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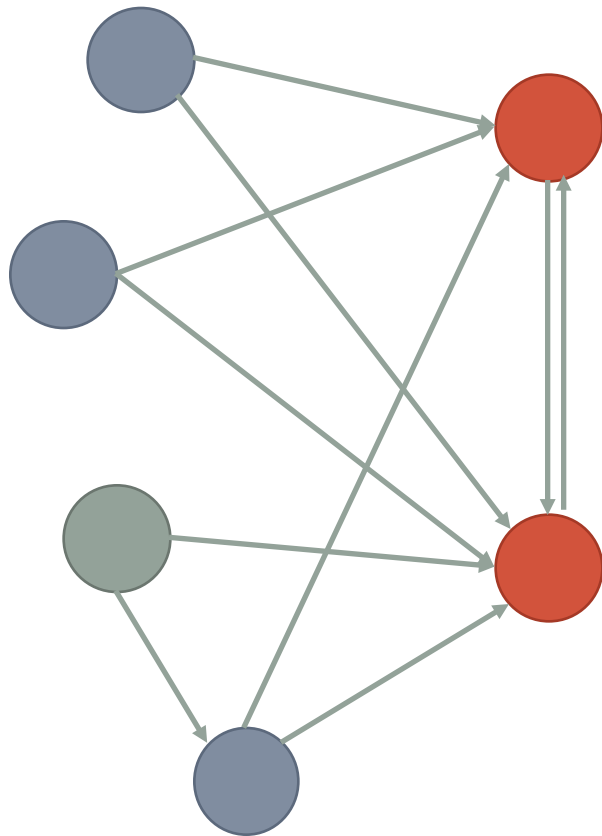
Given a graph, how can we find the “important” nodes?



Given the **web**, how can we  
find **authoritative** webpages?



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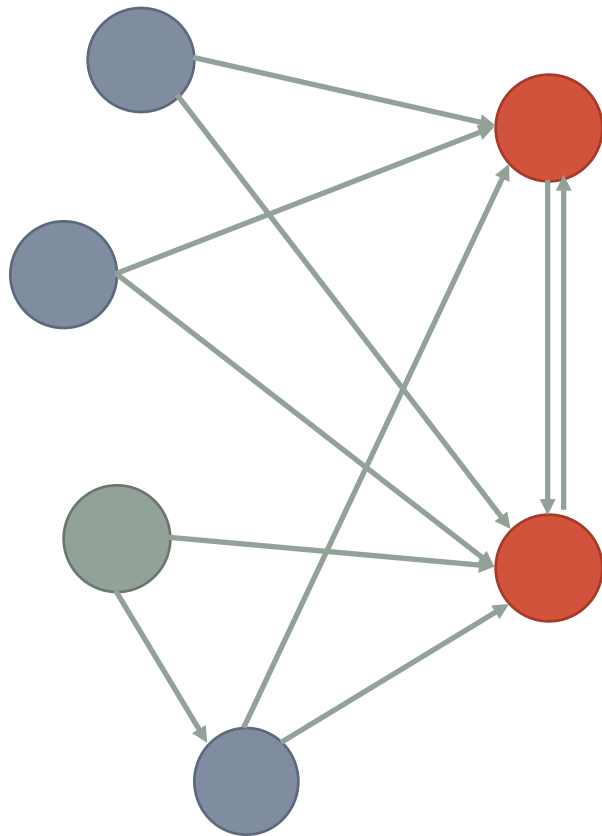
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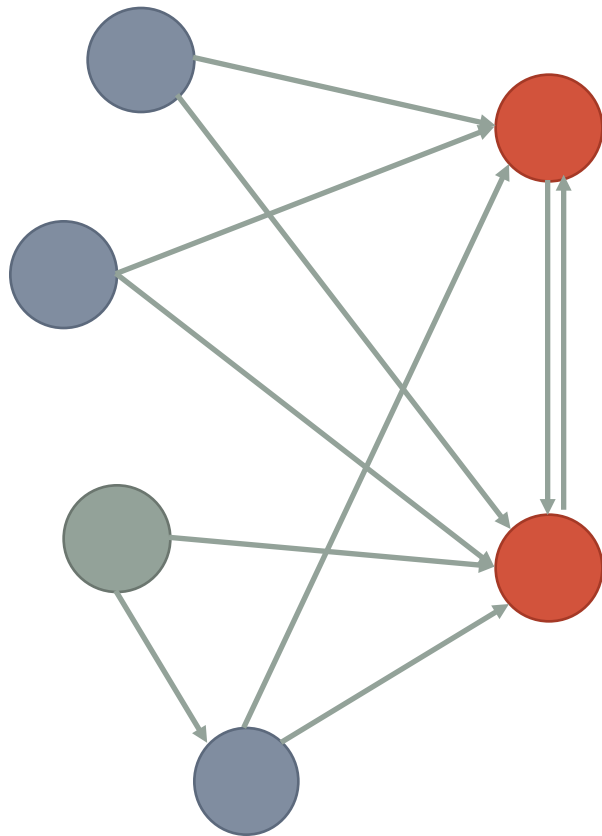
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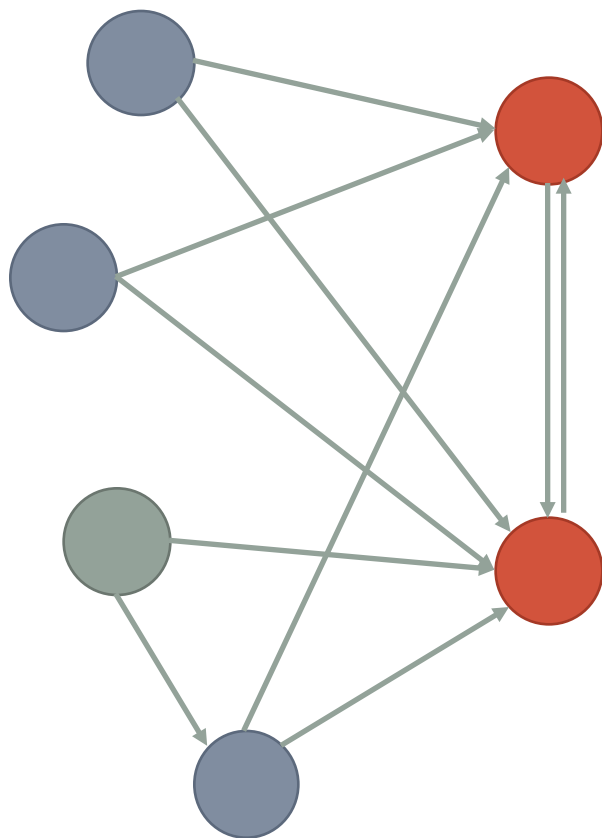
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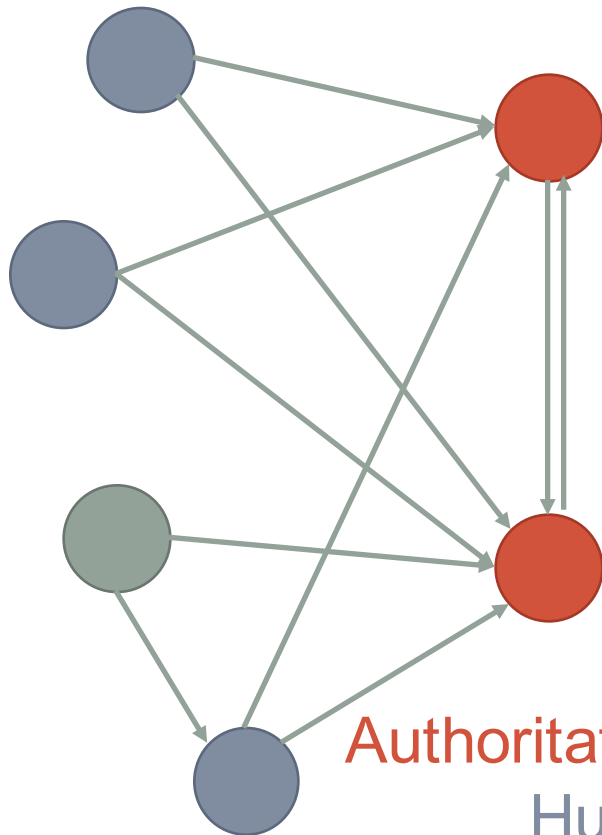
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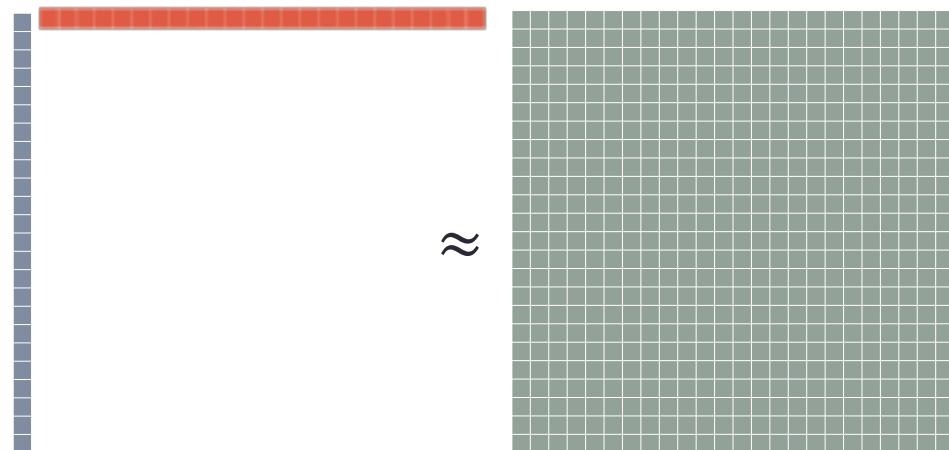
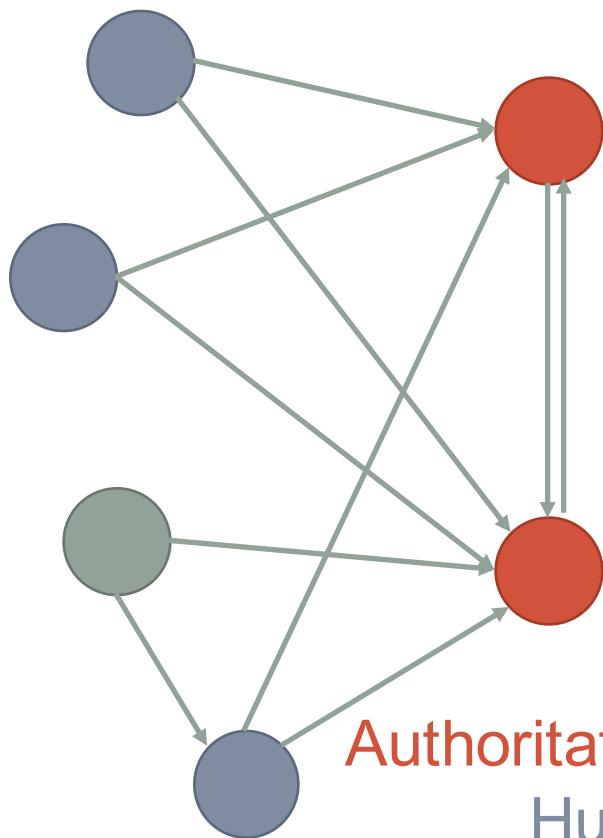
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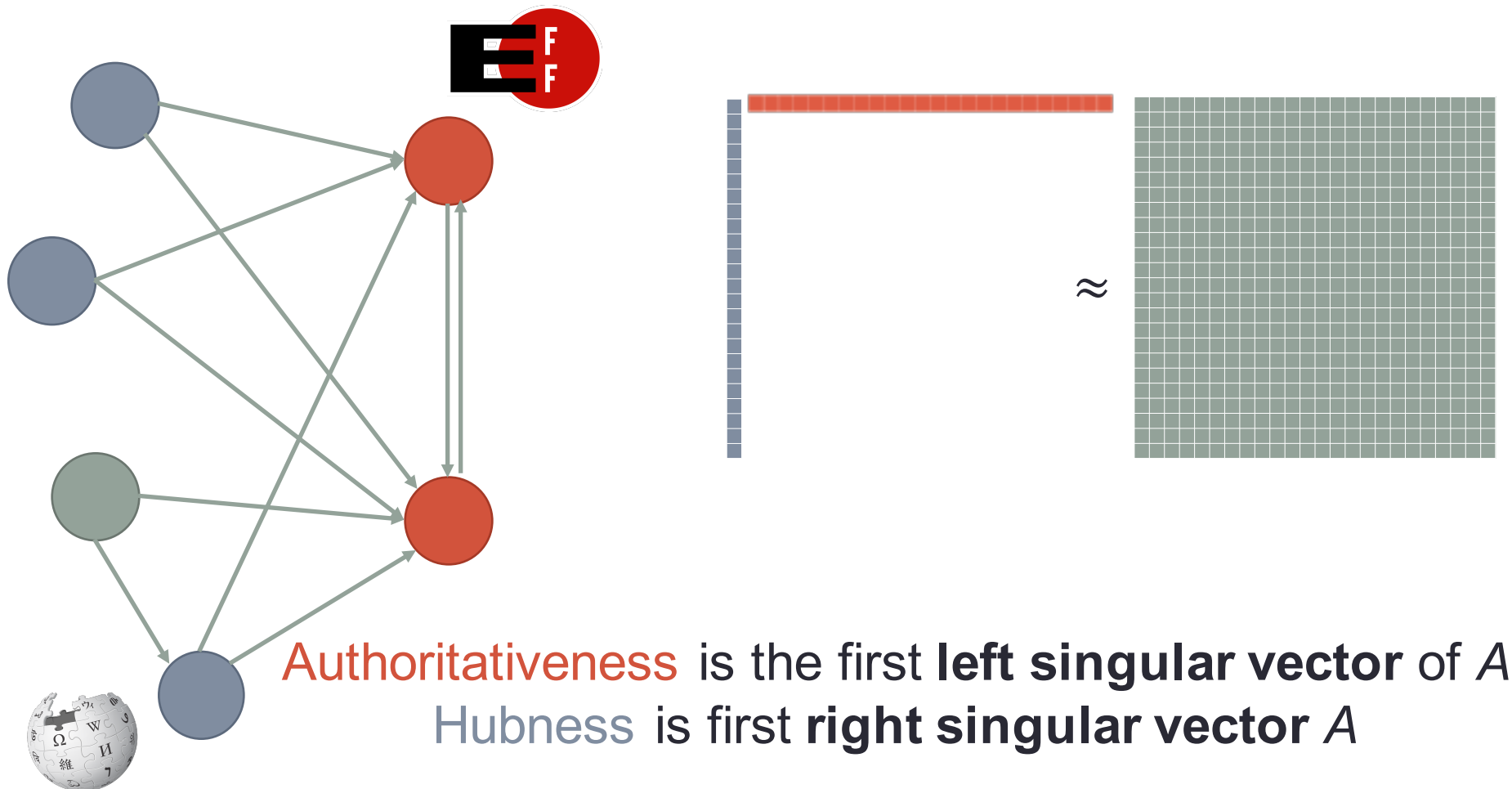
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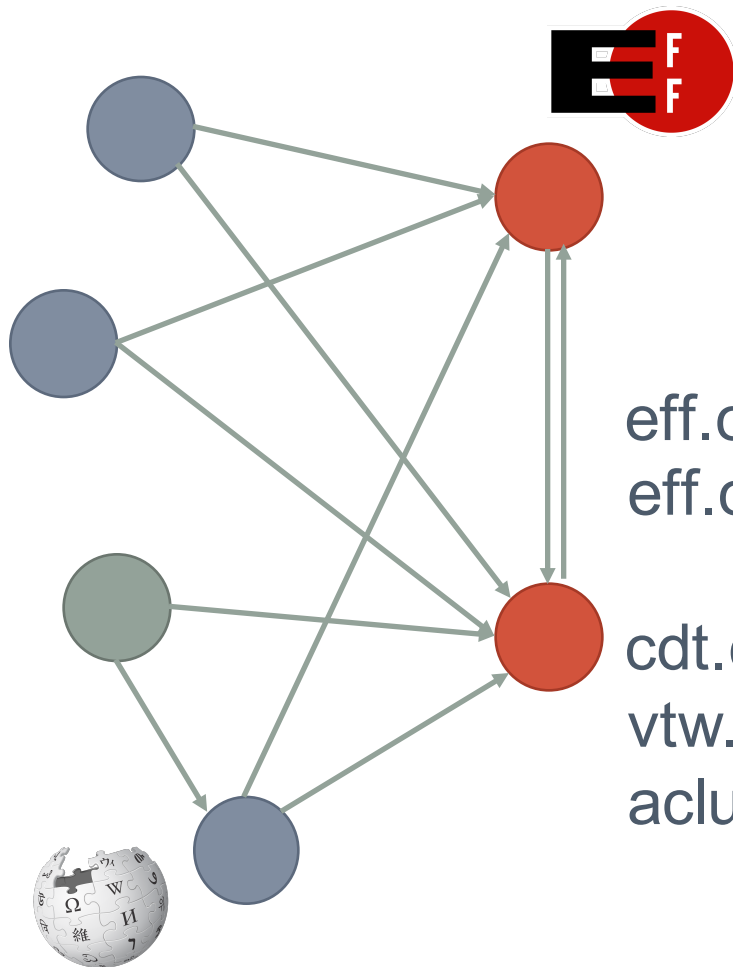
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Restrict graph by query “copyright”

## Authorities:

eff.org

Electronic Frontier Foundation

eff.org/blueribbon.html

EFF Blue Ribbon  
Campaign

cdt.org

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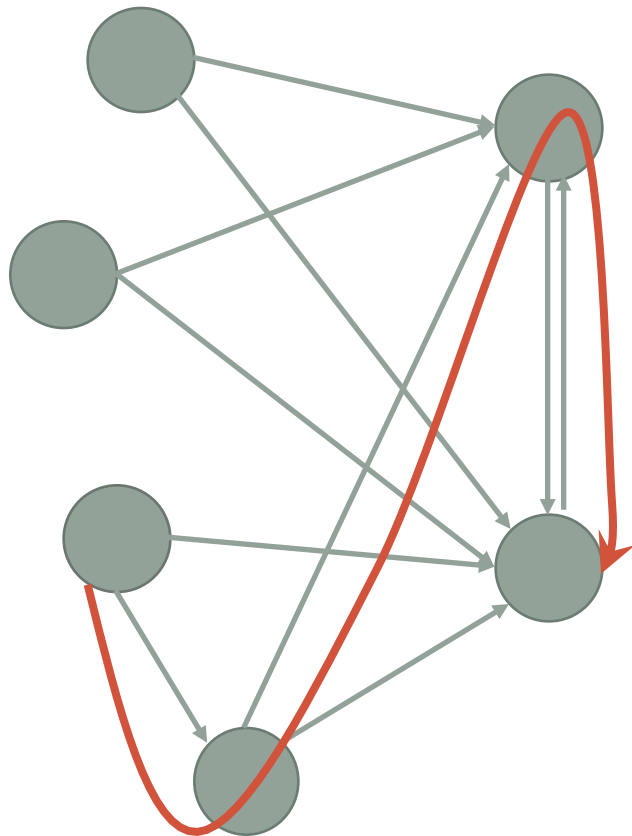
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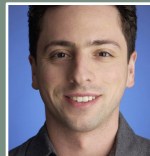


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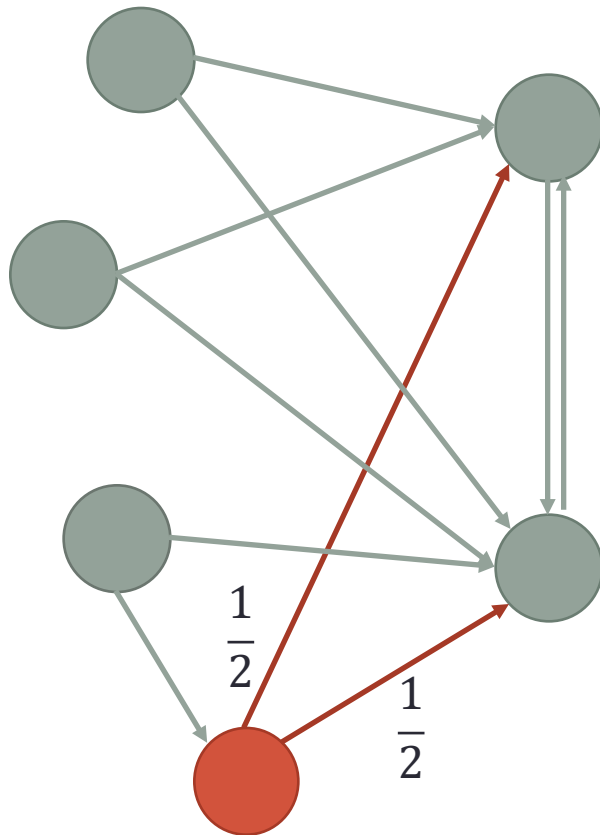
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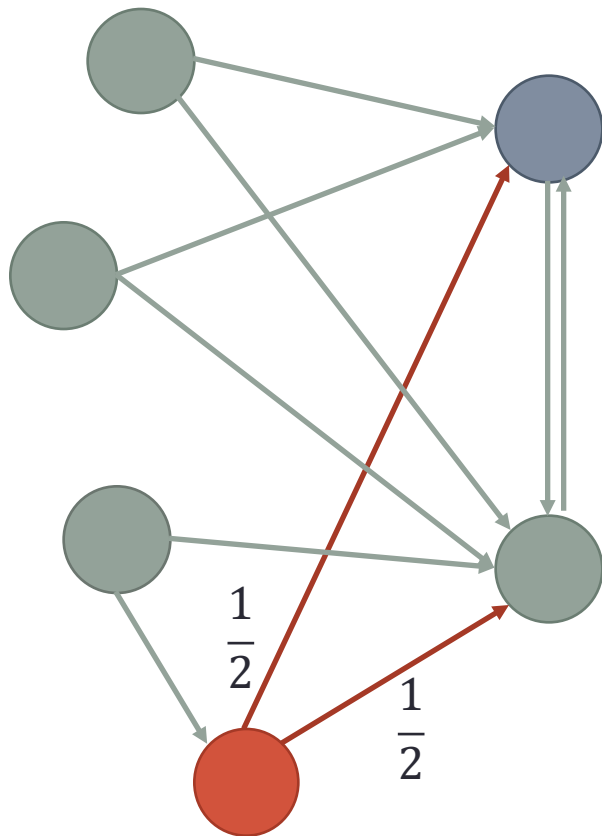


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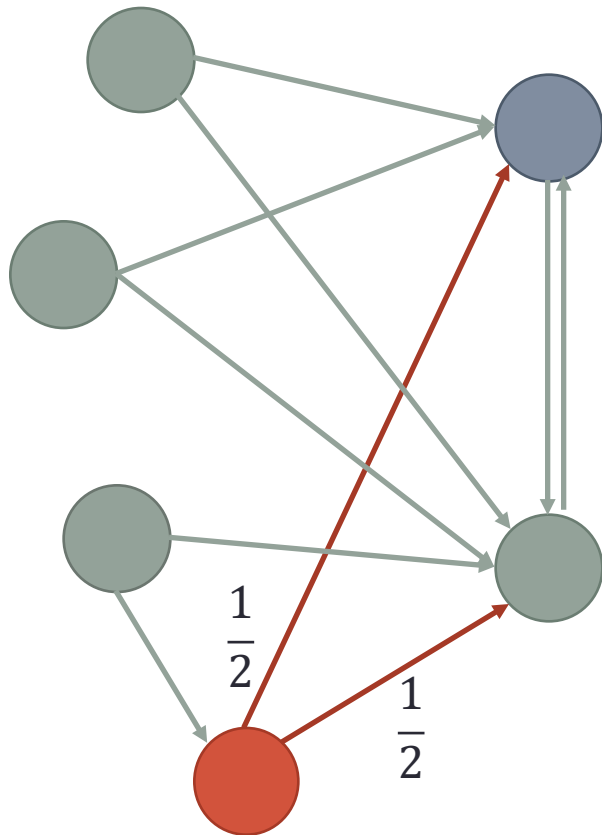
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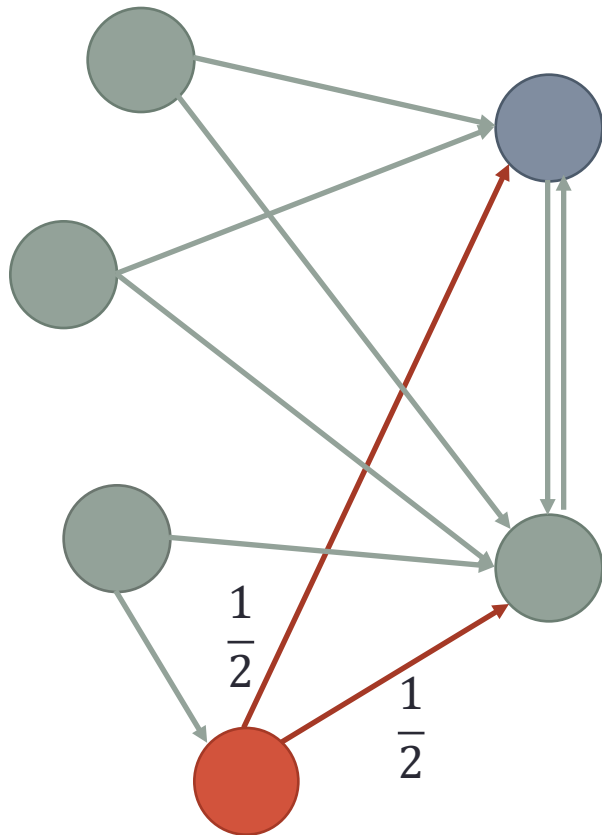
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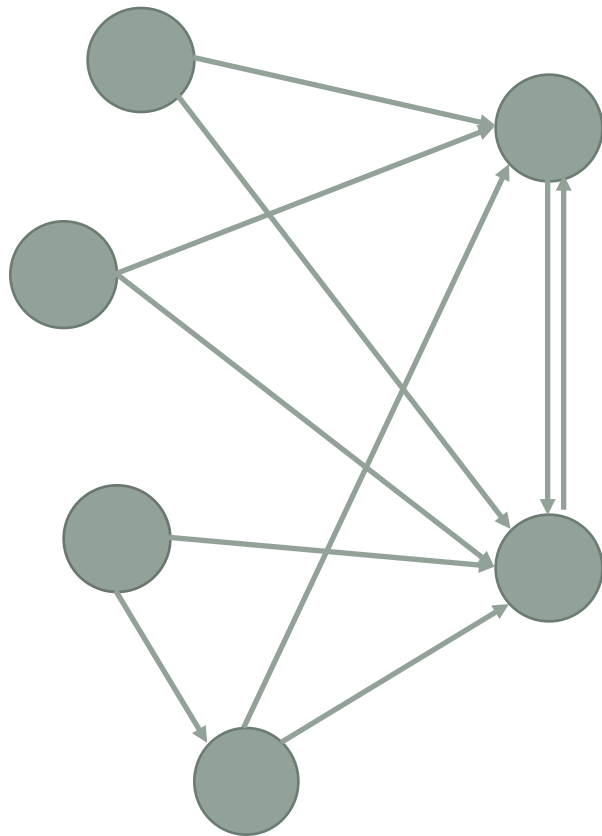
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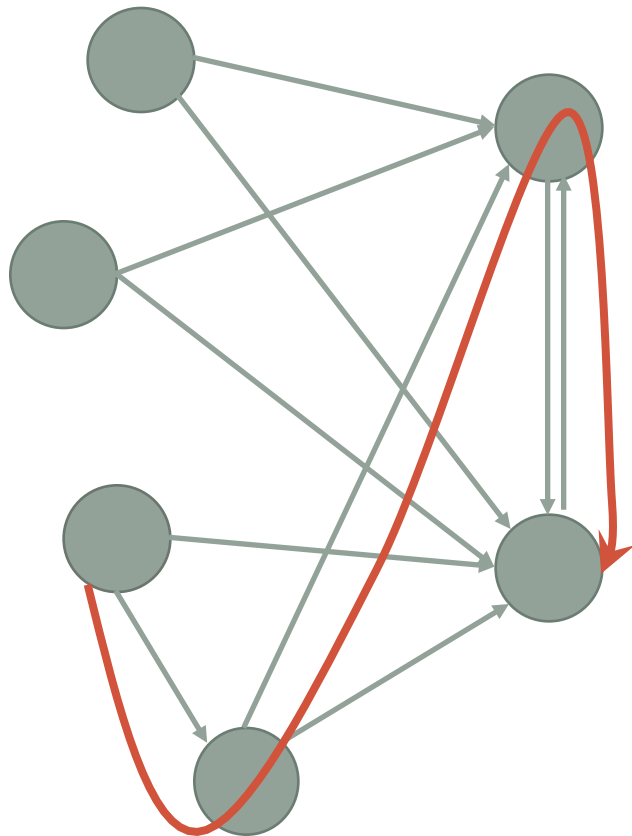


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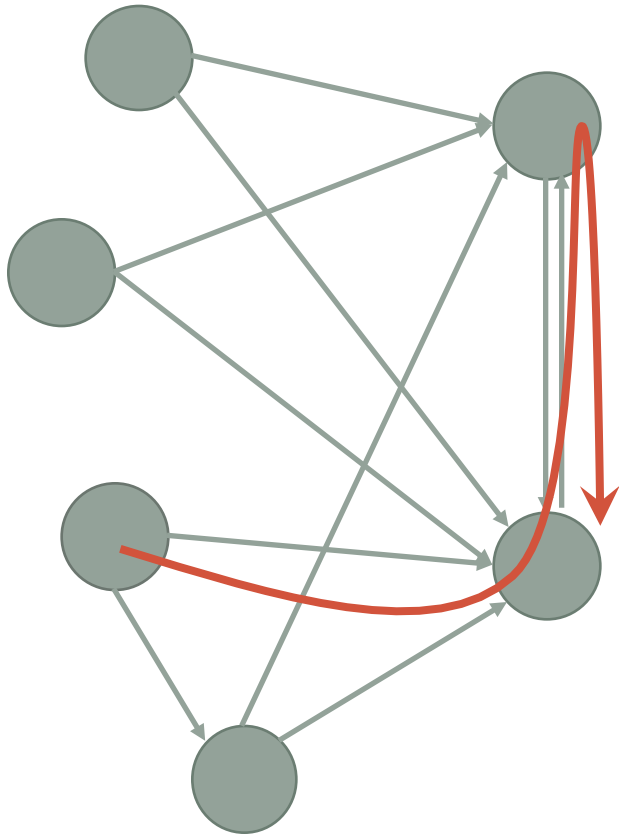
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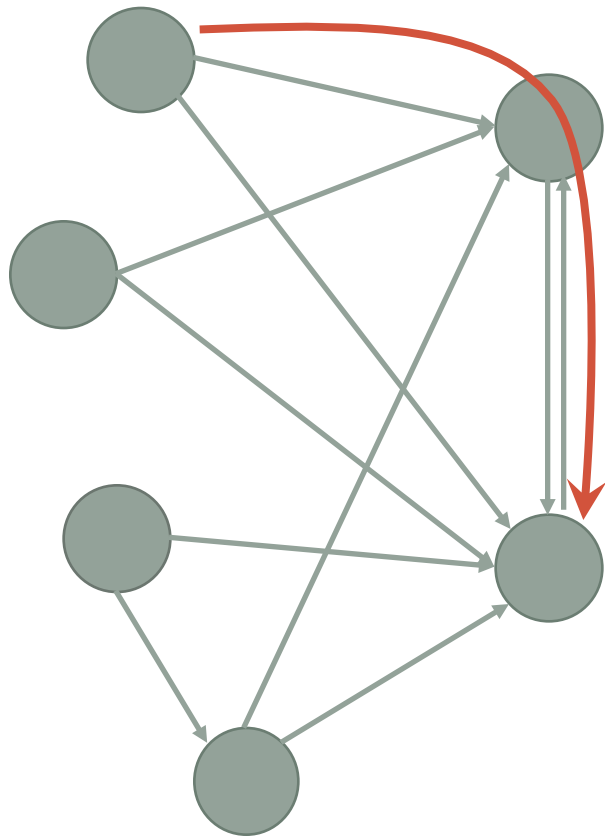
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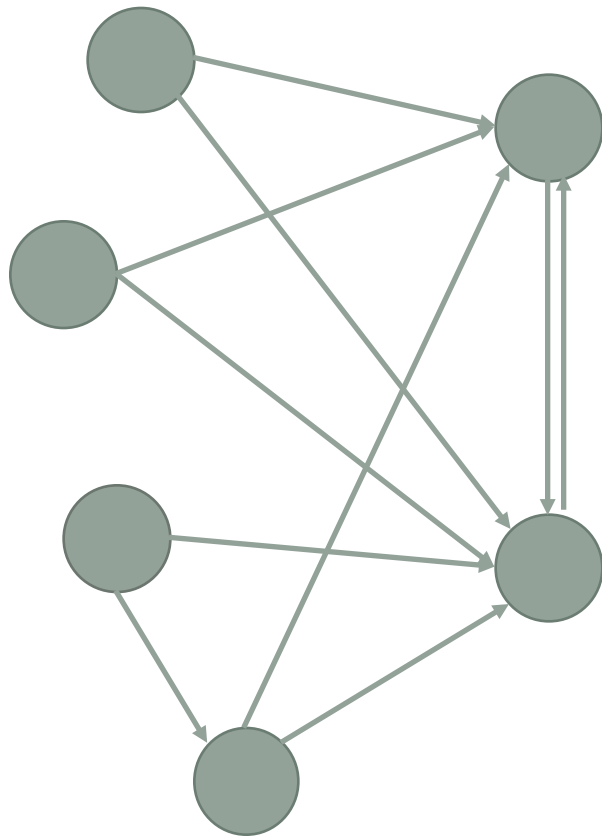


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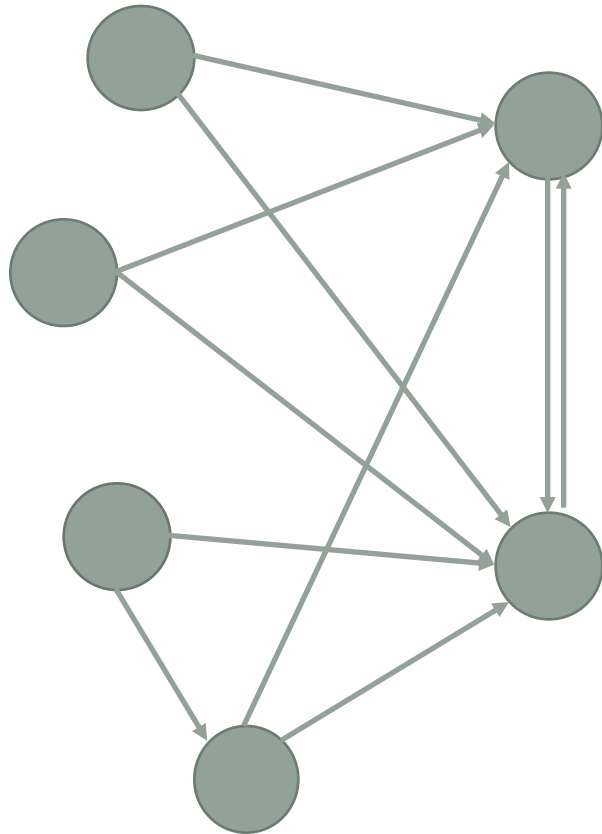
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## Random Walk with Restarts

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# PageRank

| Web Page  | PageRank (average is 1.0) |
|---|---------------------------|
| Download Netscape Software                            | 11589.00                  |
| <a href="http://www.w3.org/">http://www.w3.org/</a>   | 10717.70                  |
| Welcome to Netscape                                   | 8673.51                   |
| Point: It's What You're Searching For                 | 7930.92                   |
| Web-Counter Home Page                                 | 7254.97                   |
| The Blue Ribbon Campaign for Online Free Speech       | 7010.39                   |
| CERN Welcome  | 6562.49                   |
| Yahoo!  | 6561.80                   |
| Welcome to Netscape                                   | 6203.47                   |
| Wusage 4.1: A Usage Statistics System For Web Servers | 5963.27                   |
| The World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)                   | 5672.21                   |
| Lycos, Inc. Home Page                                 | 4683.31                   |
| Starting Point  | 4501.98                   |
| Welcome to Magellan!                                  | 3866.82                   |
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Table 1: Top 15 Page Ranks: July 1996

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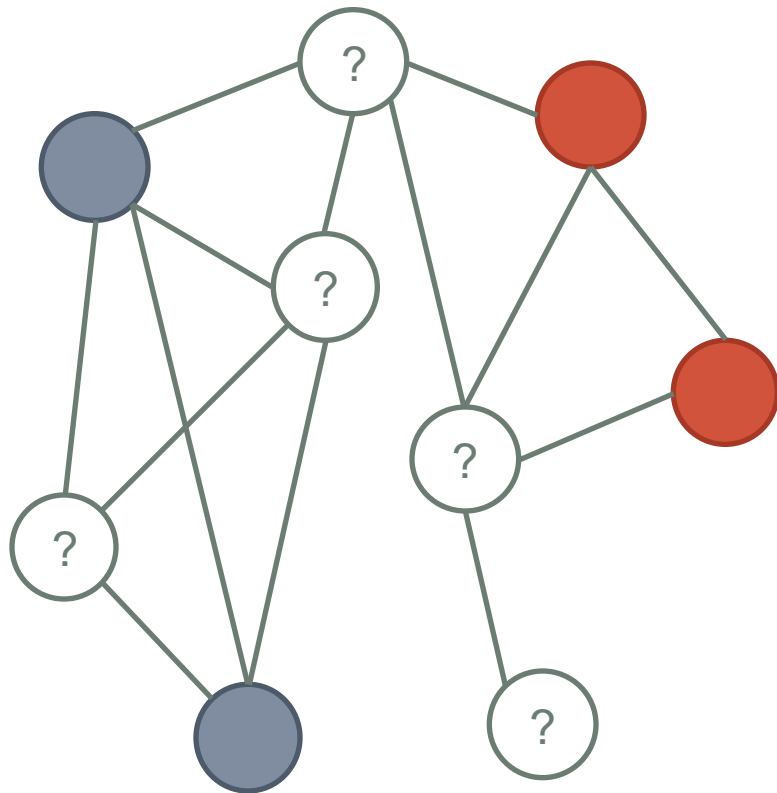


# Practitioner's Guide

| Method      | Graph Type | Node Attributes | Edge Attributes | Seed Labels |
|-------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| HITS        | Directed   |                 |                 |             |
| PageRank    | Directed   |                 |                 | Optional    |
| Label Prop. | Undirected |                 |                 | ✓           |
| pMRF BP     | Undirected |                 |                 | Preferred   |
|             |            |                 |                 |             |
| EdgeExplain | Undirected | ✓               |                 | ✓           |



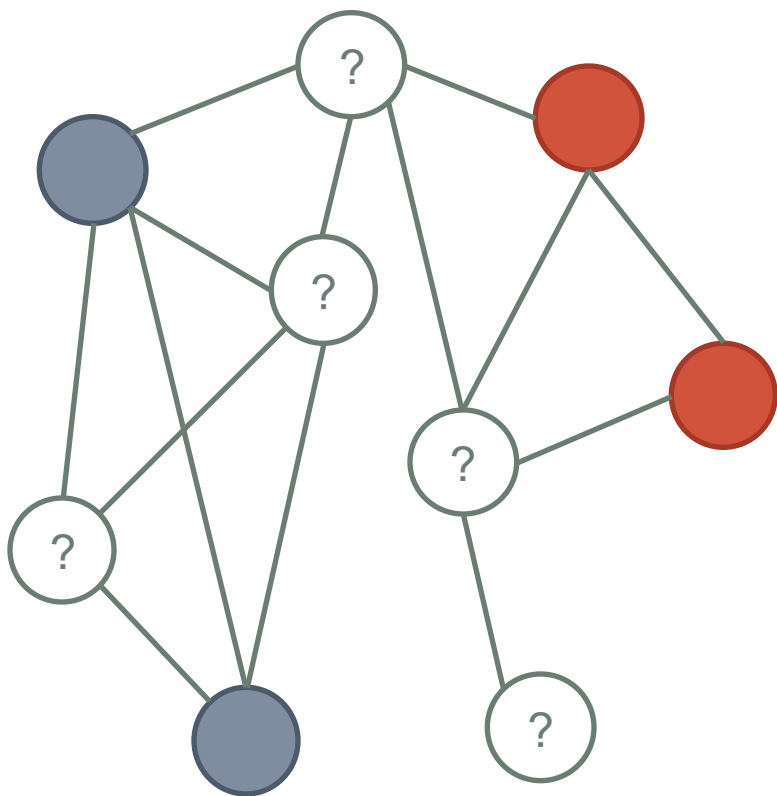
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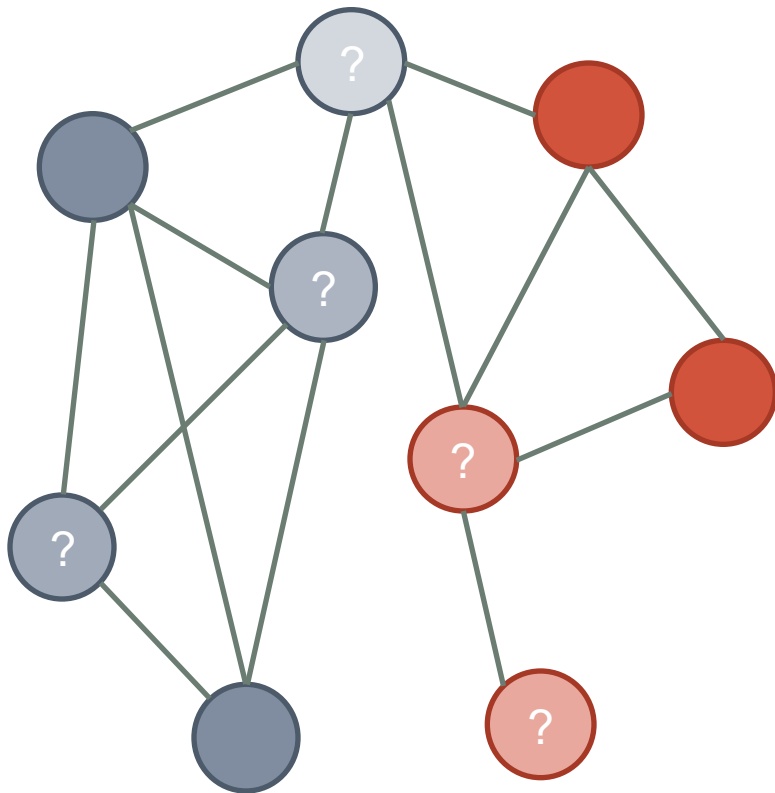
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(we will present only a few)



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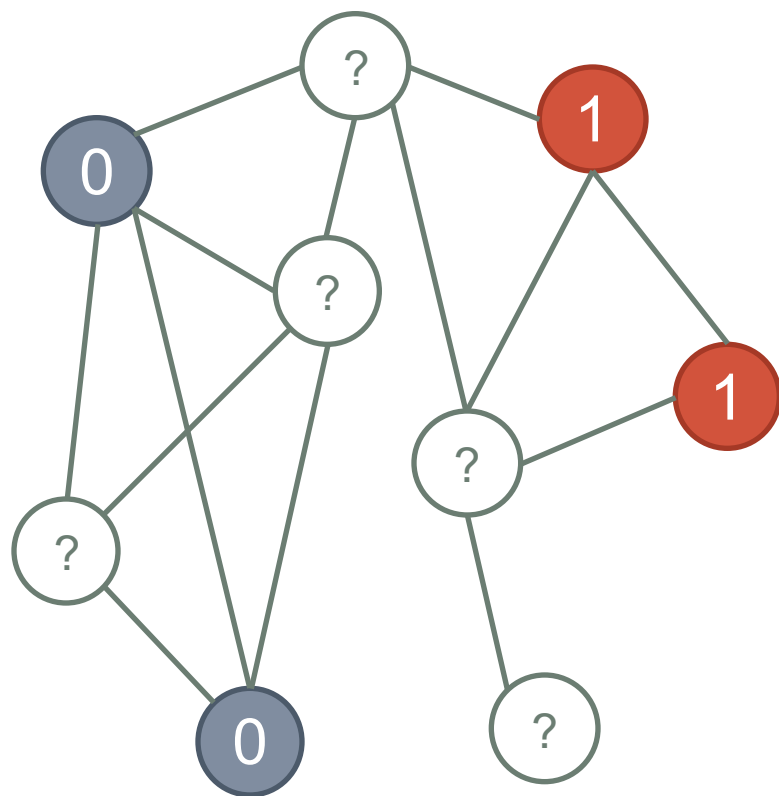


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Generally, learn labels  $X$  so neighbors have the same label (homophily)



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$$\min_f \sum_{i,j} w_{i,j} (f(i) - f(j))^2$$

Edge weight  $w_{i,j}$

$$f(i) = \frac{1}{\sum_j w_{i,j}} \sum_j w_{i,j} f(j)$$

Can set label threshold for  $f(i)$

Under this structure,  
closed form solution given in paper

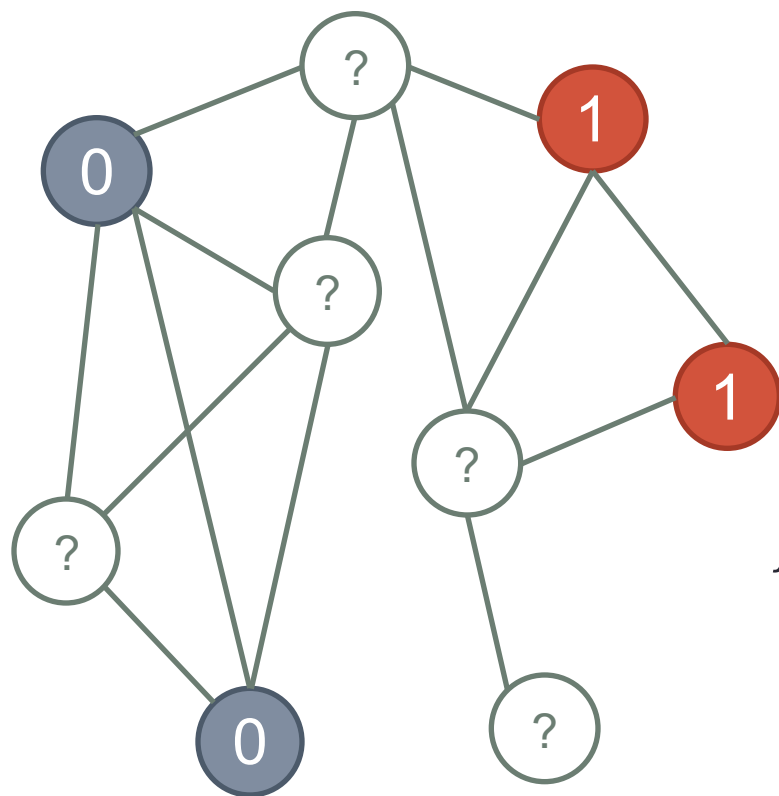
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Can view as a random walk:

- Go to neighbor with probability proportional to  $w_{i,j}$
- Return node-prior with probability  $p_v$
- Return no guess with probability  $q_v$

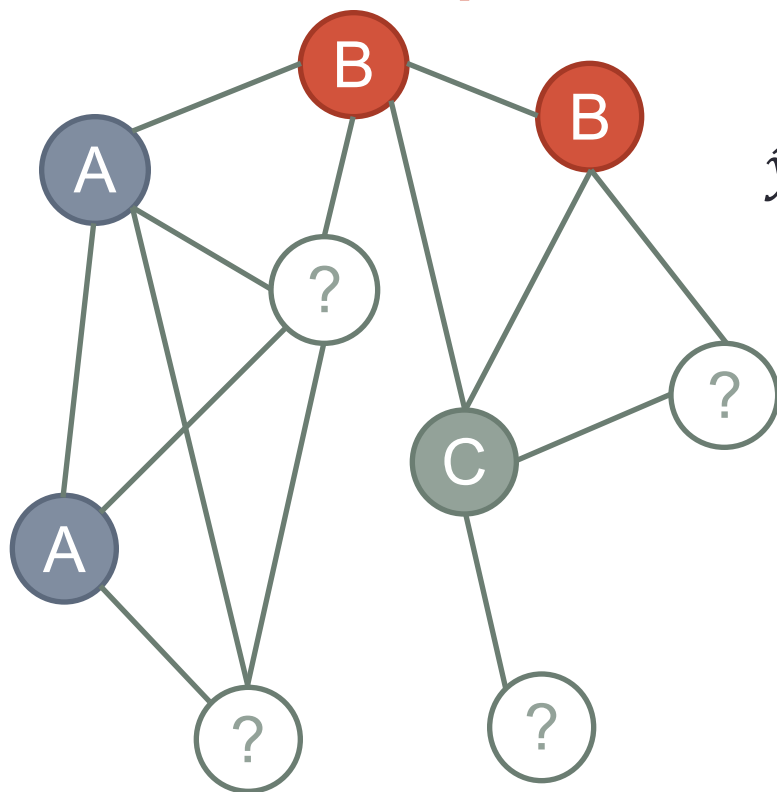
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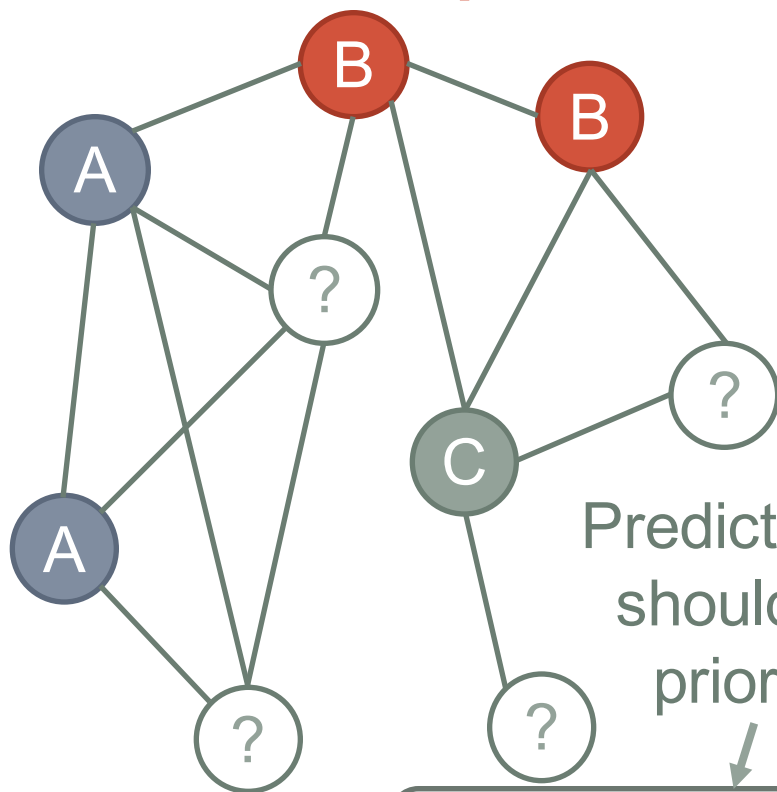
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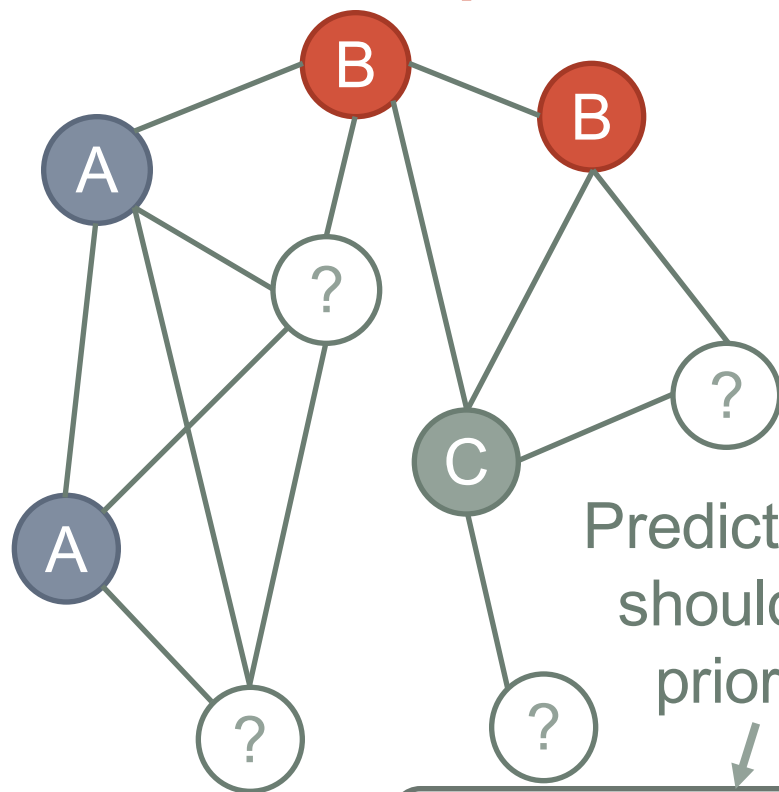
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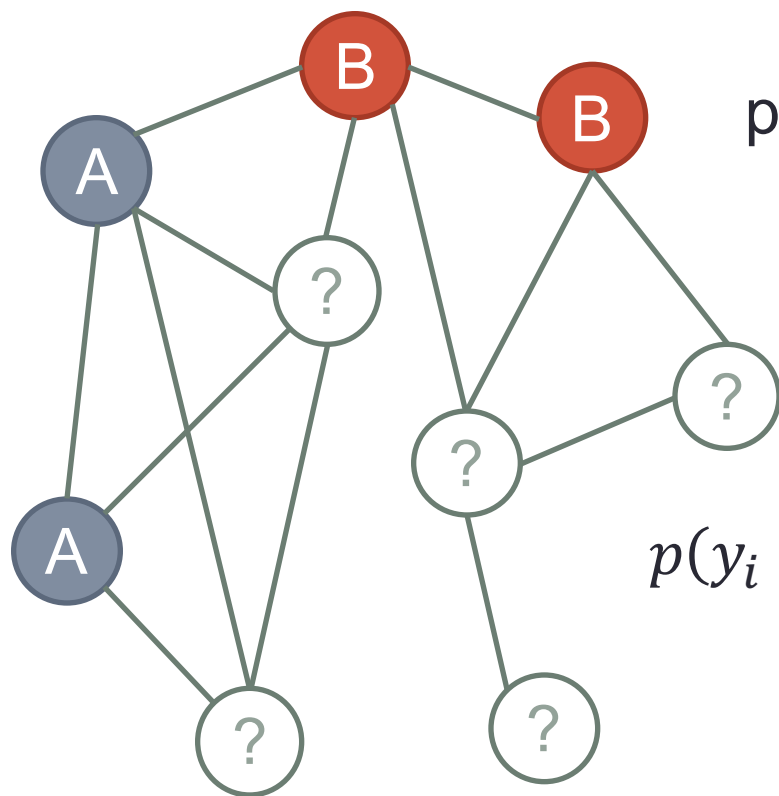
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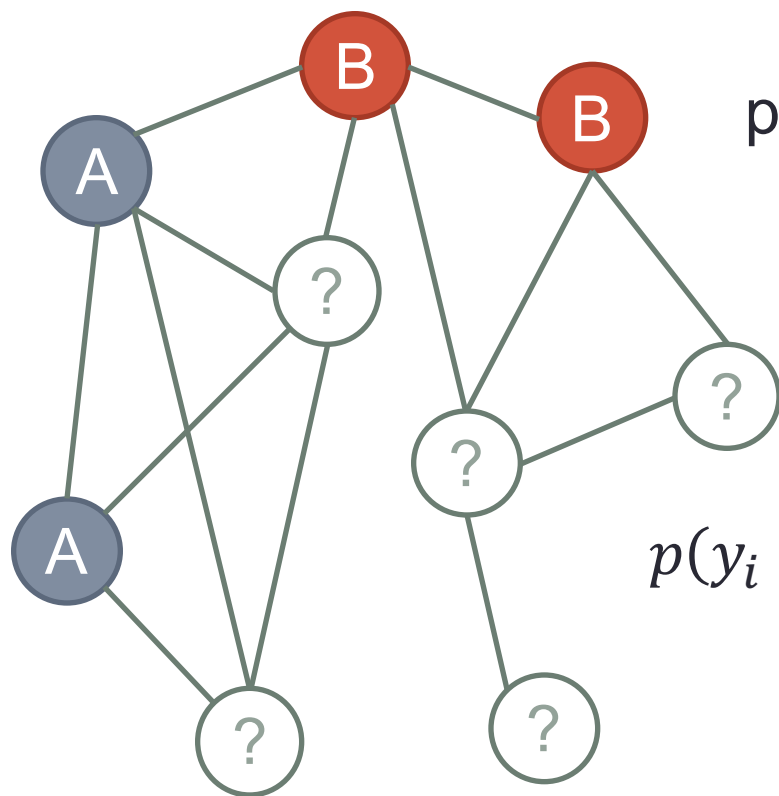
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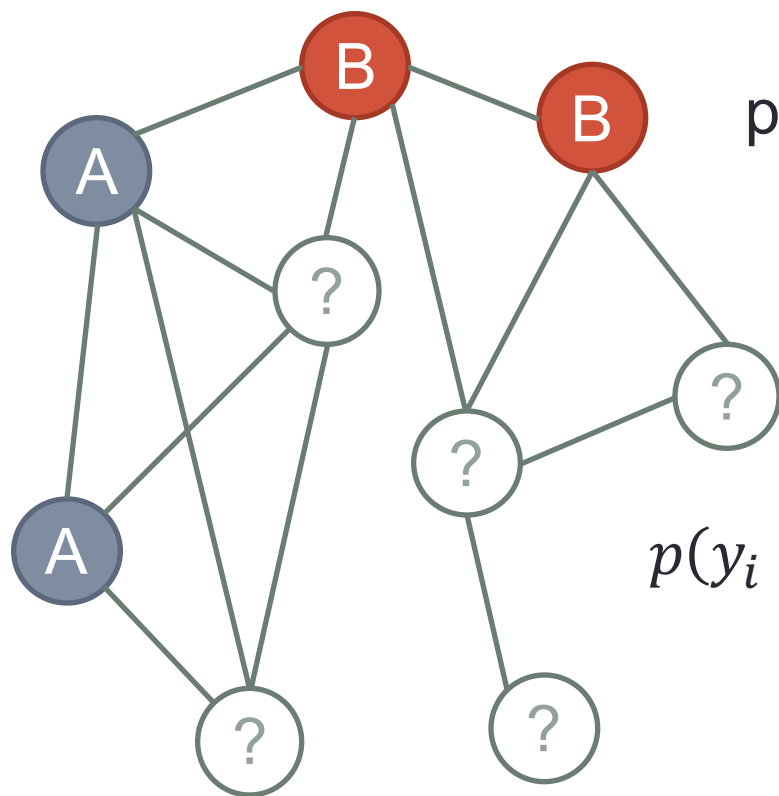
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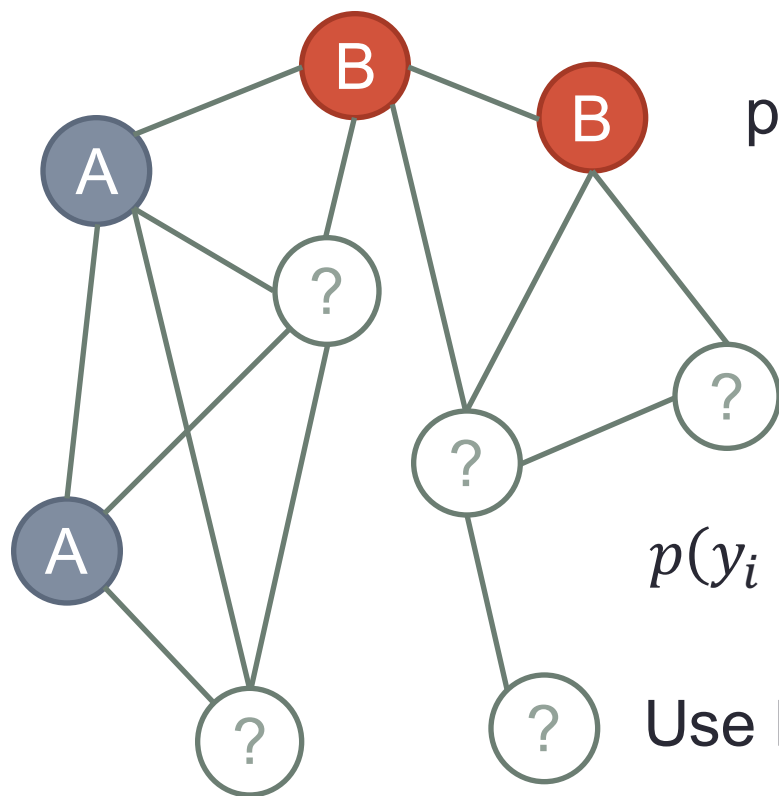
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|-------|---|-------|-----|
|       |   | A     | B   |
| $y_i$ | A | 0.8   | 0.2 |
|       | B | 0.2   | 0.8 |

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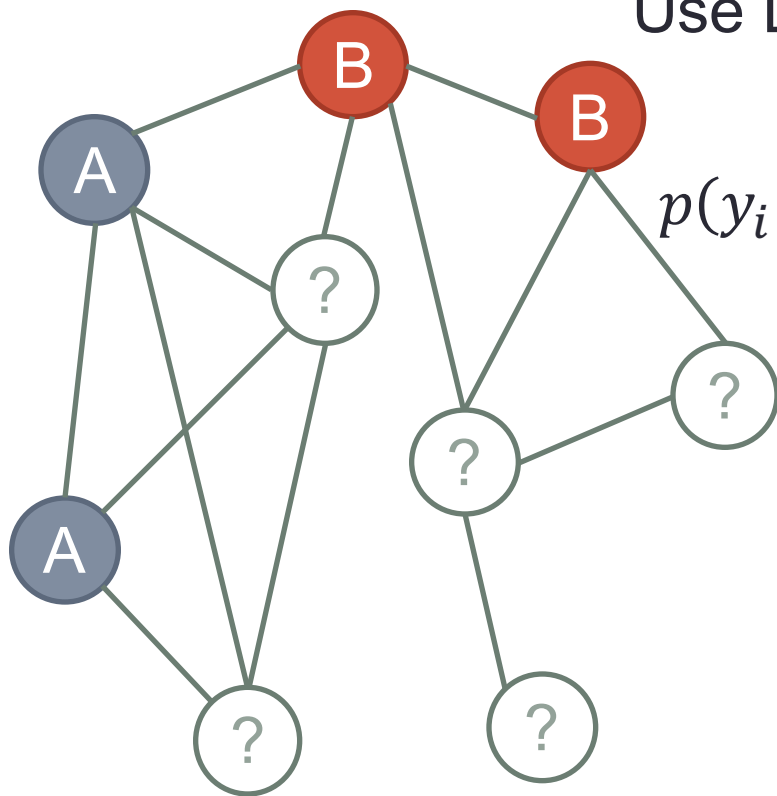


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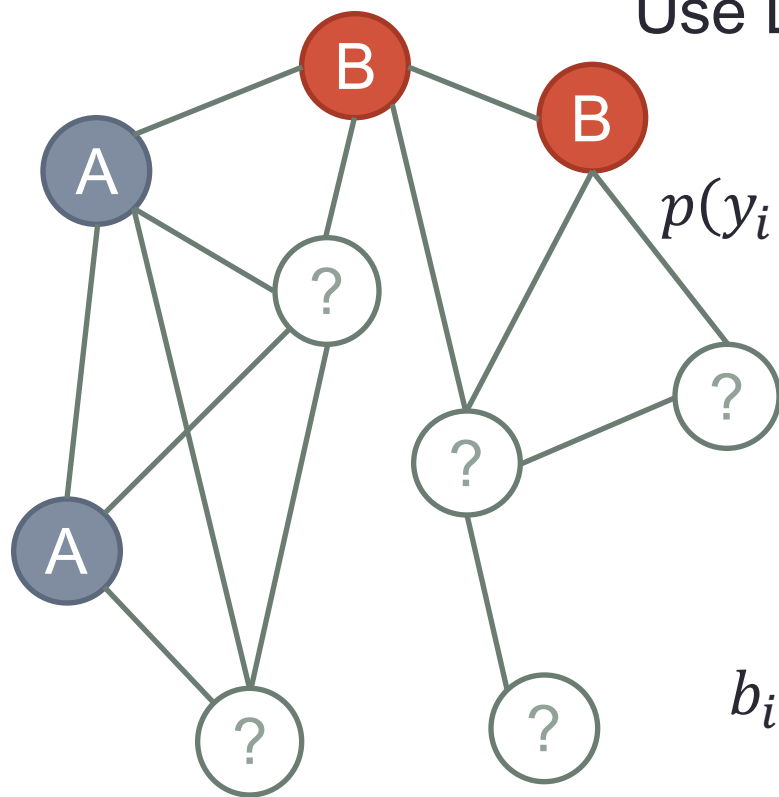
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Node  $y_i$  estimated by

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Message from  $i$  to  $j$  given by

$$m_{i \rightarrow j}(y_j) \leftarrow \sum_{y_i} \phi_i(y_i) \psi_{i,j}(y_i, y_j) \prod_{(i,k) \in E | k \neq j} m_{k \rightarrow i}(y_i)$$

**DETAILS!**



# Unifying Propagation Methods

| Method | Homophily | Heterophily | Convergence | Scalability |
|--------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| RWR    | ✓         | ✗           | ✓           | ✓           |
| SSL    | ✓         | ?           | ✓           | ✓           |
| BP     | ✓         | ✓           | ?           | ✓           |

Unifying Guilt-by-Association Approaches: Theorems and Fast Algorithms

Danai Koutra, Tai-You Ke, U Kang, Polo Chau,  
Hsing-Kuo Kenneth Pao, Christos Faloutsos  
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# Unifying Propagation Methods

Can approximate all methods by:

| Method            | matrix  | unknown      | known                  |
|-------------------|---|--------------|------------------------|
| RWR               | $[\mathbf{I} - c\mathbf{A}\mathbf{D}^{-1}] \times$      | $\mathbf{x}$ | $= (1 - c) \mathbf{y}$ |
| SSL               | $[\mathbf{I} + \alpha(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A})] \times$ | $\mathbf{x}$ | $= \mathbf{y}$         |
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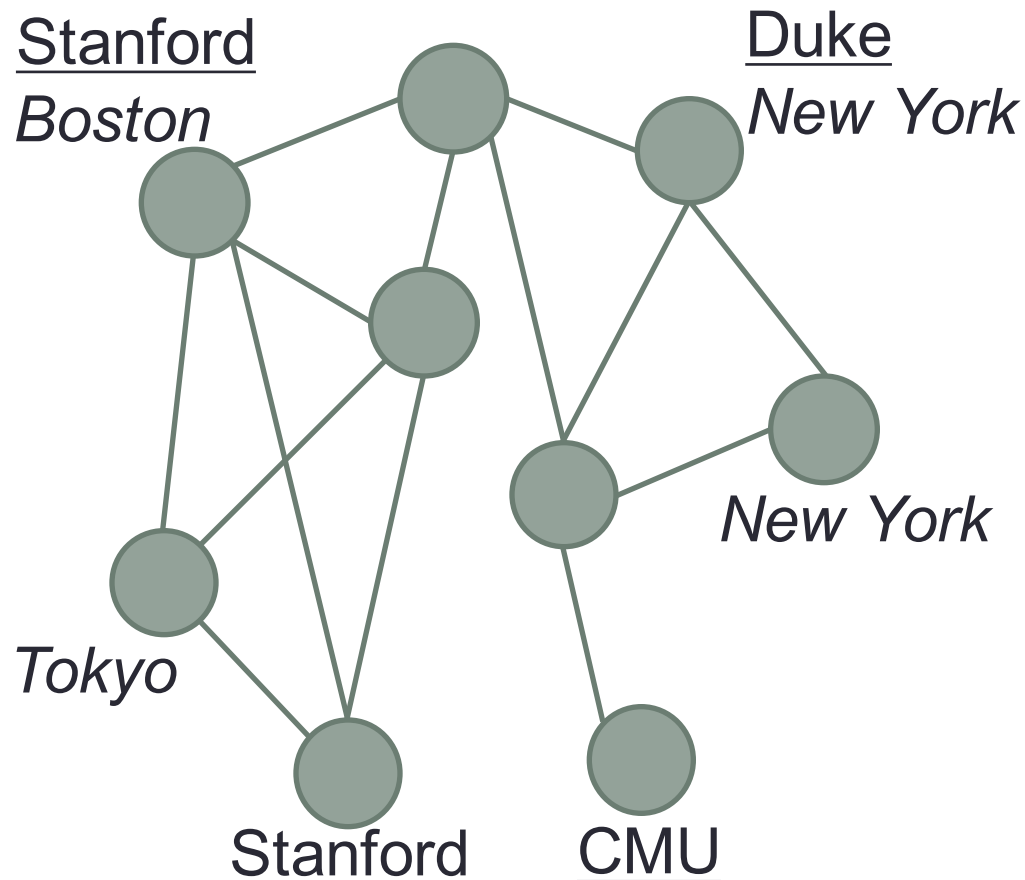
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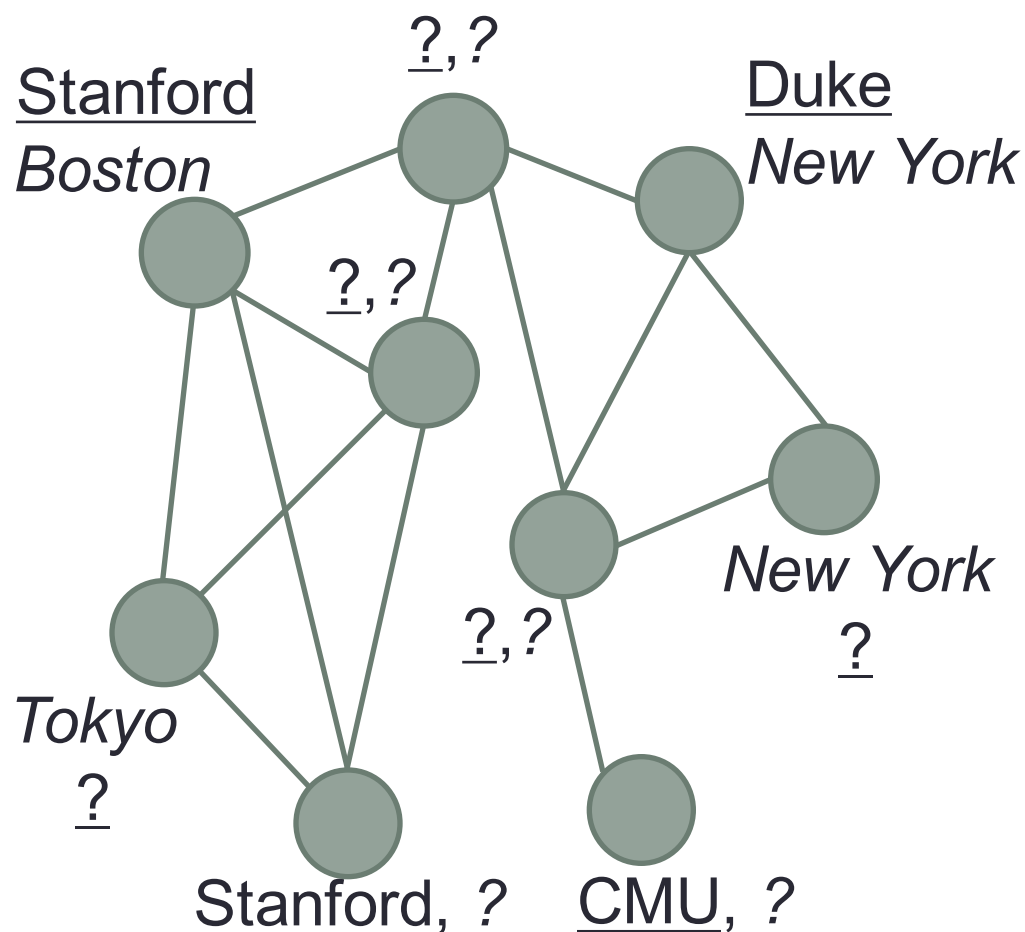
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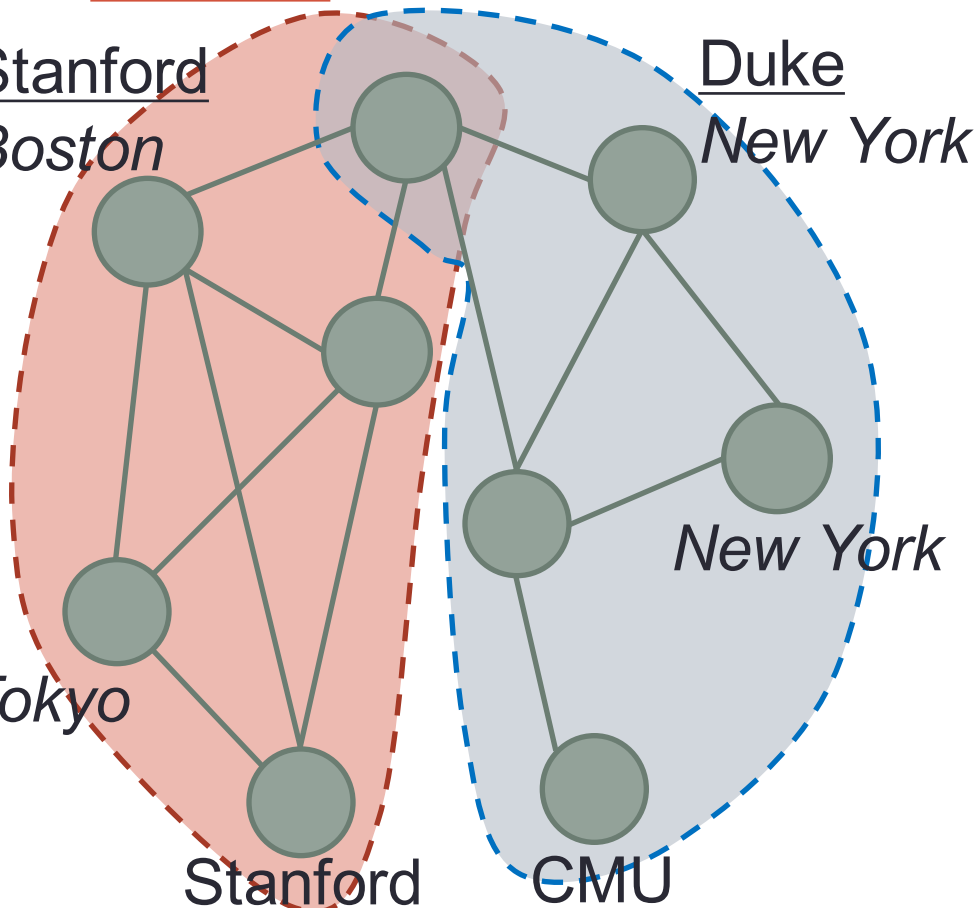
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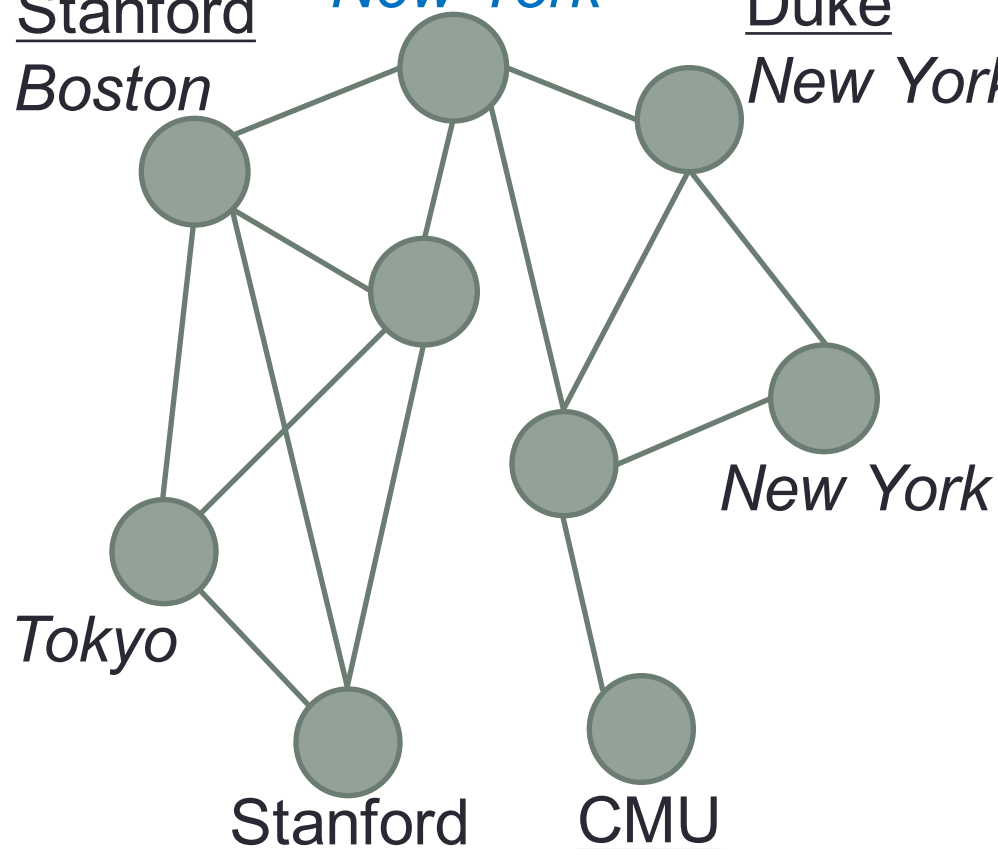


# Explain friendships to infer user properties

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If we have incomplete labels of many types, can we infer the rest of the labels?

Idea:

Adjacent nodes only need to be agree on **one** label

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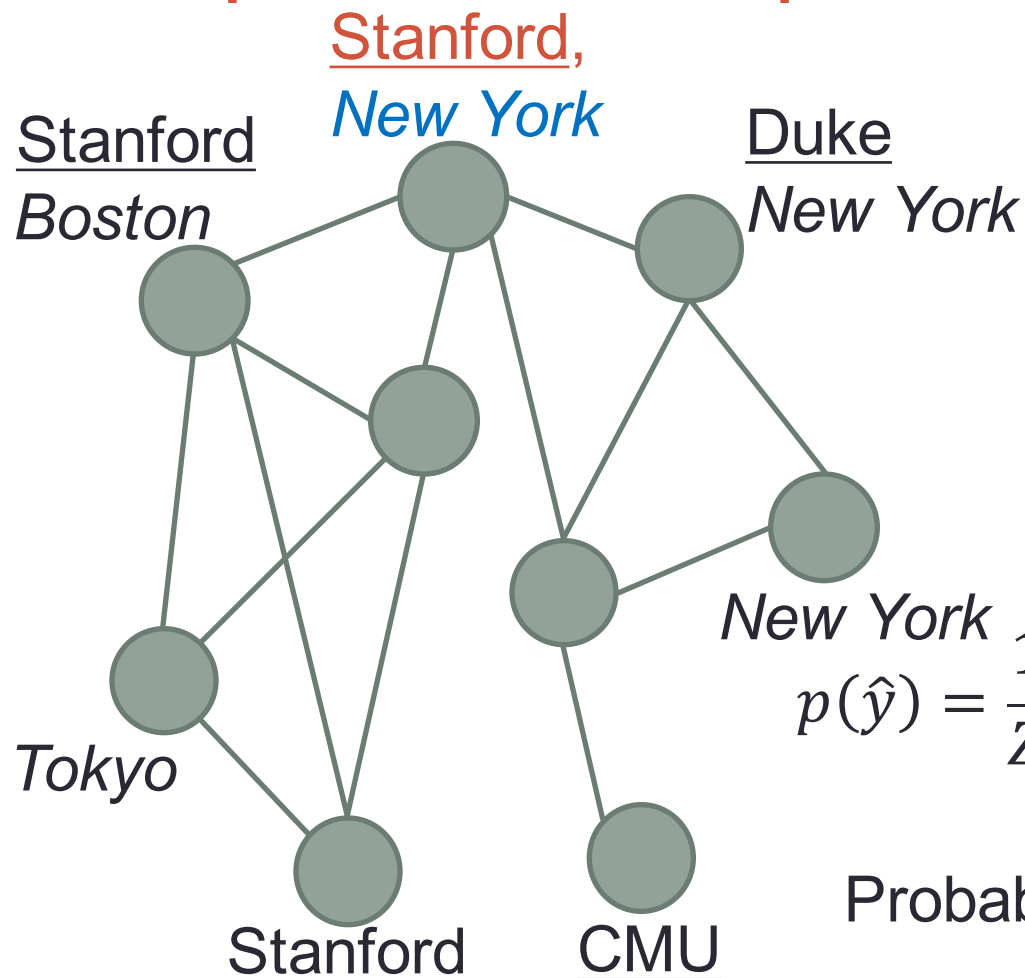
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For each user  $u$  and property type  $t$ , we can observe 1 label from set  $L(t)$ , as given by vector  $y_{u,t}$

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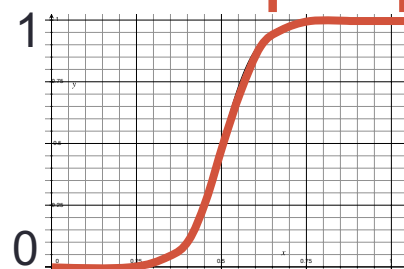
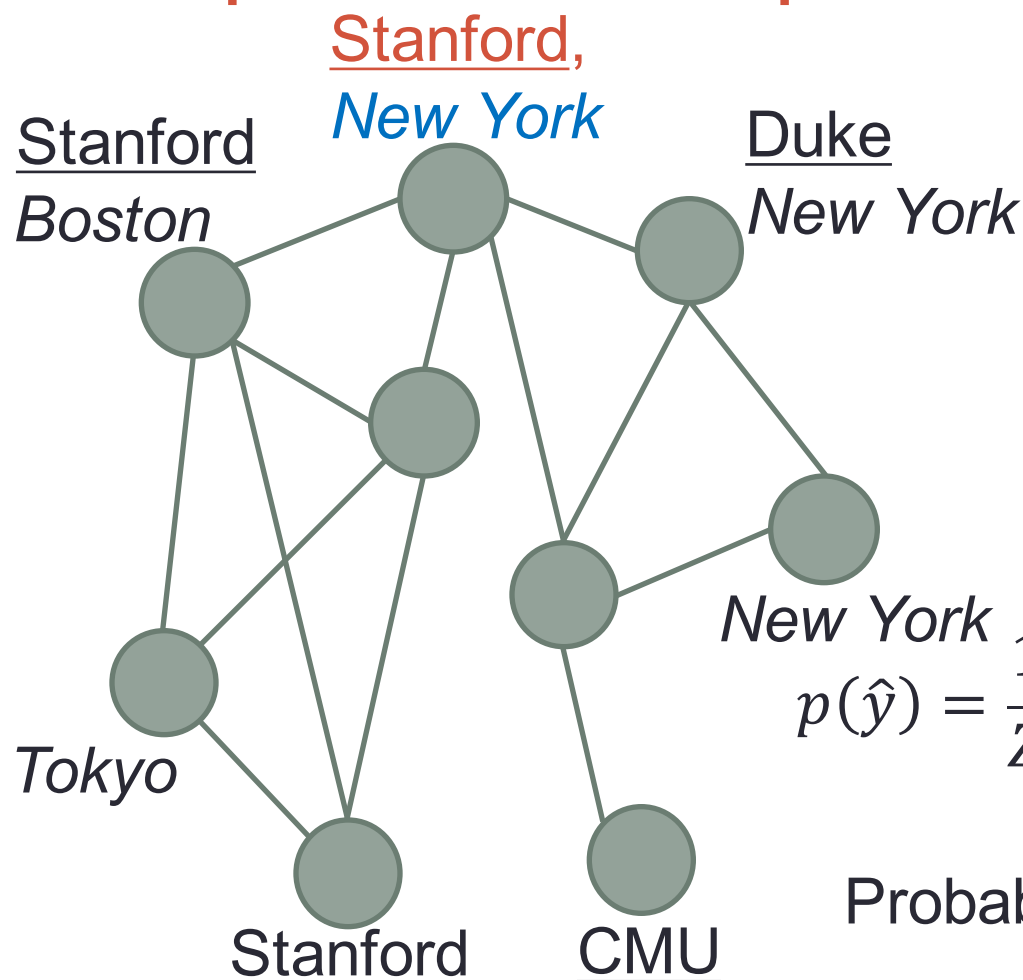
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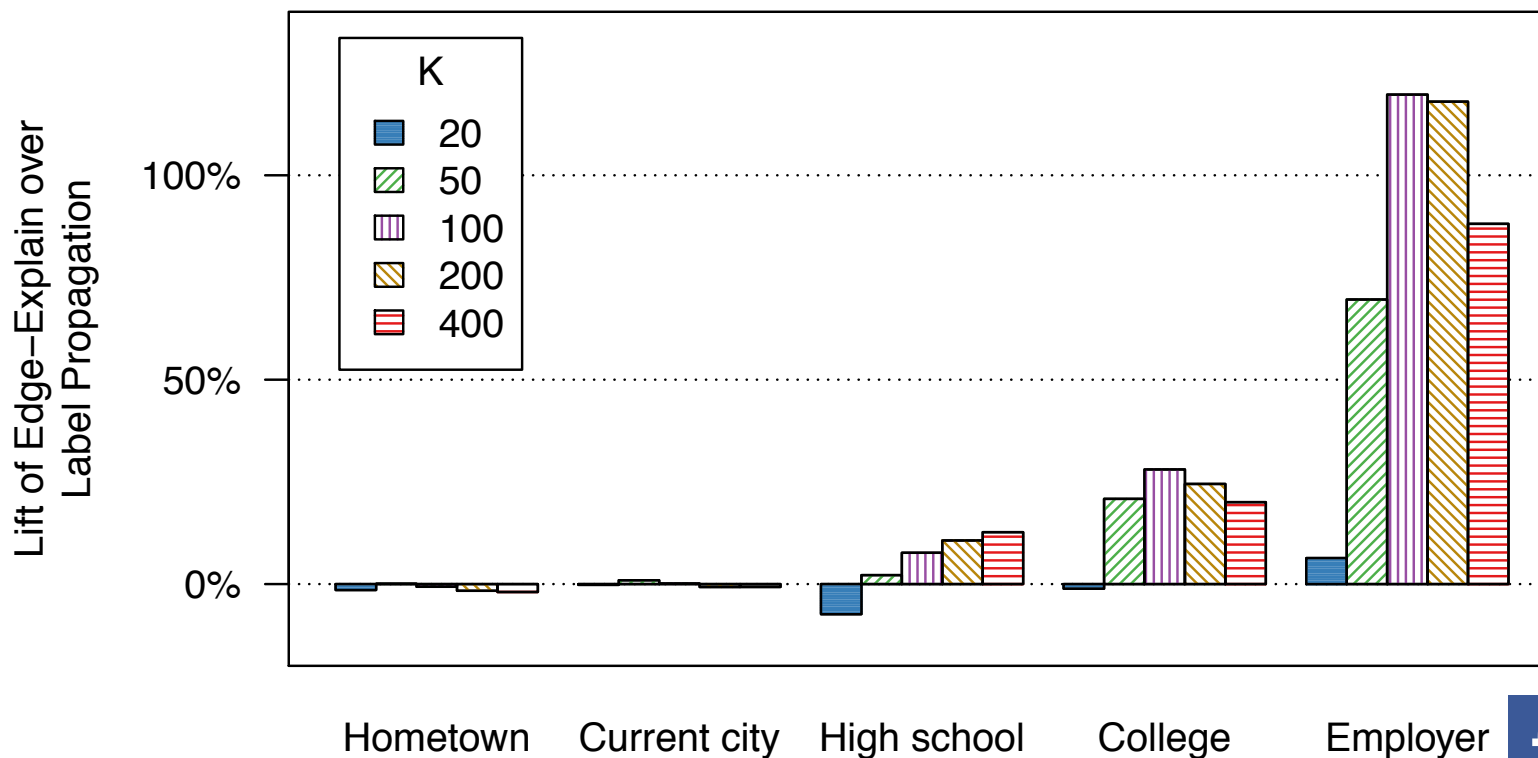
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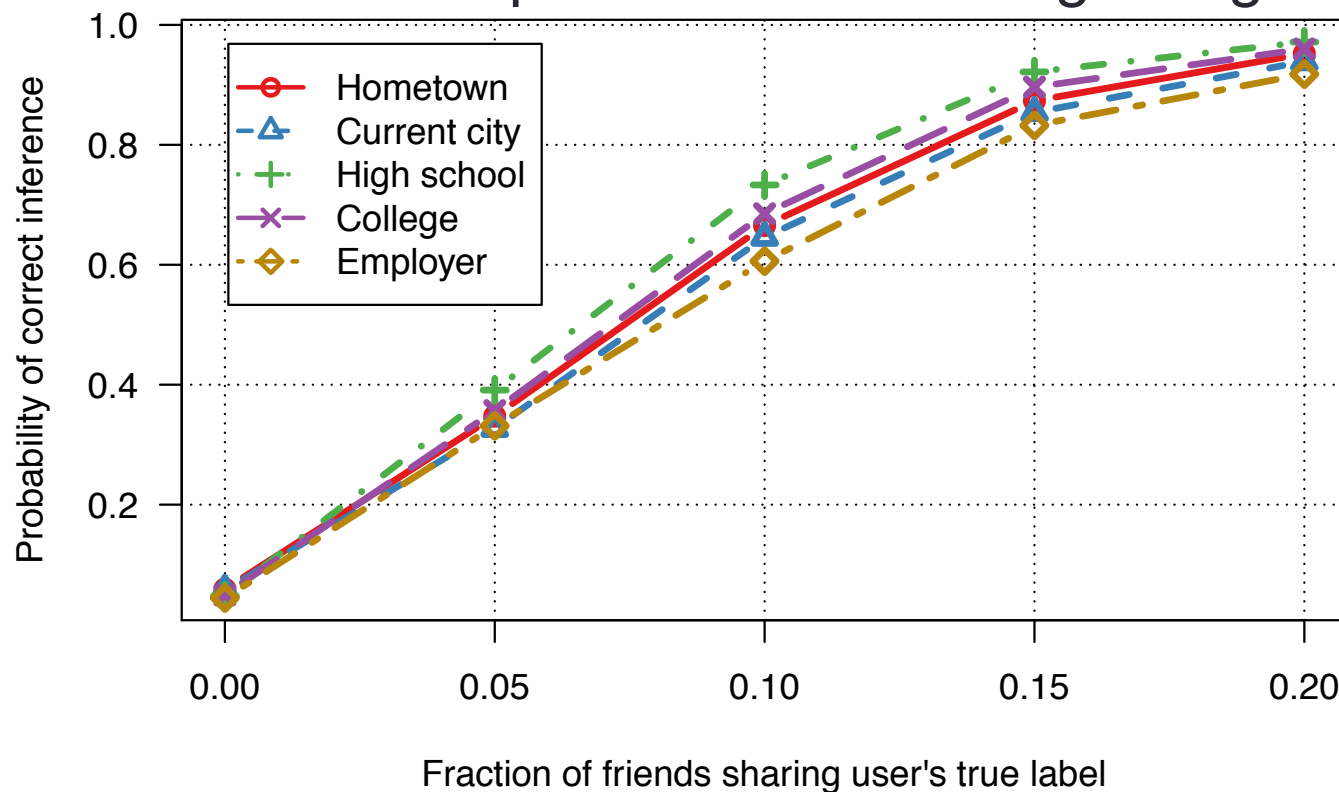
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based on percent of friends agreeing



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b) Normal Behavior

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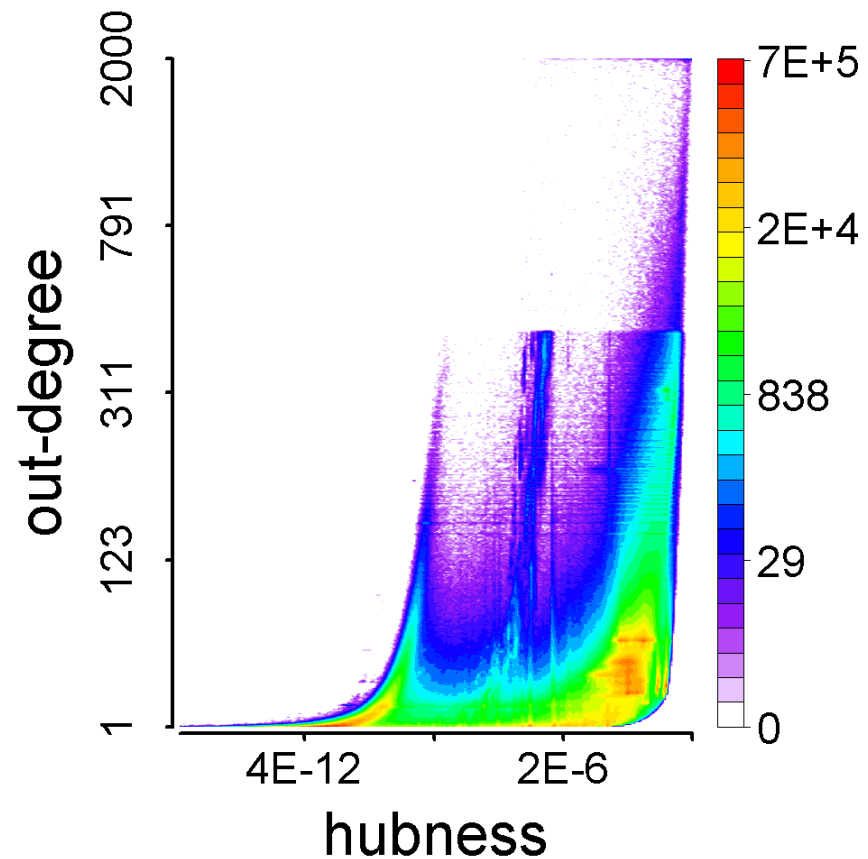
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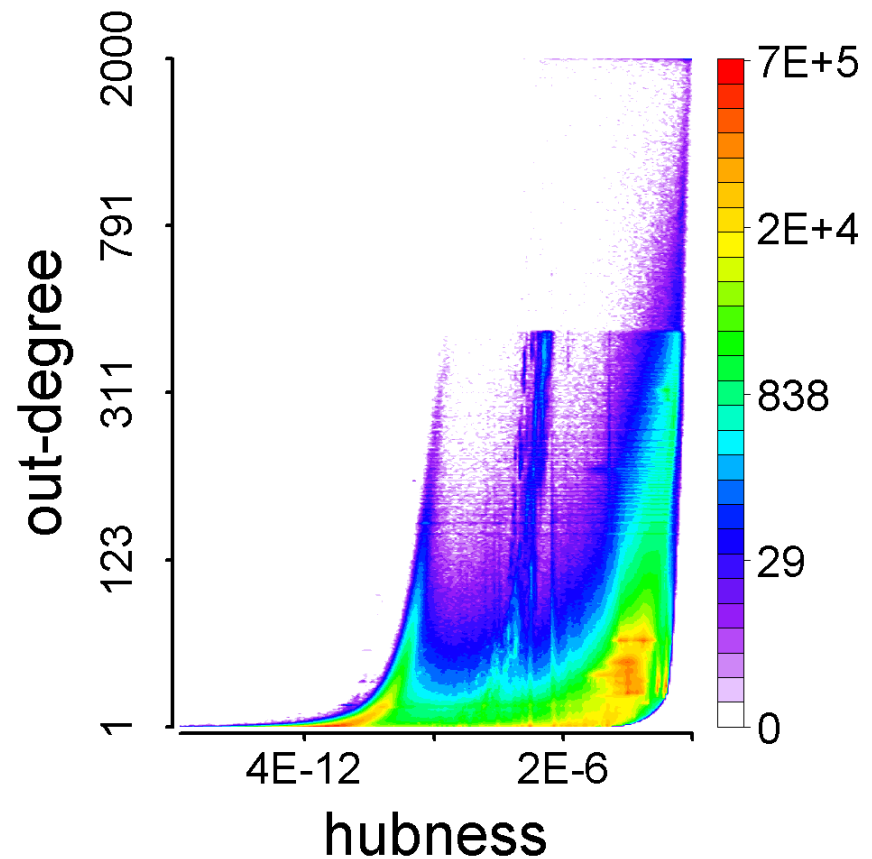


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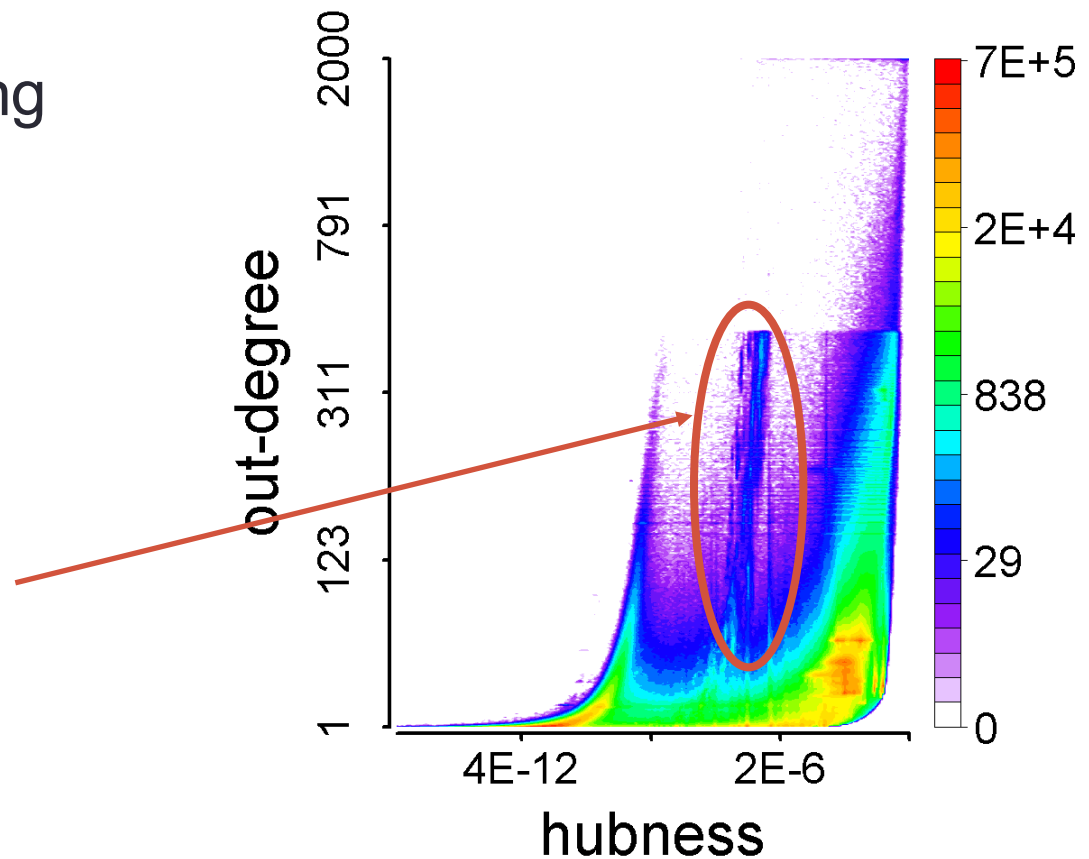


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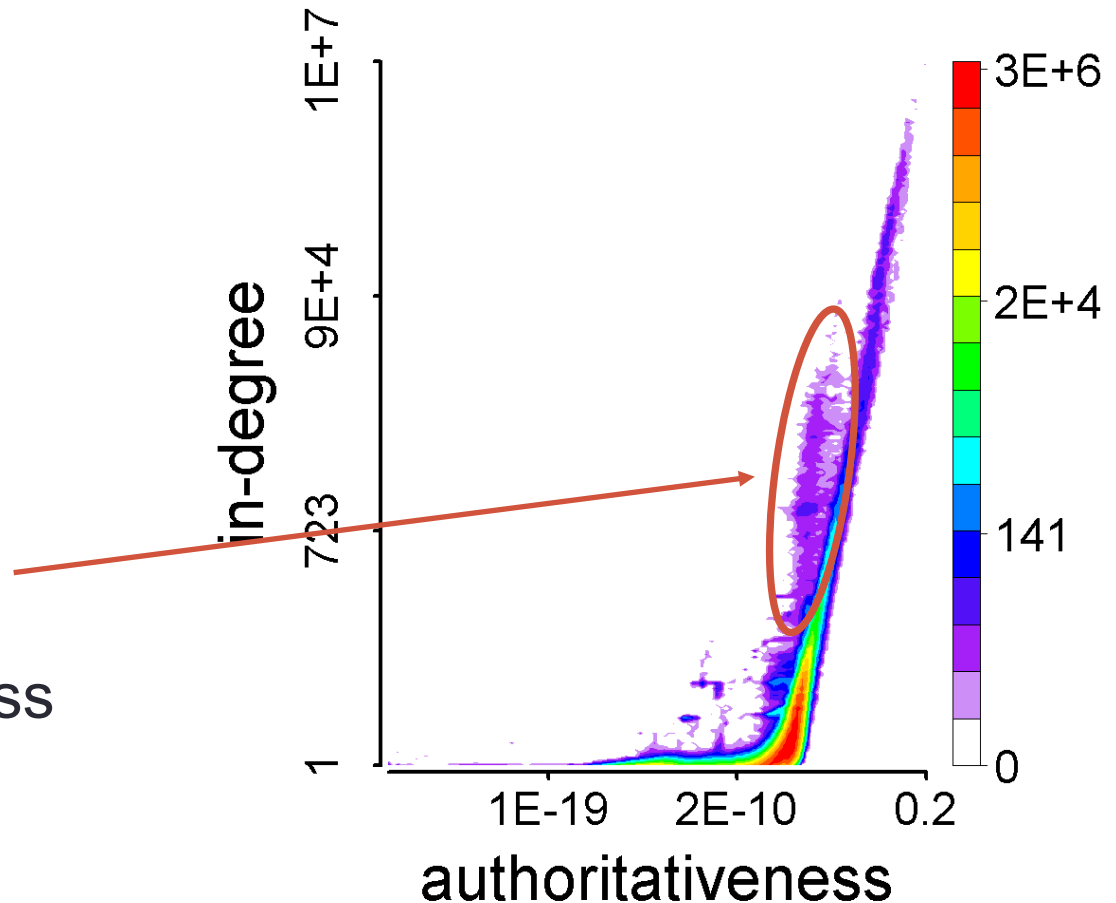


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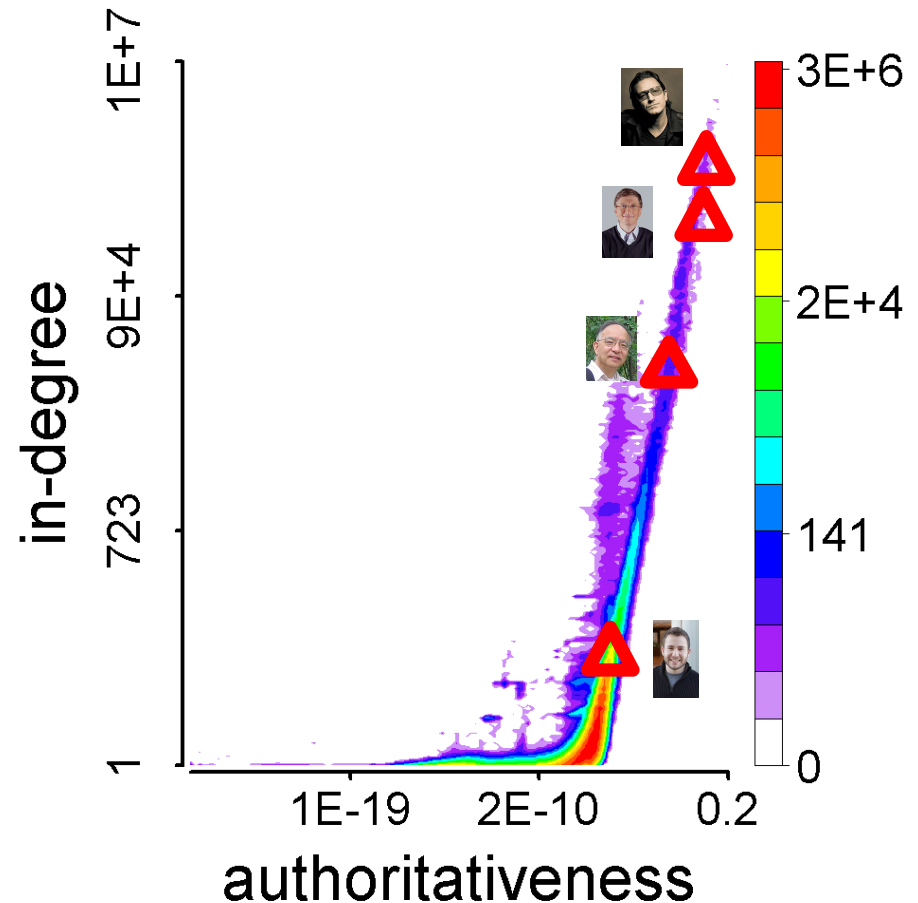
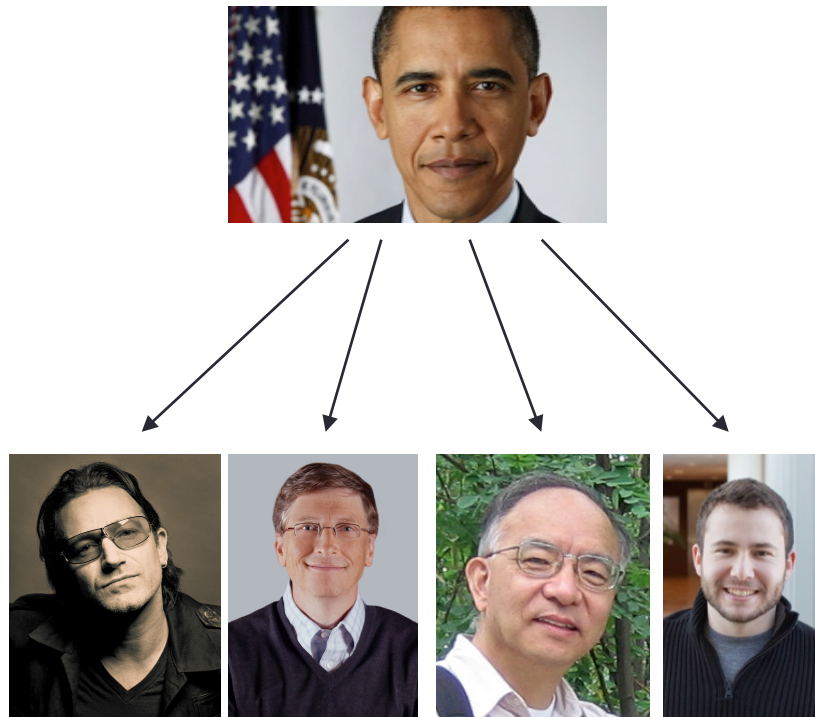
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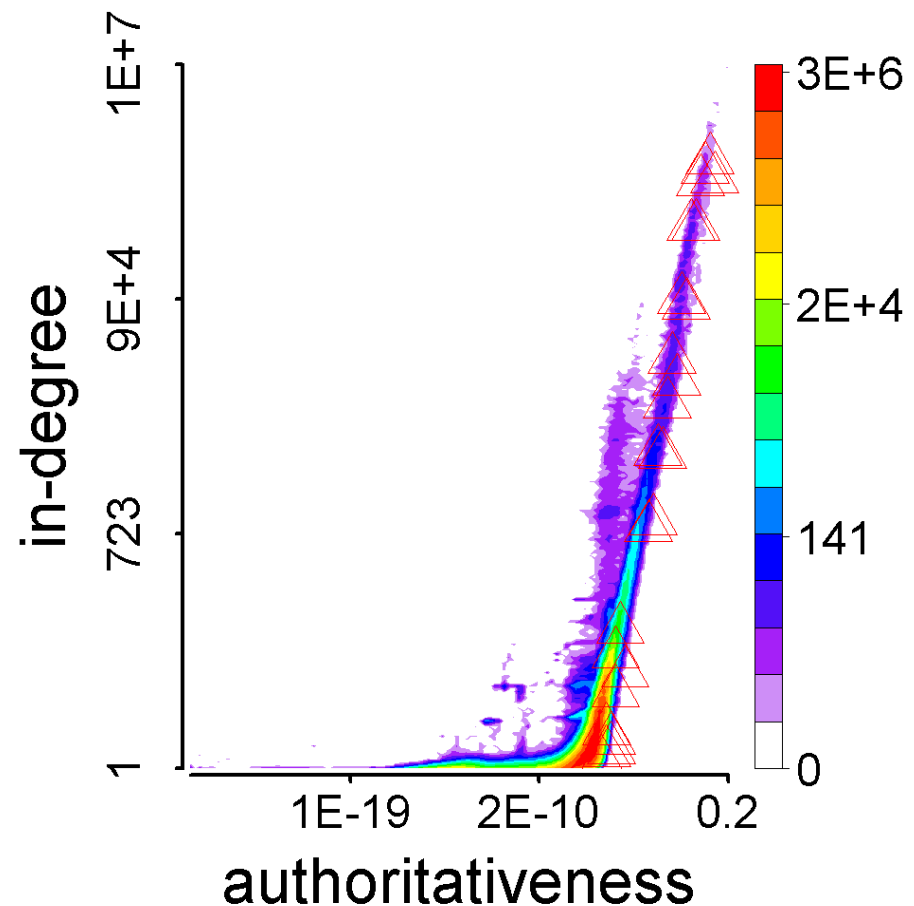
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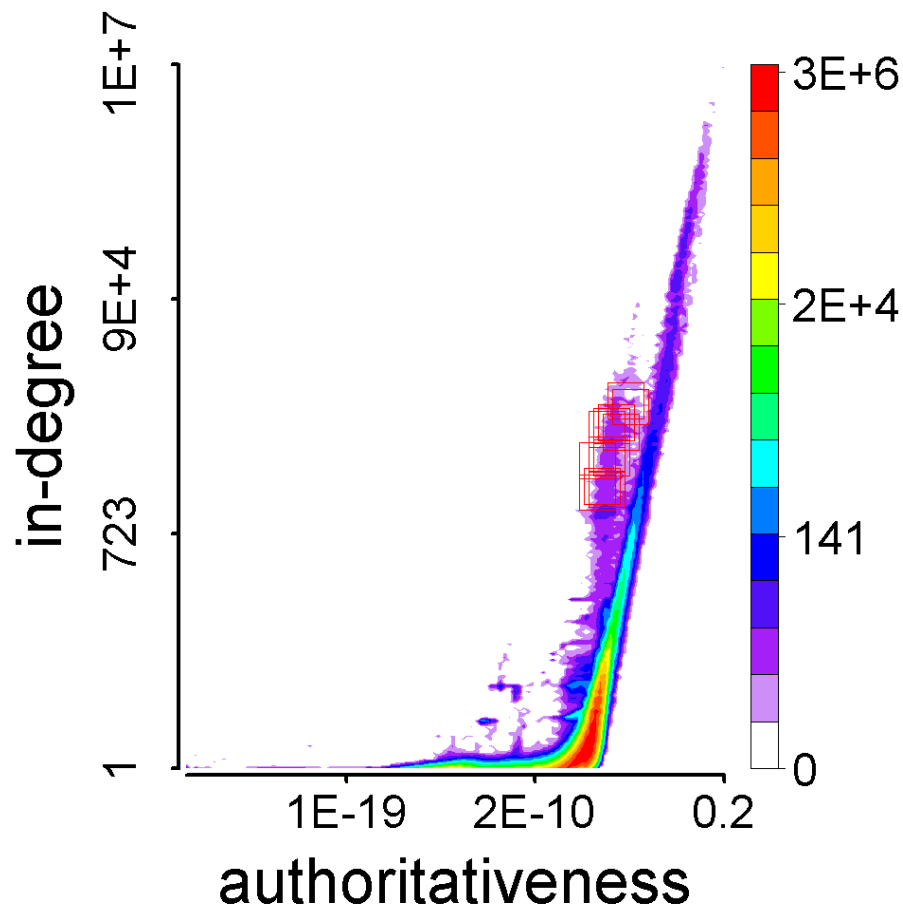
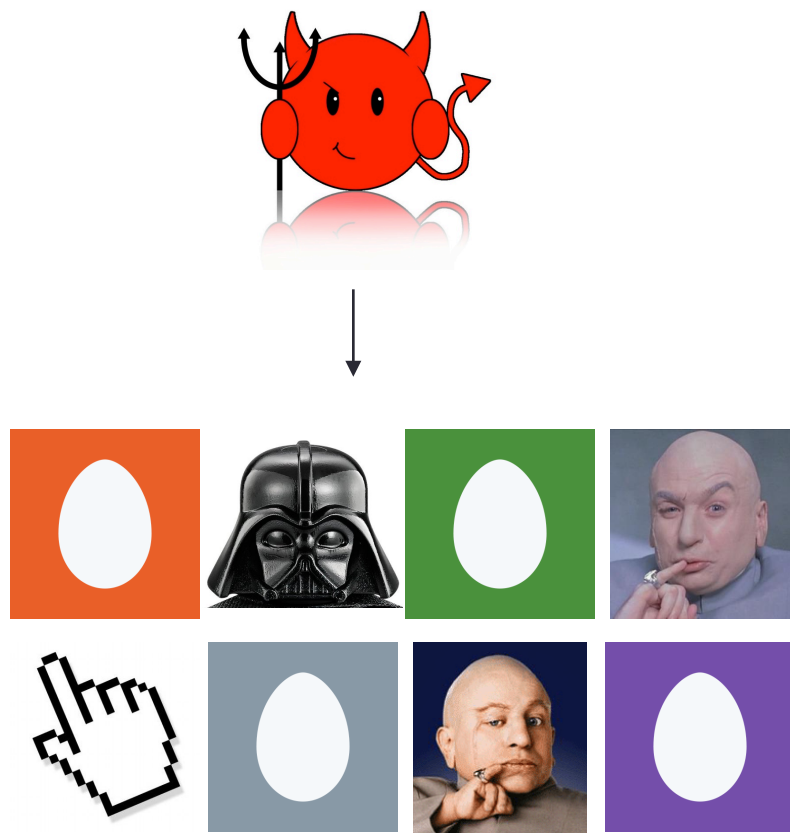
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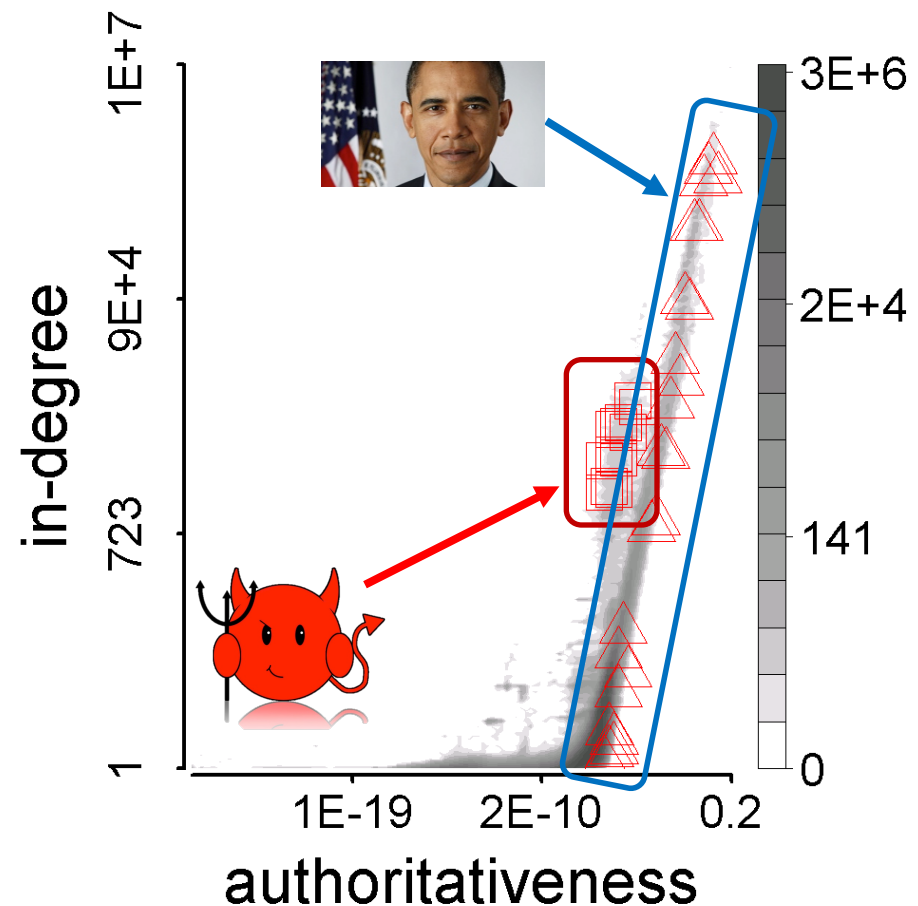


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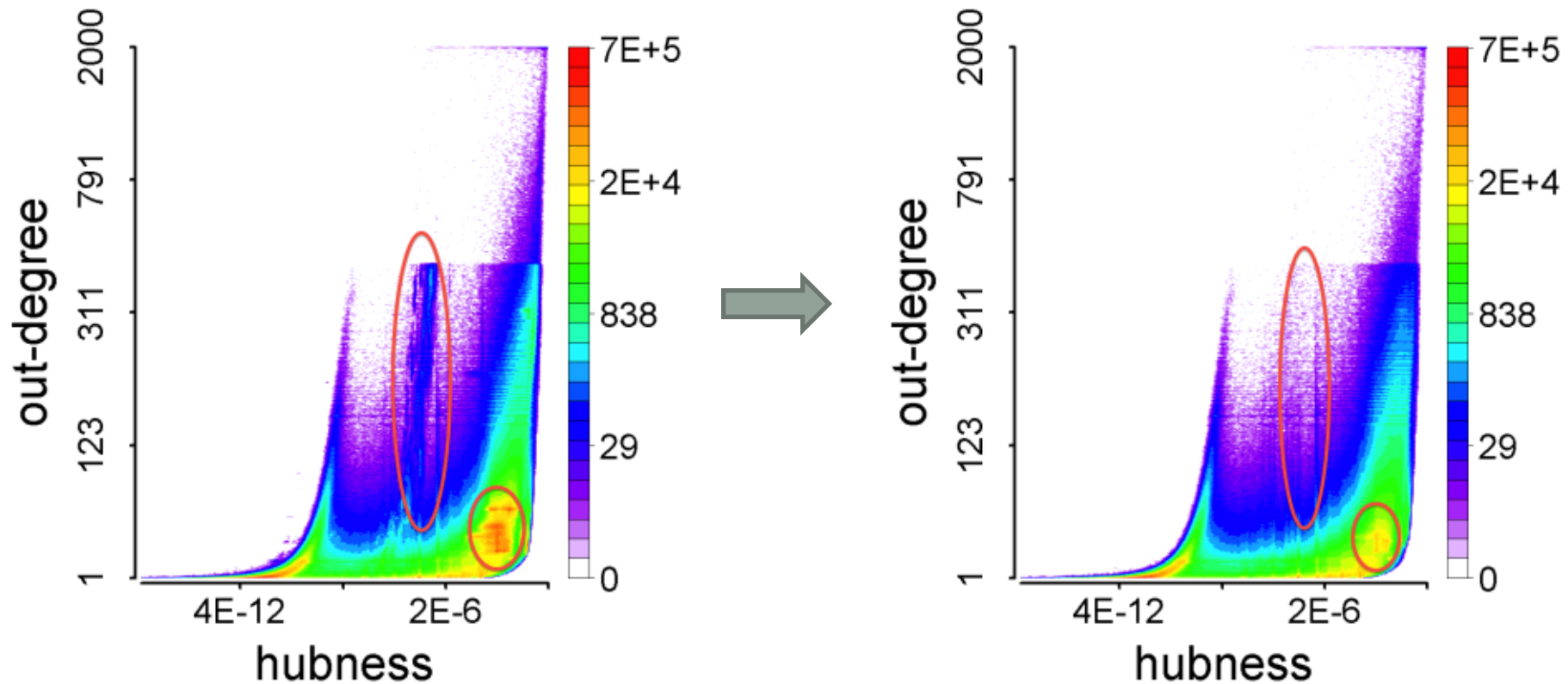
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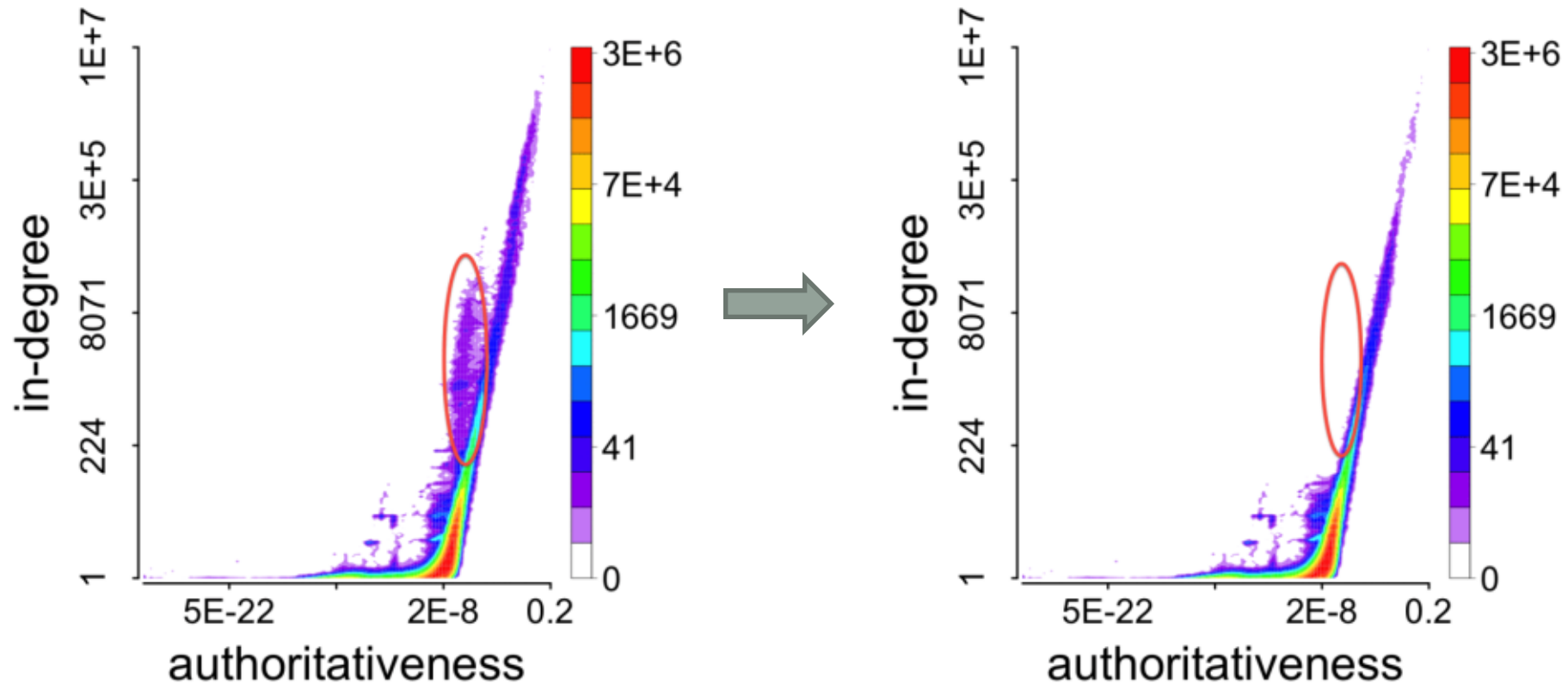
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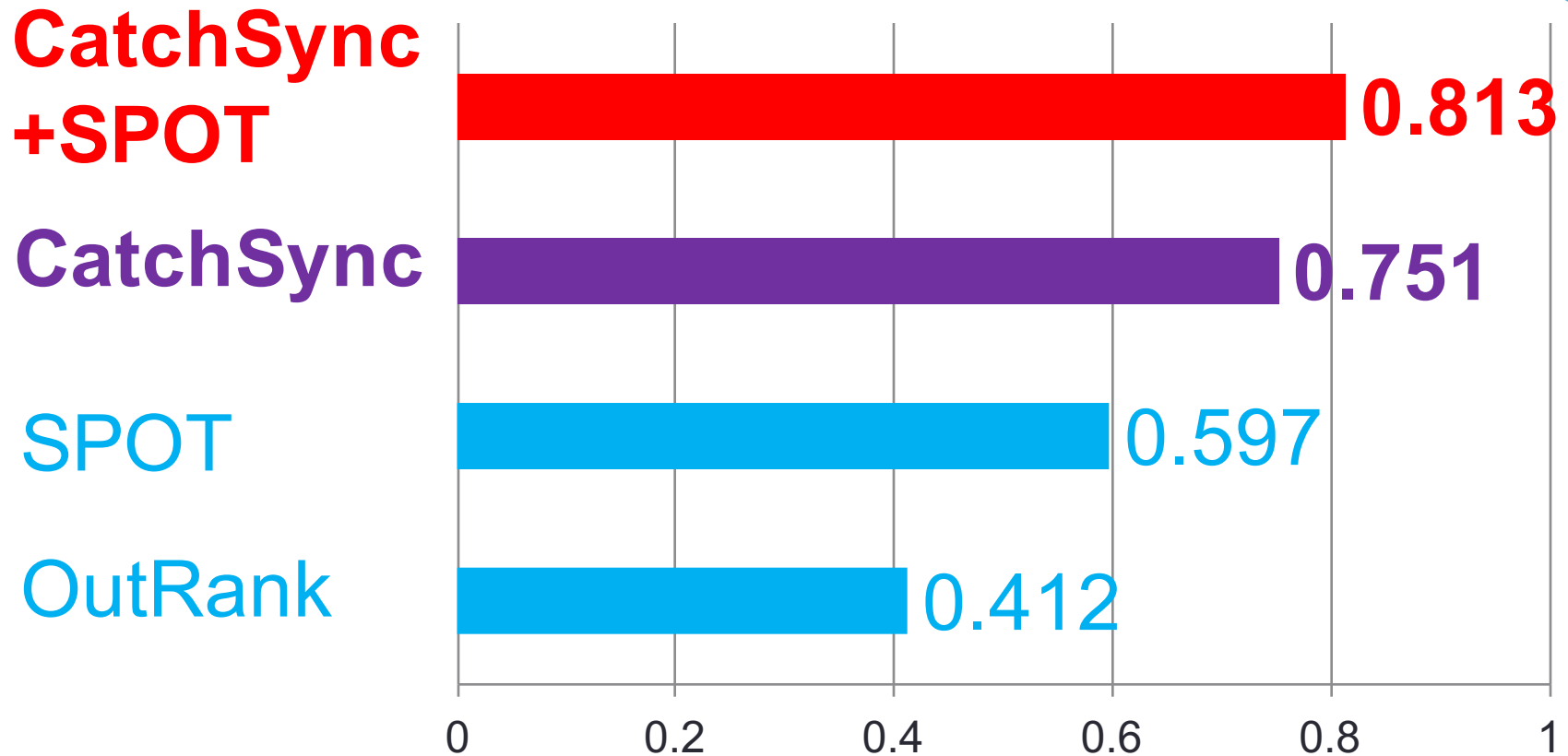


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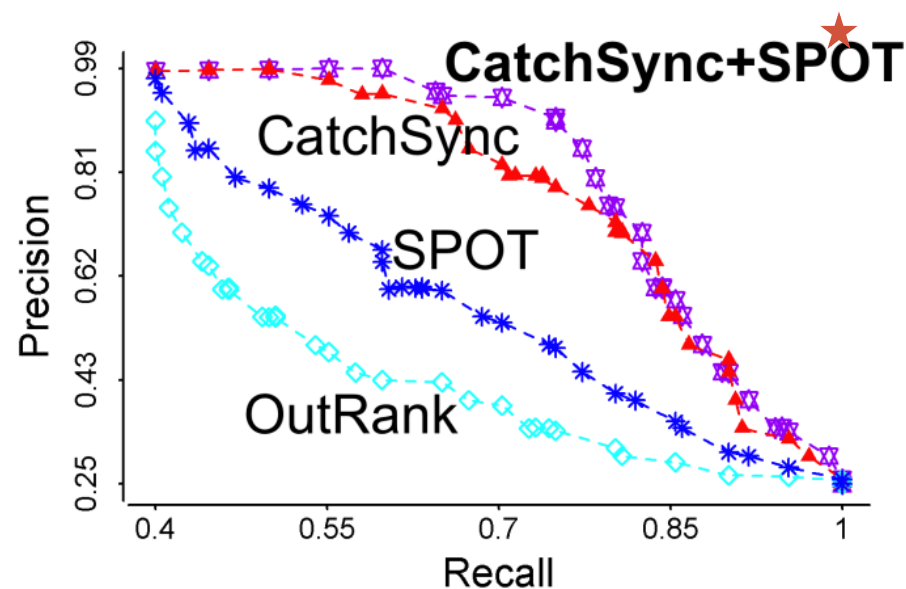
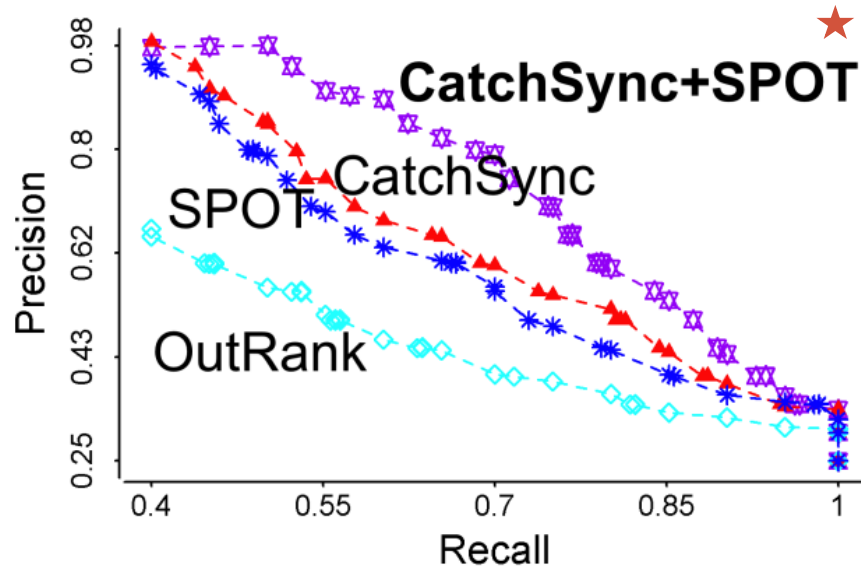
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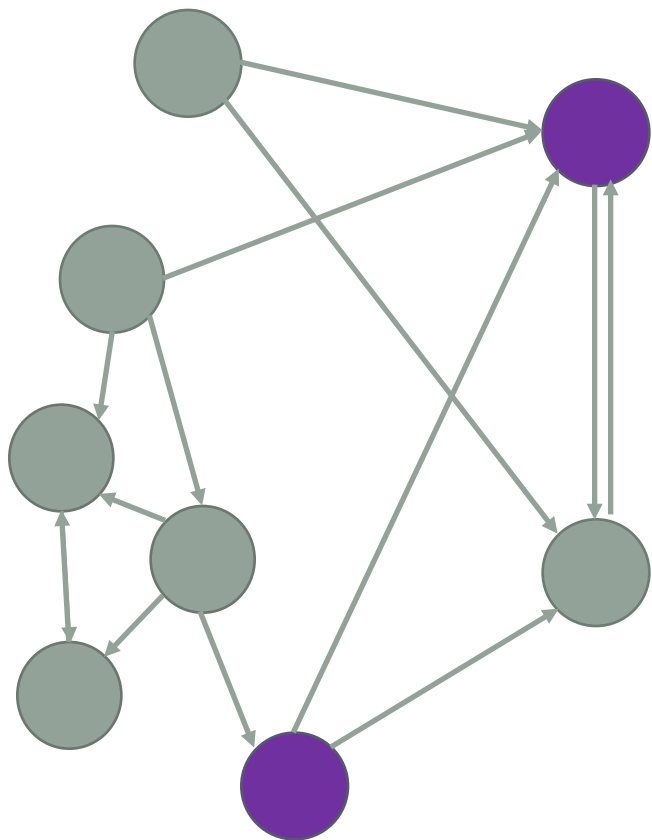
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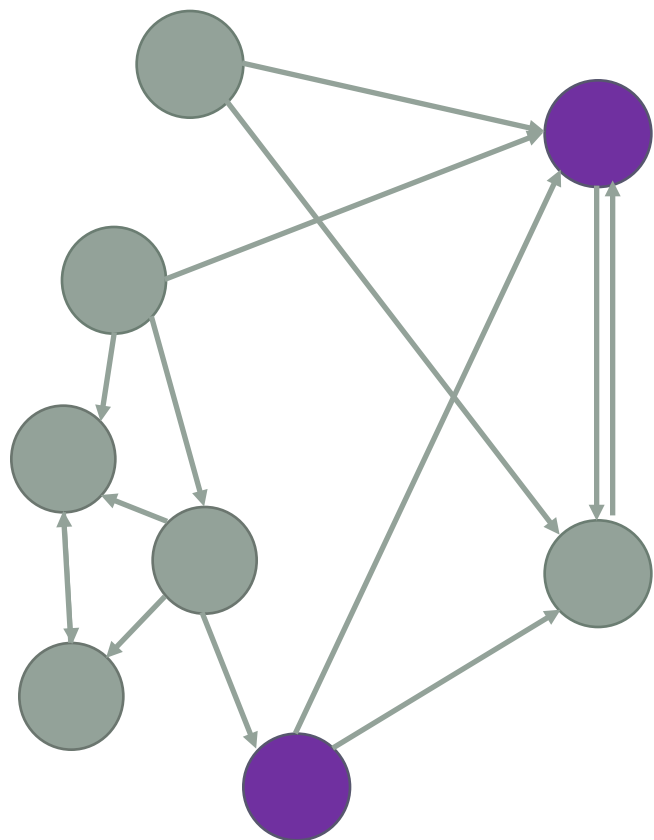
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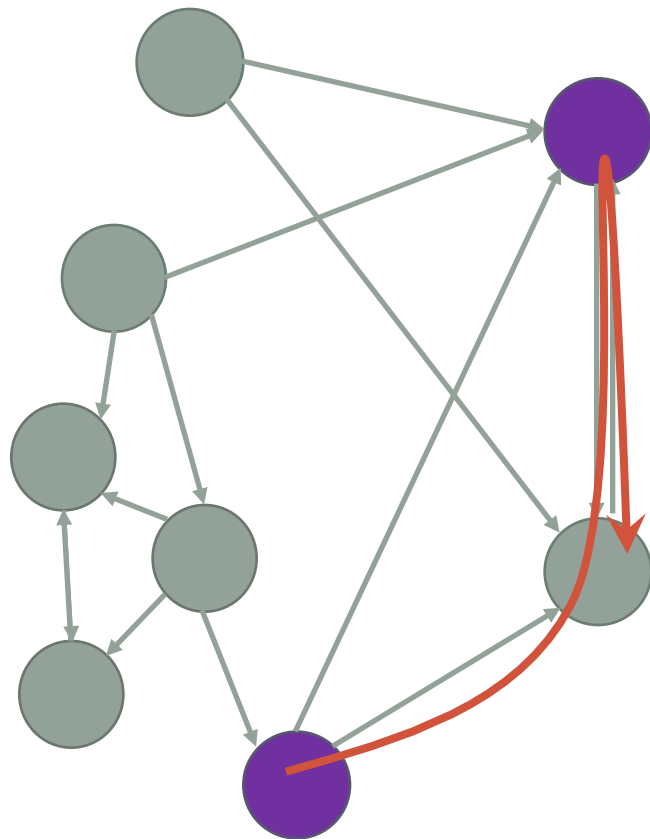
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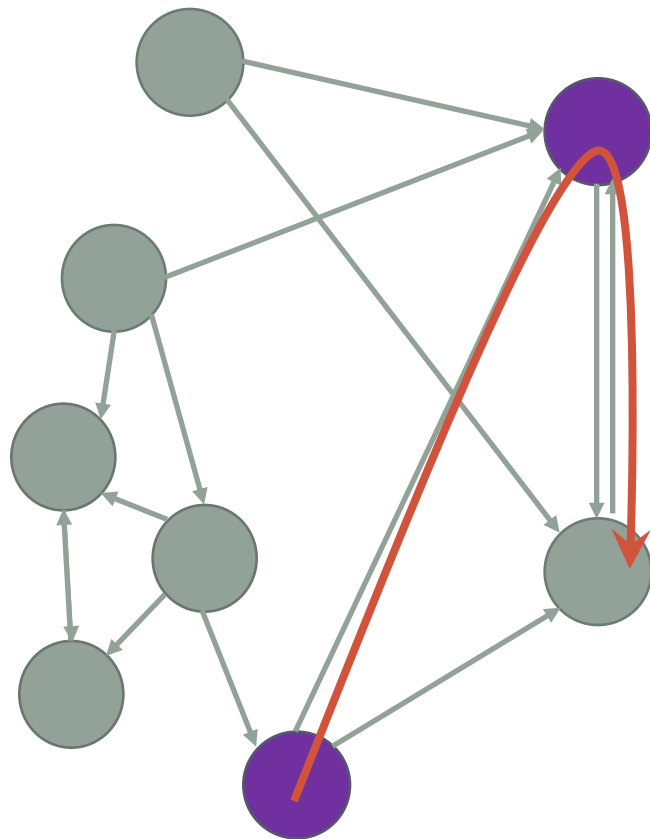
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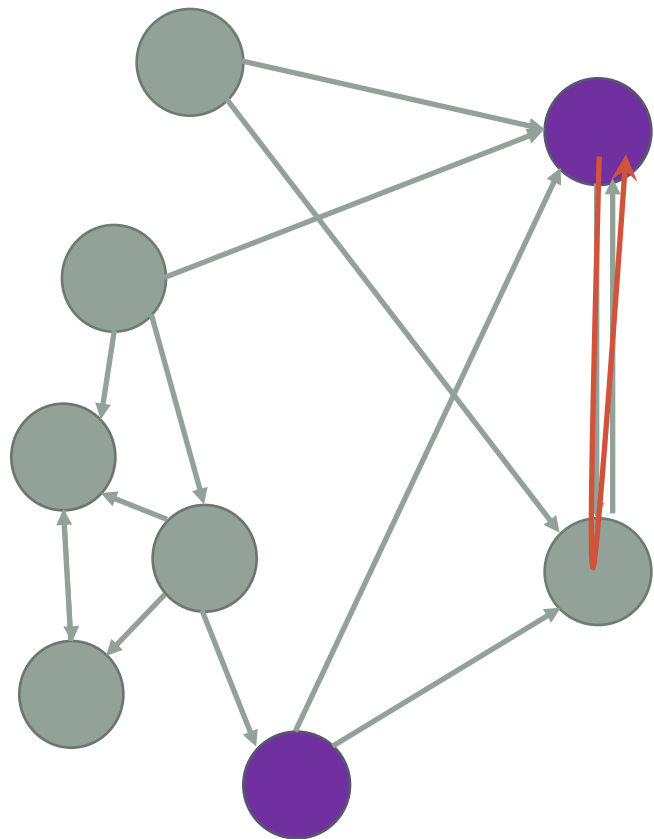
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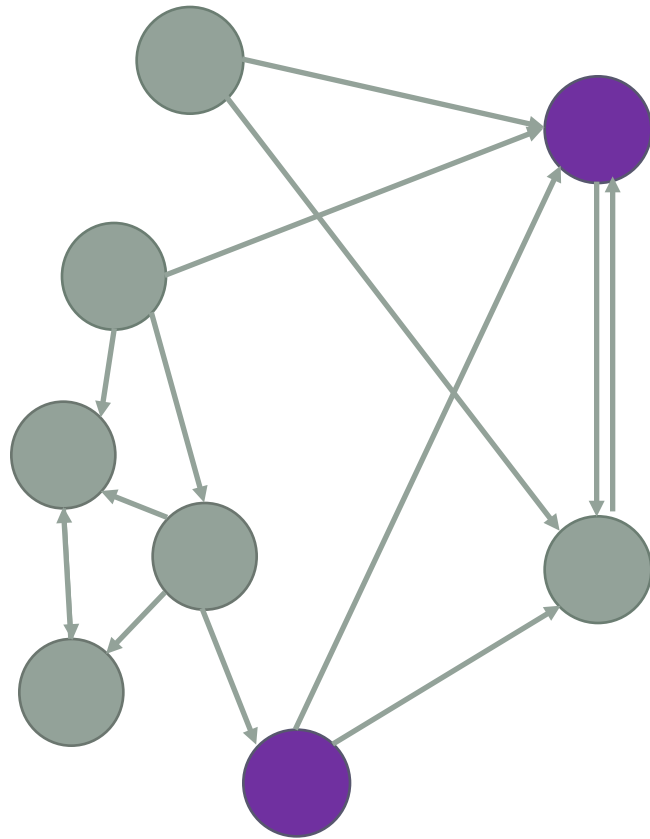
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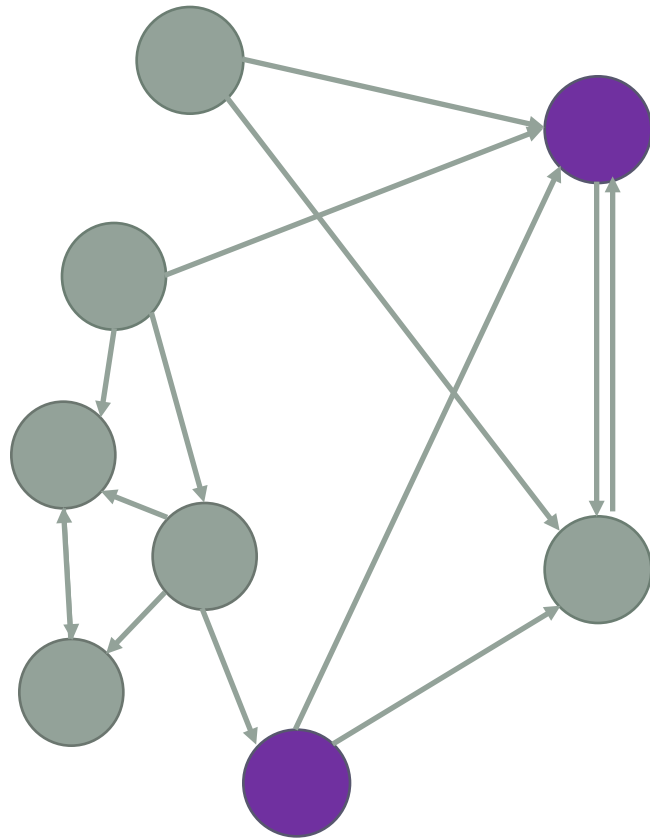
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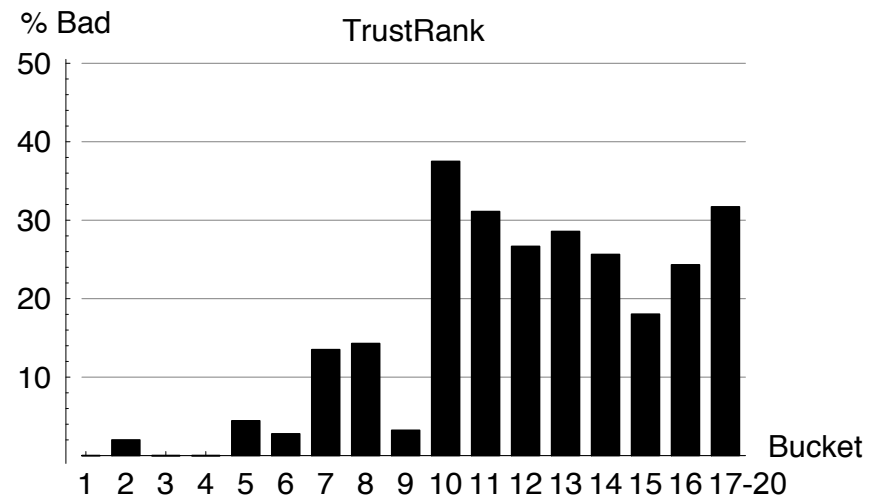
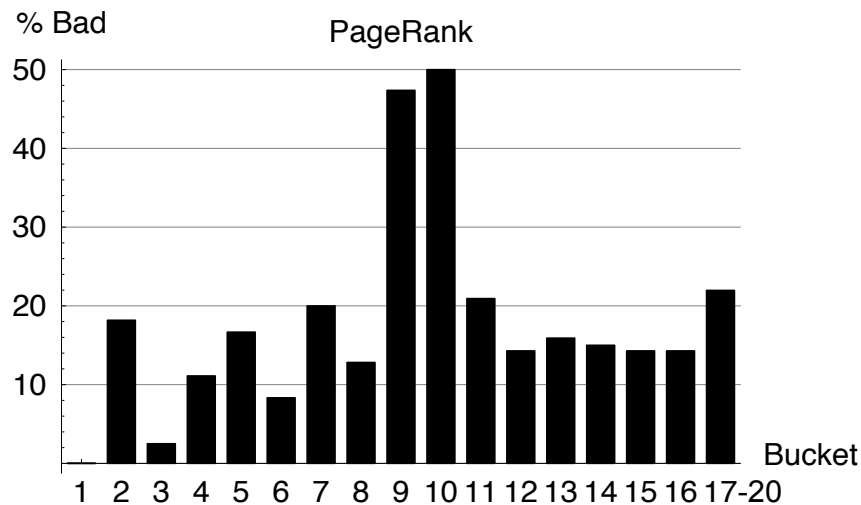
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“Guilt” (Trust) by Association



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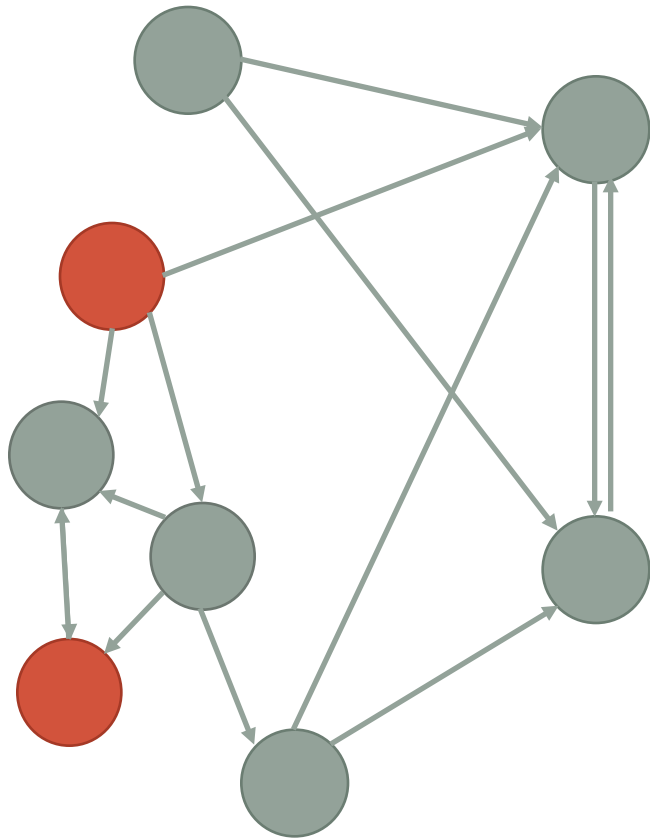


Bad pages by “Bucket”



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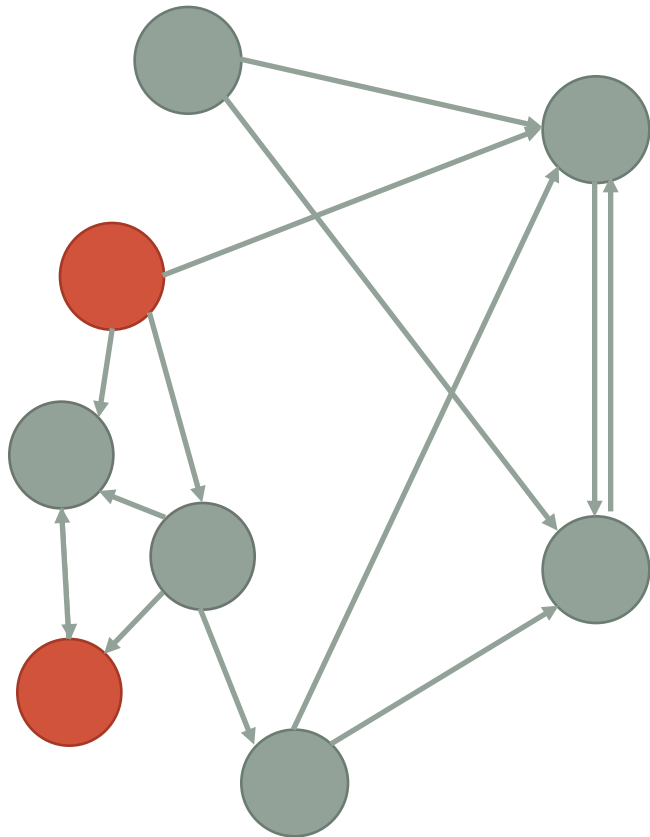




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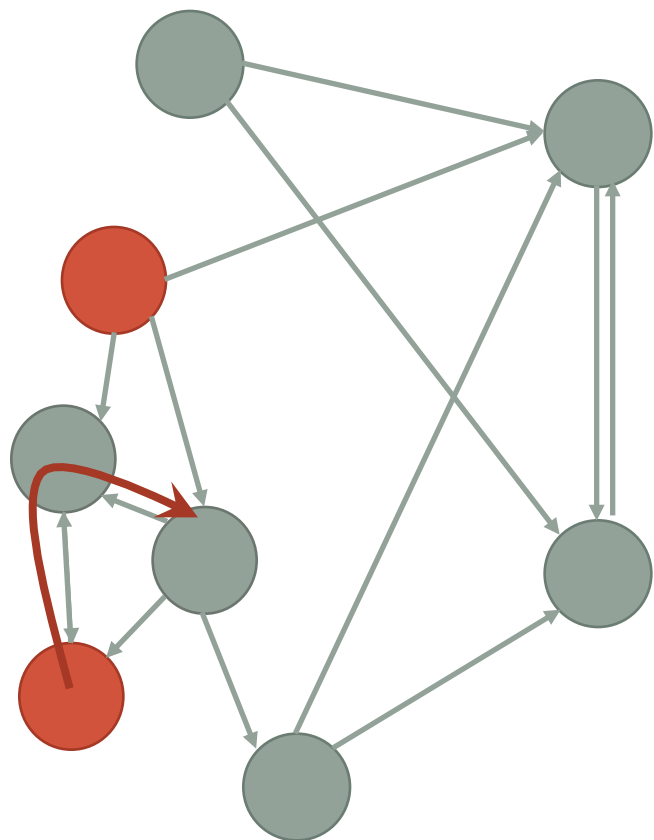
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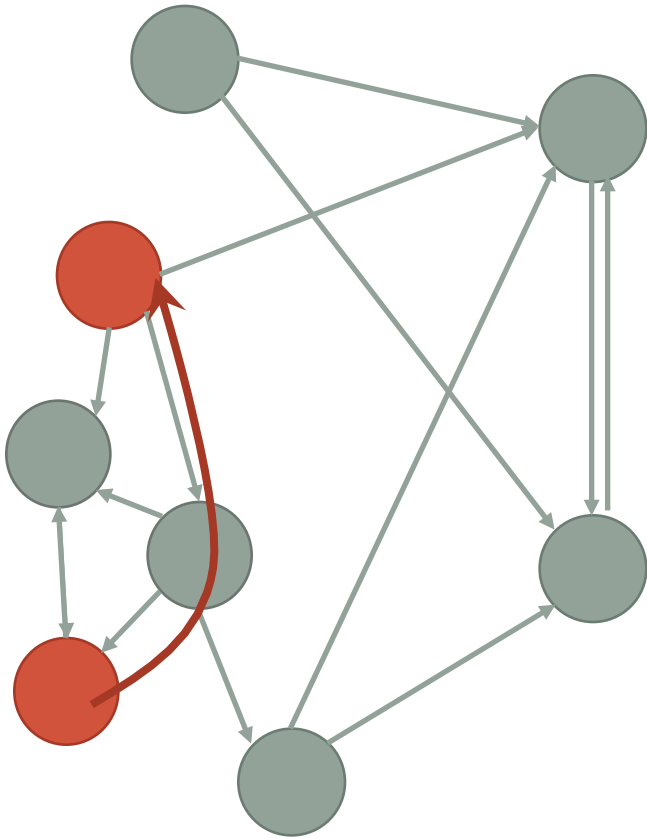
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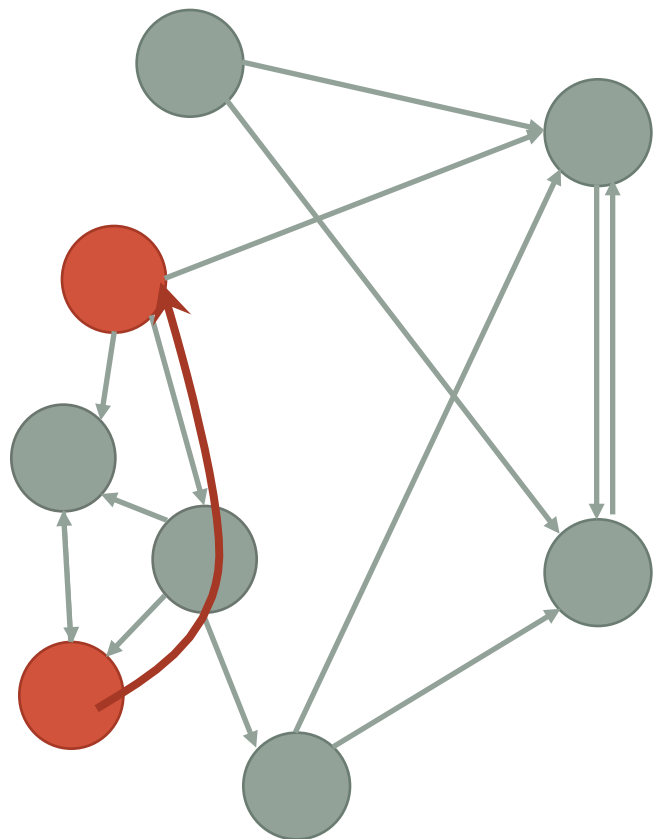
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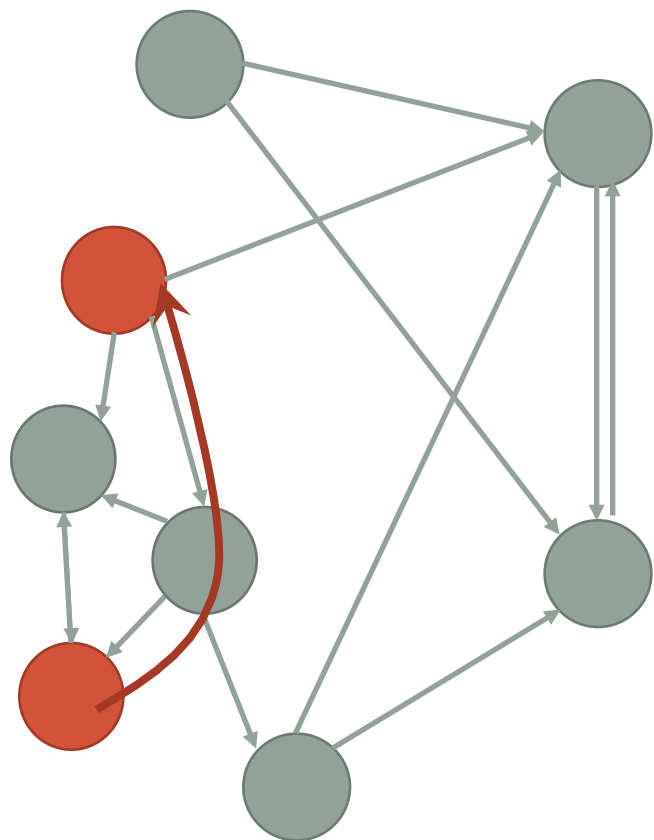


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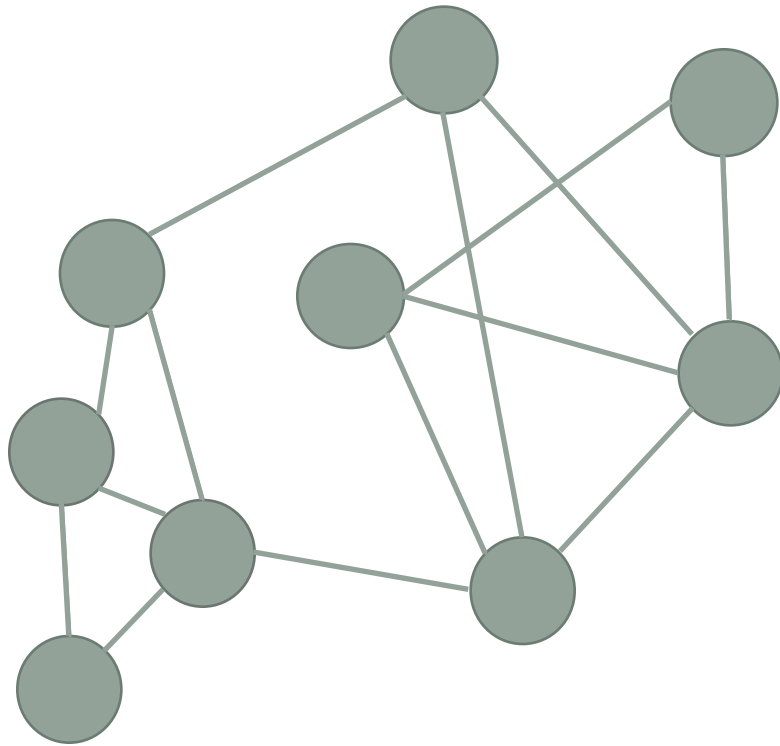
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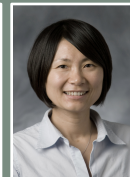
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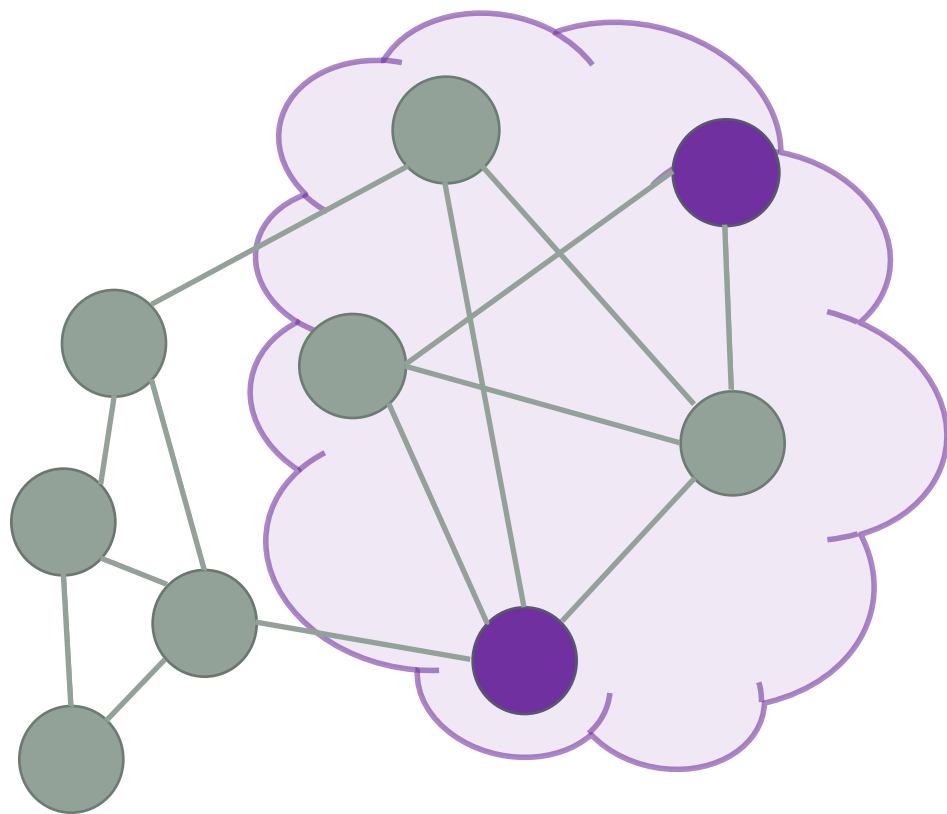
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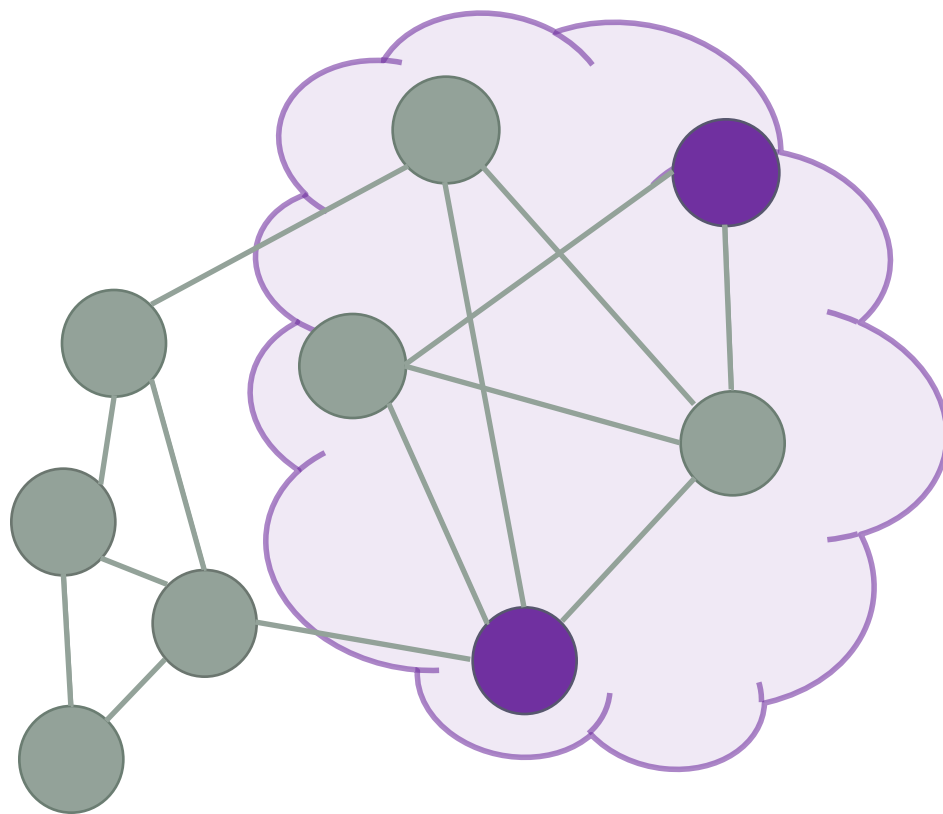
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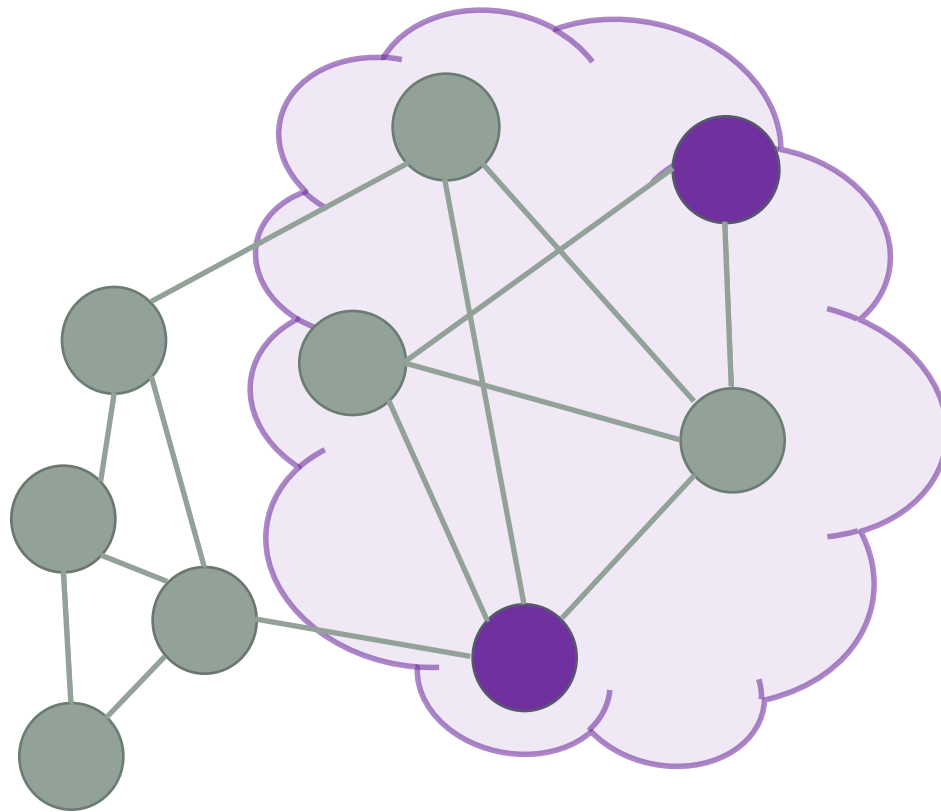


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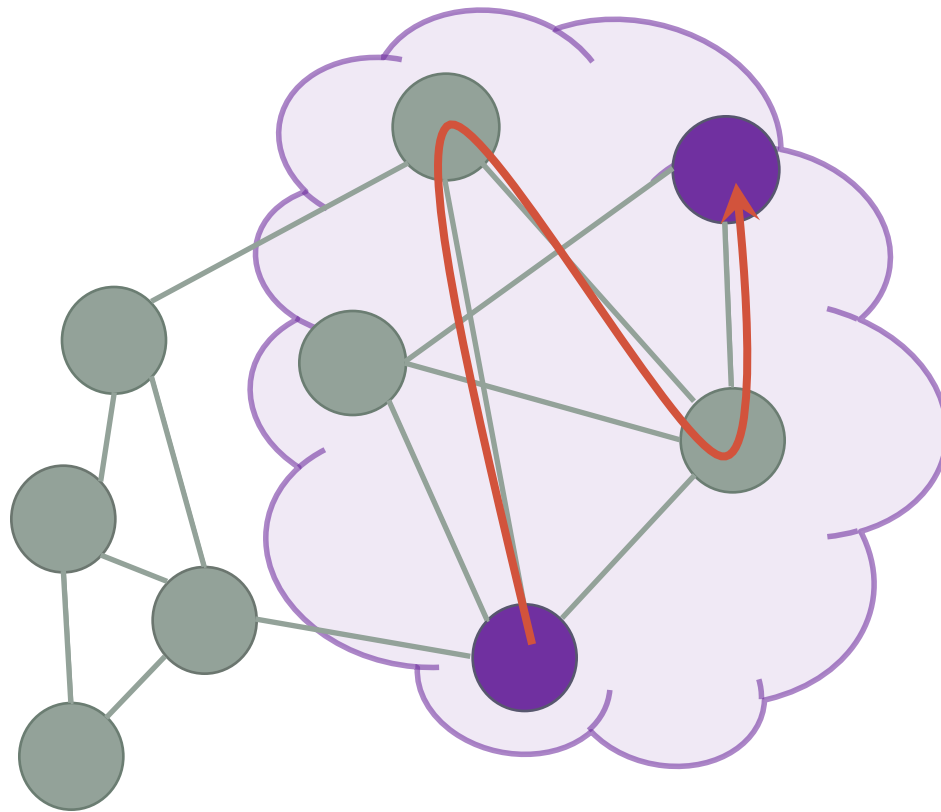
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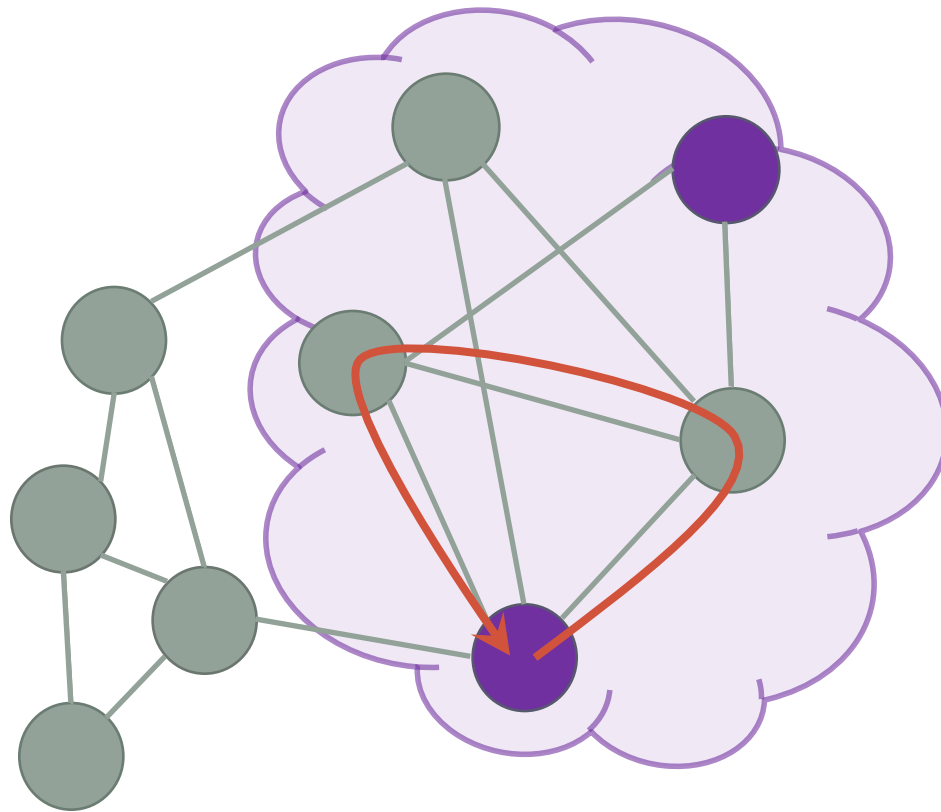
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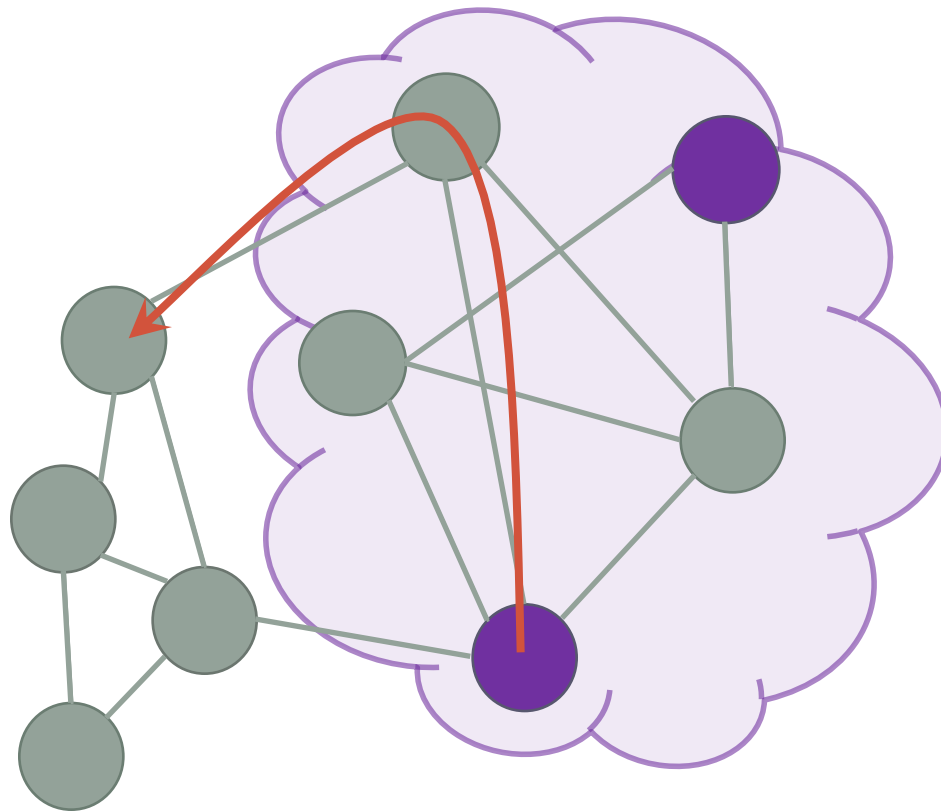
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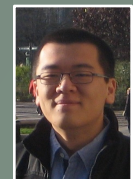
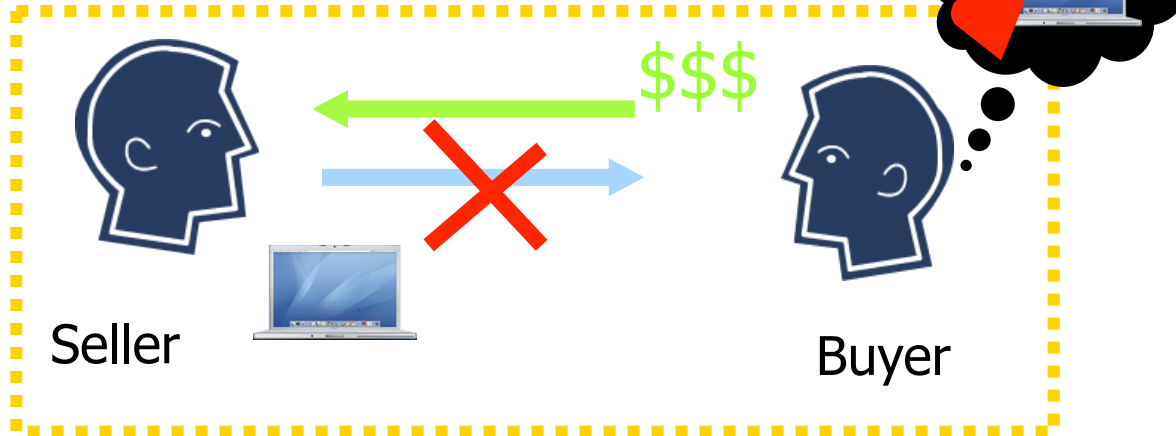
# Practitioner's Guide

| Method        | Graph Type | Node Attributes | Edge Attributes | Seed Labels |
|---------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| CatchSync     | Directed   |                 |                 |             |
| TrustRank     | Directed   |                 |                 | ✓           |
| Distrust Rank | Directed   |                 |                 | ✓           |
| SibylRank     | Directed   |                 |                 | ✓           |
| NetProbe      | Directed   |                 |                 |             |
| FraudEagle    | Bipartite  |                 | ✓               |             |
| SpEagle       | Tripartite | ✓               |                 |             |



# Fraud in Online Auctions

- Auction sites: Attractive target for fraud
- 63% of complaints to Federal Internet Crime Complaint Center in U.S. in 2006
- Average loss per incident: = \$385
- Often non-delivery fraud:





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Individual features, e.g. geography, are too easy to fake!

Given a graph of user interactions,  
what does fraud look like and how can we catch it?



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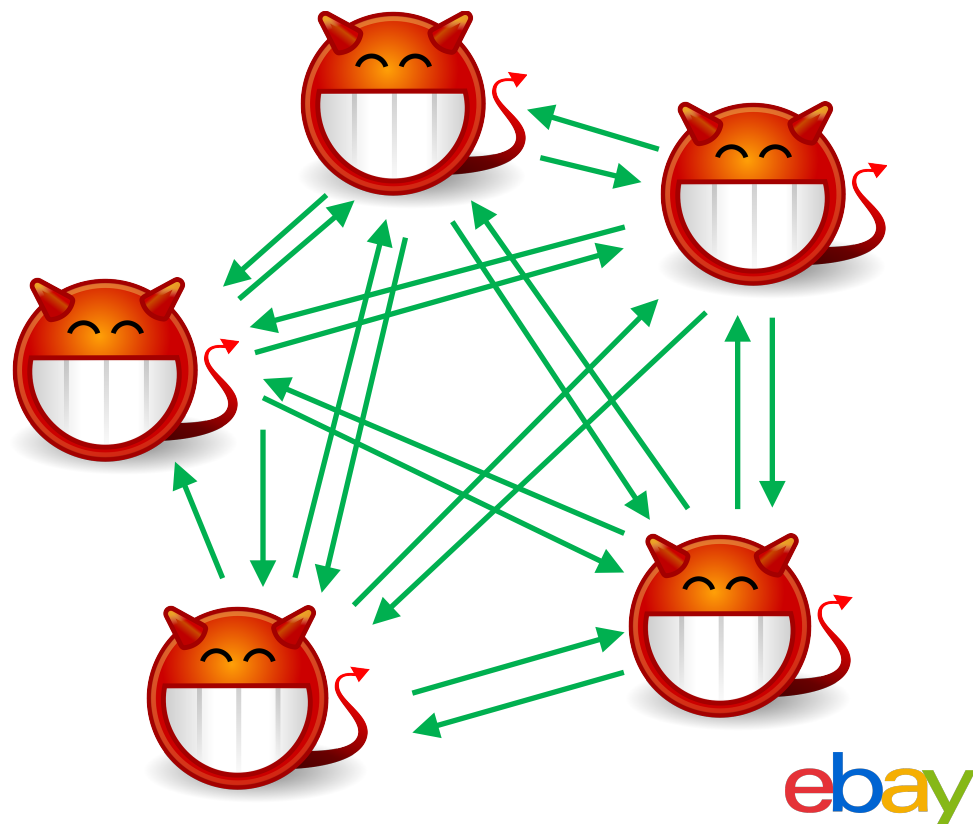
Fraudsters need to keep a high reputation score

How do they **game** the system?



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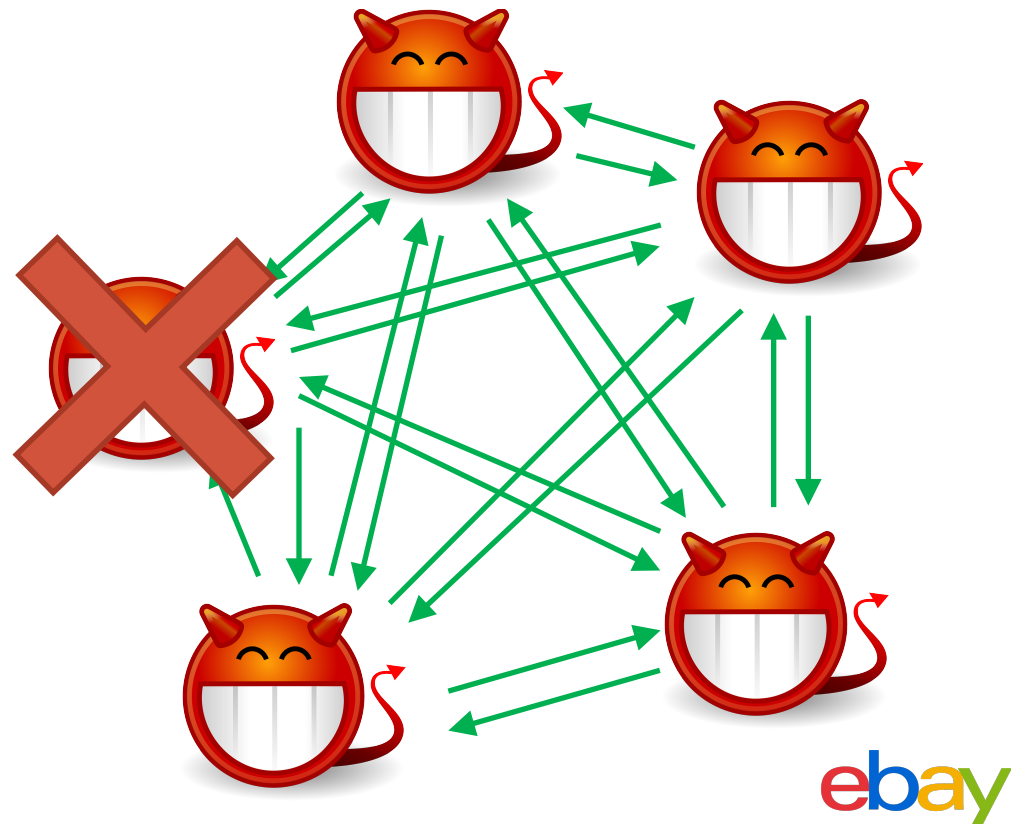


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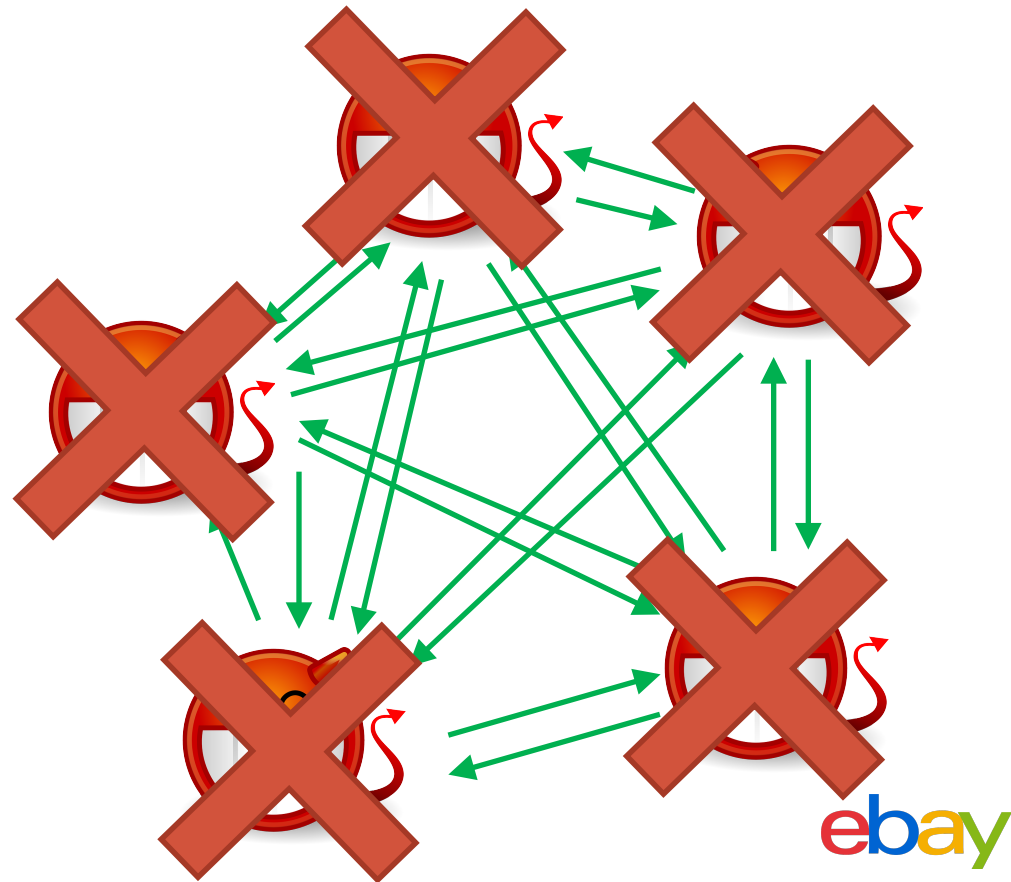
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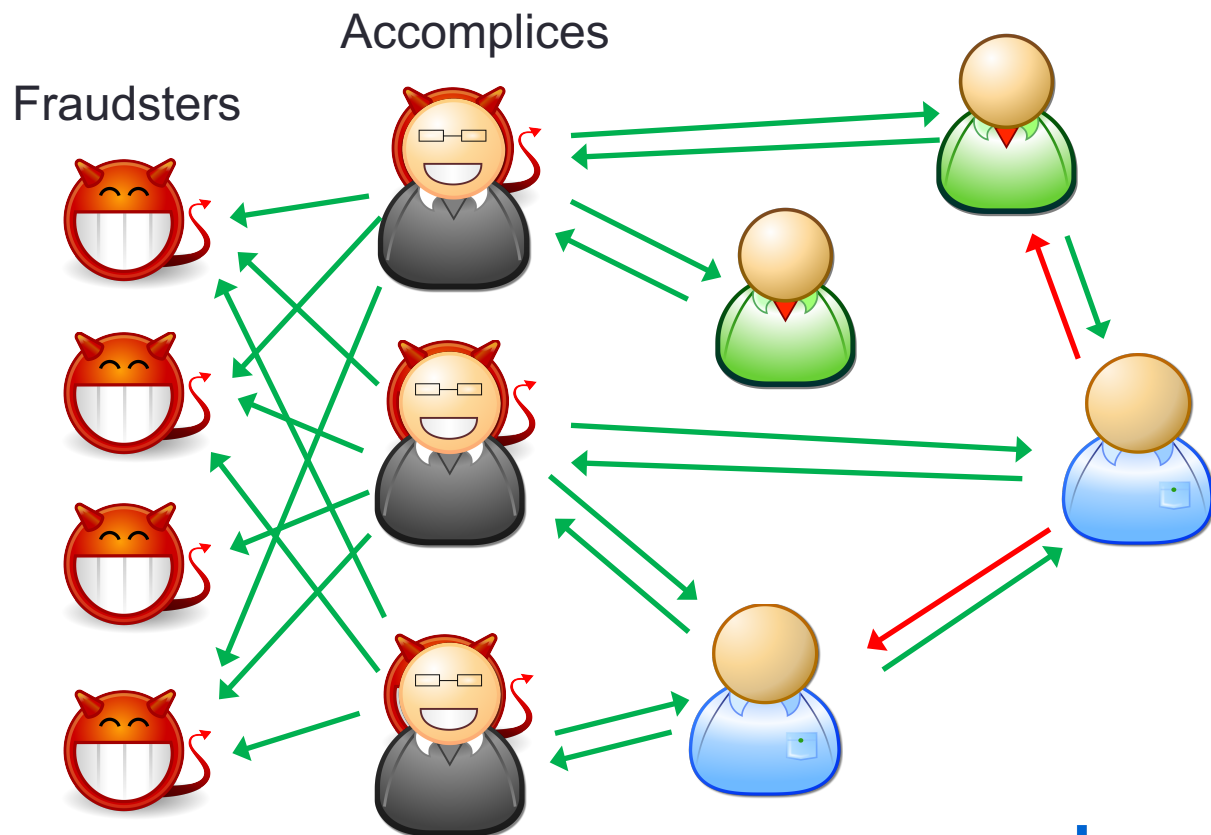
Fraudsters form near-bipartite core of 2 roles:

**1. Accomplices:**

Trade with honest,  
looks normal

**2. Fraudsters:**

Trade with accomplices  
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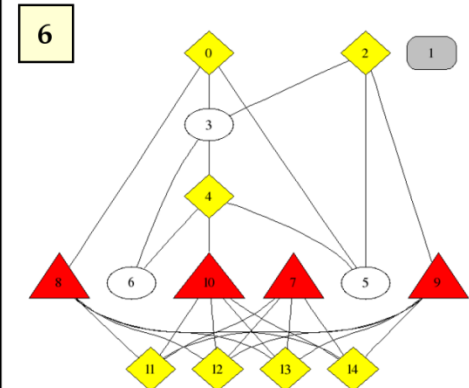
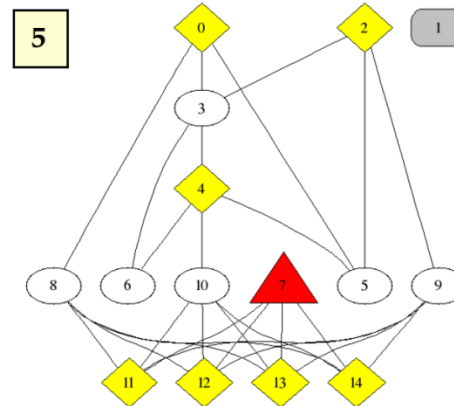
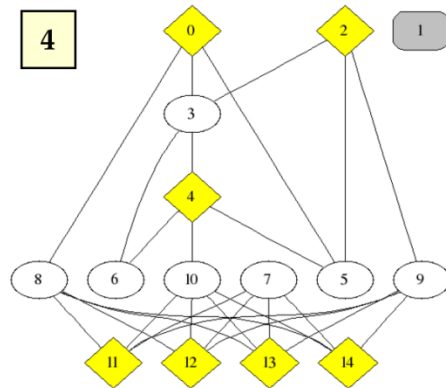
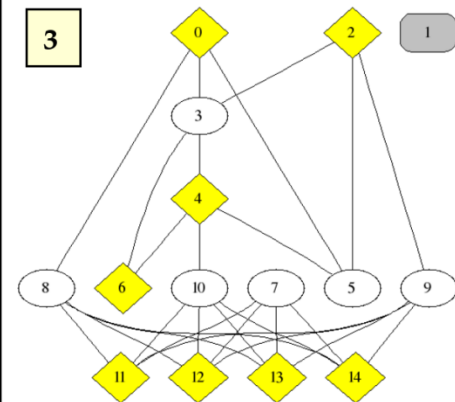
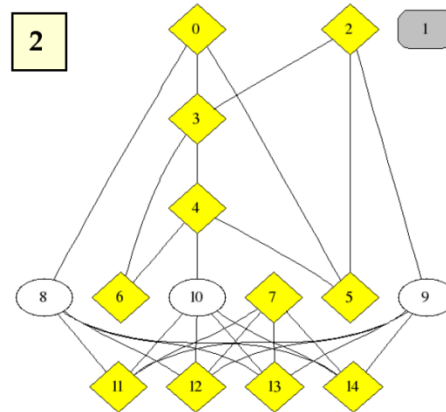
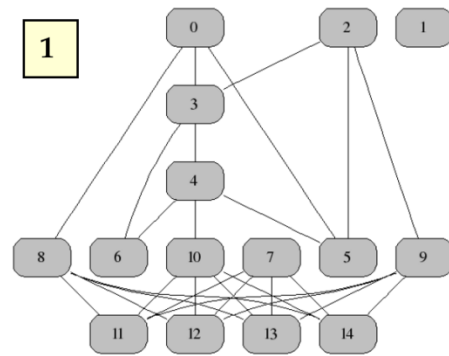
Use Belief Propagation!

|                |            | Node State |                    |                    |
|----------------|------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                |            | Fraud      | Accomplice         | Honest             |
| Neighbor State | Fraud      | $\epsilon$ | $1 - 2\epsilon$    | $\epsilon$         |
|                | Accomplice | 0.5        | $2\epsilon$        | $0.5 - 2\epsilon$  |
|                | Honest     | $\epsilon$ | $(1 - \epsilon)/2$ | $(1 - \epsilon)/2$ |

Captures both homophily and heterophily



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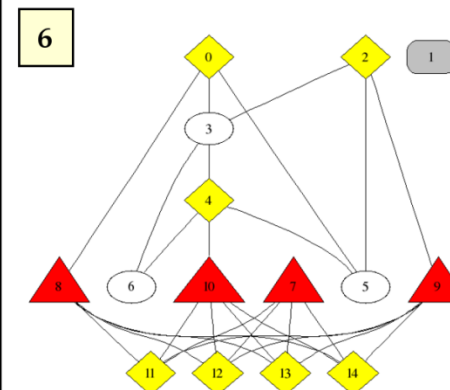
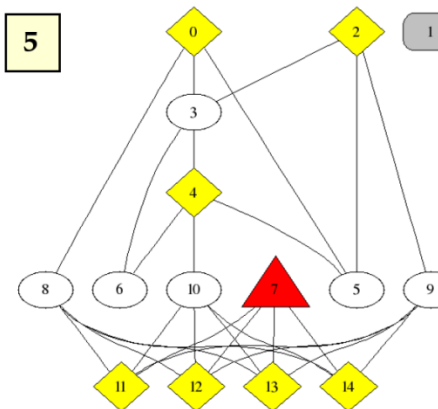
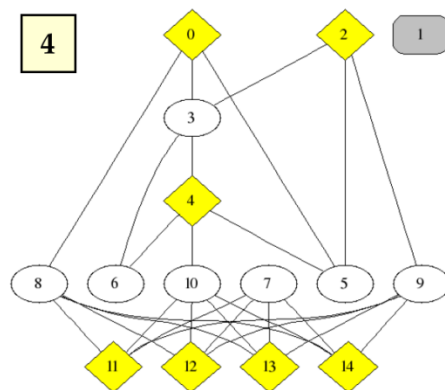
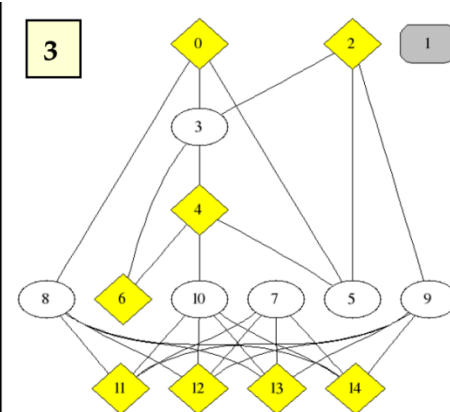
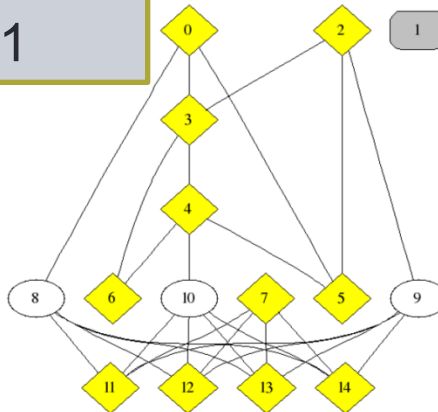
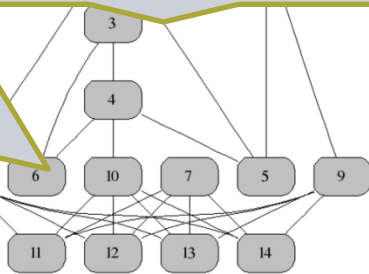
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Initialize  
other  
nodes as  
unbiased



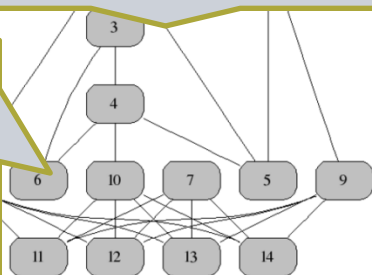
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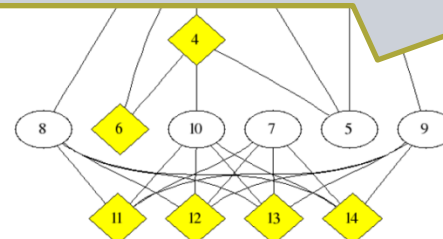
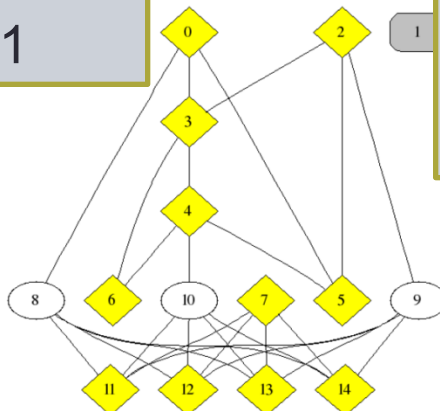
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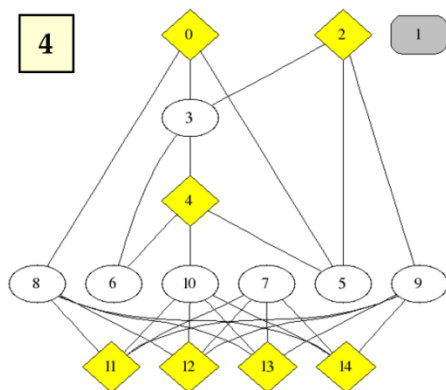


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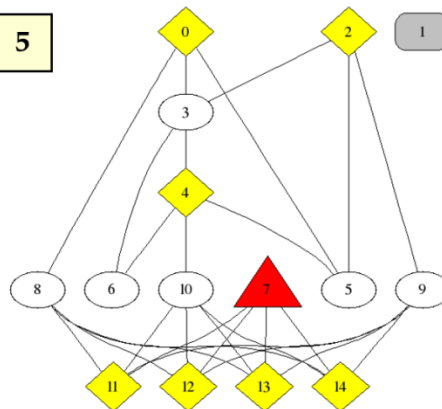
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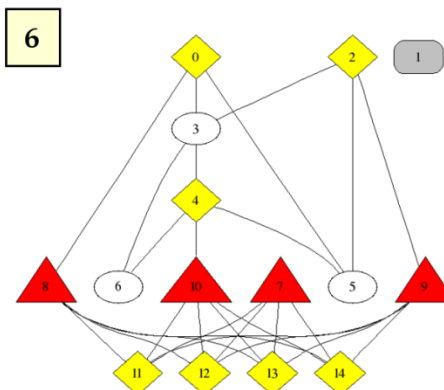
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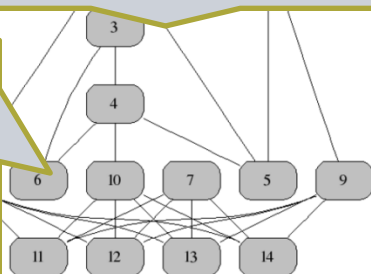




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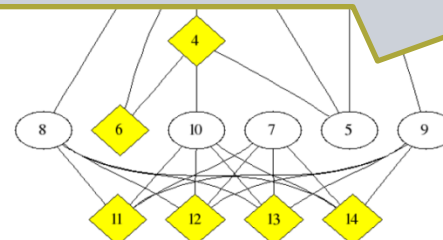
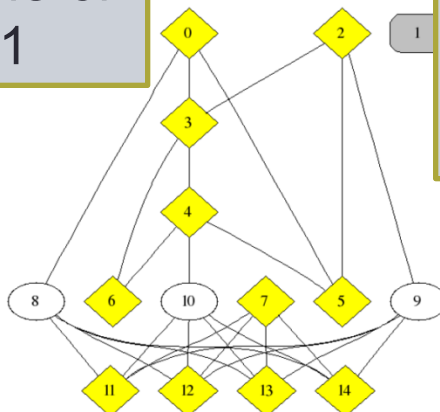
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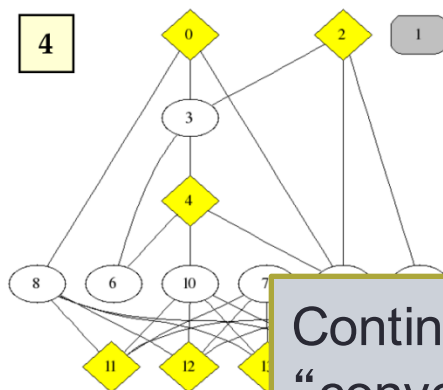


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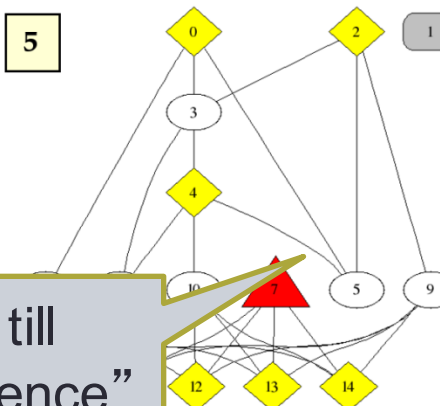
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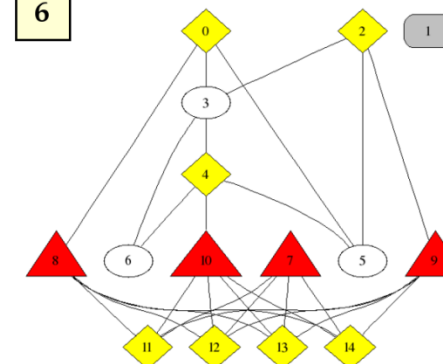


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Continue till "convergence"

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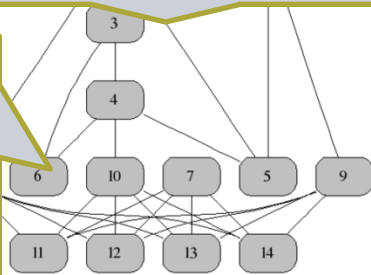




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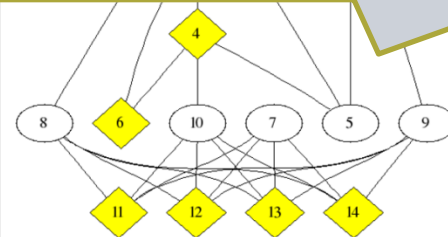
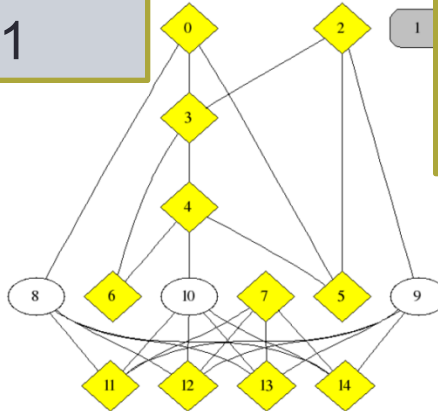
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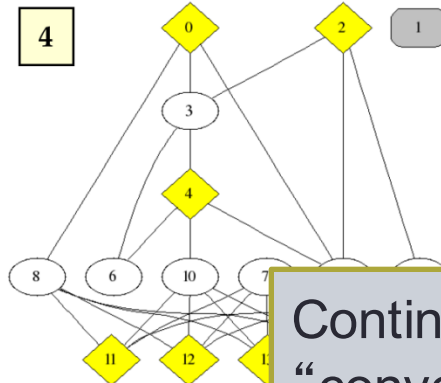


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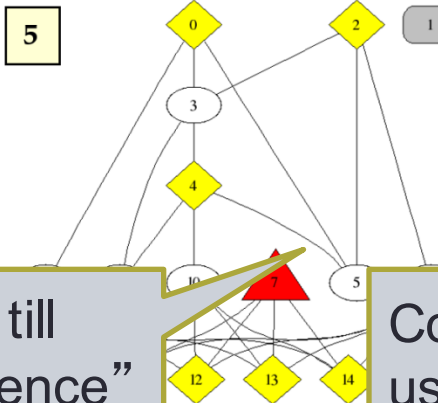
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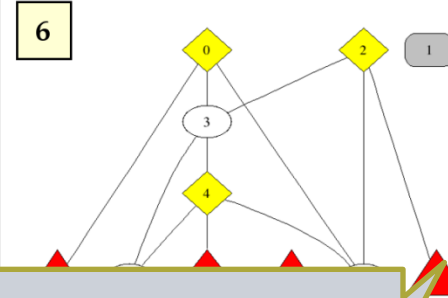
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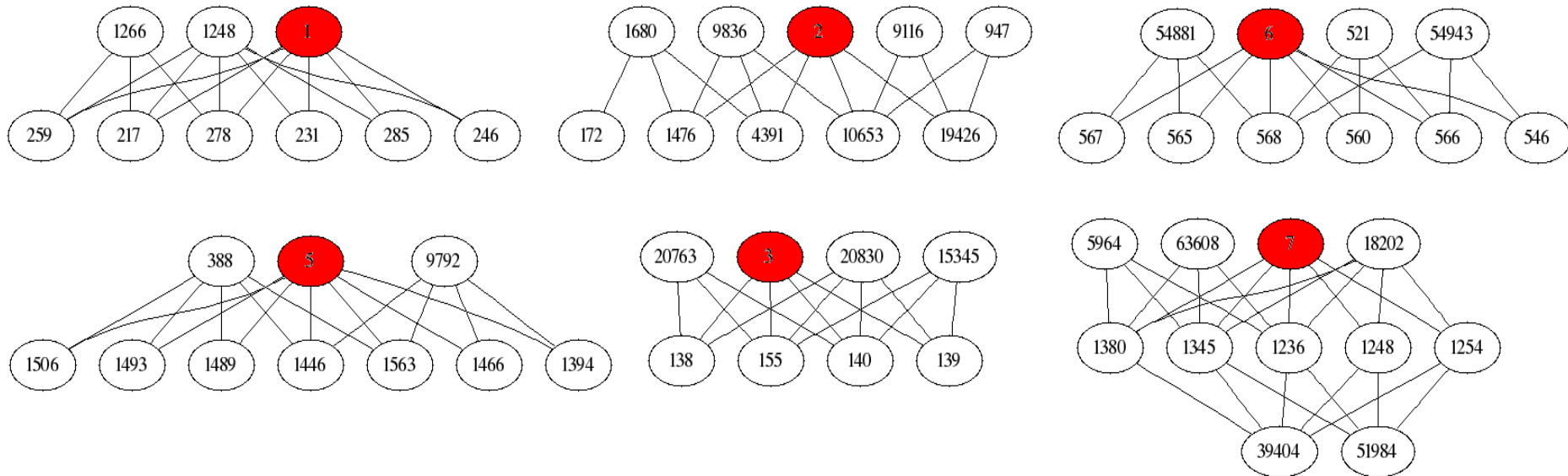
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Compute beliefs, use most likely state





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Subgraphs found on eBay  
(Red nodes are confirmed fraudsters)

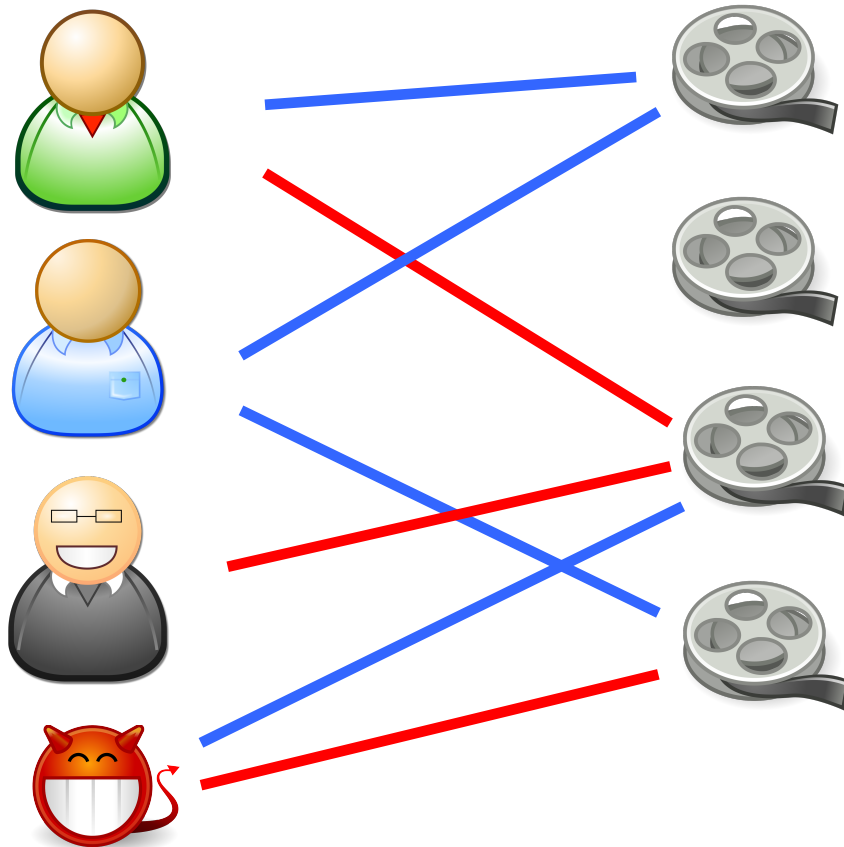


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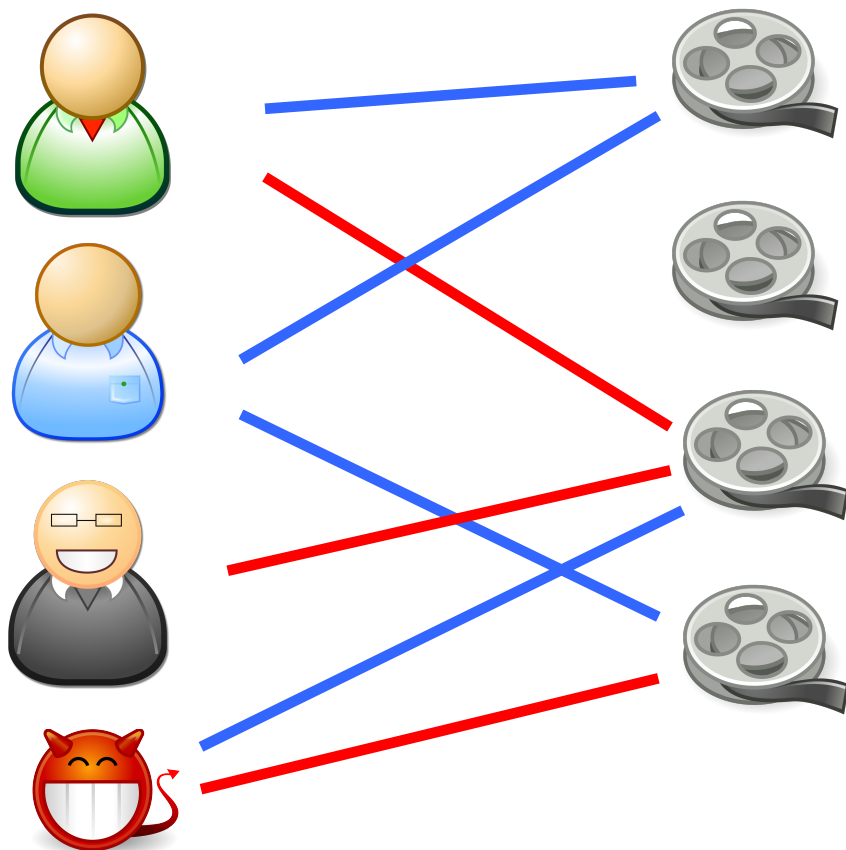
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Use Belief  
Propagation

| s: +   | Products     |               |
|--------|--------------|---------------|
| Users  | Good         | Bad           |
| Honest | $1-\epsilon$ | $\epsilon$    |
| Fraud  | $2\epsilon$  | $1-2\epsilon$ |

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# Found replicated bot reviews

## Suggestion

[tebavor](#)



Version 1 - Sep 13, 2011

My face...great, but what I really want to know about are my breasts!

## Satisfied

[tebavor](#)



Version 1 - Sep 17, 2011

I'm extremely satisfied with my caricature. Well done.

## So great!

[tebavor](#)



Version 1 - Sep 17, 2011

Seems a real one. It's a lot of fun

## Good app

[tebavor](#)



Version 1.0 - Sep 17, 2011

Not as stupid as I thought!

## Really happy

[tebavor](#)



Version 1.0 - Sep 17, 2011

It's actually a personal one on one reading. I'm really happy with the outcome.

## Rides

[merquezcito](#)



Version 1 - Sep 1, 2011

I just discovered old

## A beautiful gift

[merquezcito](#)



Version 1 - Sep 1, 2011

I got one made as a gift for my god-daughter

## Perfect

[merquezcito](#)



Version 1 - Sep 1, 2011

Nothing else to say

## Good app

[merquezcito](#)



Version 1.0 - Sep 1, 2011

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## Ooh la la

[Muquiwara78](#)



Version 1 - Aug 25, 2011

Qd I see the head of my old guy, it scares me. At the same time, I will be like!

## Satisfied

[Muquiwara78](#)



Version 1 - Aug 25, 2011

I'm extremely satisfied with my caricature. Well done.

## ha ha ha

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Version 1 - Aug 25, 2011

I want to be that close of J Lo!

## Simple IQ test

[Muquiwara78](#)



Version 1.0 - Aug 25, 2011

Good app.

## Thanks

[Muquiwara78](#)



Version 1.0 - Aug 25, 2011

I'm extremely satisfied

## Deadly

[manjuli](#)



Version 1 - Oct 23, 2011

It does not care a shot of being old. Fortunately it is not immediately

## Good job

[manjuli](#)



Version 1.1 - Dec 3, 2011

I really like this app. I want another!!!

## ha ha ha

[manjuli](#)



Version 1 - Oct 23, 2011

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Version 1.0 - Oct 23, 2011

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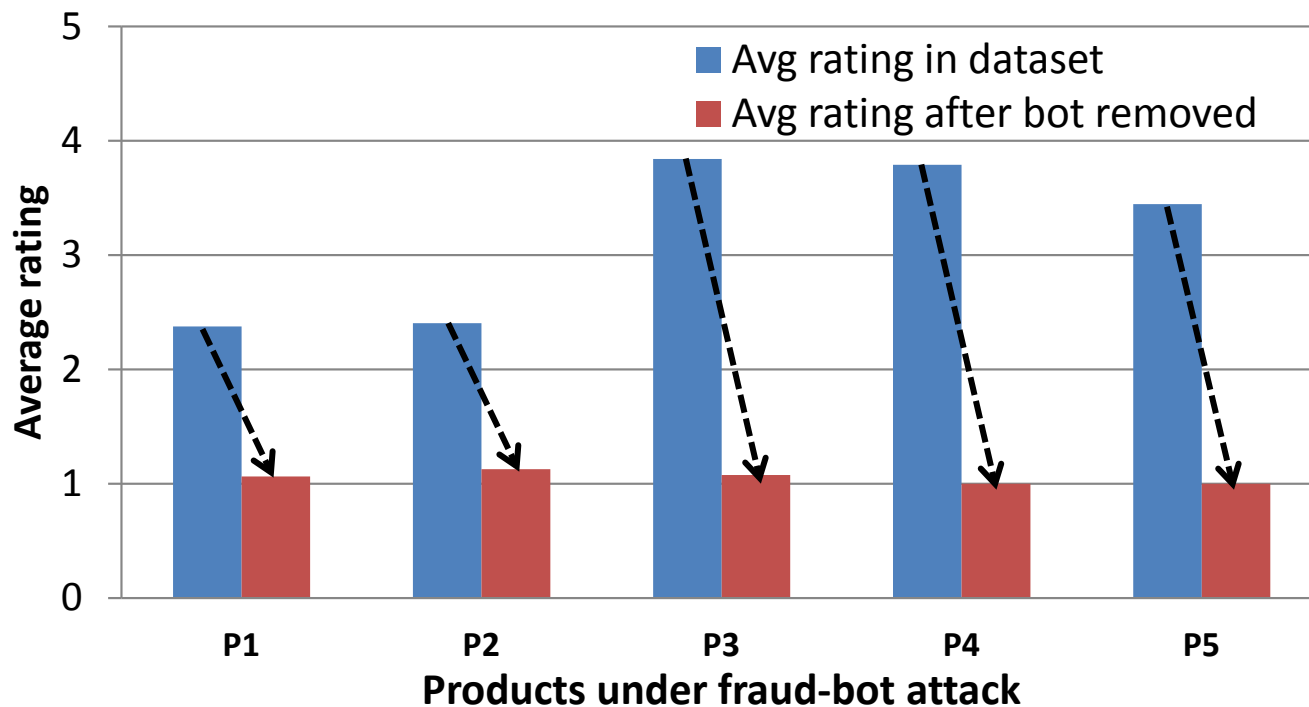
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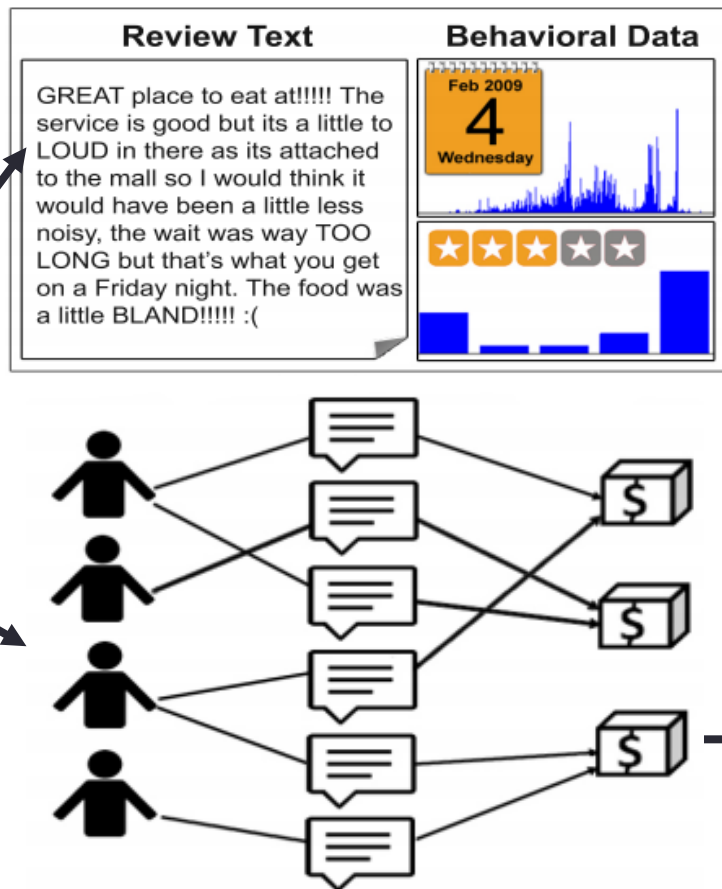
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Online Review System

Meta Data  
Review network



Network  
+ Meta-data  
+ Labels (if any)



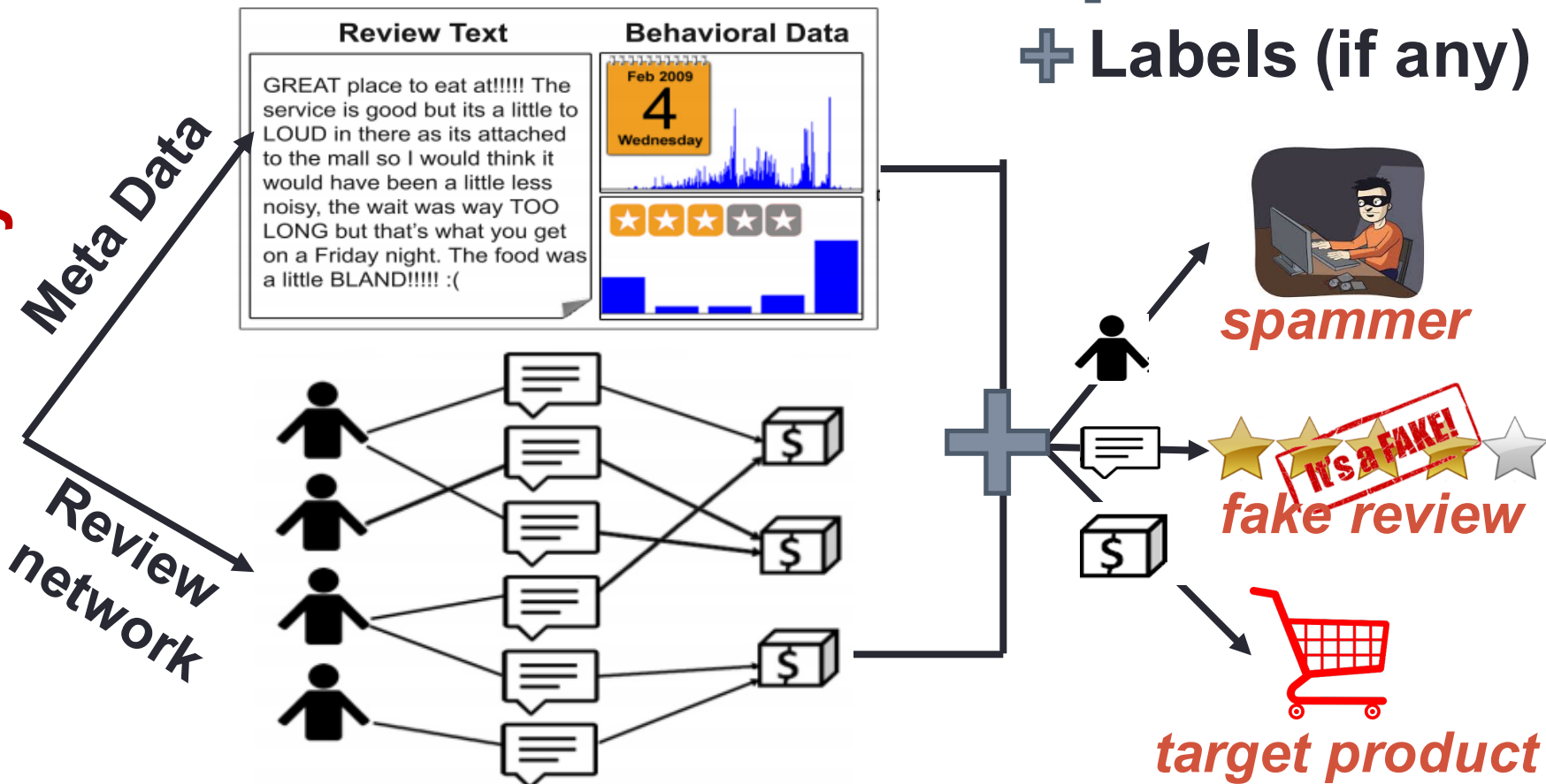
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See the talk on  
**Tuesday @ 2:40PM!**  
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# Practitioner's Guide

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All of the node attributes are the seed labels for semi-supervised learning in EdgeExplain.



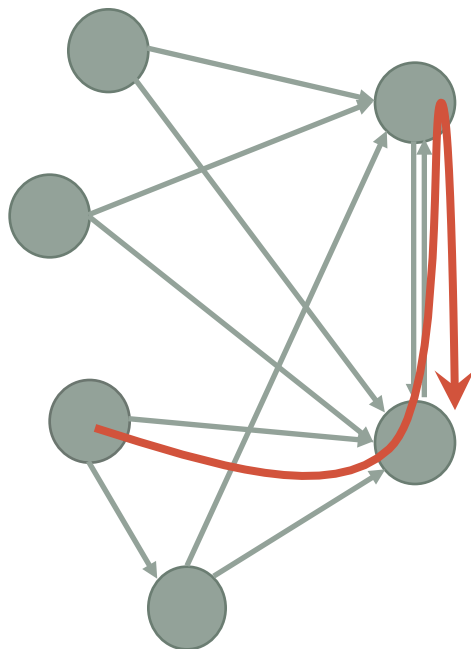


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| Distrust Rank | Directed   |                 |                 | ✓           |
| SibylRank     | Directed   |                 |                 | ✓           |
| NetProbe      | Directed   |                 |                 |             |
| FraudEagle    | Bipartite  |                 | ✓               |             |
| SpEagle       | Tripartite | ✓               |                 |             |

# Key Points

Random walks ~  
singular vectors: find  
important nodes, and  
communities



“Guilt-by-association”  
propagate labels  
(homophily, heterophily,  
and more)

