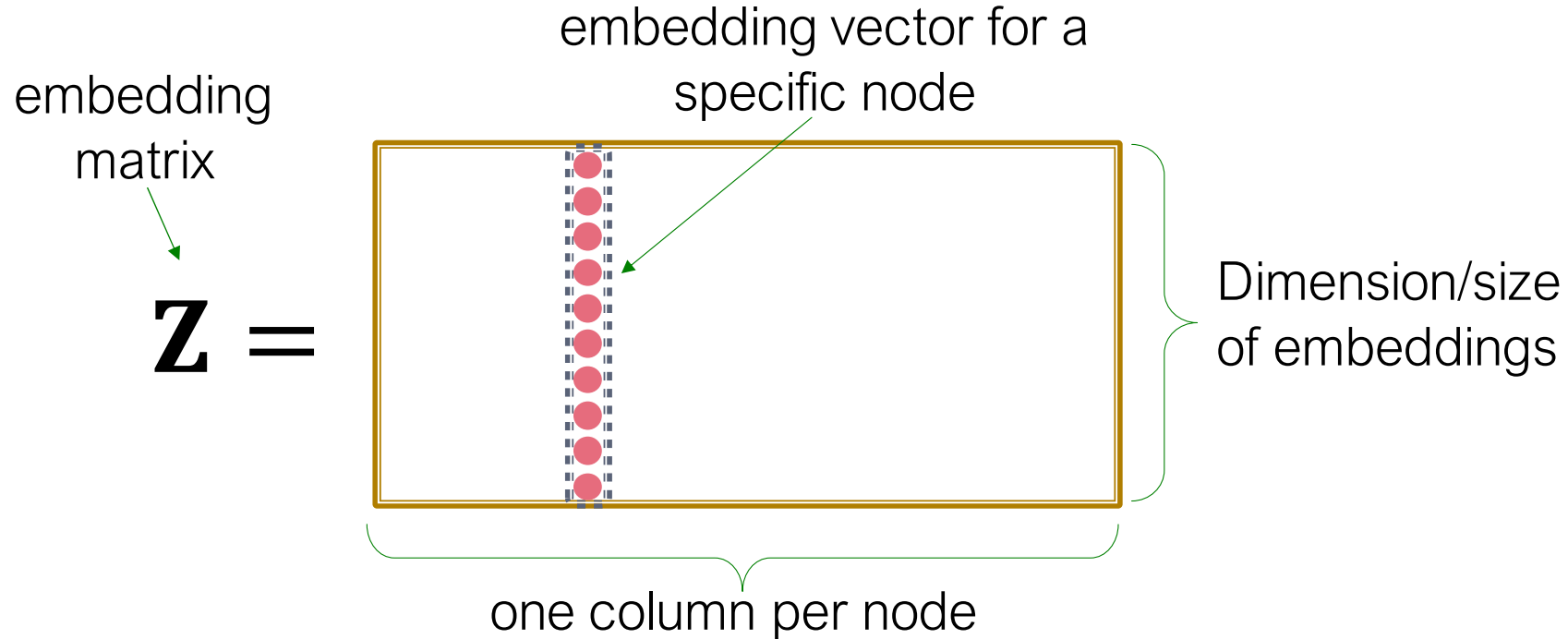
$$\text{ENC}(v) = \mathbf{z}_v = \mathbf{Z} \cdot v$$

$\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times |\mathcal{V}|}$ matrix, each column is a node embedding [what we learn / optimize]

$v \in \mathbb{I}^{|\mathcal{V}|}$ indicator vector, all zeroes except a one in column indicating node v

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Simplest encoding approach: **Encoder is just an embedding-lookup**

Each node is assigned a unique embedding vector

(i.e., we directly optimize the embedding of each node)

Many methods: DeepWalk, node2vec

Summary

- **Encoder + Decoder Framework**
 - Shallow encoder: embedding lookup
 - Parameters to optimize: \mathbf{Z} which contains node embeddings \mathbf{z}_u for all nodes $u \in V$
 - We will cover deep encoders in the GNNs
- **Decoder:** based on node similarity.
- **Objective:** maximize $\mathbf{z}_v^T \mathbf{z}_u$ for node pairs (u, v) that are **similar**

Discussion: How to Define Node Similarity?

- Key choice of methods is **how they define node similarity.**
- Should two nodes have a similar embedding if they...
 - are linked?
 - share neighbors?
 - have similar “structural roles”?

Questions?