

# Applied Machine Learning

Machine Learning with Graphs

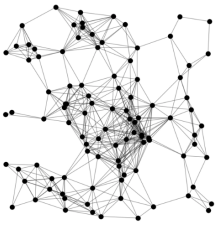
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# Learning objectives

- How to represent graph structured data
- Unsupervised learning with graphs
  - Community detection (clustering)
- Supervised learning with graphs
  - Node classification

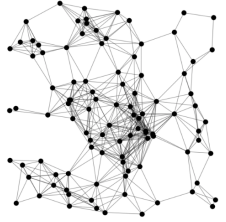


# Motivation

Our world is **complex** and analyzing interconnected data provides the much needed tools to study today's phenomena (e.g., online societies) and enables us to address the world's emerging problems (e.g., covid-19)

## **Complex** Systems

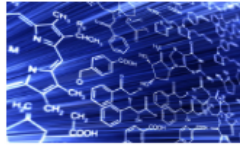
- consists of many interconnected parts
- characterized by time-dependent interactions among their parts
- not an aggregation of their separate parts
- when looked at as a whole gives non trivial insights
- often interactions change states of parts, and the states of the parts change the networks of interactions



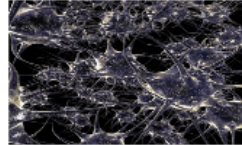
# Motivation: applications

**natural sciences:** connections between atoms, molecules, cells, organisms and even the cosmic web

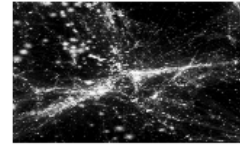
Chemistry



Biology

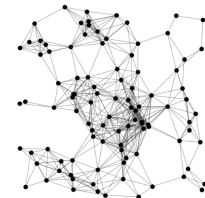


Physics



from a demo of galaxy networks

**applied sciences:** looking at complex system, as a whole, gives us non trivial insights and is necessary to understand these systems in many applications, e.e. in Medicine, law, even culinary (check this [flavor network](#))



# Representing Interconnected Data

we used independent **instances** as data in this course:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}^{(1)\top} \\ \mathbf{x}^{(2)\top} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}^{(N)\top} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1^{(1)}, & \mathbf{x}_2^{(1)}, & \cdots, & \mathbf{x}_D^{(1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_1^{(N)}, & \mathbf{x}_2^{(N)}, & \cdots, & \mathbf{x}_D^{(N)} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D}$$

one instance

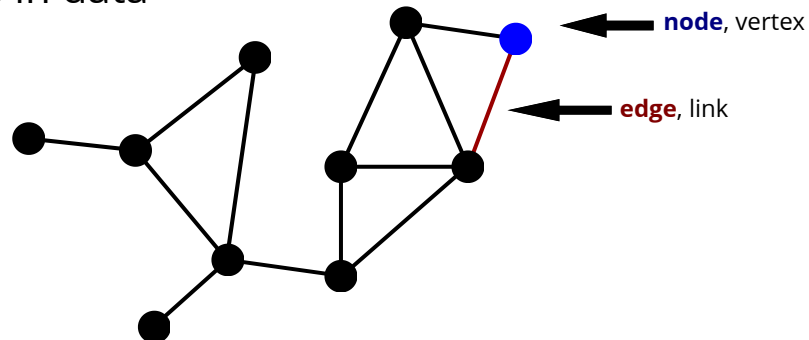
one feature

## Graphs

represent the relation between **instances** in data

the default representation

- variations: **simple**, weighted, directed, signed, multi-edges and multi-type nodes (heterogenous), attributed (nodes and or edges have feature vectors), dynamic (sequence of graphs), multilayer networks (multi-view), hypergraphs (beyond pairwise relations), etc.



# Representing Graphs

## Features Matrix

node features

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1^{(1)}, & \mathbf{x}_2^{(1)}, & \cdots, & \mathbf{x}_D^{(1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_1^{(N)}, & \mathbf{x}_2^{(N)}, & \cdots, & \mathbf{x}_D^{(N)} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D}$$

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## Adjacency Matrix

connections between nodes

marginals of  $A$  are called **degree**

$$d_i = \sum_j A_{ij}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}, & A_{12}, & \cdots, & A_{1N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{N1}, & A_{N2}, & \cdots, & A_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

inlinks

all nodes linking to 1

outlinks

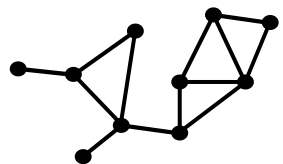
all nodes node 2 links to

if unweighted then  $\in \{0, 1\}^{N \times N}$

Real world graphs are sparse (have lots of zeros)  
and we use sparse matrix representations  
to store them (only store non-zero values)

# Representing Graphs

## Adjacency Matrix

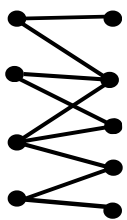


- person & friendship
- paper & citation
- cities & train tracks
- proteins & binding

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 outlinks all nodes node 2 links to

## Incidence Matrix



- often used to represent **bipartite** graphs
- actor & movies
  - authors & papers
  - metabolites & reactions
  - words & documents
  - two possible one mode projections:  $B^T B$ , and  $BB^T$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}, & A_{12}, & \cdots, & A_{1M} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{N1}, & A_{N2}, & \cdots, & A_{NM} \end{bmatrix}$$

all edges node 1 belongs to edges, or second set of nodes  
 $\in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$   
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 nodes all nodes edge 2 links

# Representing Graphs

## Laplacian Matrix

$$L = D - A$$

diagonal degree matrix

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Eigenvalues of Graph Laplacian tells us about the connectivity of the graph

- e.g. number of zero eigenvalues is the number of connected components
- second-smallest eigenvalue of L is called Algebraic connectivity or Fiedler value
- **Signs of values in Fiedler eigenvector** (associated to Fiedler eigenvalue) tell us how to partition the graph into two components by breaking least edges, i.e. **minimum cut** solution

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & -A_{12} & \cdots & -A_{1N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -A_{N1} & -A_{N2} & \cdots & d_N \end{bmatrix}$$

sums to zero

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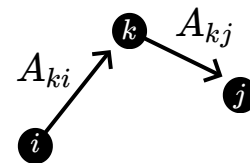
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outlinks

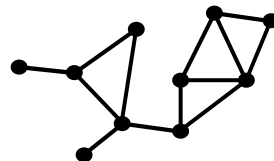
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## Powers of $A$

- $A^2$  : # of walks with length two
  - If undirected, number of common neighbors
  - what is  $A_{ii}^2$ ?
- $A^3$  : # of walks with length three
  - what is  $A_{ii}^3$ ?
  - if undirected,  $Tr(A^3)/6$  gives the number of triangles
  - we compute number of triangles more effectively from eigenvalues of  $A$  as  $\frac{1}{6} \sum_i \lambda_i^3$ , since if  $\lambda$  is eigenvalue of  $A$  then  $\lambda^p$  is eigenvalue of  $A^p$
  - real world graphs usually have a lot of triangles, e.g. friends of friends are friends

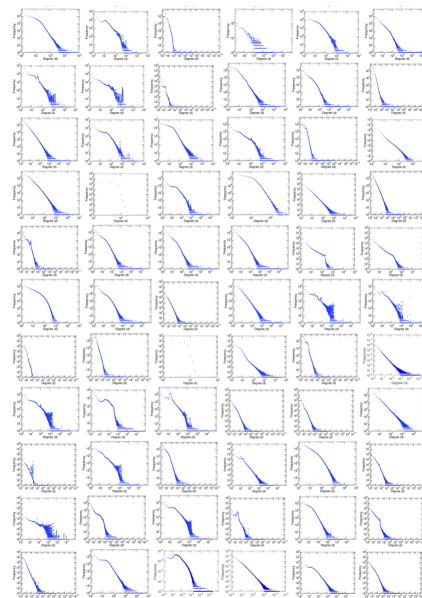


# Degree distribution



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- marginals of  $A$  are called **degree**
  - $d_i = \sum_j A_{ij}$
  - if directed, ( $A_{ij} = 1$  there is an edge from node  $j$  to  $i$ ) We have
    - column-wise and row-wise marginals as indegree and out degree of nodes
    - $d_i^{in} = \sum_j A_{ij}$ , and  $d_i^{out} = \sum_j A_{ji}$
- $\sum_i \sum_j A_{ij}$ 
  - total number of edges (if directed), or twice that if undirected
- **degree distribution**: how many nodes of degree  $k$  are in the graph
  - is often **heavy tailed** in real world networks (there are few nodes with very high degree & many with very small degree)
- degree distribution is plotted in log-log and a line could give a good fit
  - $\ln(p(d)) = -\alpha \ln(d) + \ln(c) \Rightarrow p(d) = cd^{-\alpha}$  : **powerlaw distribution**
- often referred to as being **scale-free** since
  - $p(\lambda d) = \lambda^{-\alpha} cd^{-\alpha}$

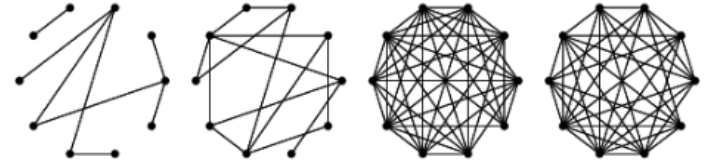


# Real-world v.s. random graphs

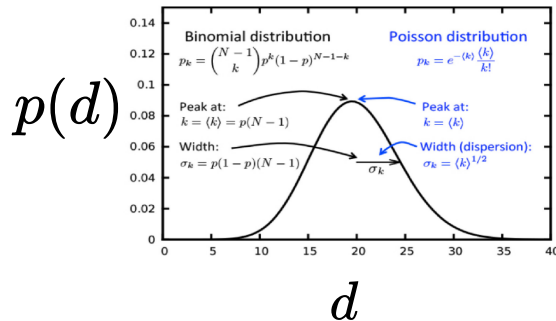


## Erdős-Rényi Model (ER) graphs

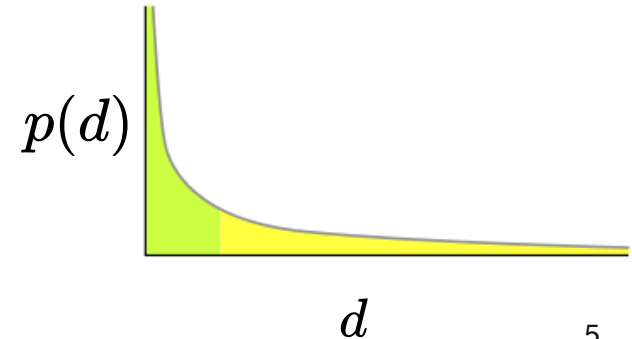
- basis of random graph theory
- simple model that results in small-world graphs
- parameters: ER( $n, p$ ) or ER( $n, m$ )
  - $n$ : number of nodes
  - $p$ : probability of an edge between any two nodes
  - $m$ : number of edges
- generation: all edges are equally likely so toss  $n(n-1)/2$  coins



## Degree distribution:

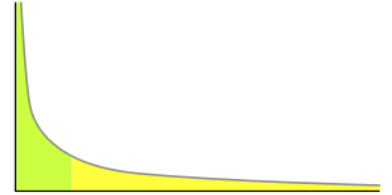


compare with real world  
graphs which have a heavy tail



# Powerlaws

a common distribution

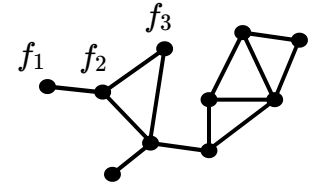


- Income follow a Pareto distribution
  - few individuals earned most of the money & majority earned small amounts
  - in the US 1% of the population earns a disproportionate 15% of the total US income
  - 80/20 rule (Pareto principle): a general rule of thumb
    - e.g. 20 percent of the code has 80 percent of the errors
- Zipf's law
  - distribution of words ranked by their frequency in a random text corpus is approximated by a power-law distribution
  - the second item occurs approximately 1/2 as often as the first, and the third item 1/3 as often as the first, and so on

preferential attachment which results in scale-free graphs

- node is connected to existing nodes with  $p(i) \propto d_i$

# Spectral clustering



consider function  $f$  that maps vertices to a value

$$f = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_N) \in \mathbb{R}^N \Rightarrow f^\top L f = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} A_{ij} (f_i - f_j)^2$$

measures how much the value of  $f$  is smooth over edges, i.e. the difference of values for connecting nodes

How to cluster? Find  $f$  that give smoothest results, i.e, minimizes this

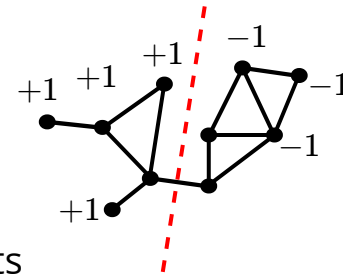
$$f_i \in \{+1, -1\} \text{ and } \sum_i f_i = 0$$

relaxed

$$f_i \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } \sum_i f_i^2 = N \Rightarrow \min f^\top L f = N \lambda_1$$

Courant Fisher Minmax Theorem

- second smallest eigenvalue  $\Rightarrow$  sparsest cut
- signs of corresponding **eigenvector**  $\Rightarrow$  cluster assignments



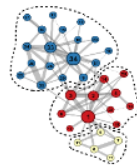
more than 2 clusters? use k-means on top k eigenvectors (each node is represented with k features)

# Clustering Graphs

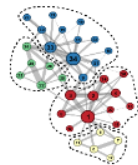
Better choices for graphs:

- modularity optimization
  - number of links between them is more than chance, examples: FastModularity, **Louvain**
- random walk based
  - Within them a random walk is more likely to trap, e.g. Walktrap
- compression based
  - Coding gives efficient compression of any random walk, e.g. Infomap
- centroid based
  - follow their closest leader e.g. TopLeader

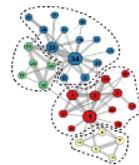
**Louvain**  
the best default



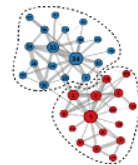
*FastModularity*  
 $Q = 0.434$



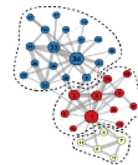
*Louvain*  
 $Q = 0.445$



*Walktrap*  
 $Q = 0.44$



*TopLeader(2)*  
 $Q = 0.403$



*Infomap*  
 $Q = .434$

# Clustering Graphs

- Modularity optimization
  - number of links between them is more than chance
  - $e_{ij}$ : fraction of edges between cluster  $i$  and  $j$ , and  $a_i = \sum_j e_{ij}$

$$Q = \sum_i (e_{ii} - a_i^2) = \text{Tr}(e) - \underbrace{\|e^2\|_1}_{\text{here } \|e^2\|_1 = \sum_{ij} e_{ij}^2}$$

optimize with an agglomerative hierarchical clustering









- merge two cluster that give the highest gain in  $Q$

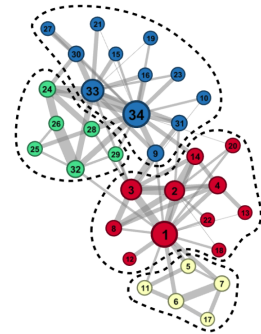
$$\Delta Q = 2(e_{ij} - a_i a_j)$$

FastModularity

uses this with heap based data structure  $\Rightarrow O(m \log n)$

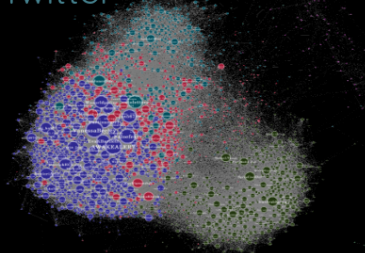
example

					
$e =$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.71 & 0.35 & 0.06 & 0. \\ 0.22 & 0.3 & 0.22 & 0. \\ 0.065 & 0.35 & 0.59 & 0.4 \\ 0. & 0. & 0.12 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix}$				

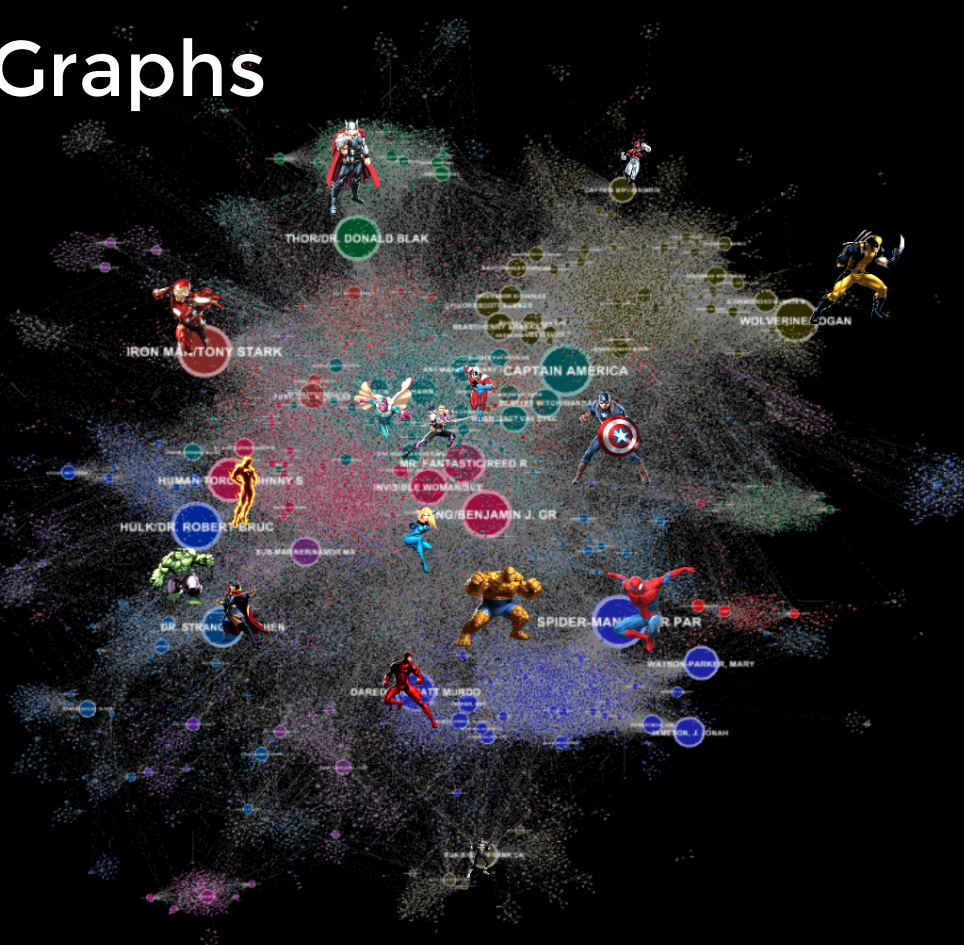
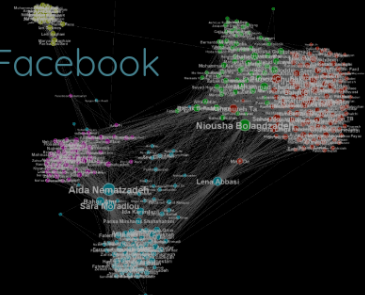


# Clustering Graphs

Twitter



Facebook



C. elegans  
neural network



Yeast protein  
protein interaction  
networks





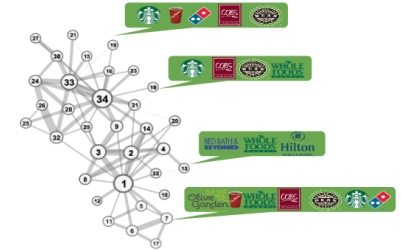
# Attributed Graphs

Individual characteristics or activity (attributes) & relations (graph)



**characteristics**

age, occupation, salary, sex, etc.



**activity & interest**

check-ins, page-likes, group memberships, movies

Interplay between attributes and relations, a positive feedback loop derived by two social theories:

- **social selection**
  - similarity of individuals' characteristics motivates them to form relations
- **social influence**
  - characteristics of individuals may be affected by the characteristics of their relations
    - your neighbours' attributes can reveal yours

inductive bias:  
homophily



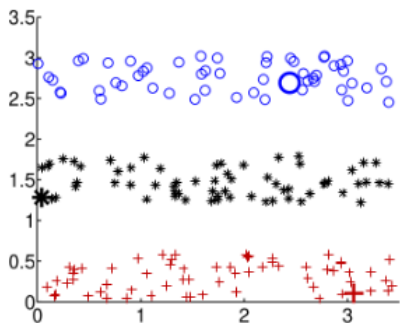
birds of the same feather flock together

# Node classification

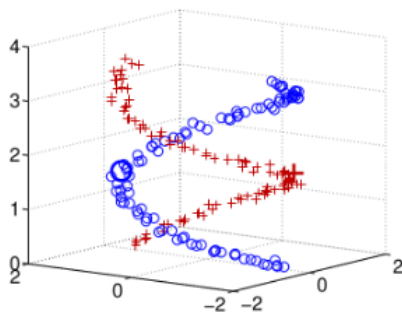
## Label Propagation Algorithm

label = mean (scalar) & mode (categorical) of your neighbors

proposed for semi-supervised classification of iid data  
by defining a fully connected distance graph



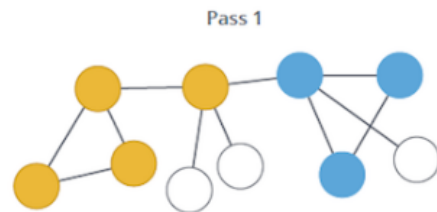
(a) 3-Bands



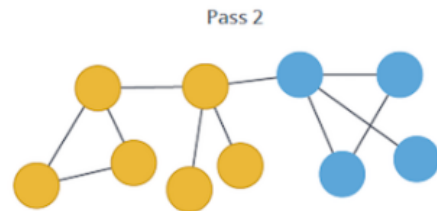
(b) Springs



Some nodes have labels



More labels added



Iterations continue until there is convergence on a solution, a set solution range, or a set number of iterations.

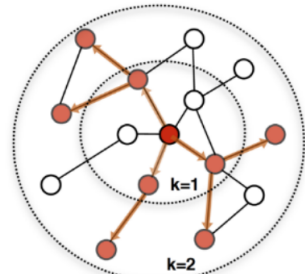
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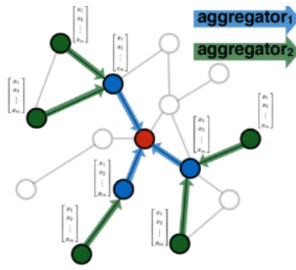
- Unsupervised learning
  - clustering, only graph is given, classes/clusters are not predefined
- Supervised learning
  - classifying, input is graph and labels on all nodes
    - You mask some nodes (labels and their connections) for training [inductive]
    - You mask some nodes (only labels) for training [transductive]
- Semi-supervised learning
  - input is graph and labels on some nodes
  - You mask some node labels for training (seeing the whole graph: transductive)
- Active learning
  - Input is graph and a budget that determines how many nodes you can query for labels
  - labels come in sequence and can be queried based on the current set

# Semi-Supervised Node classification

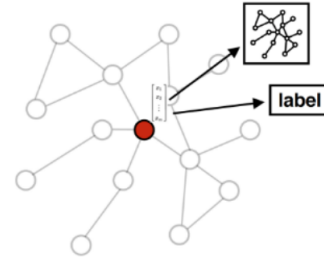
- classic methods
  - label propagation & belief propagation
- recent end-to-end methods (feature smoothing)
  - GCN and variants, which use a classification loss
- embedding based
  - unsupervised embedding extraction (e.g. node2vec) then apply a classifier



1. Sample neighborhood



2. Aggregate feature information from neighbors



3. Predict graph context and label using aggregated information

read more [here](#)

# Summary

- graphs are everywhere
- real world graphs have special patterns
- graphs are represented with matrices
- graph clustering partitions the nodes in a graph
- node classification labels the node for which label is missing
- there are other tasks: link prediction, graph classification, ranking, etc.