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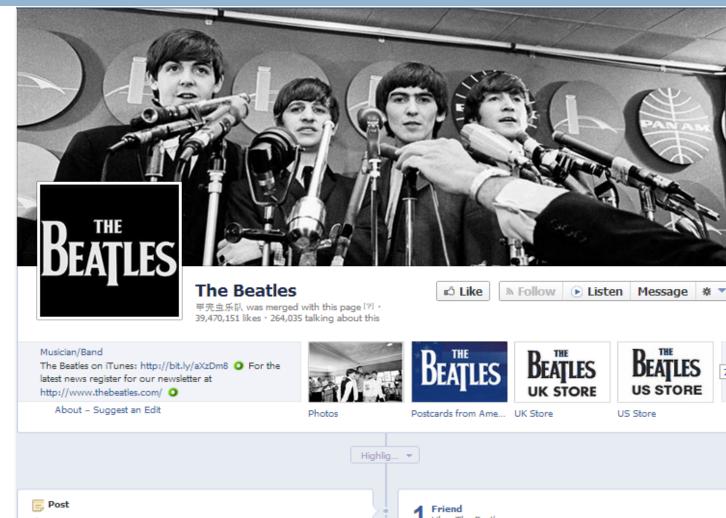
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Spectral Clustering and Page Rank

# INTRODUCTION

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#### **Facebook Group**



Write something on The Beatles's Page ...

Likes The Beatles

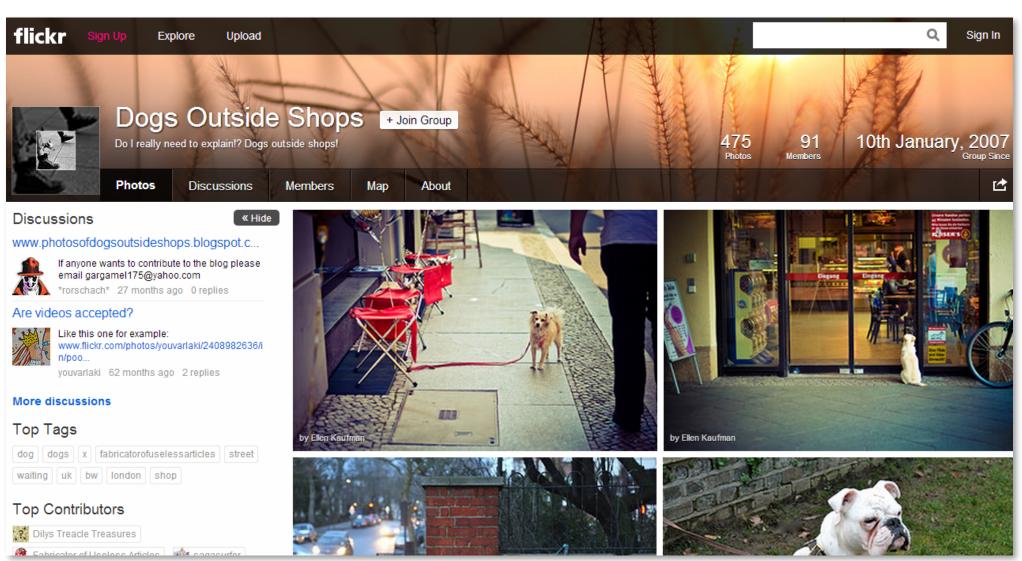
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# Flickr group

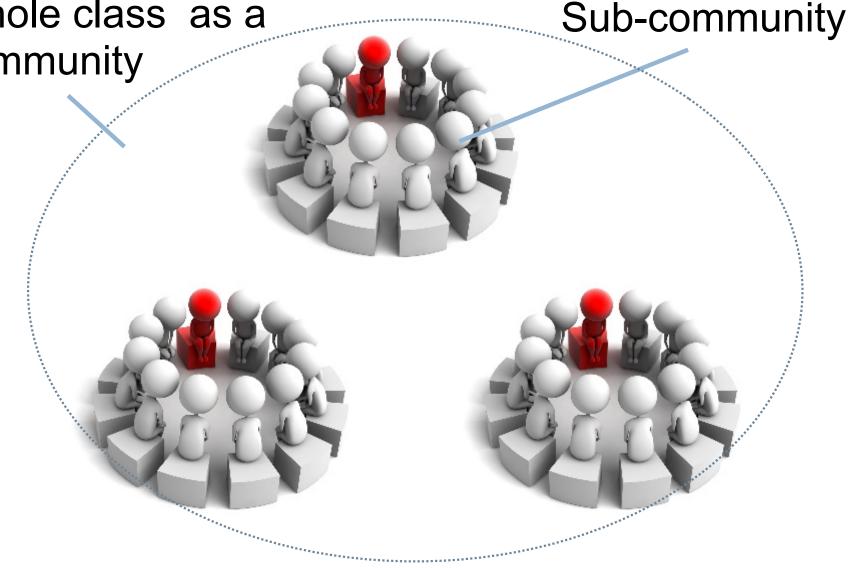
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#### Graph construction from web data(1)

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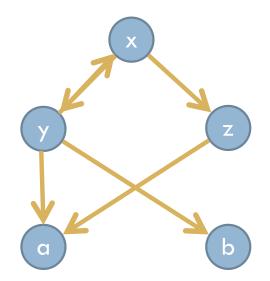
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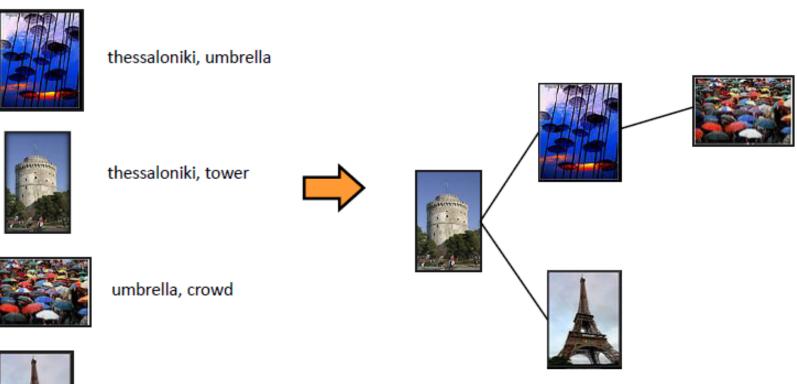
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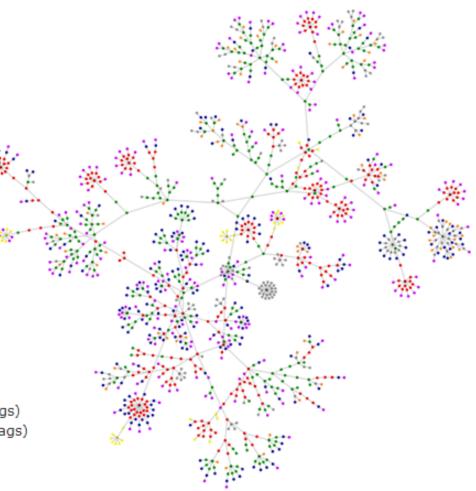
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#### Web pages as a graph

#### Cnn.com

Lots of links, lots of images. (1316 tags)

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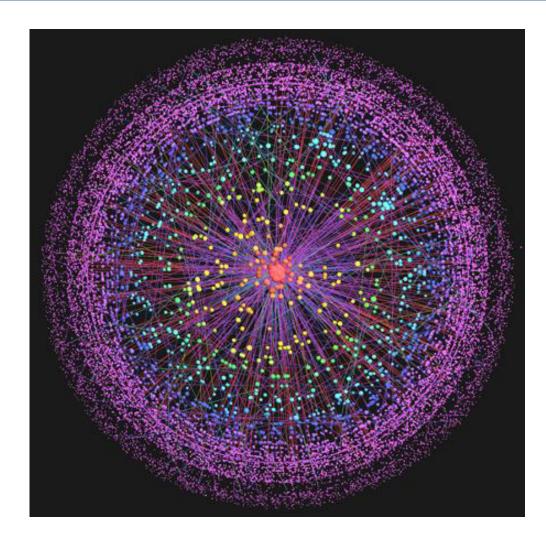
http://www.aharef.info/2006/05/websites\_as\_graphs.htm

#### Internet as a graph

#### nodes = service providers edges = connections

hierarchical structure

S. Carmi,S. Havlin, S. Kirkpatrick, Y. Shavitt, E. Shir. A model of Internet topology using k-shell decomposition. PNAS 104 (27), pp. 11150-11154, 2007



### **Emerging structures**

- Graph (from web, daily life) present certain structural characteristics
- Group of nodes interacting with each other
   Dense inter-connections
   functional/topical associations

#### Community

a.k.a. group, subgroup, module, cluster

#### **Community Types**

#### Explicit

The result of conscious human decision

#### Implicit

Emerging from the interactions & activities of users

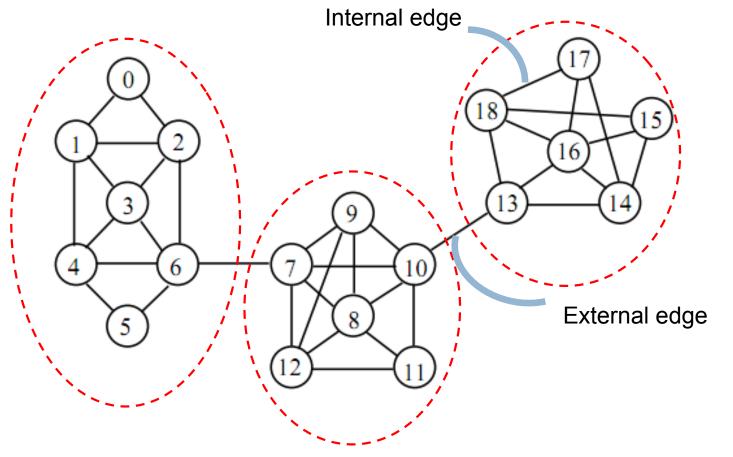
Need special methods to be discovered

# **Defining Communities**

- Often communities are defined with respect to a graph, G = (V,E) representing a set of objects (V) and their relations (E).
- Even if such graph is not explicit in the raw data, it is usually possible to construct, e.g. feature vectors distances graph

#### **Communities and graphs**

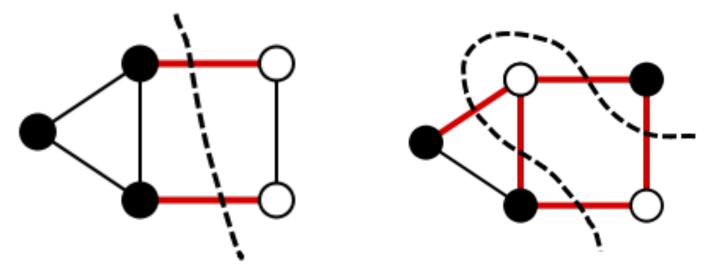
 Given a graph, a community is defined as a set of nodes that are more densely connected to each other than to the rest of the network nodes



### Graph cuts

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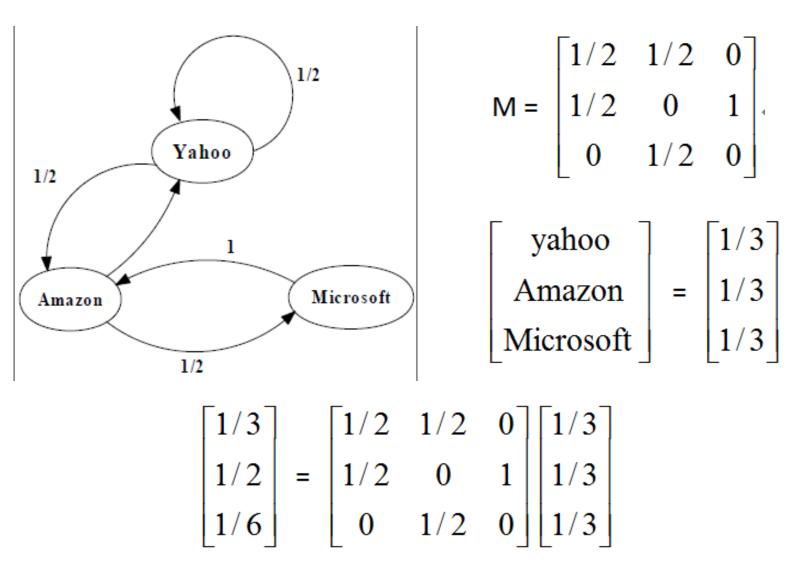
 A cut is a partition of the vertices of a graph into two disjoint subsets.



The cut-set of the cut is the set of edges whose end points are in different subsets of the partition.

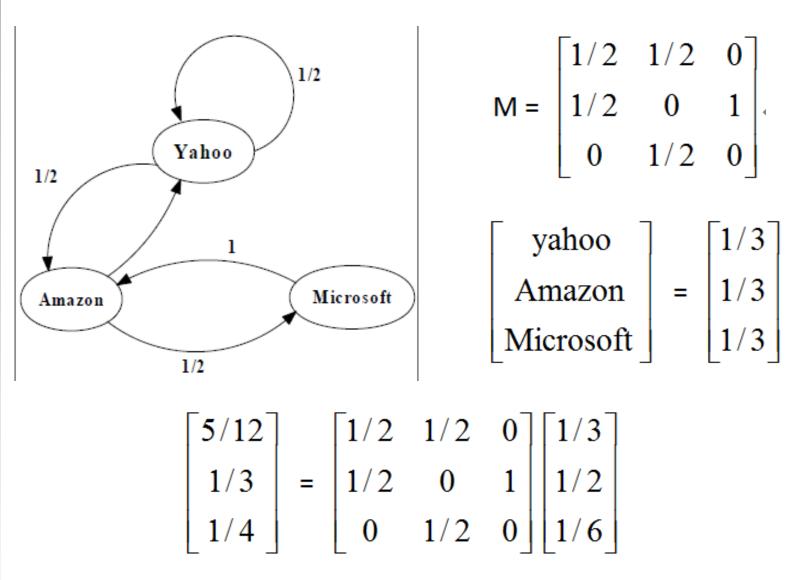
#### PAGE RANK

#### An example of Simplified PageRank



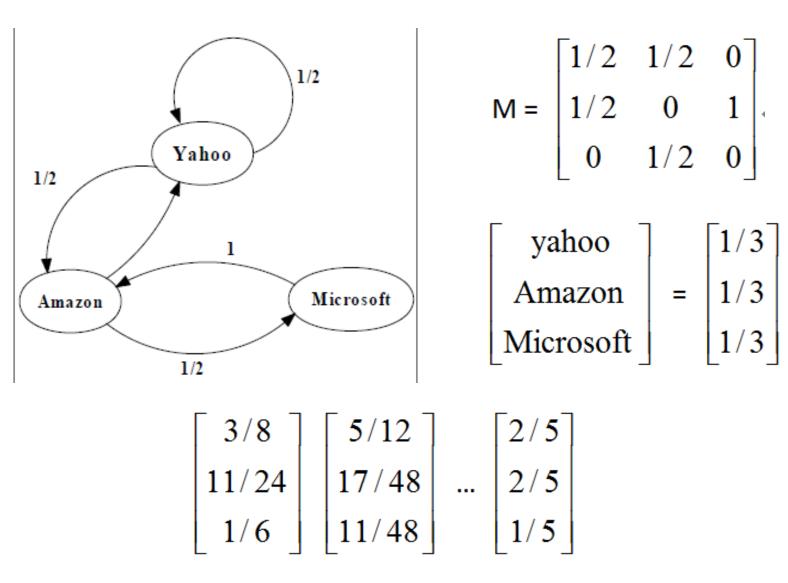
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Convergence after some iterations

#### Converge to eigenvectors!

- Simplest method for computing one eigenvalueeigenvector pair is *power iteration*, which repeatedly multiplies matrix times initial starting vector
- Assume A has unique eigenvalue of maximum modulus, say λ<sub>1</sub>, with corresponding eigenvector v<sub>1</sub>
- Then, starting from nonzero vector x<sub>0</sub>, iteration scheme

$$x_k = A x_{k-1}$$

converges to multiple of eigenvector  $v_1$  corresponding to dominant eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$ 

#### **Convergence of Power iteration**

Then

 To see why power iteration converges to dominant eigenvector, express starting vector  $x_0$  as linear combination  $X = \alpha_1 V_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n V_n$ n

$$w_{0} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \alpha_{i} v_{i} \implies A^{k} = \alpha_{i} \lambda_{i}^{k} v_{i} + \dots + \alpha_{n} \lambda_{n}^{k} v_{n}$$
where  $v_{i}$  are eigenvectors of  $A$ 
largest eigen value.
  
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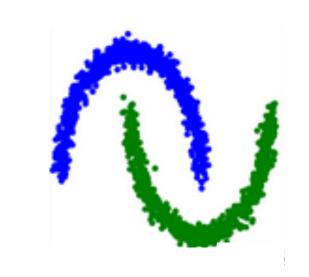
$$\begin{aligned} x_k &= A x_{k-1} = A^2 x_{k-2} = \dots = A^k x_0 = \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^k \alpha_i v_i &= \lambda_1^k \left( \alpha_1 v_1 + \sum_{i=2}^n (\lambda_i / \lambda_1)^k \alpha_i v_i \right) \end{aligned}$$

• Since  $|\lambda_i/\lambda_1| < 1$  for i > 1, successively higher powers go to zero, leaving only component corresponding to  $v_1$ 



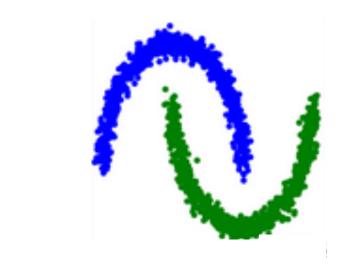
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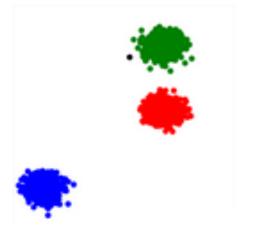


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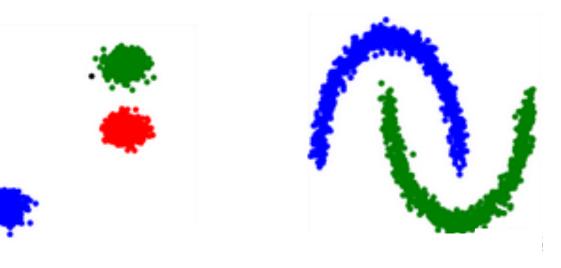
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# Two kinds of clusters convex shaped, compact → k-means



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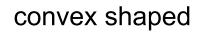
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 convex shaped, compact 

 k-means
 non-convex shaped, connected 
 spectral clustering



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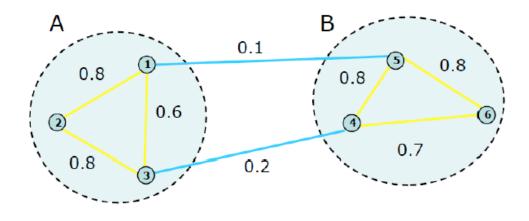


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- Next, we will cover
  - How to find the new space
  - How to represent data points in the space



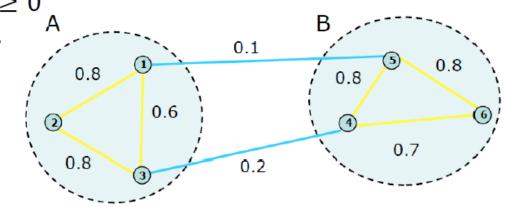
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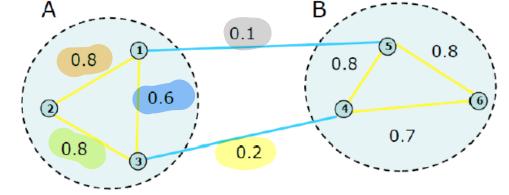


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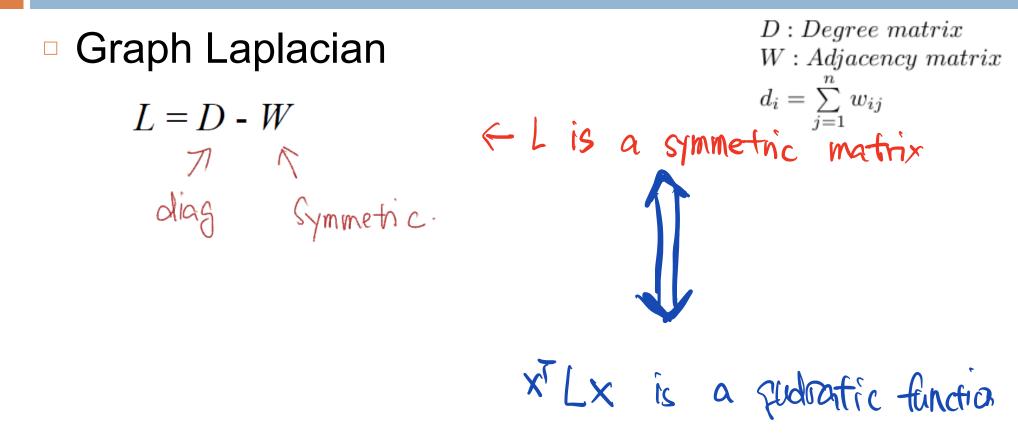
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• Graph Laplacian L = D - W

 $D: Degree \ matrix \\ W: Adjacency \ matrix \\ d_i = \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}$ 

- Next, we will see some properties of L, which would be used for spectral clustering
- We will work closely with linear algebra, especially eigenvalues and eigenvectors

# Properties of Graph Laplacian (1)

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W: Adjacency matrix

Proof:

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i, j=1

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if f is all one vector  
$$\Rightarrow f^{T}Lf = 0$$

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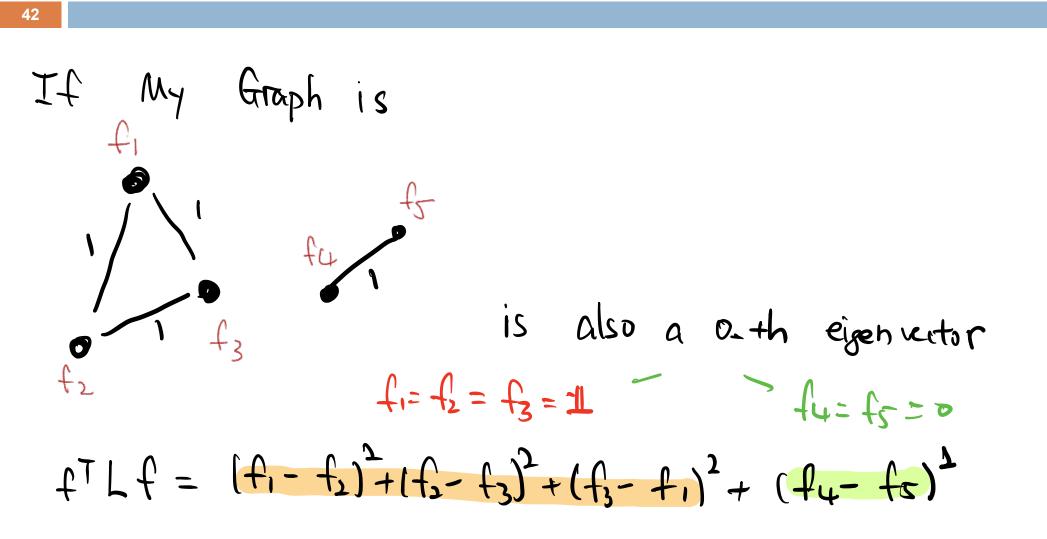
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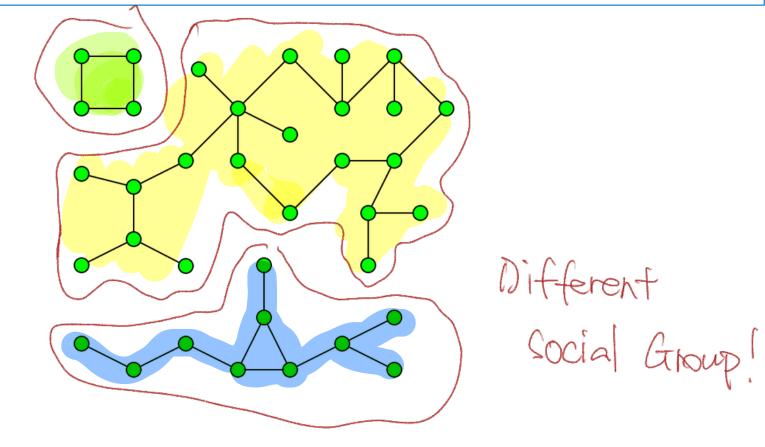
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$$\underline{L \cdot \mathbb{1}} = (D - W)\mathbb{1} = D\mathbb{1} - W\mathbb{1} = \left(d_i - \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}\right)_i = \mathbb{0} = \underline{0 \cdot \mathbb{1}}$$

Thus the corresponding eigenvector is the constant vector.

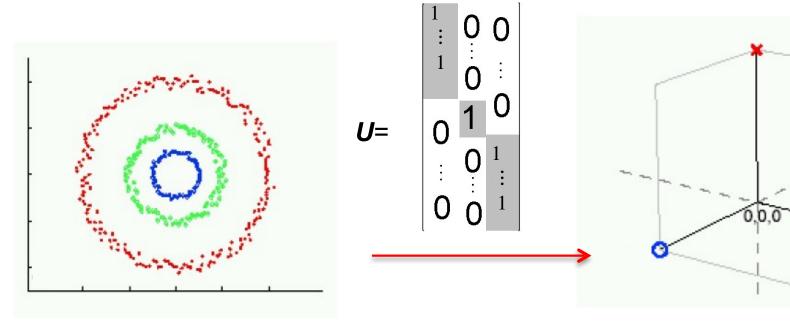


a connected component of an undirected graph is a subgraph in which any two vertices are connected to each other by paths, and which is connected to no additional vertices in the supergraph



### Why Spectral Clustering Works?(2)

- Consider an ideal case
  - Let the three eigenvectors be three columns of a matrix U.
  - Project the rows in U to a 3-dimensional space.



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- Finally, we can see the relationship between the graph and the eigenvalues!

### **Applications: Social Media**



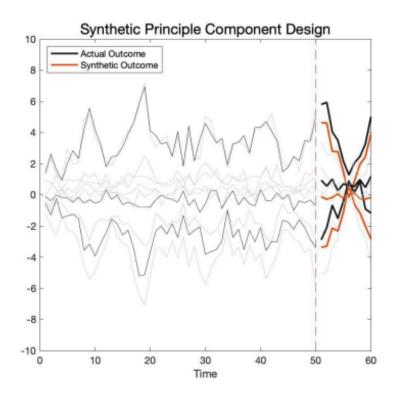
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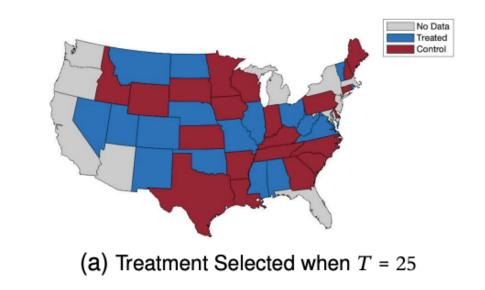
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#### Smallest eigenvectors means...



Smallest Largest eigenvectors separate data to two distance class, so singlest eigenvectors will separate data to similar groups. Consider if you want to test a vaccine or a marketing policy....



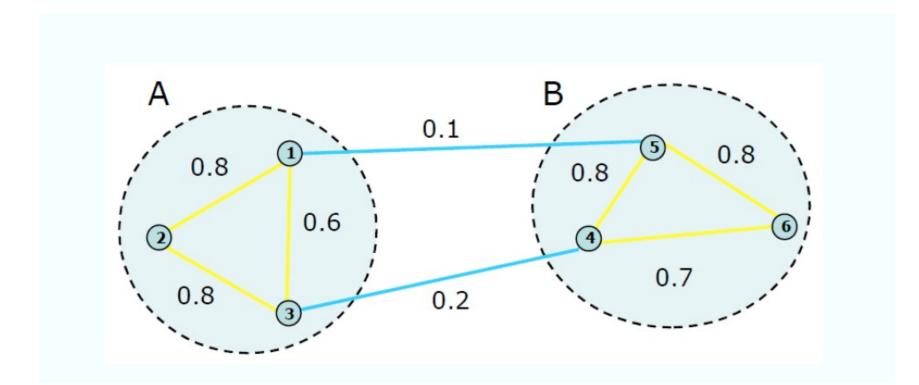


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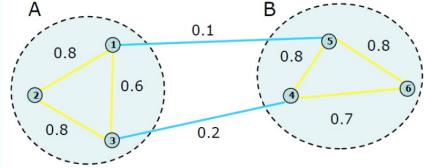
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- Now let's go through an example.
- □ *n* = 6, *k*=2



### Example(2)

Step 1: Weighted adjacency matrix *W* and degree matrix *D*



	X <sub>1</sub>	X <sub>2</sub>	X <sub>3</sub>	$\times_4$	X <sub>5</sub>	× <sub>6</sub>
X <sub>1</sub>	0	0.8	0.6	0	0.1	0
X <sub>2</sub>	0.8	0	0.8	0	0	0
X <sub>3</sub>	0.6	0.8	0	0.2	0	0
$\times_4$	0	0	0.2	0	0.8	0.7
×5	0.1	0	0	0.8	0	0.8
× <sub>6</sub>	0	0	0	0.7	0.8	0

Adjacency Matrix W

	X <sub>1</sub>	X <sub>2</sub>	X <sub>3</sub>	$\times_4$	×5	X <sub>6</sub>
X <sub>1</sub>	1.5	0	0	0	0	0
X <sub>2</sub>	0	1.6	0	0	0	0
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$\times_4$	0	0	0	1.7	0	0
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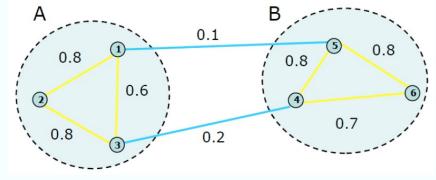
Degree Matrix **D** 

### Example(3)

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# Step 2: Laplacian matrix *L*=*D*-*W*

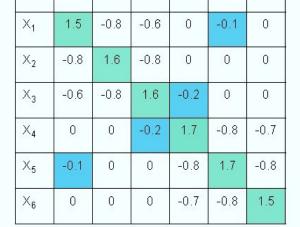
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X <sub>2</sub>	-0.8	1.6	-0.8	0	0	0
X <sub>3</sub>	-0.6	-0.8	1.6	-0.2	0	0
$\times_4$	0	0	-0.2	1.7	-0.8	-0.7
X <sub>5</sub>	-0.1	0	0	-0.8	1.7	-0.8
× <sub>6</sub>	0	0	0	-0.7	-0.8	1.5



#### Laplacian Matrix L

## Example(4)





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 $X_{4}$ 

X<sub>1</sub>

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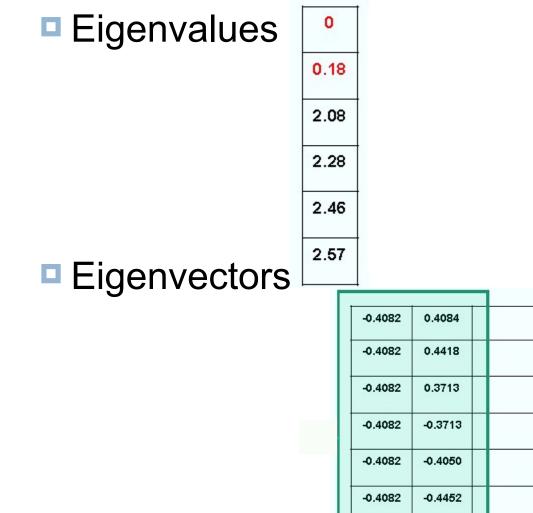
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 $\times_{6}$ 

 $X_5$ 





## Example(5)

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-0.2

1.7

-0.8

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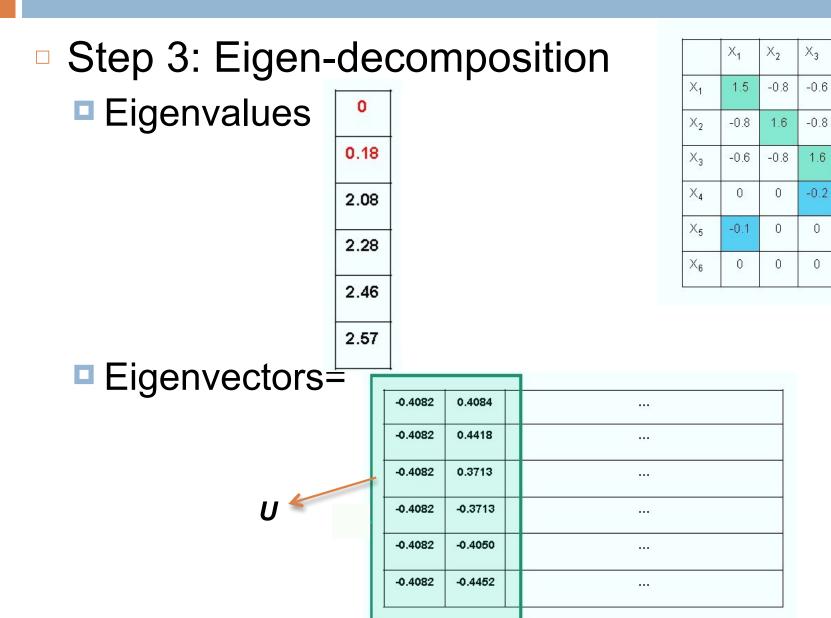
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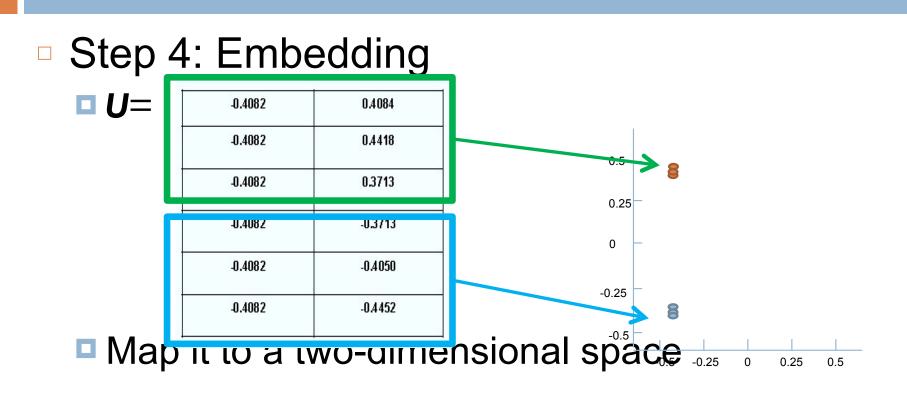
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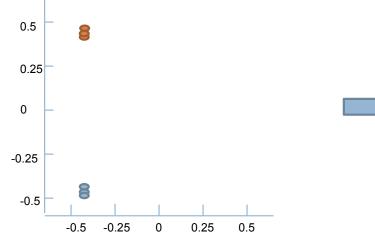
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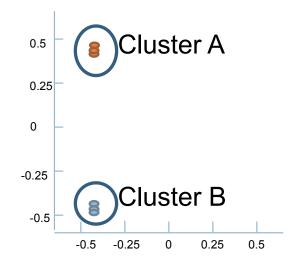


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# Step 5: Clustering K-means clustering



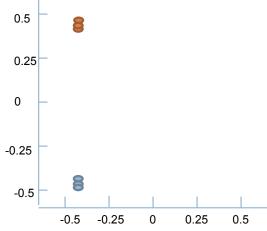


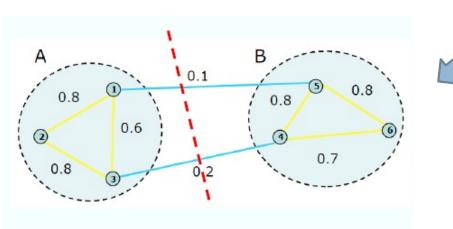
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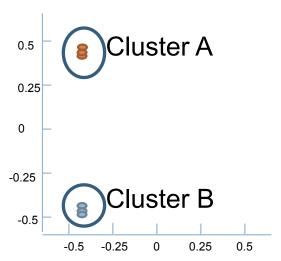
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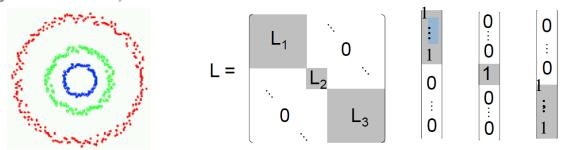
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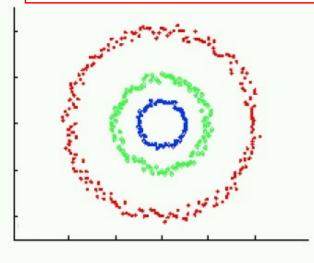
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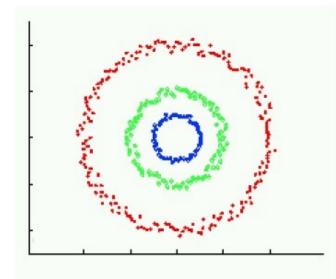
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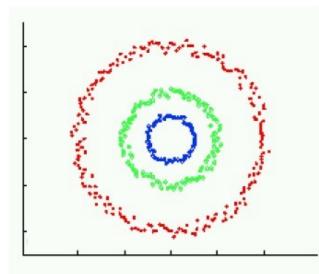
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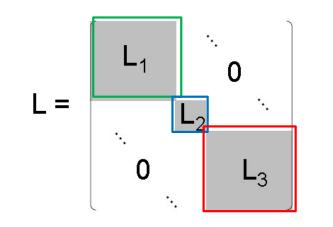


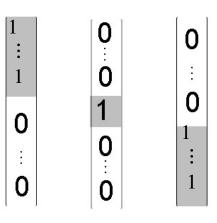
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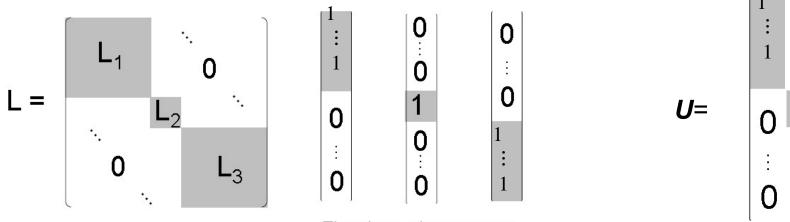




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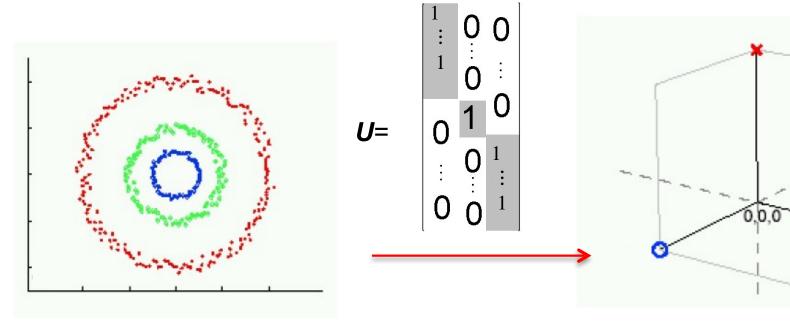
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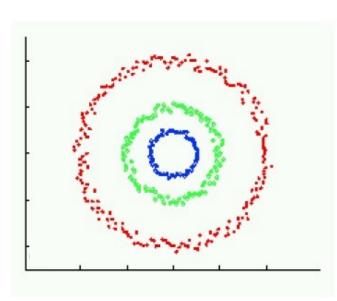
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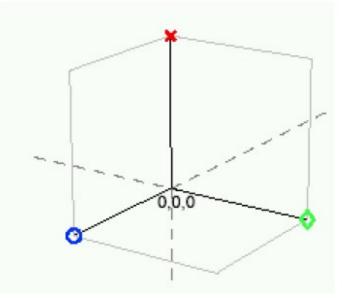


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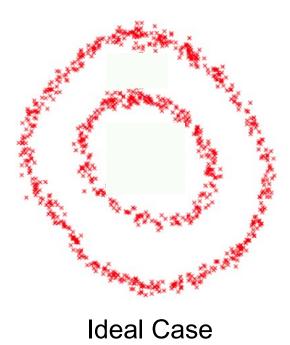
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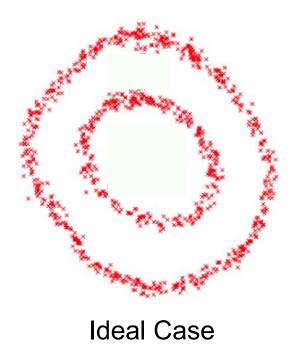
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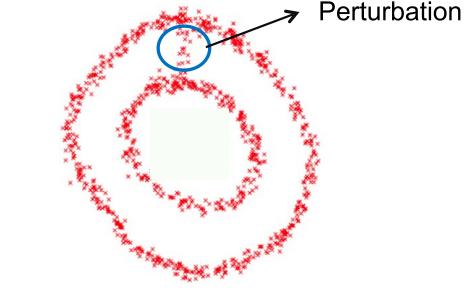
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Nearly ideal Case

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    - For real case, L' = L + H, where H is the perturbation.
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