

# EECE 571F: Advanced Topics in Deep Learning

## Lecture 4: Graph Neural Networks II Graph Convolution Models

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# Outline

- **Laplacian, Fourier Transforms, and Convolution**
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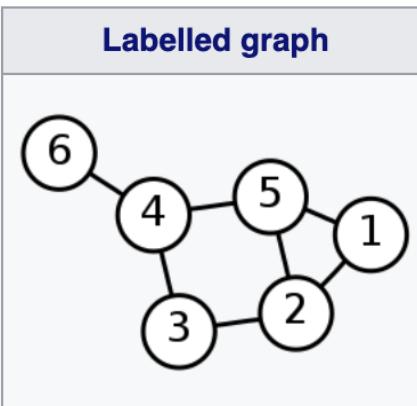
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- Symmetric
- Diagonally dominant
- Positive semi-definite (PSD)
- The number of connected components in the graph is the algebraic multiplicity of the eigenvalue 0.

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

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- Graph wavelets [7]

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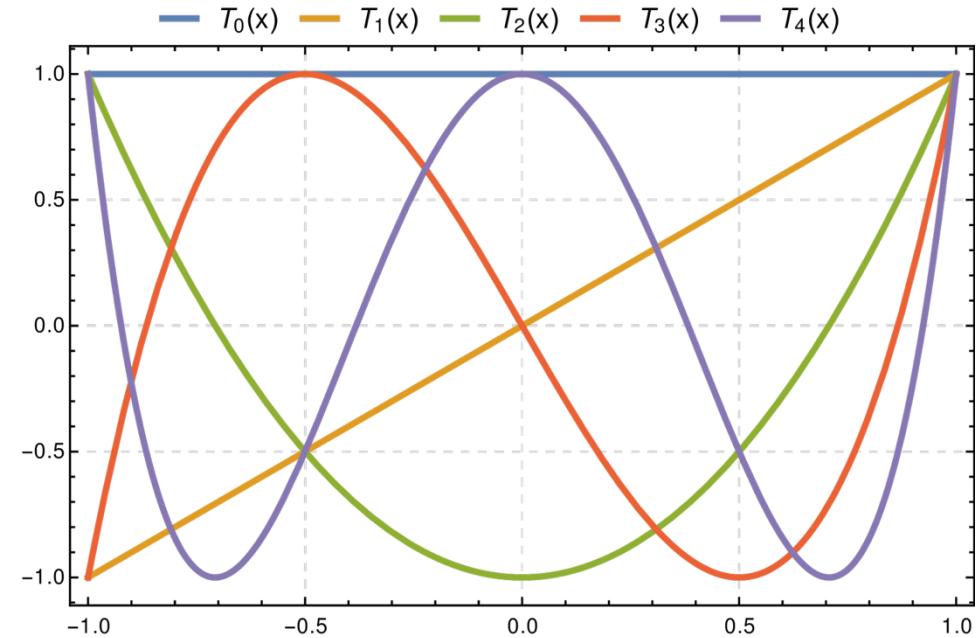
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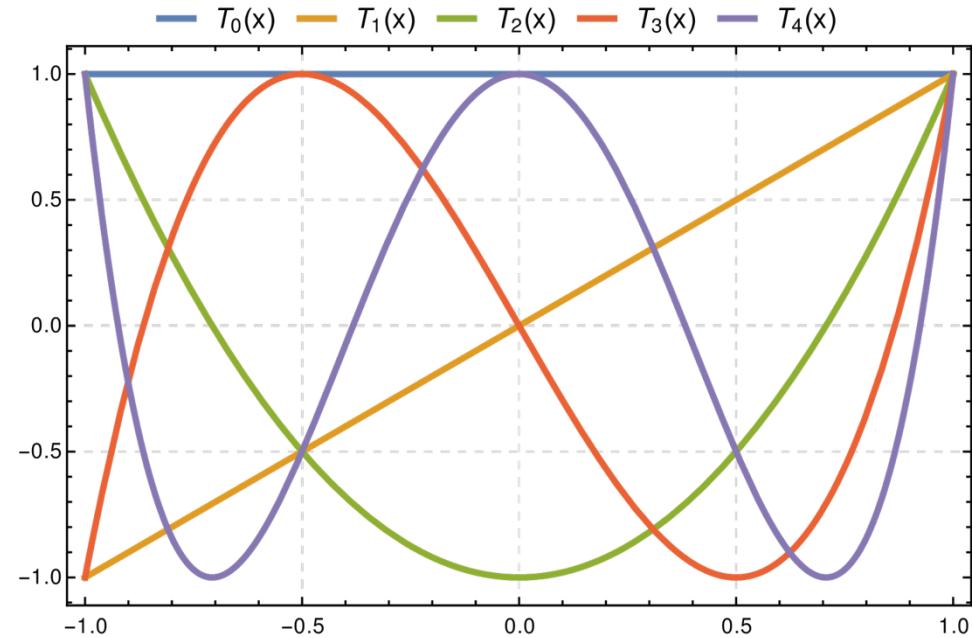
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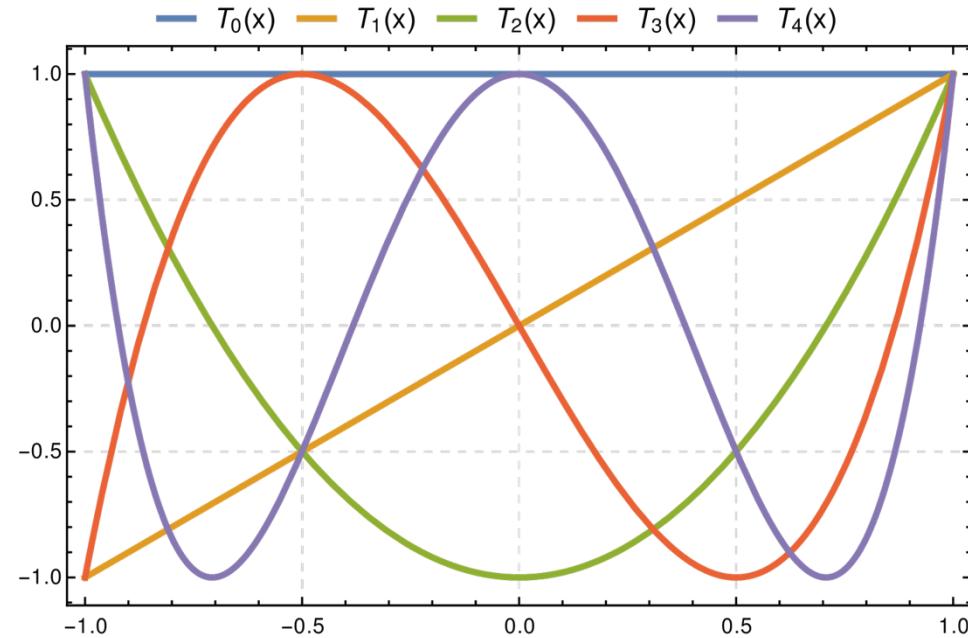
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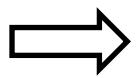
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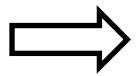
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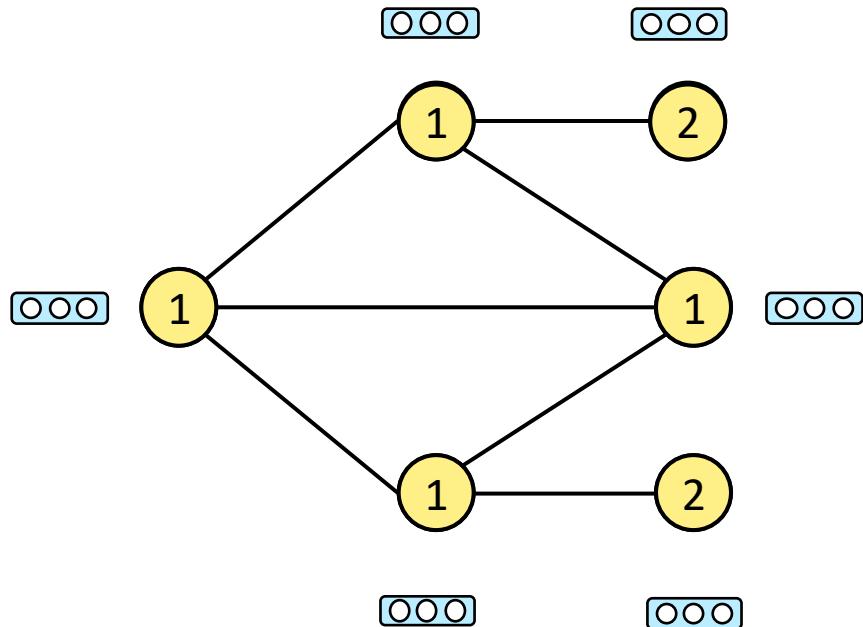
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Exponent of matrix power indicates how far the propagation is!

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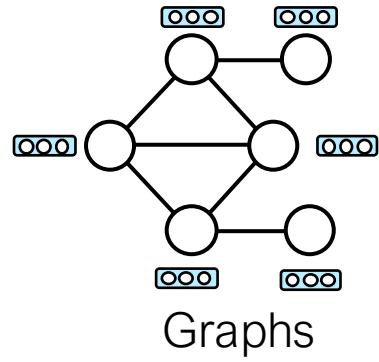
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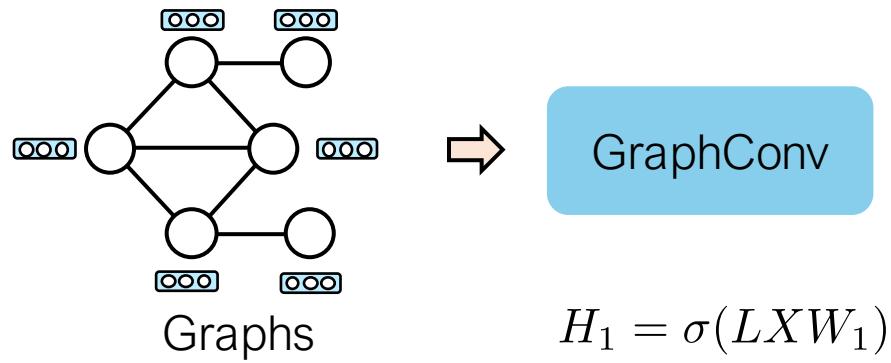
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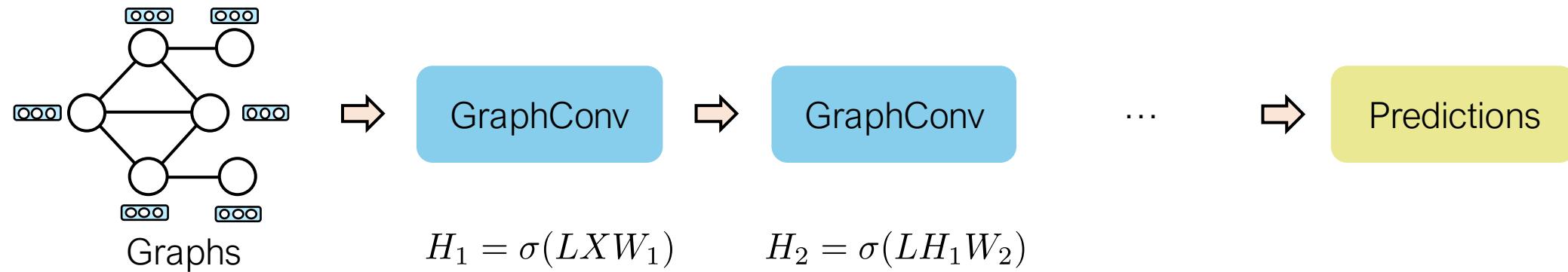
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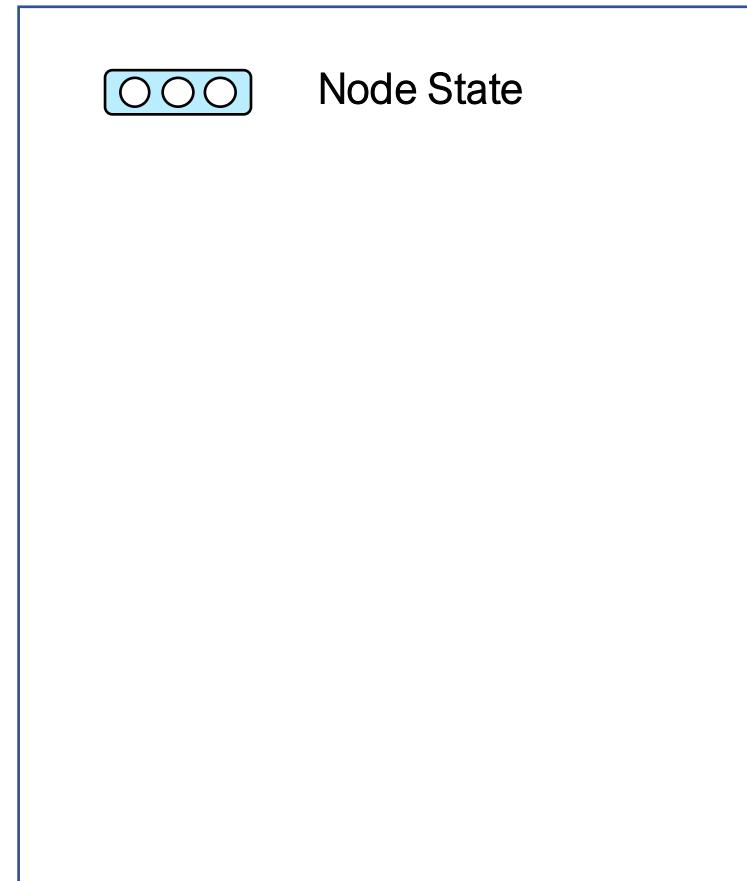


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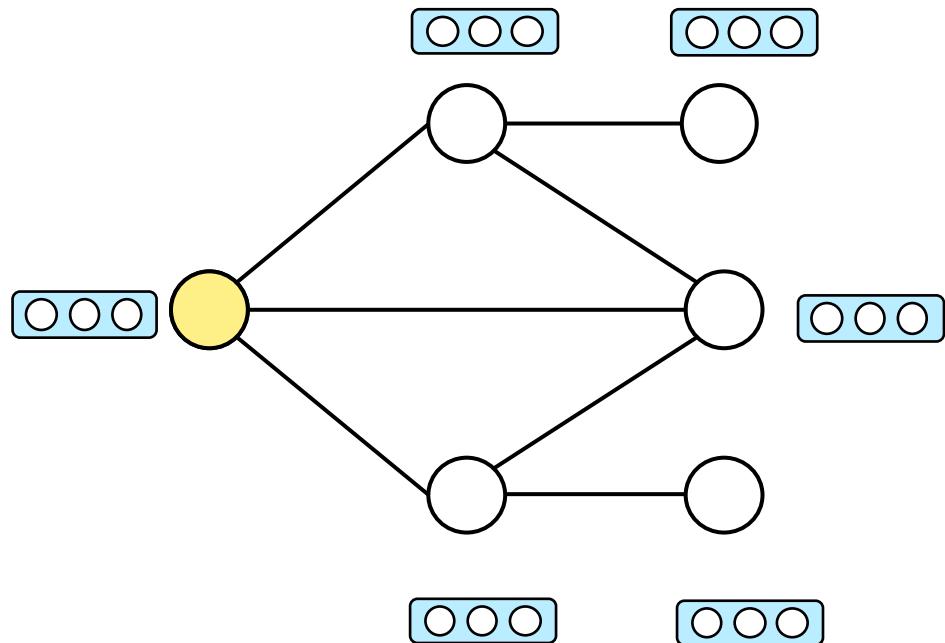
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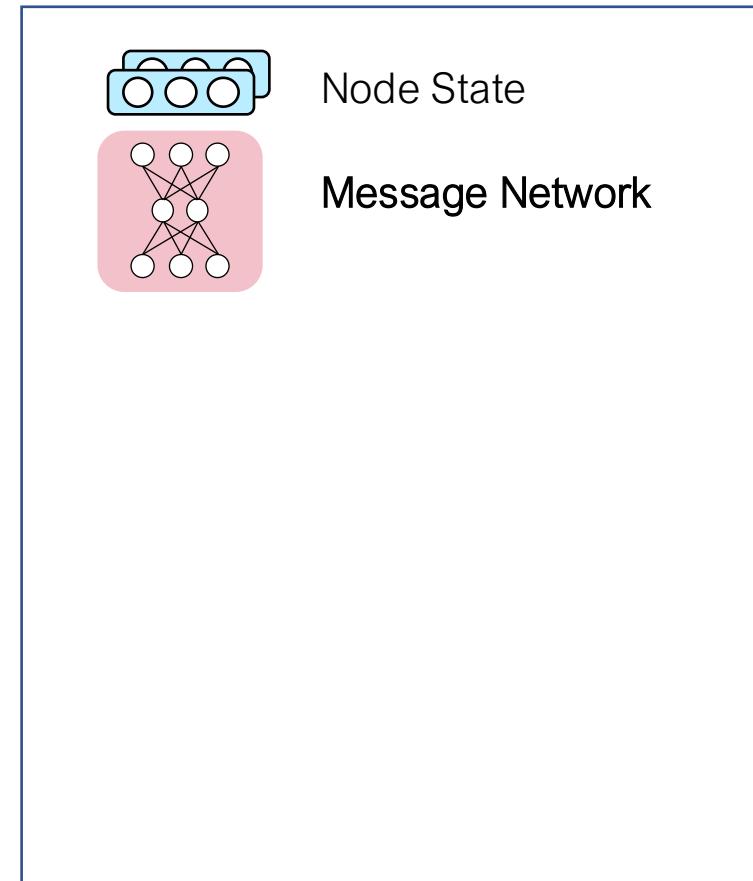


$(t+1)$ -th message passing step/layer

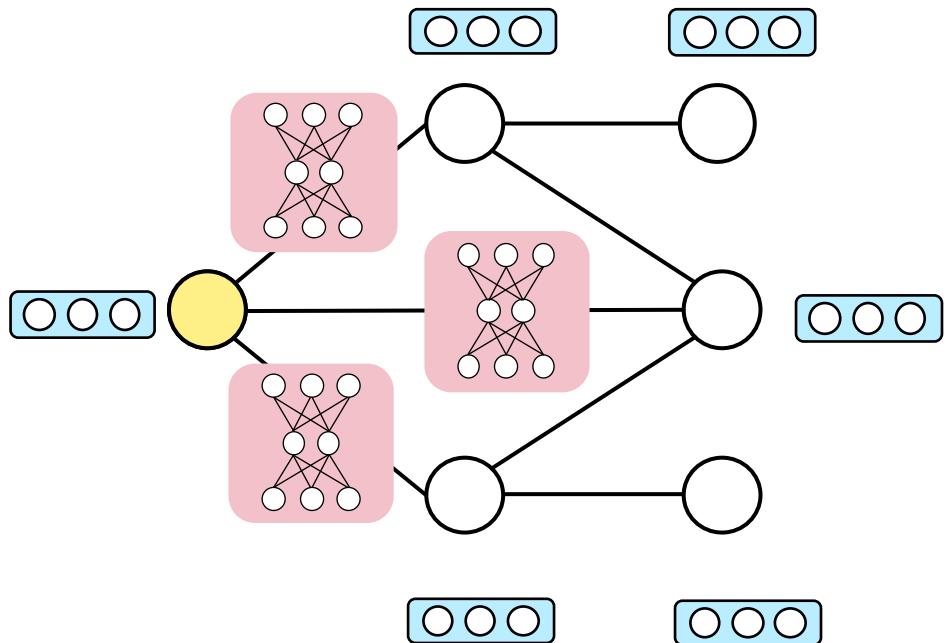


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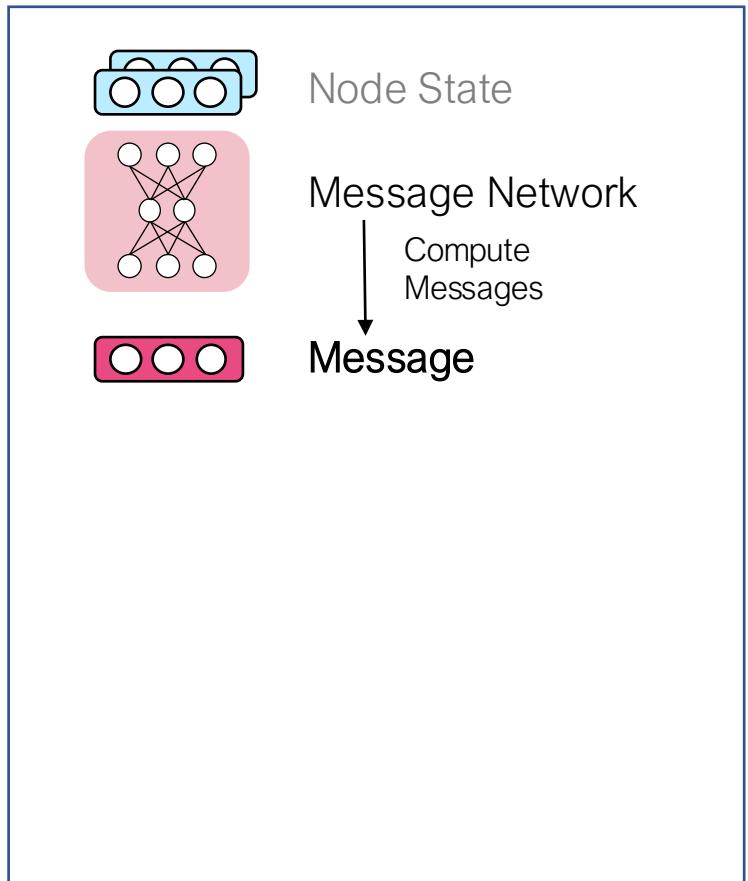
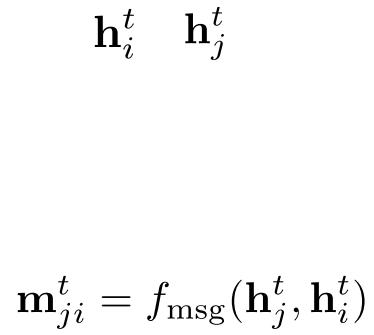
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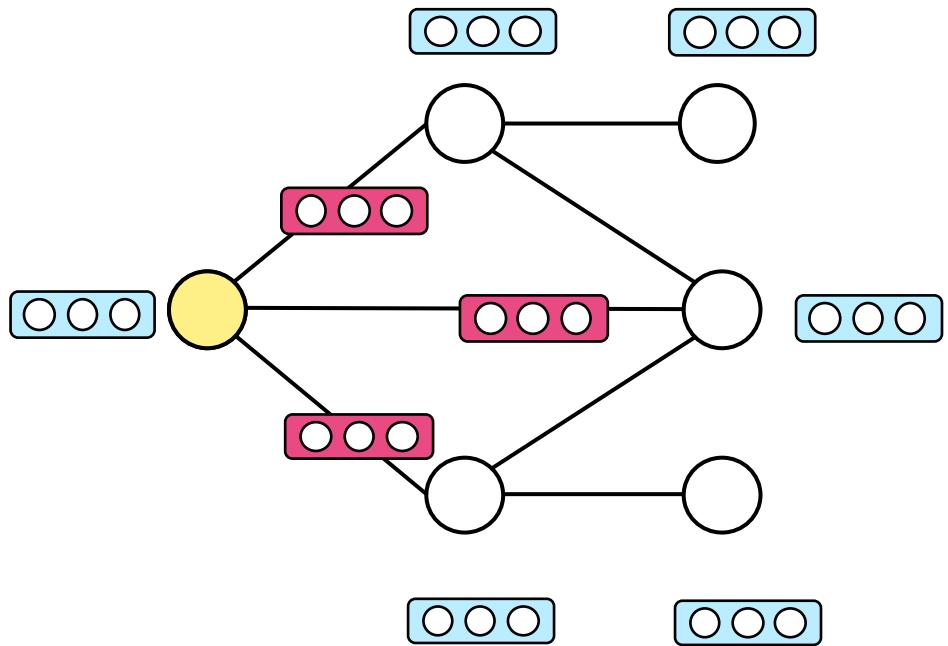
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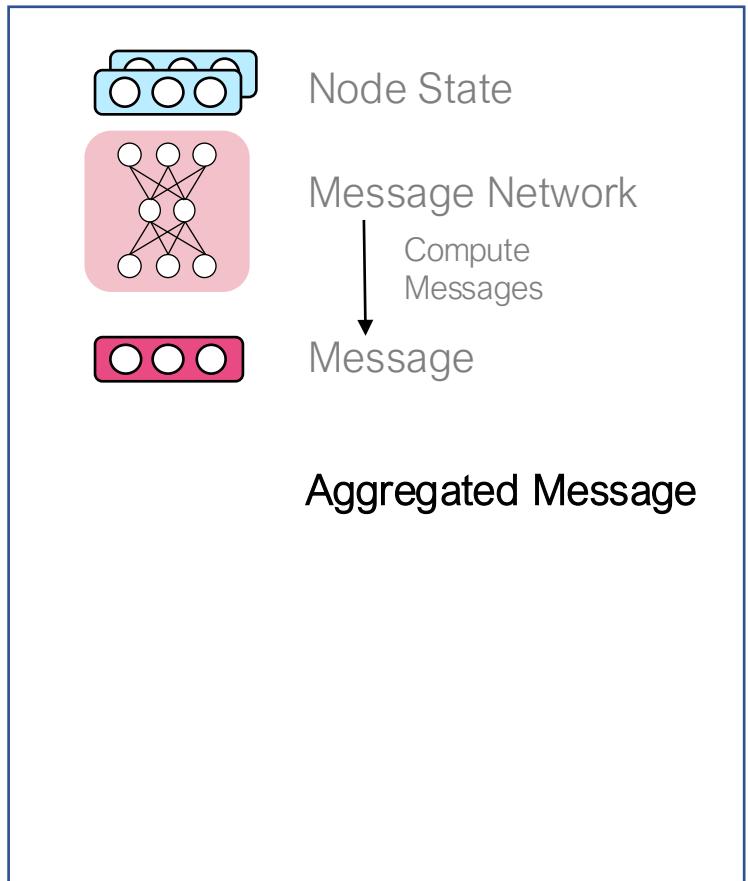


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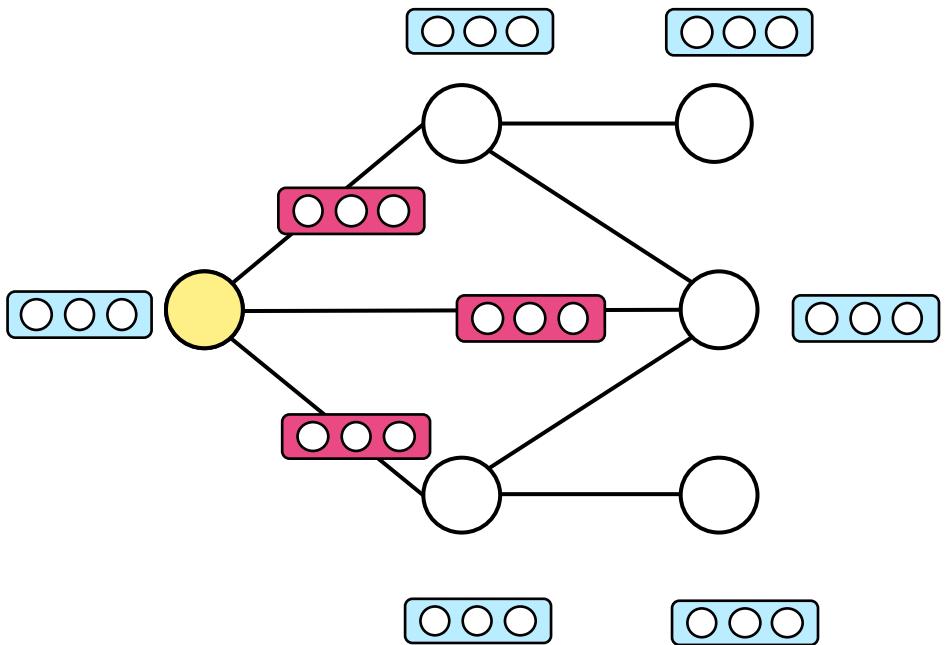


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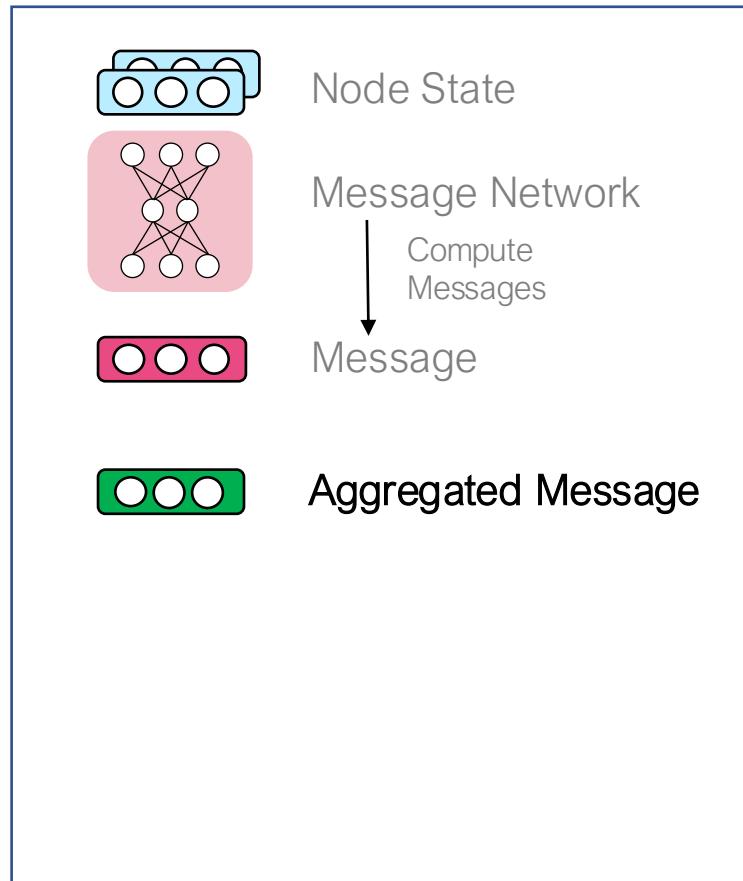


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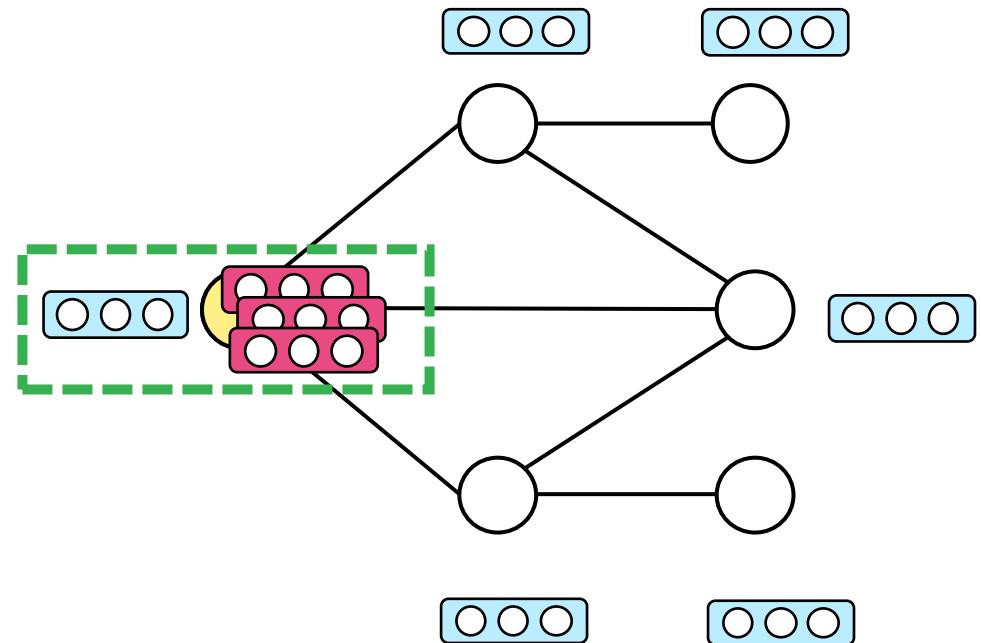


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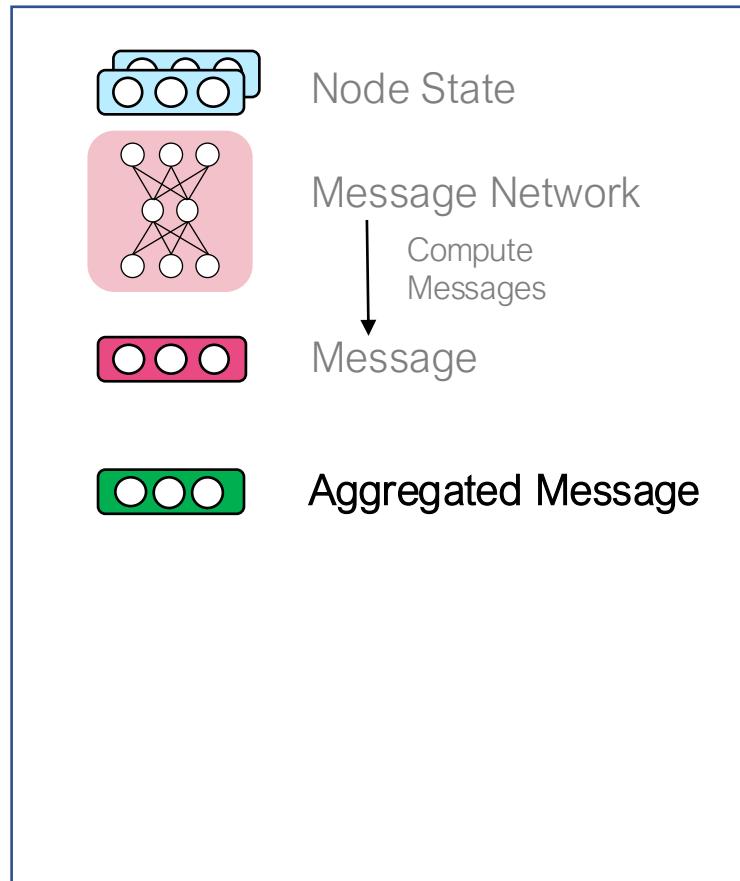


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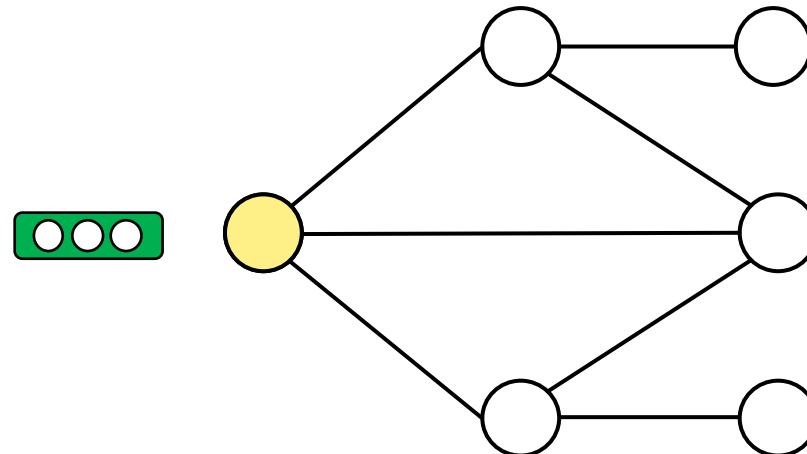
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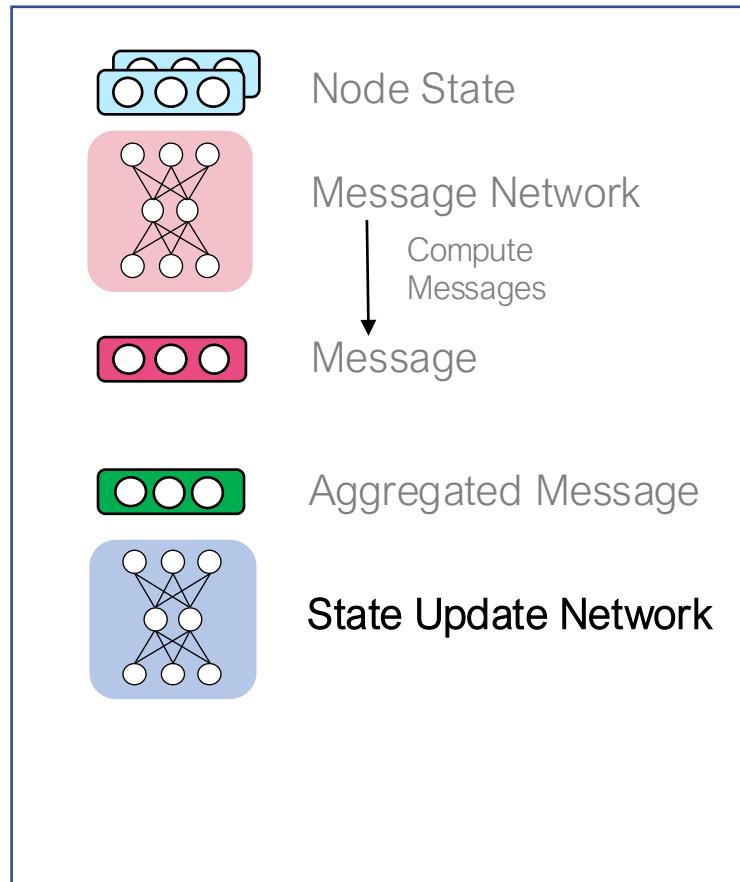


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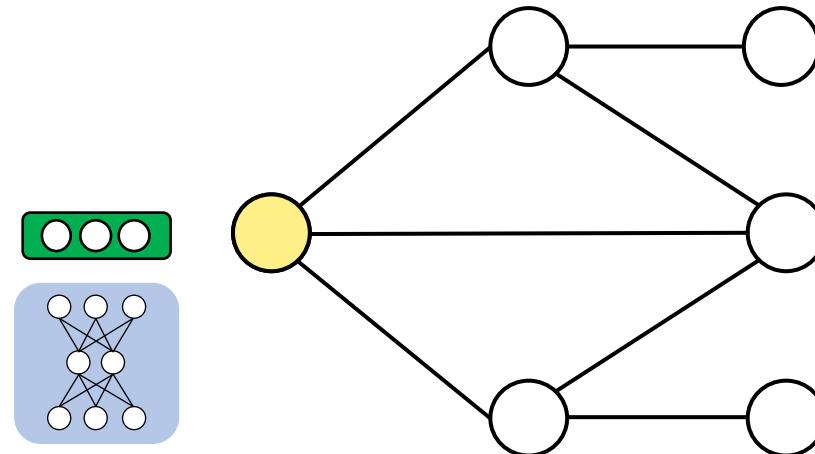
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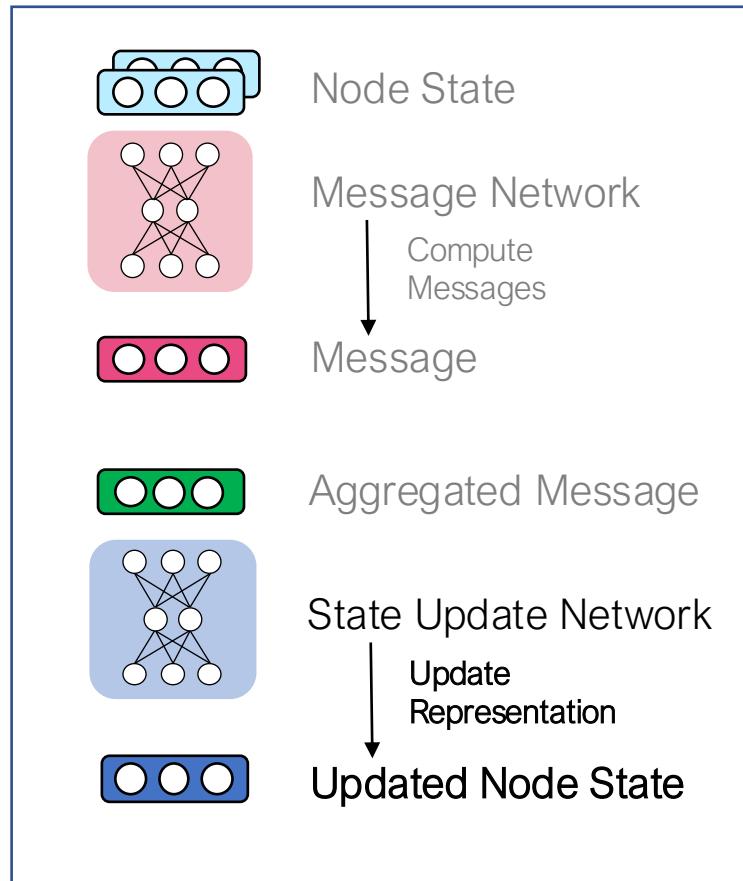
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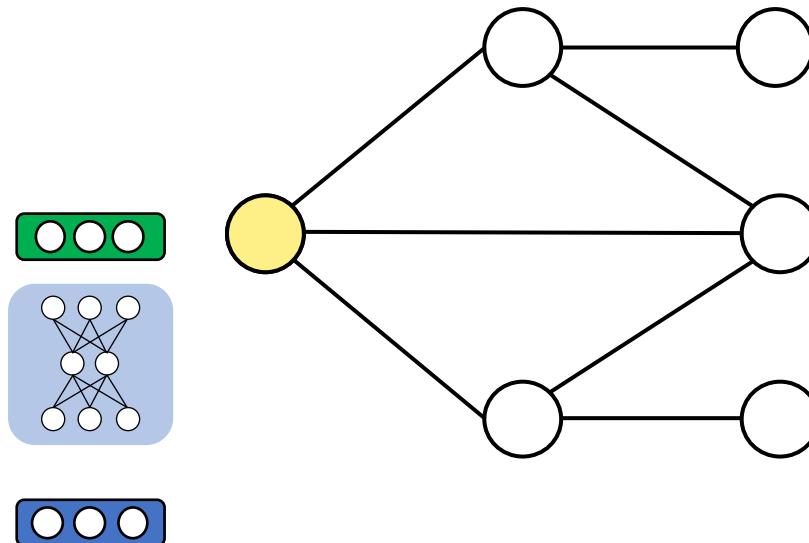
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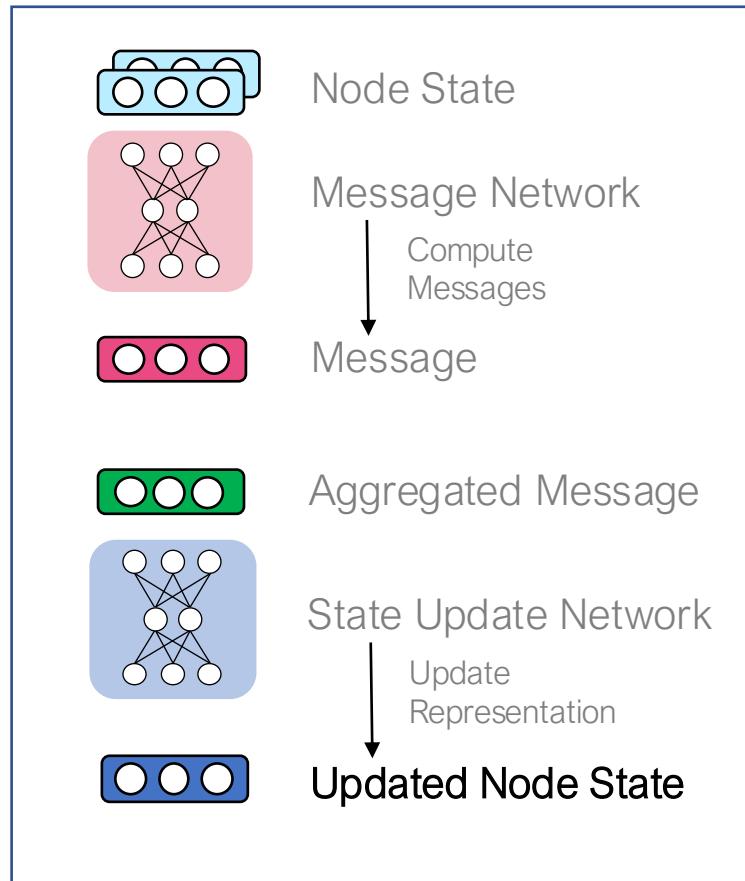
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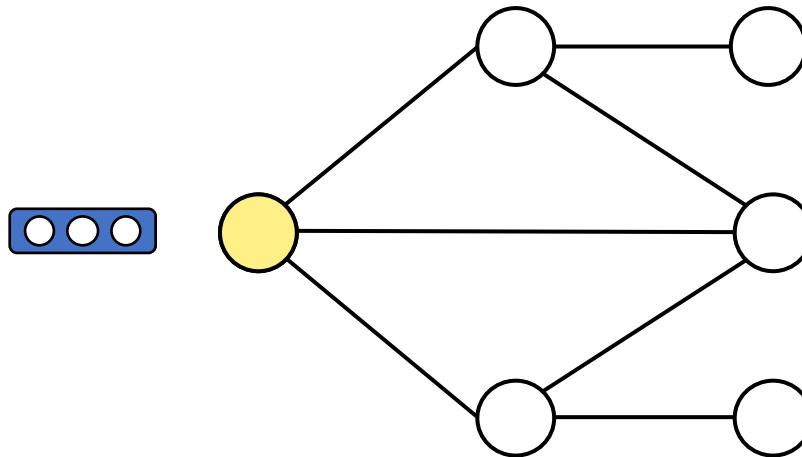
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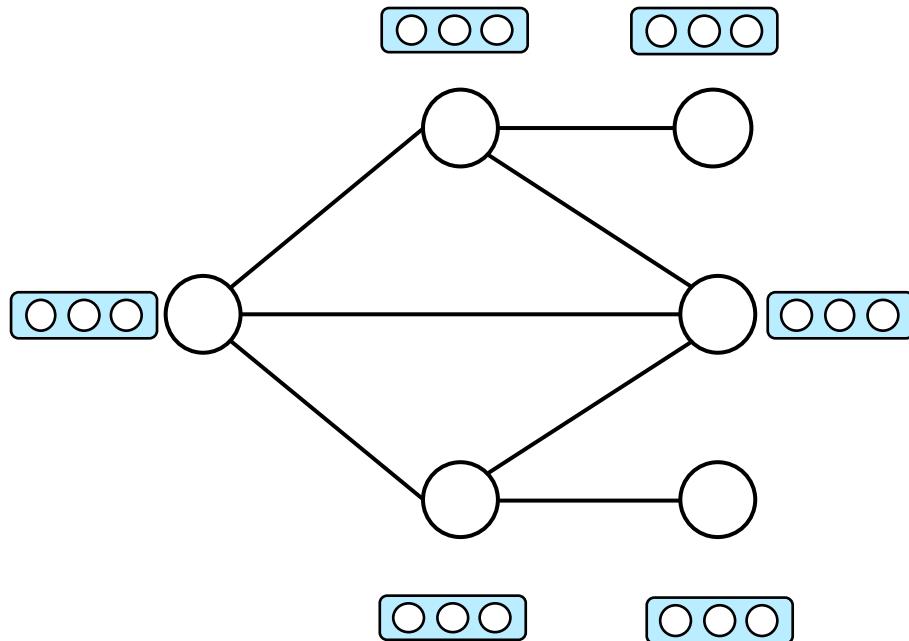
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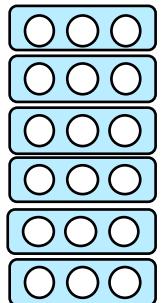
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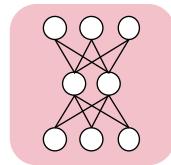


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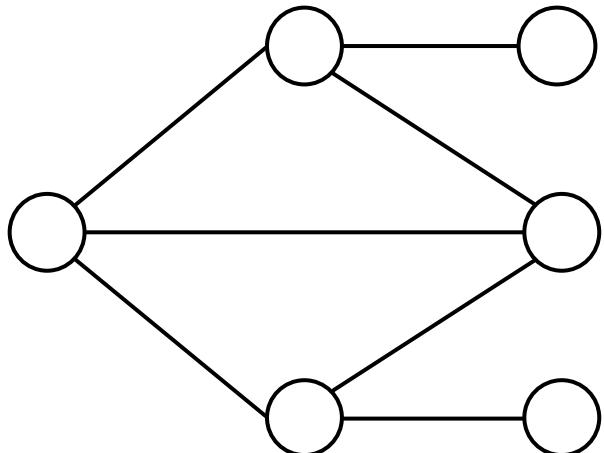


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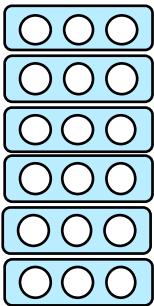
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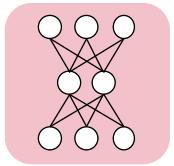


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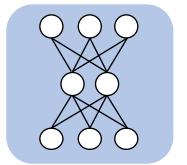


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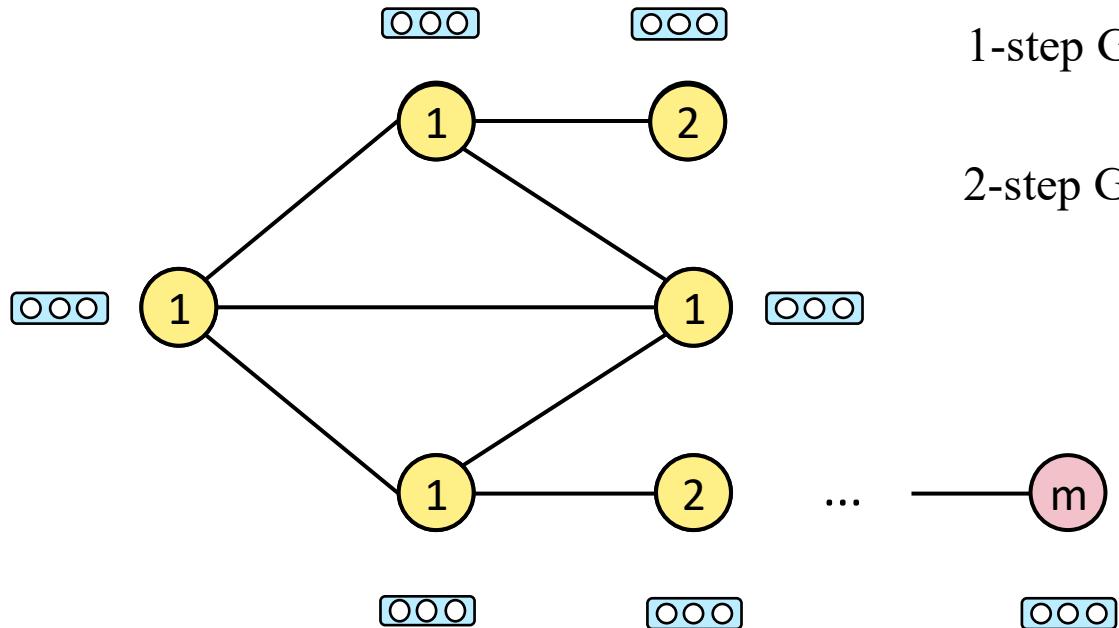
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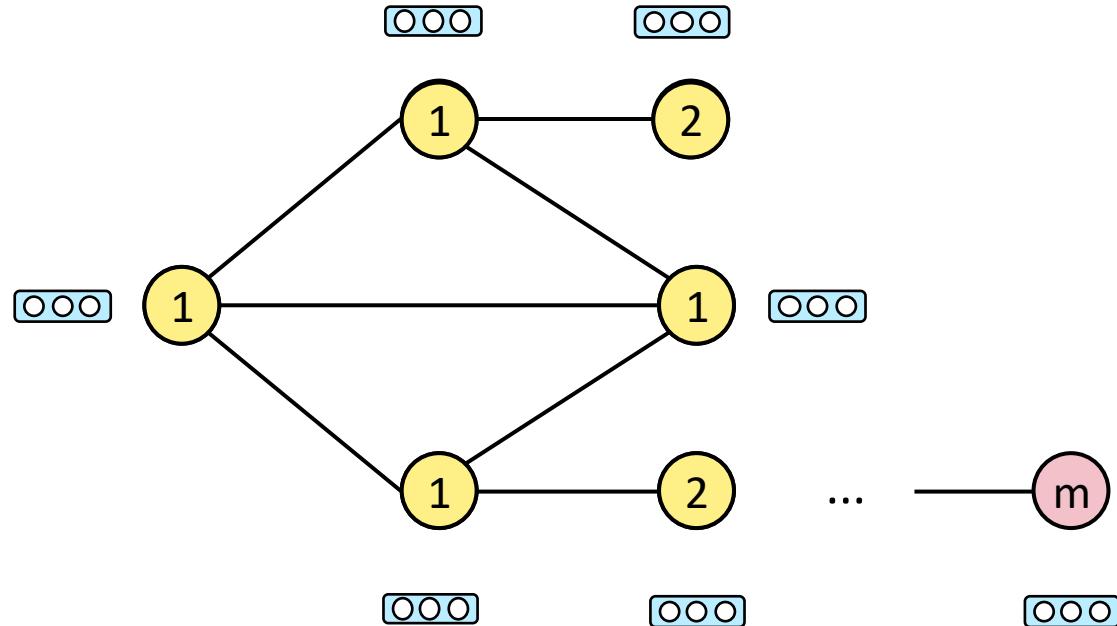
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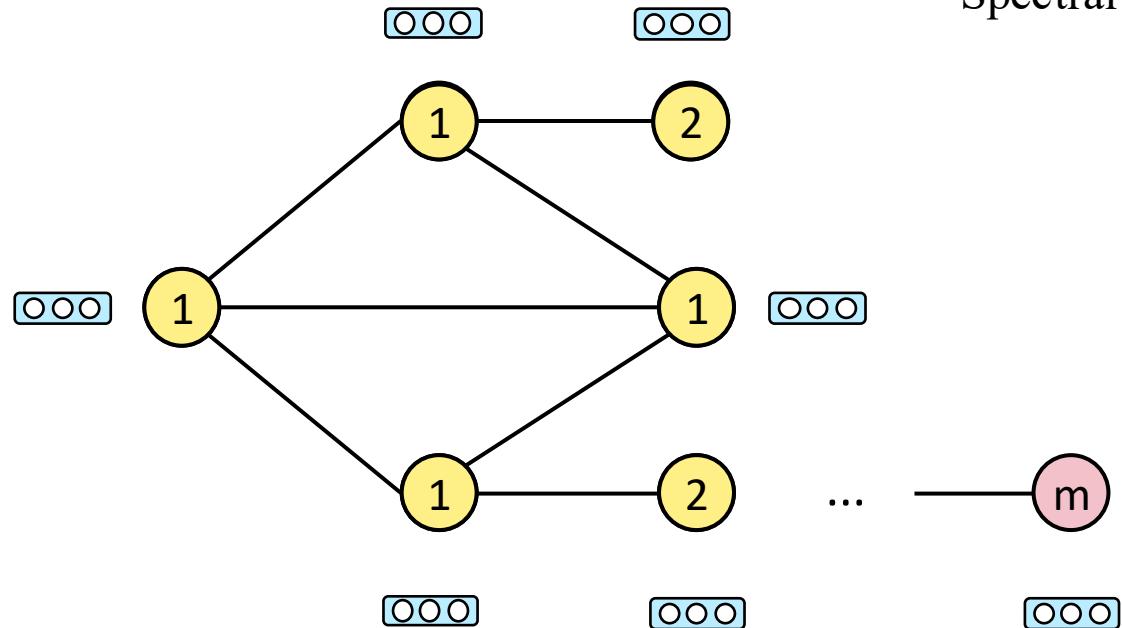
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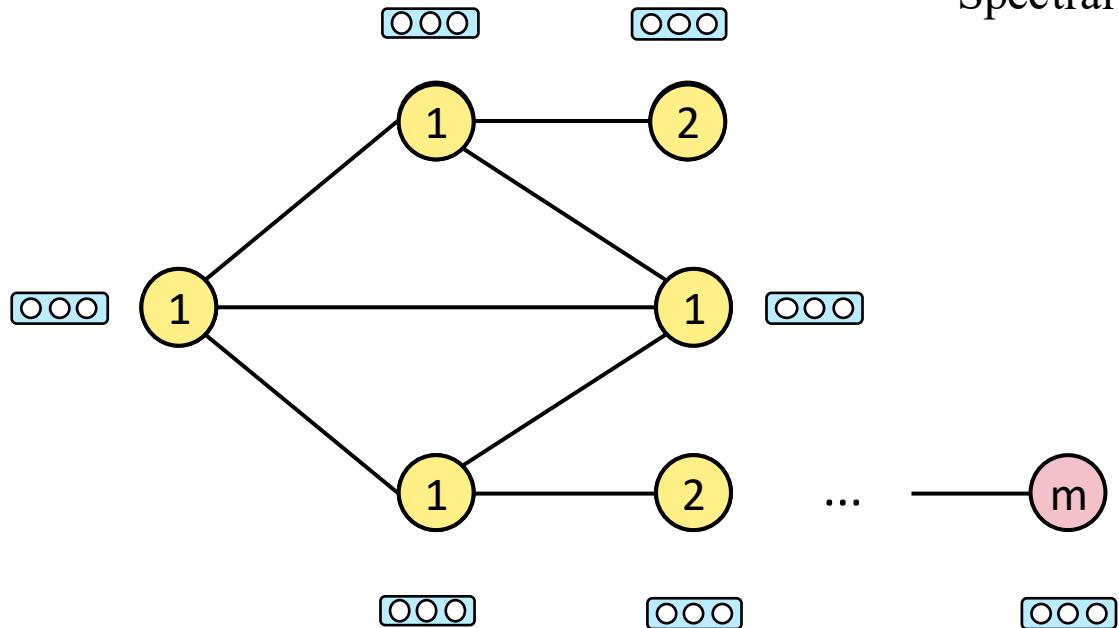
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# Lanczos Algorithm

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**Algorithm 1 : Lanczos Algorithm**

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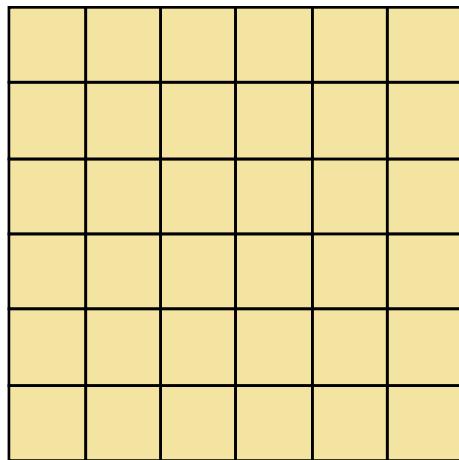
- 1: **Input:**  $S, x, K, \epsilon$
- 2: **Initialization:**  $\beta_0 = 0, q_0 = 0$ , and  $q_1 = x/\|x\|$
- 3: **For**  $j = 1, 2, \dots, K$ :
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- 5:      $\gamma_j = q_j^\top z$
- 6:      $z = z - \gamma_j q_j - \beta_{j-1} q_{j-1}$
- 7:      $\beta_j = \|z\|_2$
- 8:     **If**  $\beta_j < \epsilon$ , quit
- 9:      $q_{j+1} = z/\beta_j$
- 10:
- 11:  $Q = [q_1, q_2, \dots, q_K]$
- 12: Construct  $T$  following Eq. (2)
- 13: Eigen decomposition  $T = BRB^\top$
- 14: Return  $V = QB$  and  $R$ .

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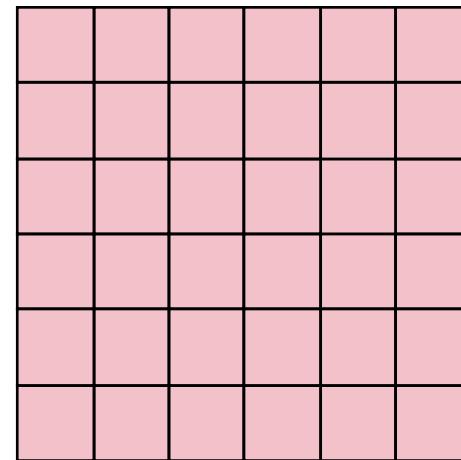
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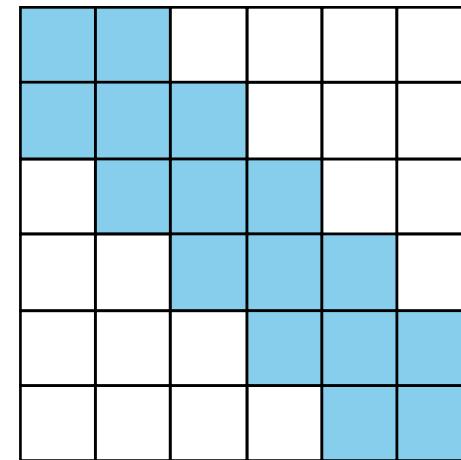


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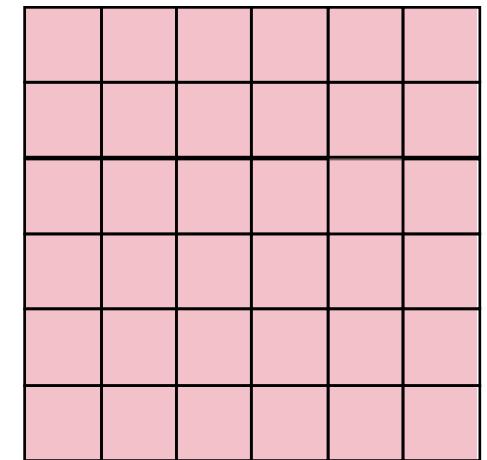
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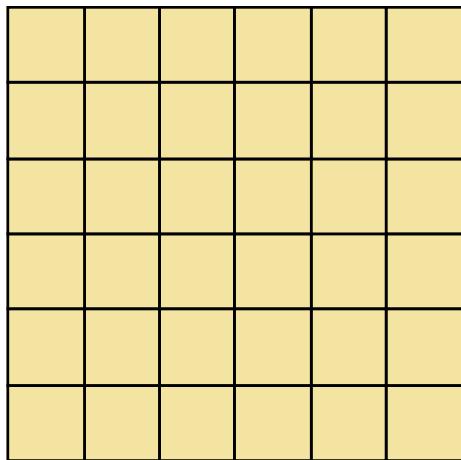


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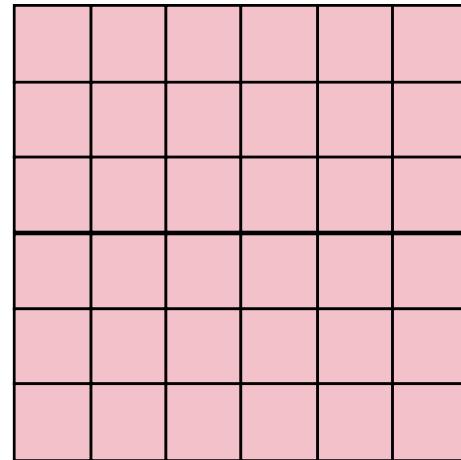
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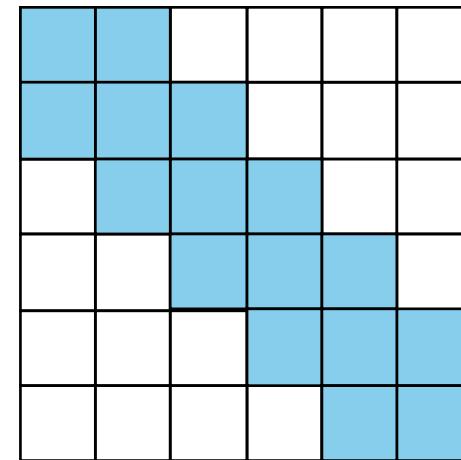


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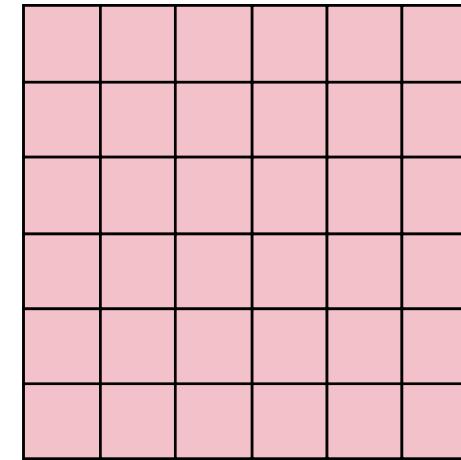
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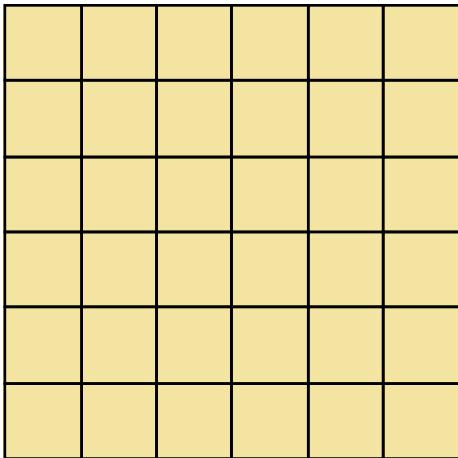


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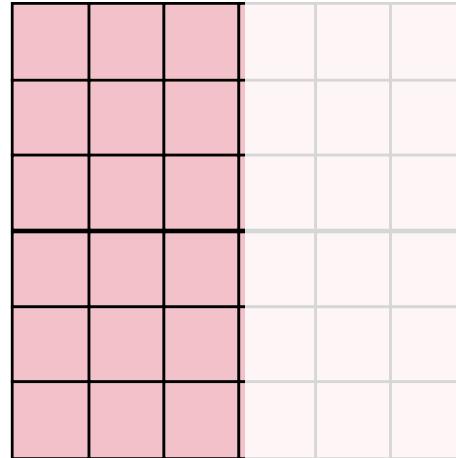
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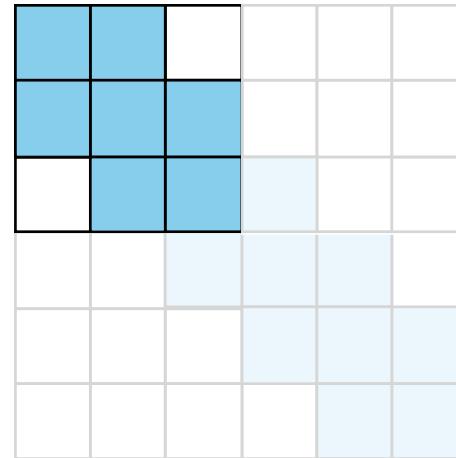
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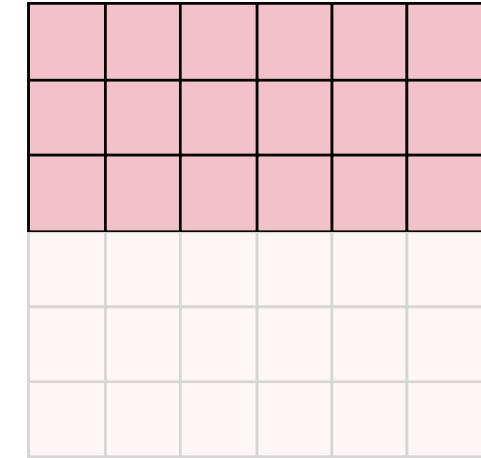


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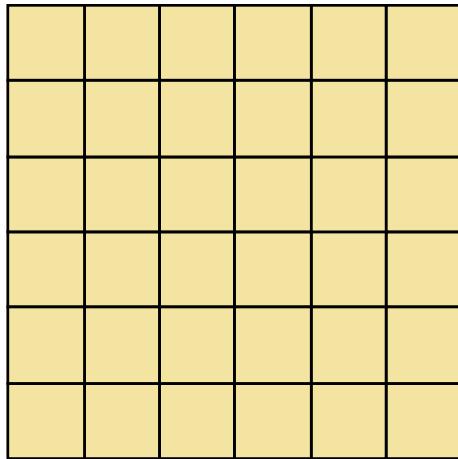
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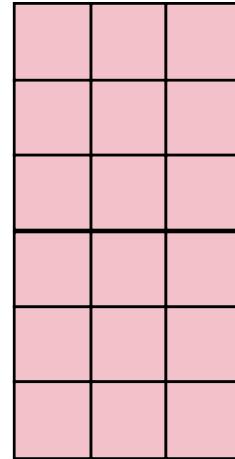
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Low-rank approximation

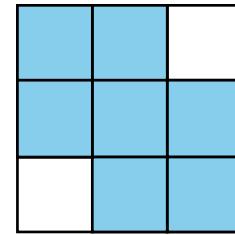


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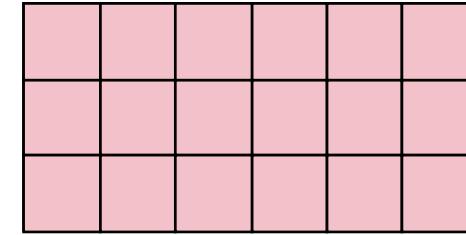
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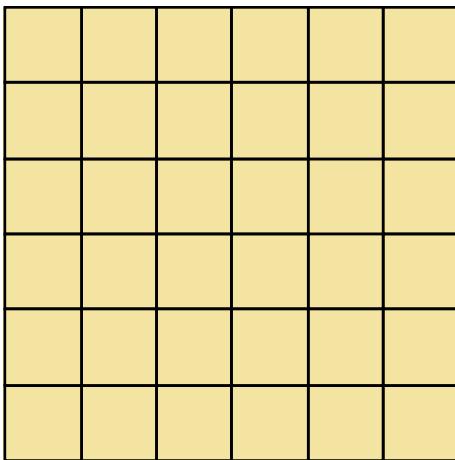
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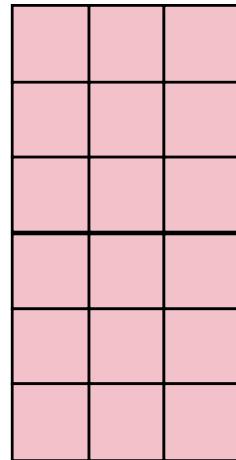
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Low-rank approximation with **top K eigenpairs**



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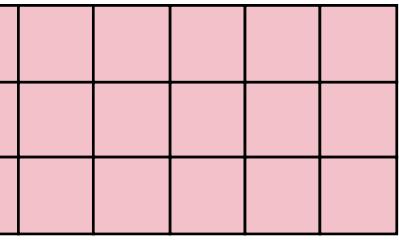
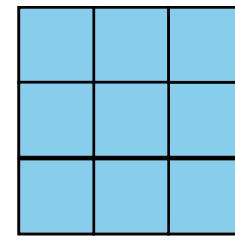


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# Multi-scale Graph Convolutional Networks

- 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

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

- Learning Graph Kernel / Metric

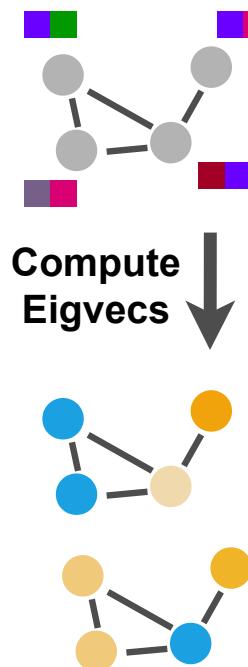
$$L_{ij} \propto \exp(-\|(X_i - X_j) \underline{M}\|^2)$$

# SignNet

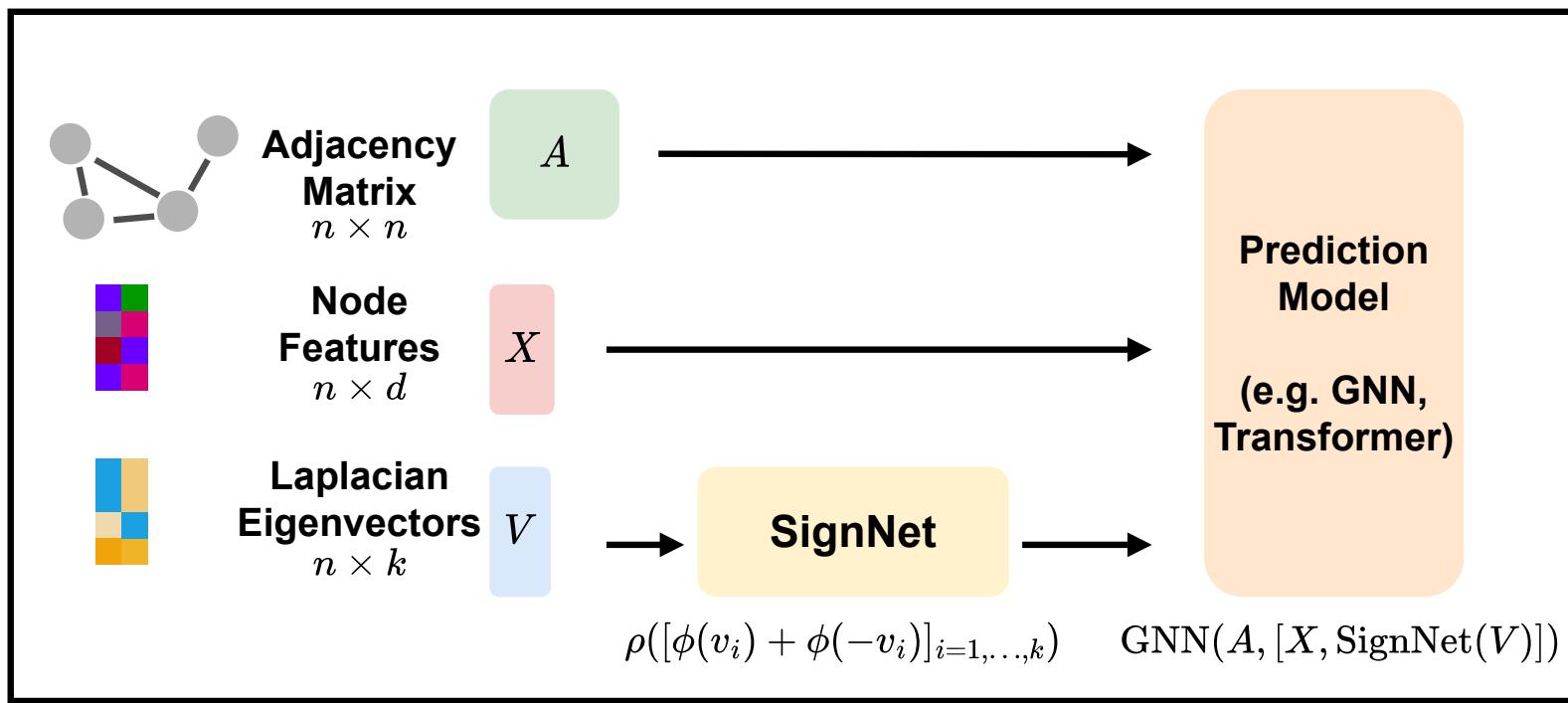
Eigenvectors of graph Laplacian are shown to be powerful node features, e.g., [10].

However, the sign-change of eigenvectors leaves the eigenspace unchanged. In other words, we need a network that is invariant to the sign-change. SingNet [11] does the job!

## Input Graph



## Model



# SignNet

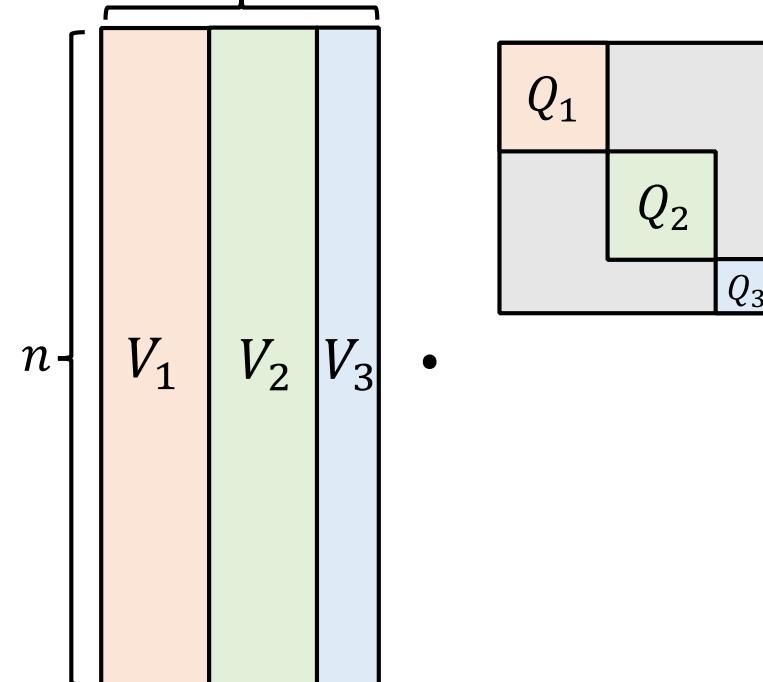
The variant of SingNet [11], called BasisNet [11], is also invariant to the change of basis of the eigenspaces:

$$f(V_1, \dots, V_l) = f(V_1 Q_1, \dots, V_l Q_l),$$
$$Q_i \in O(d_i)$$

In particular, the model has the form:

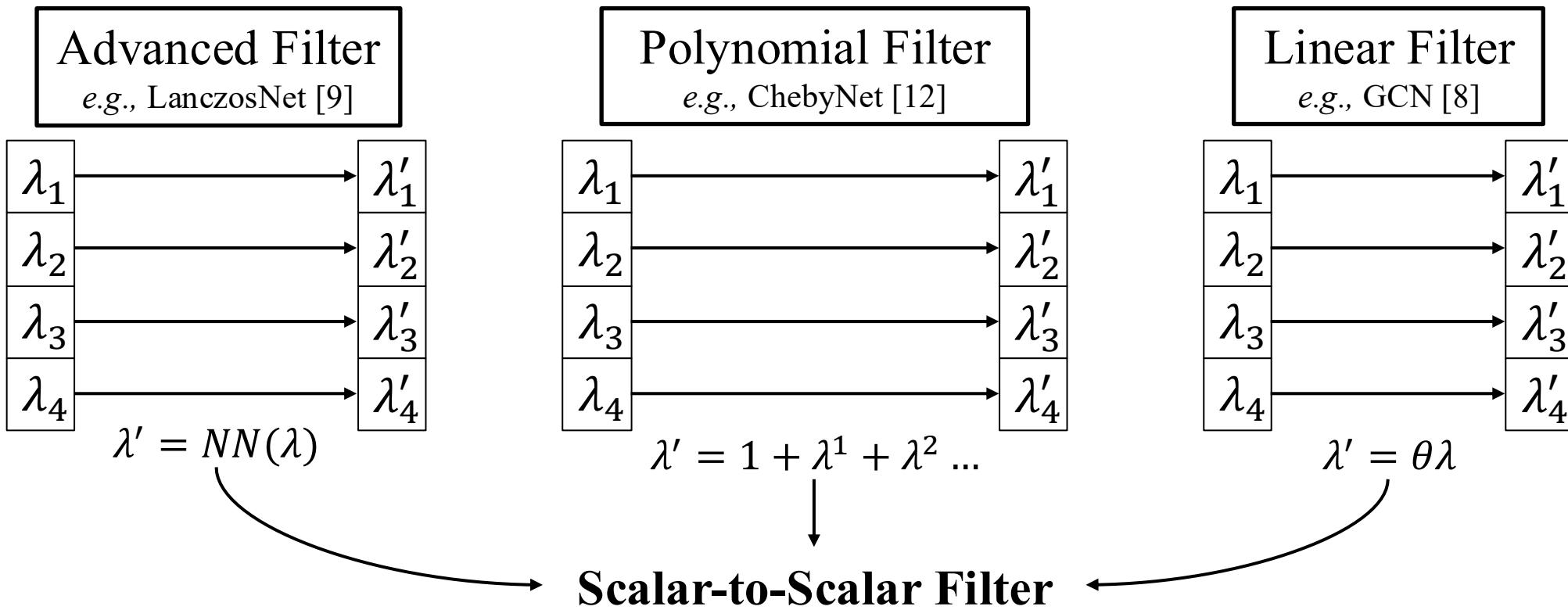
$$f(V_1, \dots, V_l) = \rho \left( [\phi_{d_i}(V_i V_i^\top)]_{i=1}^l \right)$$

$k$  eigenvectors  
partitioned  $k \times k$  block diagonal  
by eigenvalue orthogonal matrix



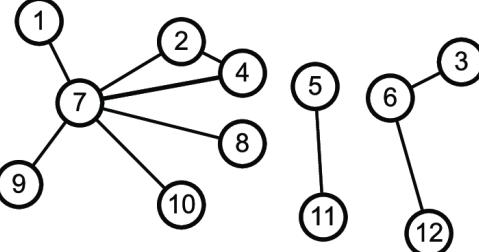
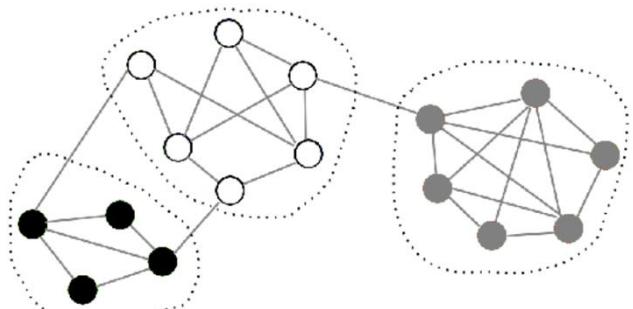
# Specformer

Previous work employ scalar-to-scalar spectral filters



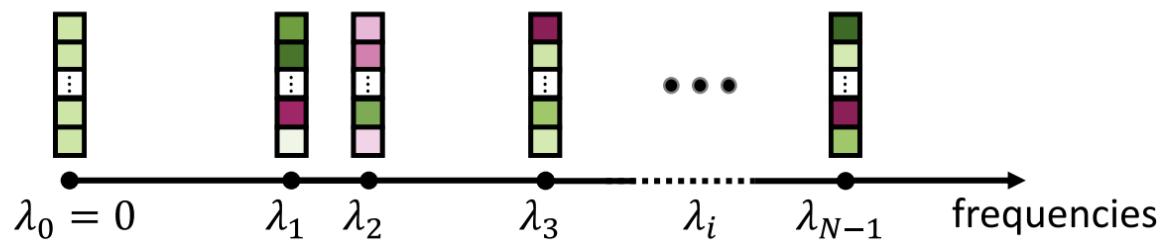
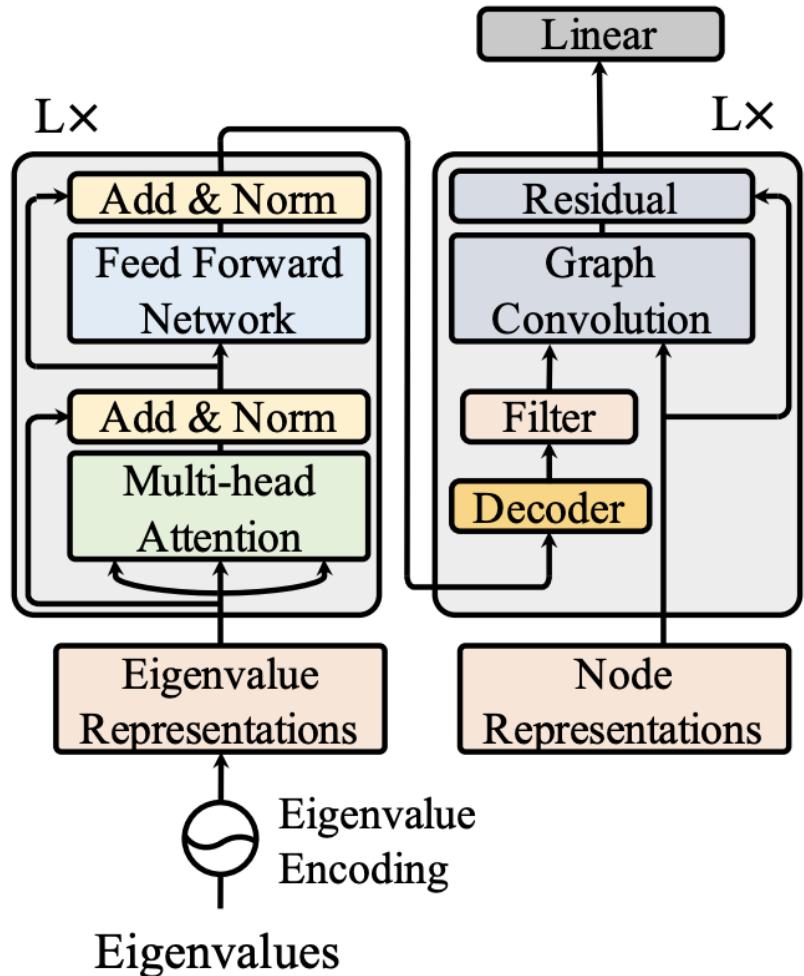
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Previous work employ scalar-to-scalar spectral filters, which may fail to capture global graph properties.

Spectrum Information	Example	Definition	Scalar Input	Set Input
Algebraic Connectivity		Count( $\lambda = 0$ )		
Diameter		$[\frac{4}{n\lambda_2}, \frac{1}{2m\lambda_1}]$		
Clusterability		$\lambda_2 - \lambda_1$ ( $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \neq 0$ )		

# Specformer

Instead of employing scalar-to-scalar spectral filters, Specformer [13] uses set-to-set spectral filters:



$$\rho(\lambda, 2i) = \sin\left(\epsilon\lambda/10000^{2i/d}\right)$$

$$\rho(\lambda, 2i + 1) = \cos\left(\epsilon\lambda/10000^{2i/d}\right)$$

Due to the eigenvalue encoding, the spectral filter is permutation invariant!

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Questions?