EECE 571F: Deep Learning with Structures

Lecture 4: Graph Neural Networks Graph Convolution Models

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Deep Learning for Graphs

Graph Neural Networks (GNNs)

- Neural networks that can process general graph structured data
- First proposed in 2008 [1] and dates back to Recursive Neural Networks (mainly processing trees) in 90s [2]
- In fact, Boltzmann Machines [3] (fully connected graphs with binary units) in 80s can be viewed as GNNs
- Most of GNNs (if not all) can be incorporated by the **Message Passing** paradigm
- GNNs have been independently studied in signal processing community under **Graph Signal Processing** [4,5]
- The study of GNNs and other related models are also called **Geometric Deep Learning** [6]

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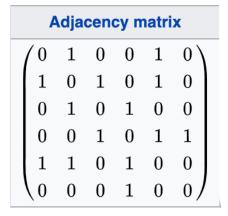
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For undirected graphs, (Combinatorial) Graph Laplacian:

- Symmetric
- Diagonally dominant
- Positive semi-definite (PSD)
- The number of connected components in the graph the algebraic multiplicity of the 0 eigenvalue.

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Symmetrically Normalized Graph Laplacian:

$$L = D^{-\frac{1}{2}}(D - A)D^{-\frac{1}{2}} = I - D^{-\frac{1}{2}}AD^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Eigenvalues lie in [0, 2], why? (Try to show it by yourself!)

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- Chebyshev polynomials [7]
- Graph wavelets [7]

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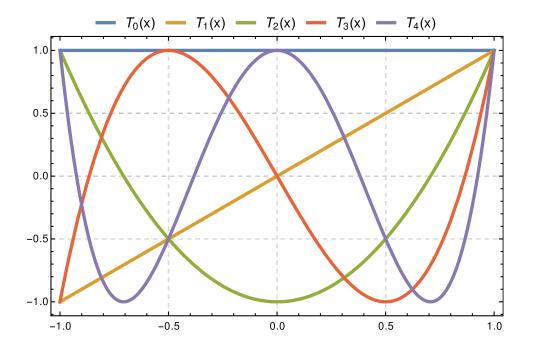
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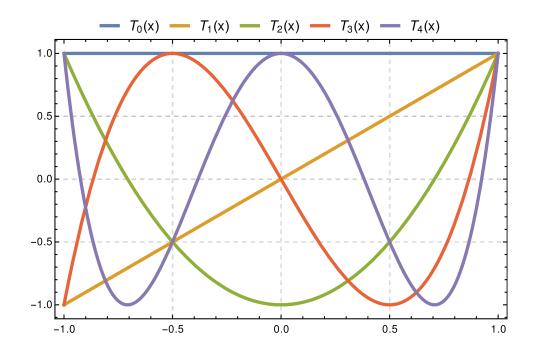
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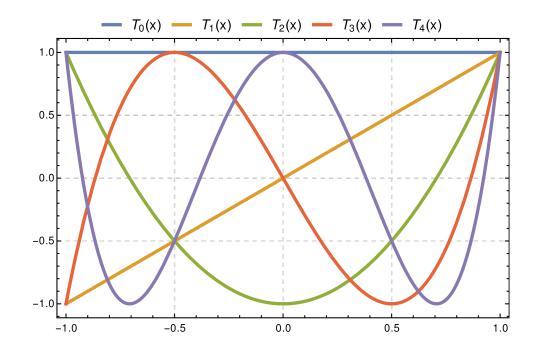
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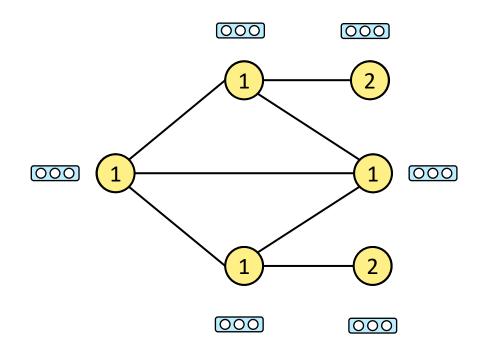
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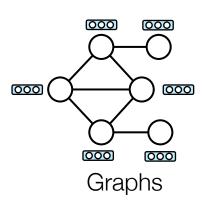
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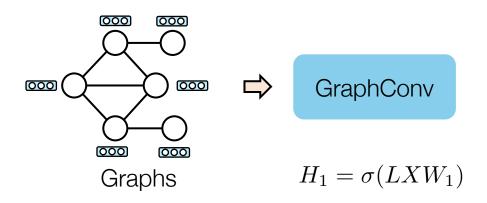
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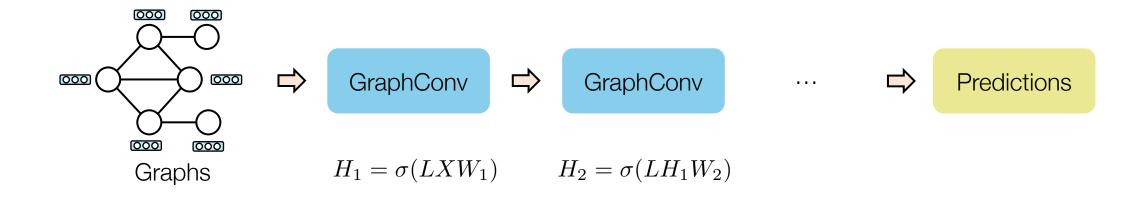
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We can remedy the lost expressiveness by stacking multiple graph convolution layers!

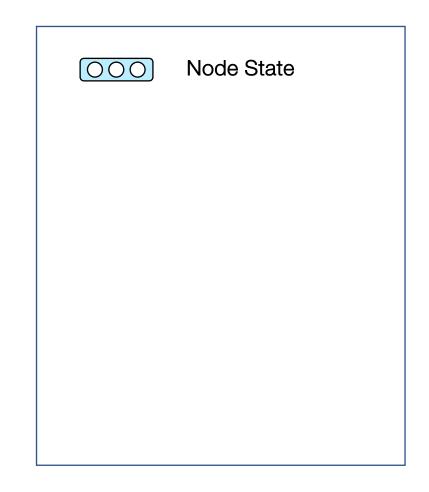


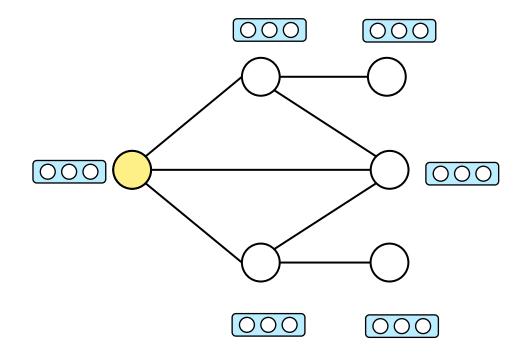


Graph Convolutional Networks (GCNs)

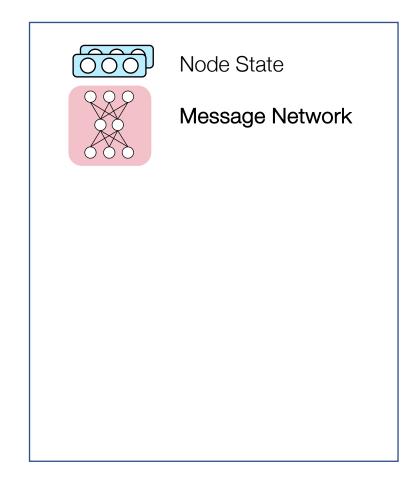


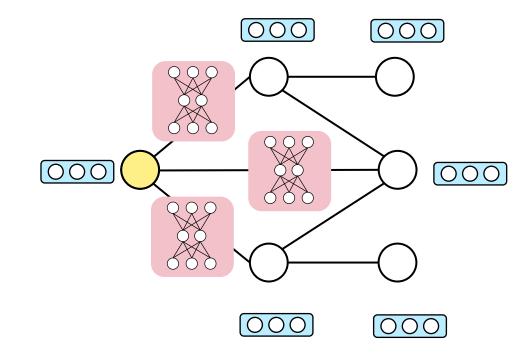
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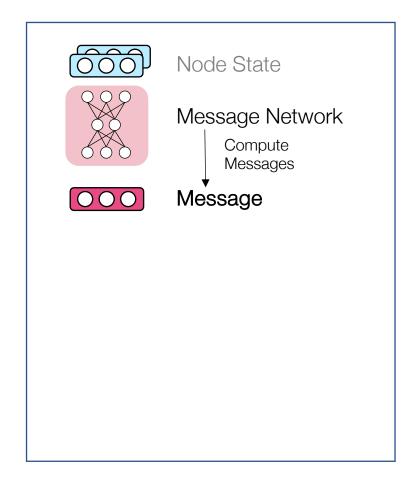
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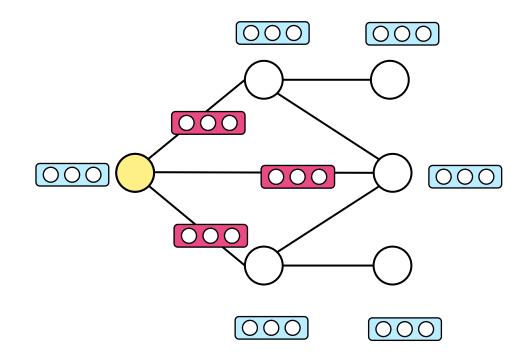




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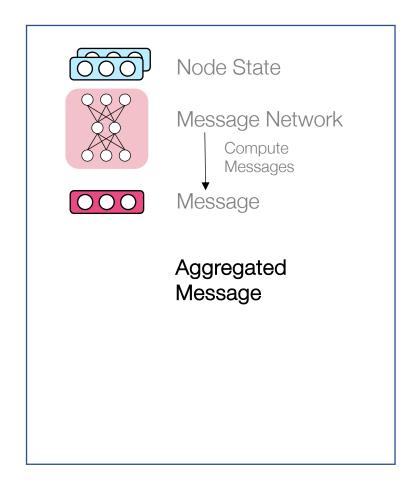
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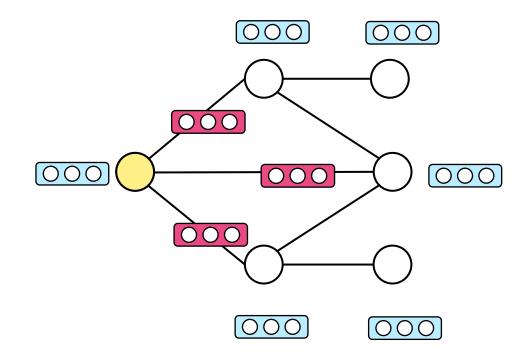




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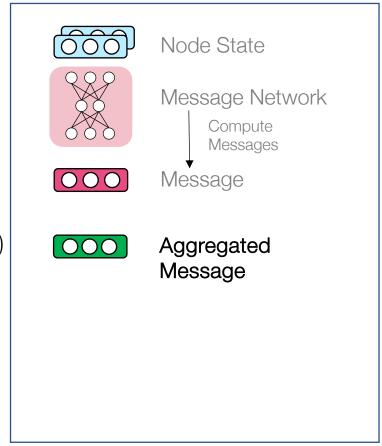


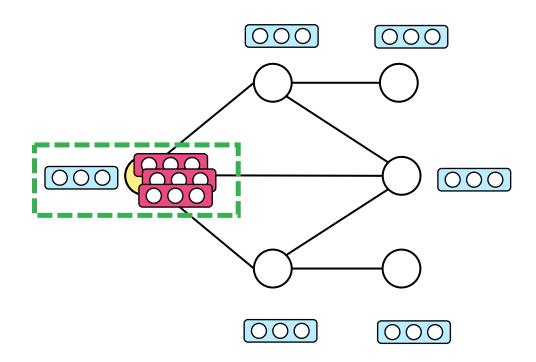


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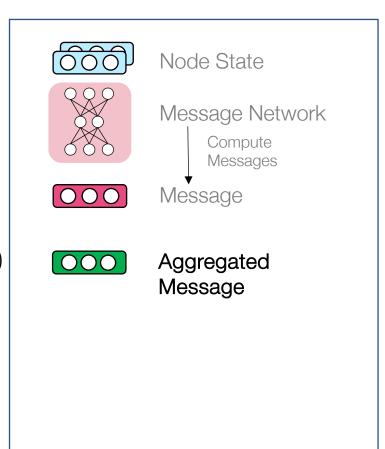


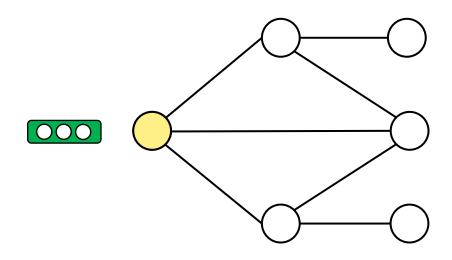


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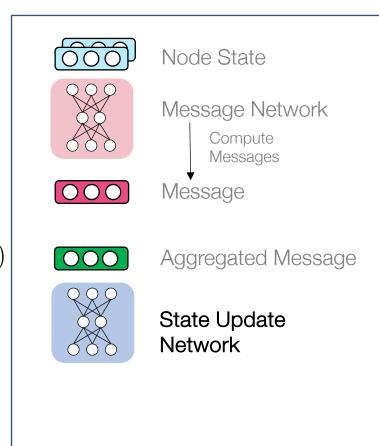


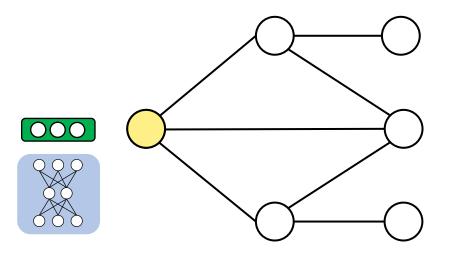


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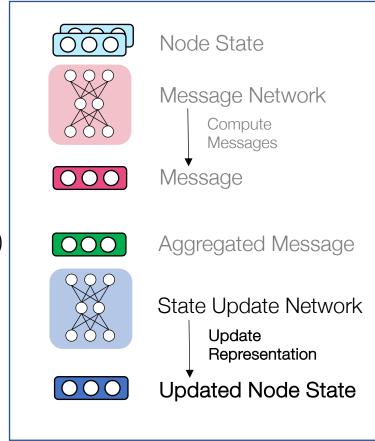


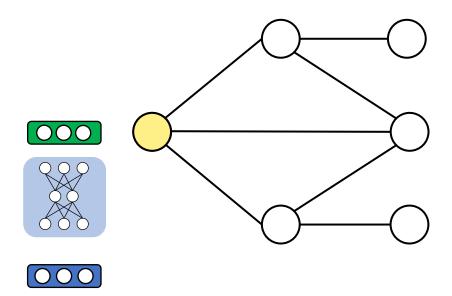
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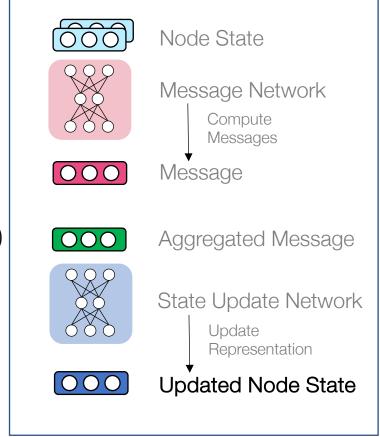


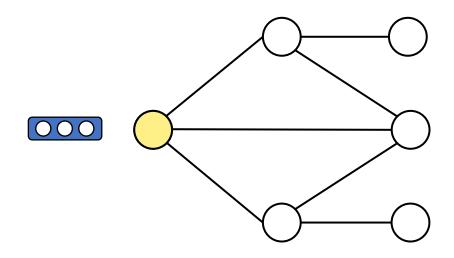
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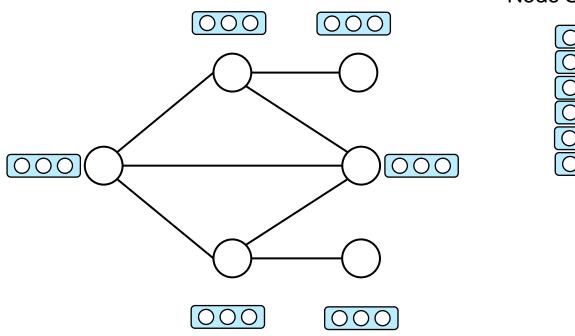
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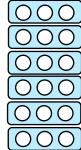




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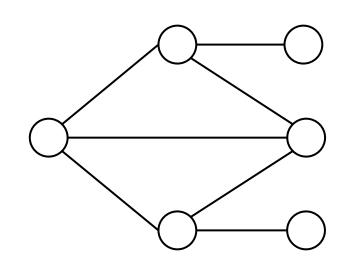


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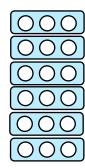
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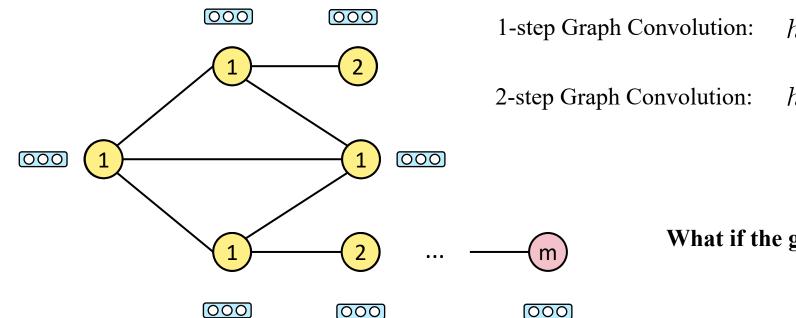
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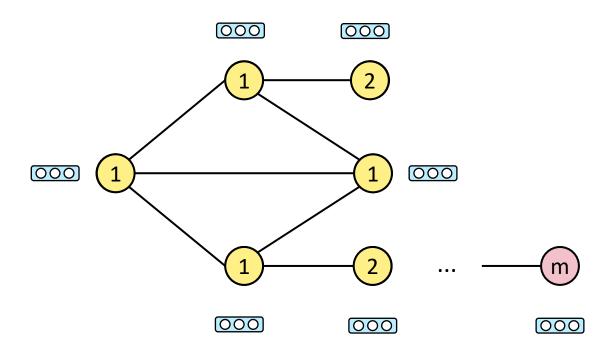
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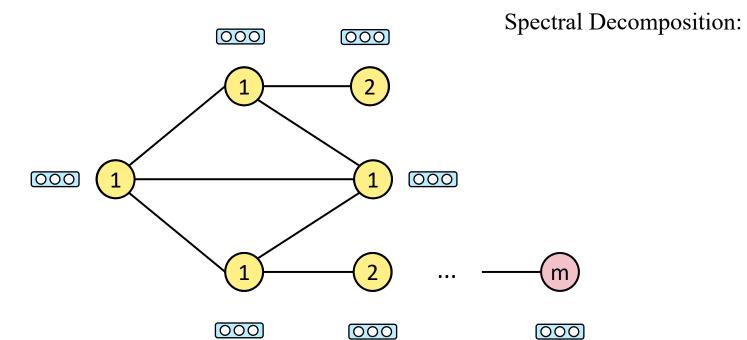
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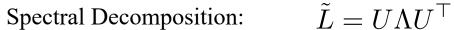


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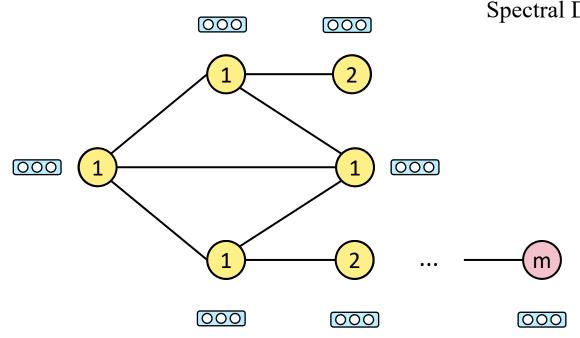
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Cubic complexity $O(N^3)$!



Algorithm 1: Lanczos Algorithm

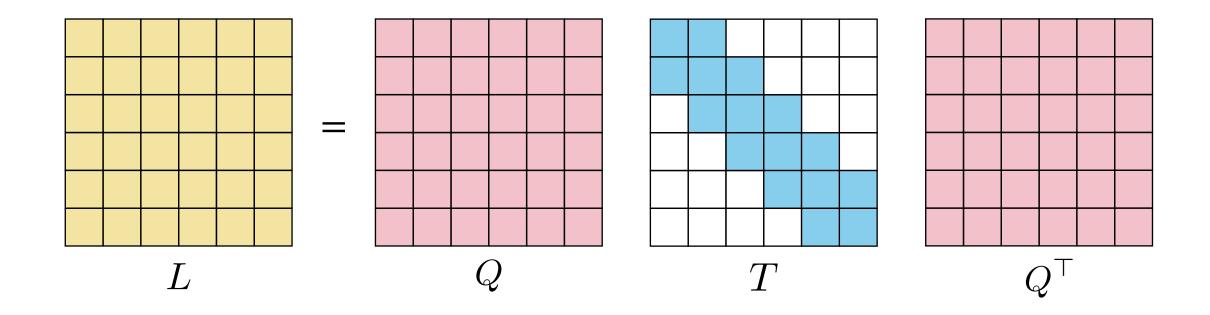
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1: Input: S, x, K, \epsilon
 2: Initialization: \beta_0 = 0, q_0 = 0, and q_1 =
     x/\|x\|
 3: For j = 1, 2, \dots, K:
 4: z = Sq_i
5: \gamma_{j} = q_{j}^{\dagger} z

6: z = z - \gamma_{j} q_{j} - \beta_{j-1} q_{j-1}

7: \beta_{j} = ||z||_{2}
 8: If \beta_i < \epsilon, quit
9: q_{i+1} = z/\beta_j
10:
11: Q = [q_1, q_2, \cdots, q_K]
12: Construct T following Eq. (2)
13: Eigen decomposition T = BRB^{\top}
14: Return V = QB and R.
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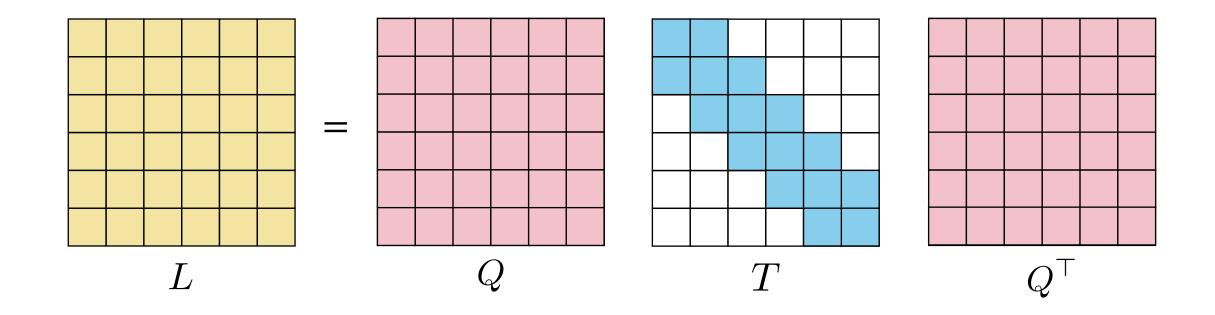
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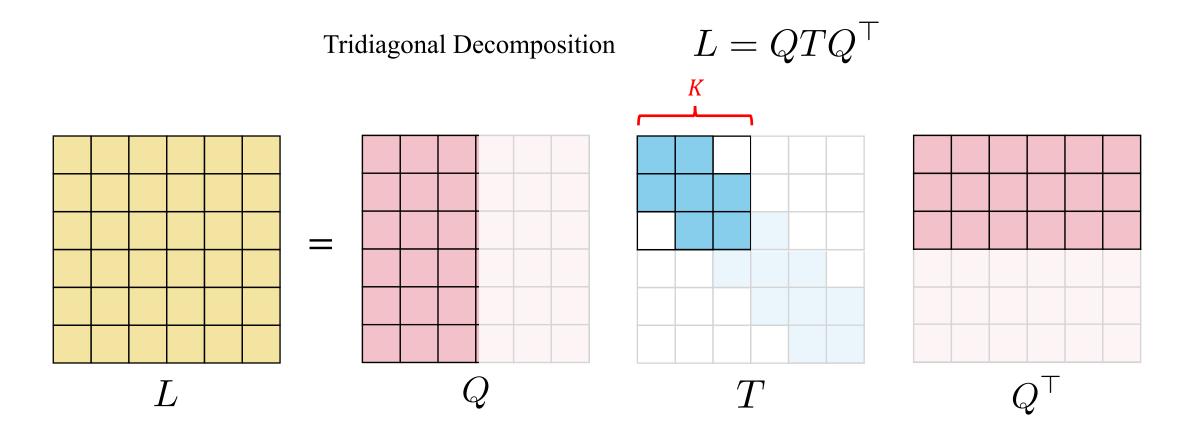
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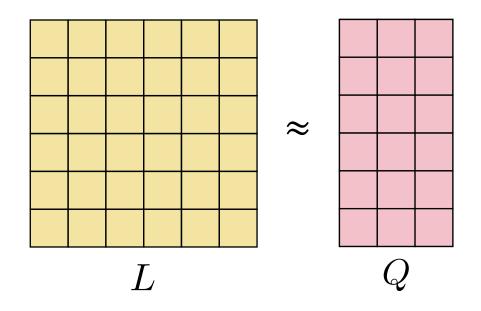


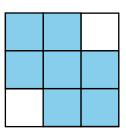


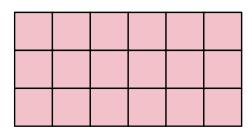
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Low-rank approximation







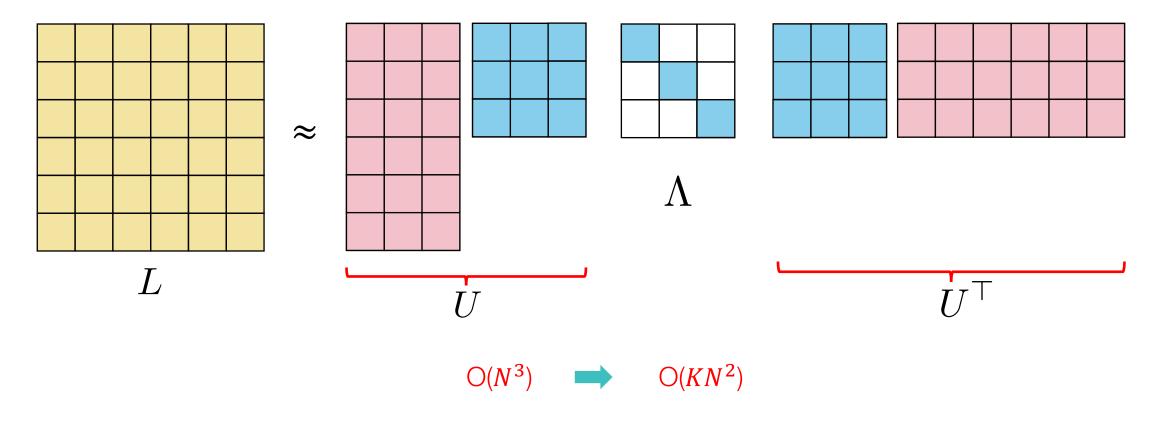
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Tridiagonal Decomposition $L = QTQ^{ op}$

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Low-rank approximation with top K eigenpairs



Multi-scale Graph Convolutional Networks

• m-step GraphConv (Prior Work)

$$H = L^m X W$$

LanczosNet [9]:

m-step GraphConv

$$H = U\Lambda^m U^\top X W$$

• Learn Nonlinear Spectral Filter

$$H = U f_{\theta} (\Lambda^m) U^{\top} X W$$

Learning Graph Kernel / Metric

$$L_{ij} \propto \exp\left(-\|(X_i - X_j)M\|^2\right)$$

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