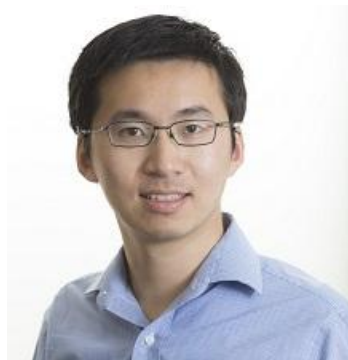


2-Norm Flow Diffusion in Near-Linear Time

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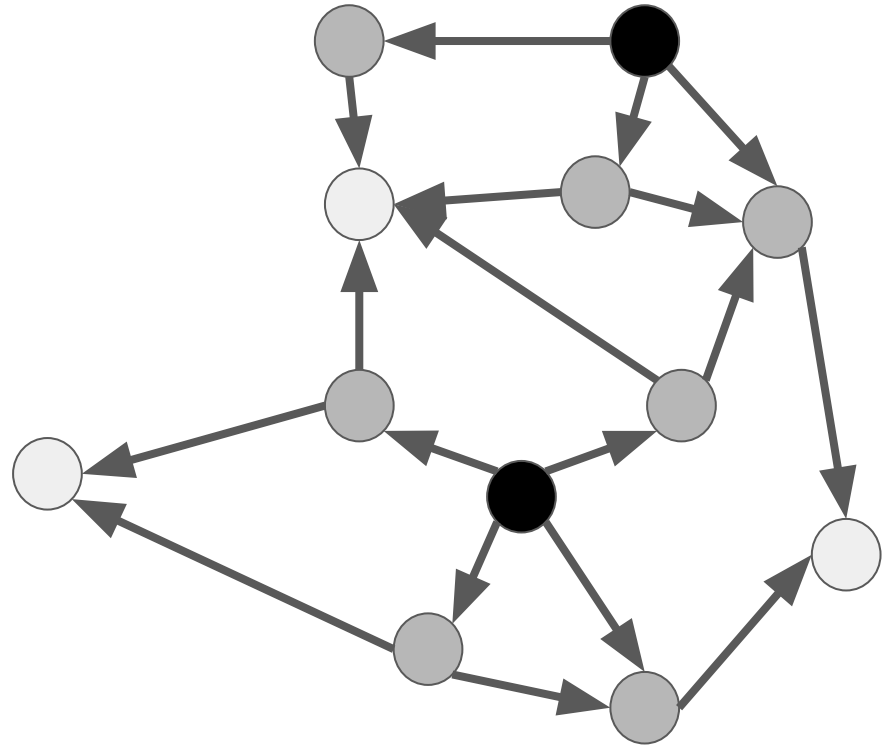


Diffusion on Graphs

Graph $G = (V, E)$

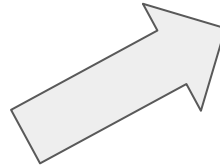
$n = |V|$

$m = |E|$

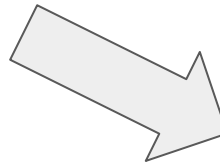


Applications

Graph
Clustering

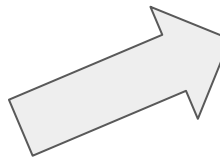


Local Cluster
[ST13, MOV12, OZ14,
HRW17]

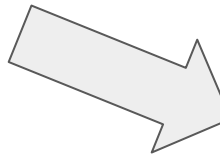


Sparse/Balanced Cut
[ST13, ACL06, AP09, OV11,
GT12, OSV12]

Graph Learning

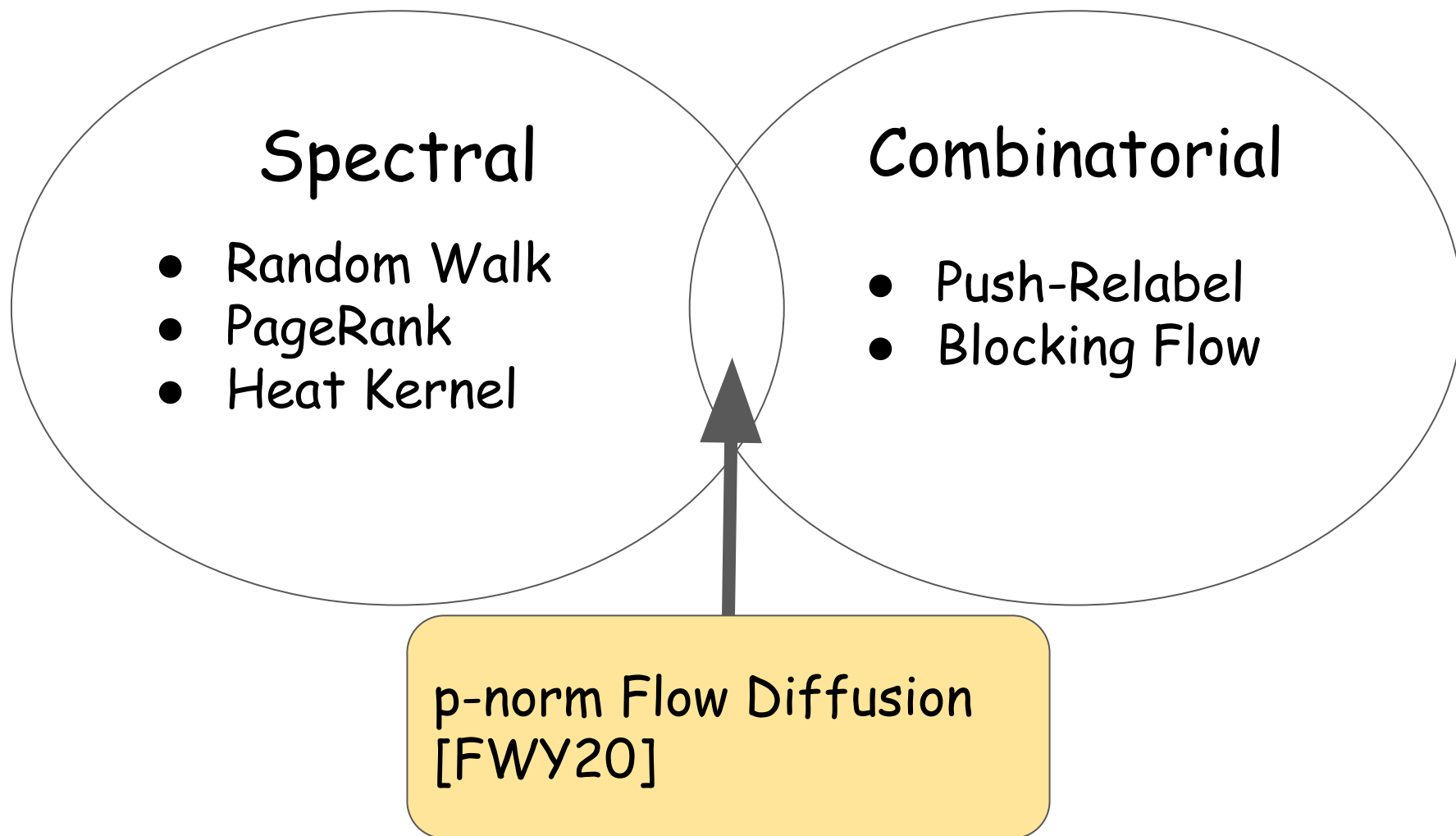


Layer of GNN
[KWG19, BKP+20]



Node Classification
[BC18, IG19b, LG20,
FWY20, WFH+17, HHS+20]

Diffusion on Graphs and More



p-norm Flow Diffusion [FWY20]

- $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, Edge Incidence Matrix
- $S \geq 0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, Supply per Vtx
- $T \geq 0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, Sink Capacity per Vtx

$$\sum_u S(u) \leq \sum_u T(u)$$

$$\min_f \|f\|_p$$

- $f \in \mathbb{R}^m$
- $S + B^T f \leq T$

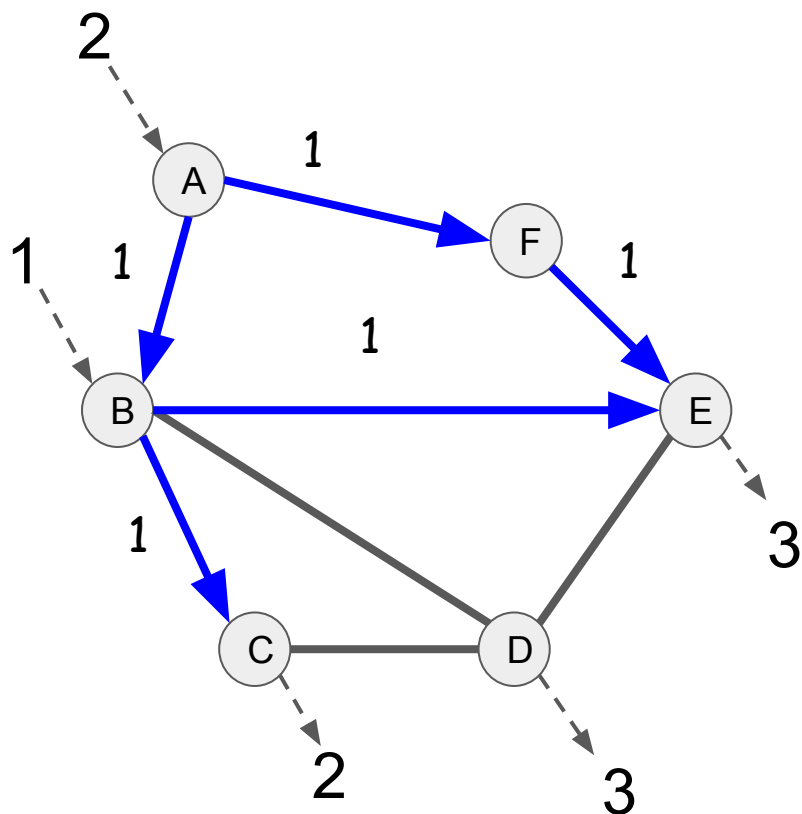
Network flow problem if $\sum_u S(u) = \sum_u T(u)$

p-norm Flow Diffusion [FWY20]

$$\min_f \|f\|_p$$

- $f \in \mathbb{R}^m$
- $S + B^T f \leq T$

$$S(u) + \sum_v f(u, v) \leq T(u), u \in V$$



$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_1 &= 5 \\ \|f\|_2 &= 2.236\dots \\ \|f\|_\infty &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Interpolation

$$\min_f \|f\|_2$$

- $f \in \mathbb{R}^m$
- $S + B^T f \leq T$

$$\min_f \|f\|_\infty$$

- $f \in \mathbb{R}^m$
- $S + B^T f \leq T$

$p = 2$



Spectral

Combinatorial

Our Result

Theorem

2-norm Flow Diffusion can be solved up to $(1+\varepsilon)$ -error in $O_{\sim}(m \log(1/\varepsilon))$ -time w.h.p.

- Algo in [FWY20] runs in $O(m^3 n^2 \log(1/\varepsilon))$ -time.

Weighted Case

$$\min_f \|f\|_2$$

- $f \in \mathbb{R}^m$
- $S + B^T f \leq T$

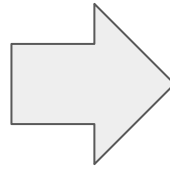
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Weighted Case

Diagonal $R \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{m \times m}$

$$\min_f \|f\|_2$$

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$$\min_f \frac{1}{2} f^T R f$$

- $f \in \mathbb{R}^m$
- $B^T f \leq d$

$$\sum_u S(u) \leq \sum_u T(u)$$

$$d = T - S$$

$$0 \leq \sum_u d(u)$$

Taking Dual

Diagonal $R \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{m \times m}$

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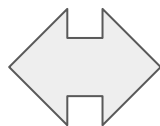
Taking Dual

Diagonal $R \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{m \times m}$

$$L = B^T R^{-1} B$$

$$\min_f \frac{1}{2} f^T R f$$

- $f \in \mathbb{R}^m$
- $B^T f \leq d$



$$\min_x \frac{1}{2} x^T L x + d^T x$$

- $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- $x \geq 0$


$$0 \leq \sum_u d(u)$$

Unconstrained = Solving Laplacian System

$L = B^T R^{-1} B$ is the Graph Laplacian matrix

$$\min_x \frac{1}{2} x^T L x + d^T x$$

- $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

- $x \geq 0$

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$$\text{Solve } L x = -d$$

- [ST04, KMP10, KMP11, KOSZ13, LS13, CKMPPRX14, KS16, JS20]: $O(m)$ -Time Solver
- **Idea:** Translate these to non-negative case

Solver Framework from [ST04]

$T(m, k)$ = time for solving sized- m graph up to k -error

Theorem

$$T(m, 1+\varepsilon) = O(m \log^c(m) \log(1/\varepsilon))$$

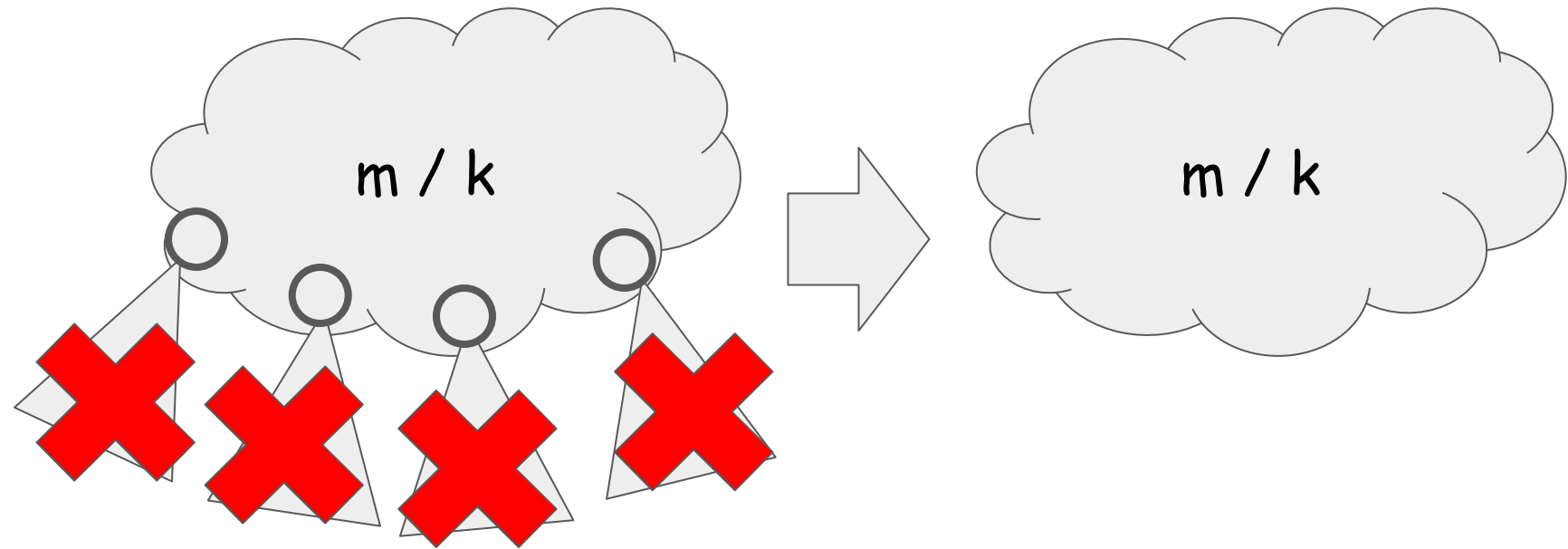
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WARNING: Hidden polylogm everywhere

Vertex Reduce in $O\sim(m)$ -time



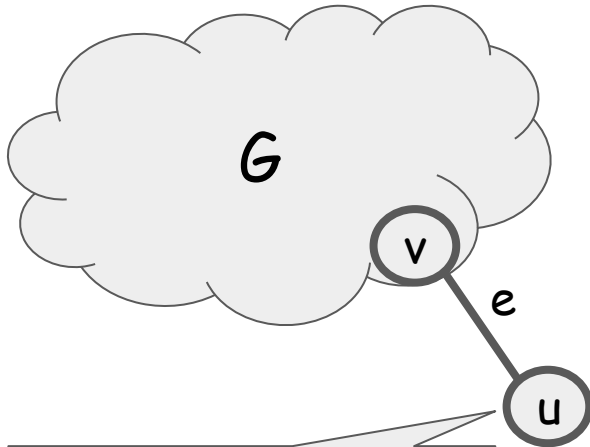
$$\min_x \frac{1}{2} x^T L x + d^T x$$

- $x \geq 0$

$$\min_x \frac{1}{2} x^T L' x + \sum_u f_u(x(u))$$

- $x \geq 0$

Vertex Reduce: Simplest Case

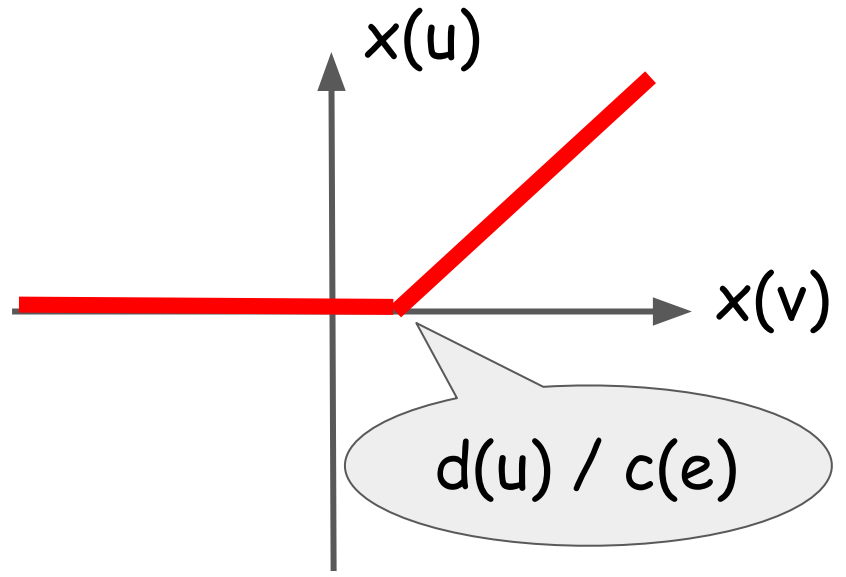


Determined by $x(v)$

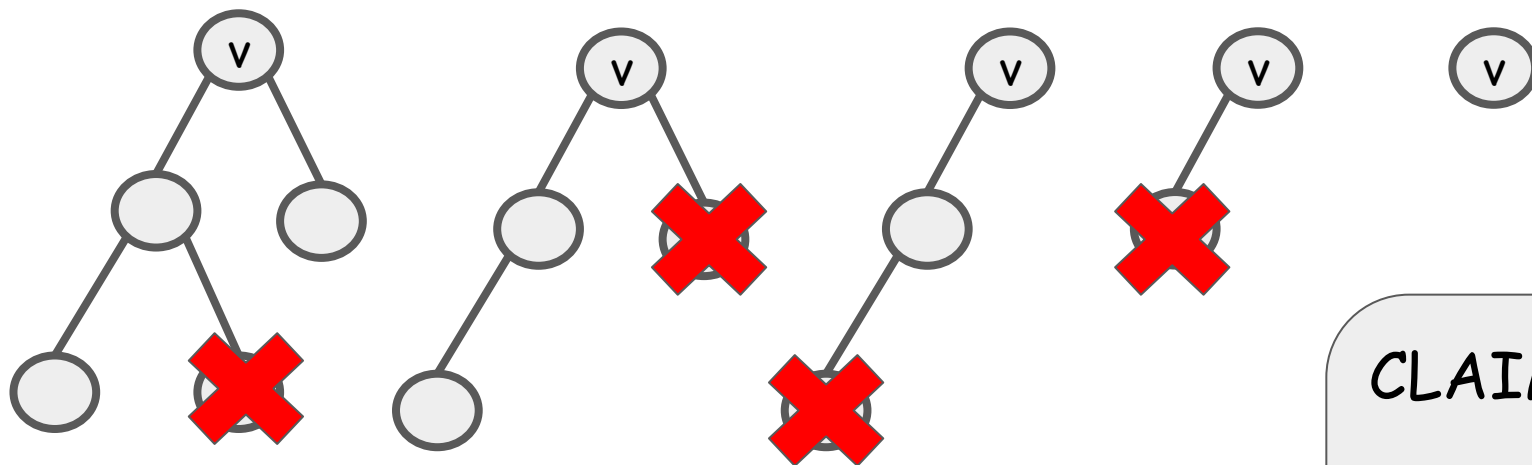
Given $x(v)$, set $x(u)$ minimizing
$$\min_x \frac{1}{2} c(e) (x - x(v))^2 + d(u) x$$

s.t. $x \geq 0$

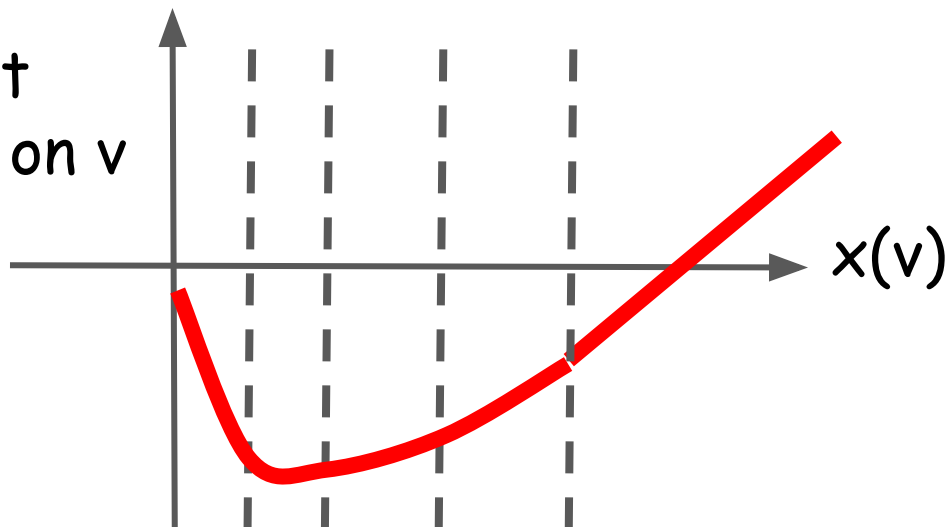
$x \geq 0$, OPT when
 $x(u)$
 $= \text{ReLU}(x(v) - d(u) / c(e))$



Reduce Degree 1 Vertices



Final cost function on v

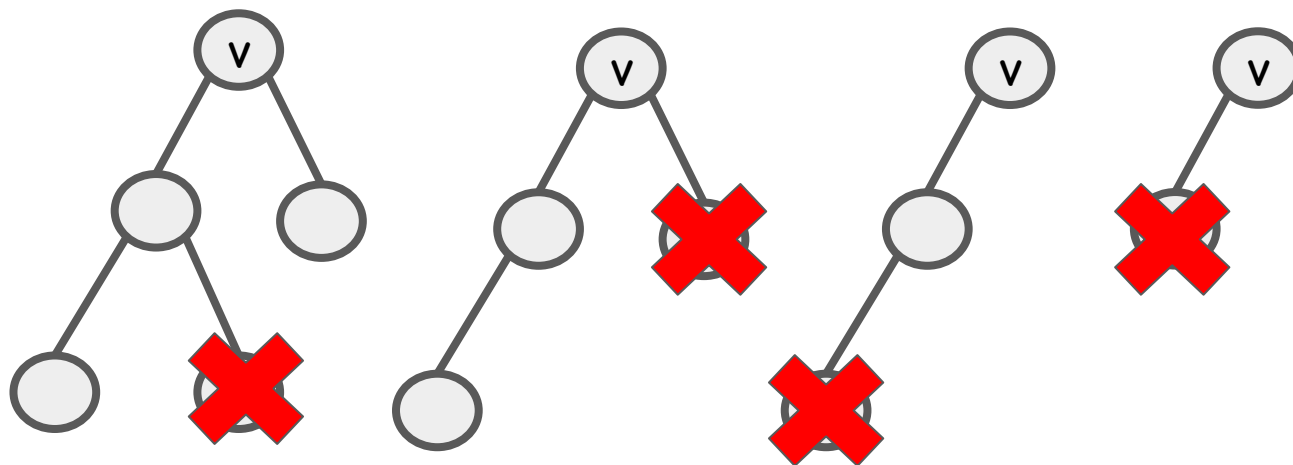


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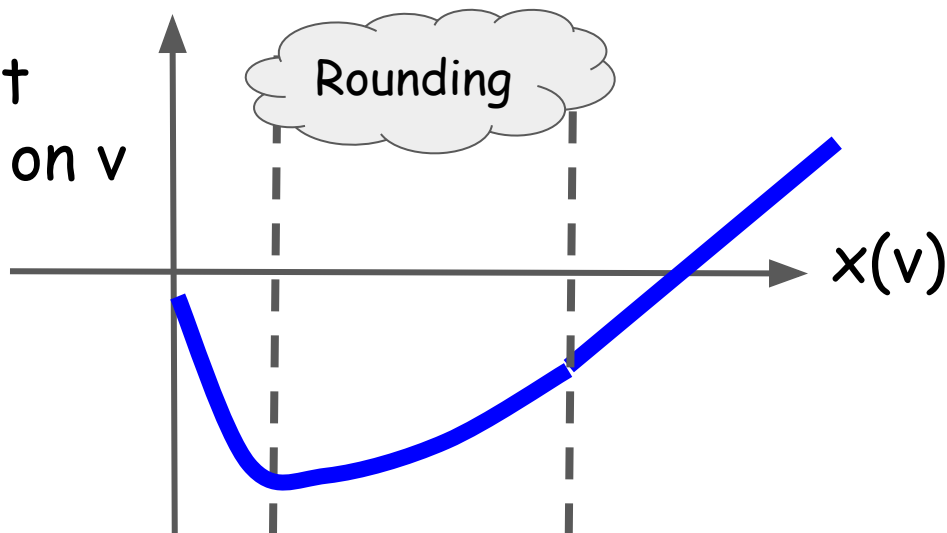
k -sized tree

k -piece quadratic convex function

Reduce Degree 1 Vertices



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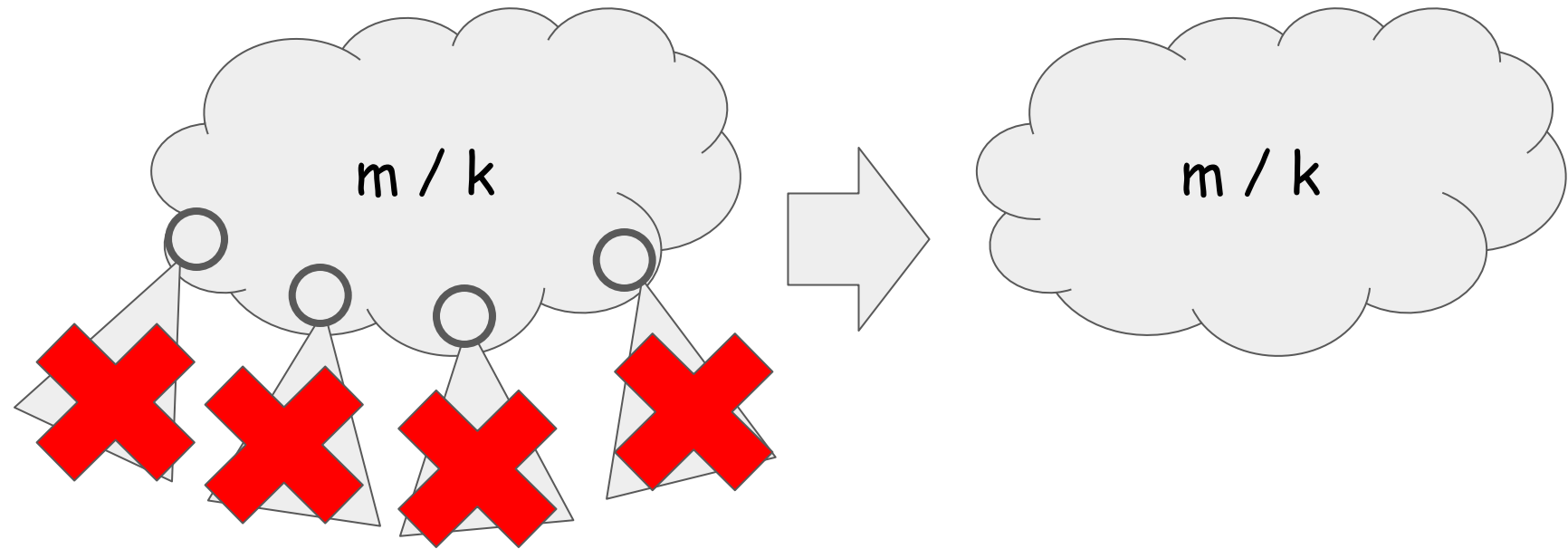
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Approximated by $\log m$ -pieces

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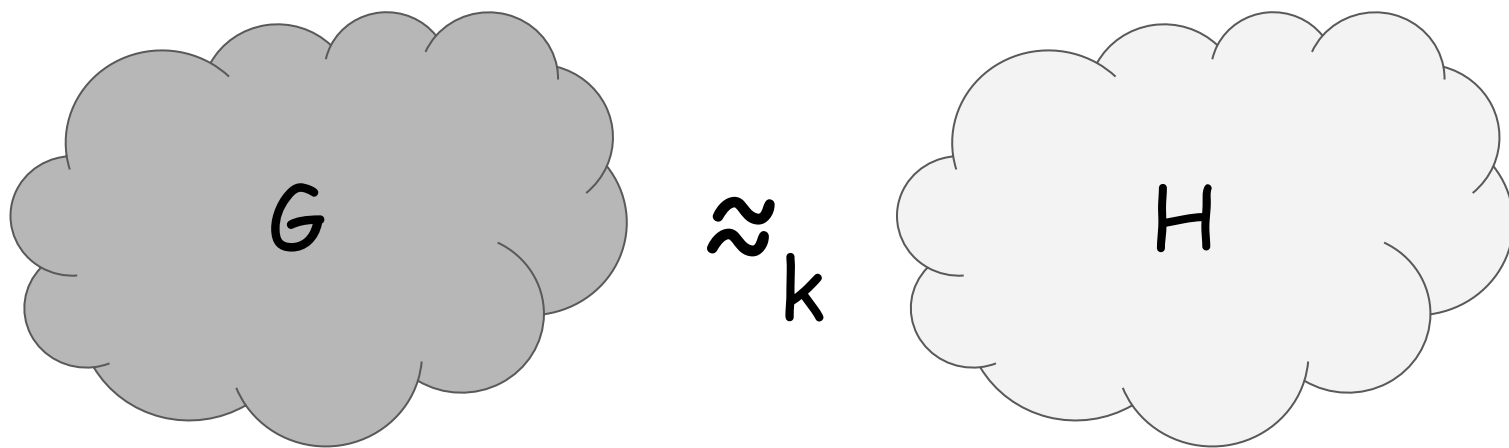
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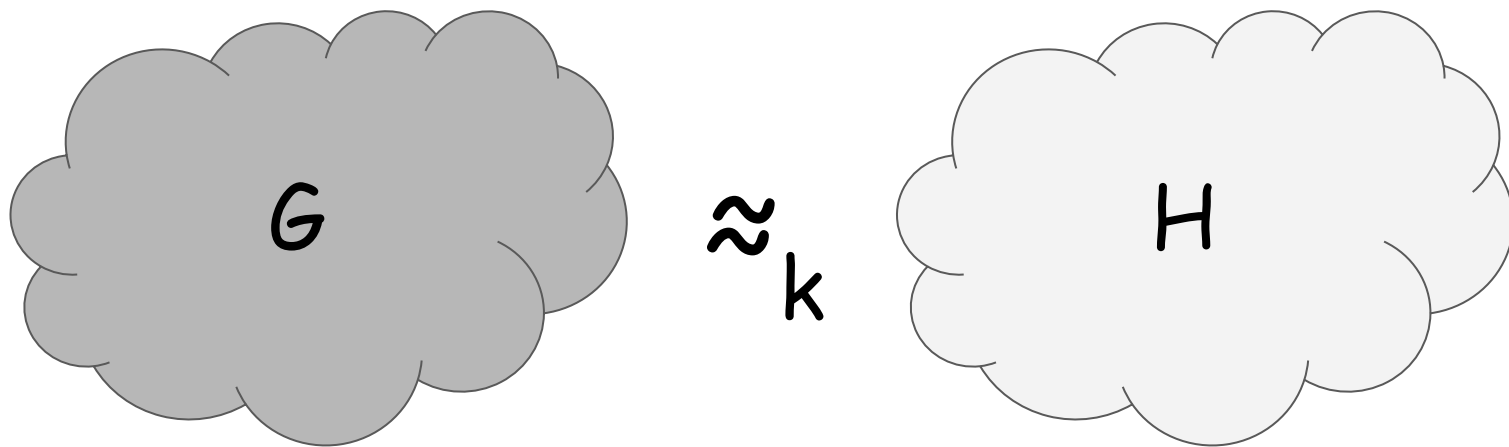
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Spectral Approximation



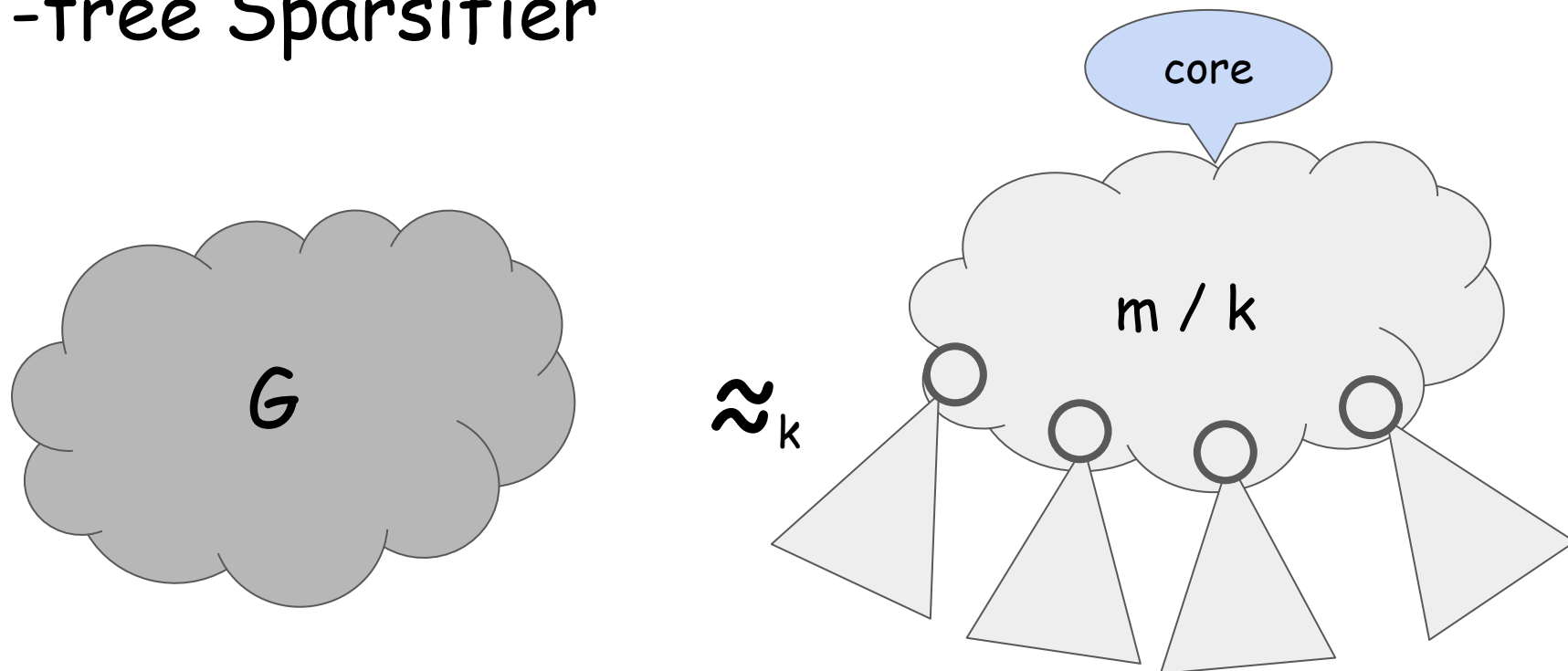
$$G \approx_k H \text{ if} \\ L(H) \leq L(G) \leq k L(H)$$

Spectral Approximation



$O(1)$ -approx on $H \Rightarrow O(k)$ -approx on G

J-tree Sparsifier



The only randomized part

J-Tree: First appear in [Mad10] for cut approximation.
Can approx distance as well. [CGHPS20]

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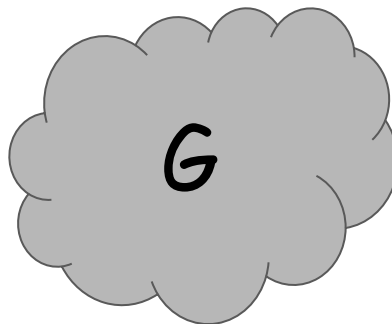
Quality Boost: $T(m, 1+\epsilon) = \log(1 / \epsilon) * T(m, \log m)$

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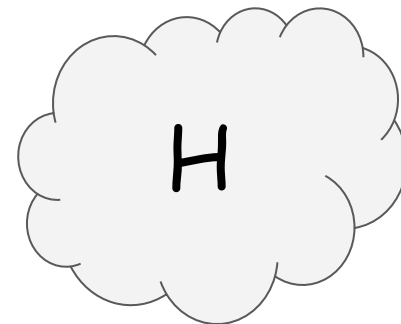
Accelerated Proximal Gradient Method

$$\min_x \frac{1}{2} x^T L(G) x + d^T x$$

- $x \geq 0$



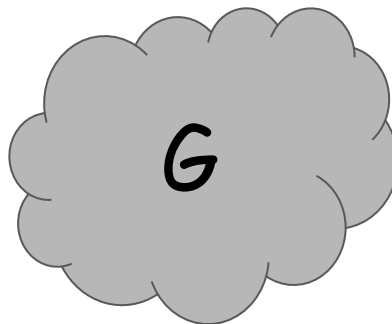
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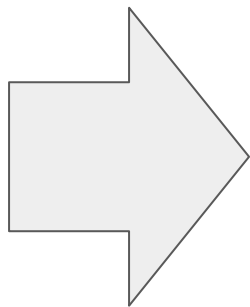
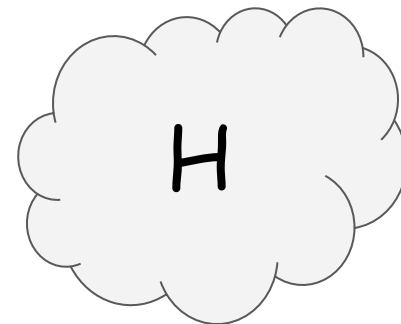
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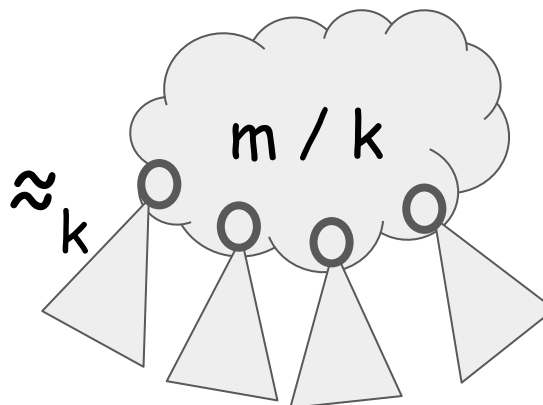
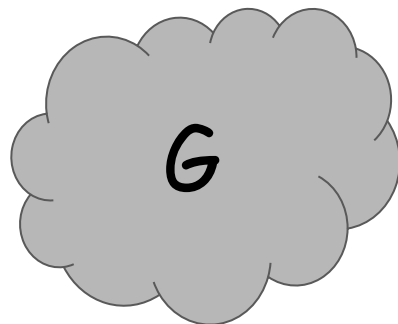
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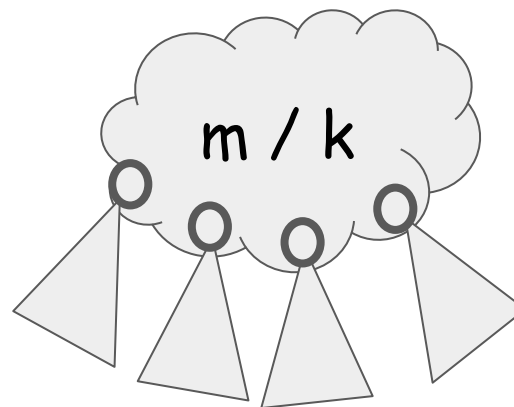
Combine Everything

Edge
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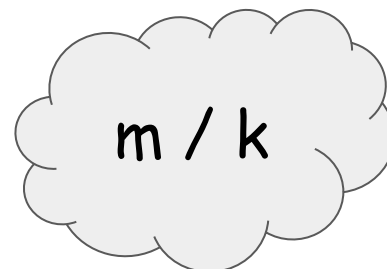
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Conclusion

- $O_{\sim}(m)$ -time solver for a wider class of flow problems
- $O_{\sim}(m)$ -time solver for a class of Non-Negative QP
- Φ -free $O_{\sim}(m)$ -time algo finding locally biased clusters
- New way dealing $x \geq 0$ beyond Interior Point Methods
- Ultra-sparsifier with NICE properties

Open Problems

- Simpler Algo: No recursion?
- Runtime depend on sparsity of S
- Faster runtime

$O(m \log m)$, $O(m (\log \log m)^c)$ for 2-approx

- Fast p -norm Flow Diffusion Algo
- Use to solve other problem?

Nonnegative-Laplacian Paradigm?

$$\min_f \|f\|_p$$

- $S + B^T f \leq T$

Thank You!