

# Attributed network embedding

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# Coupled spectral embedding

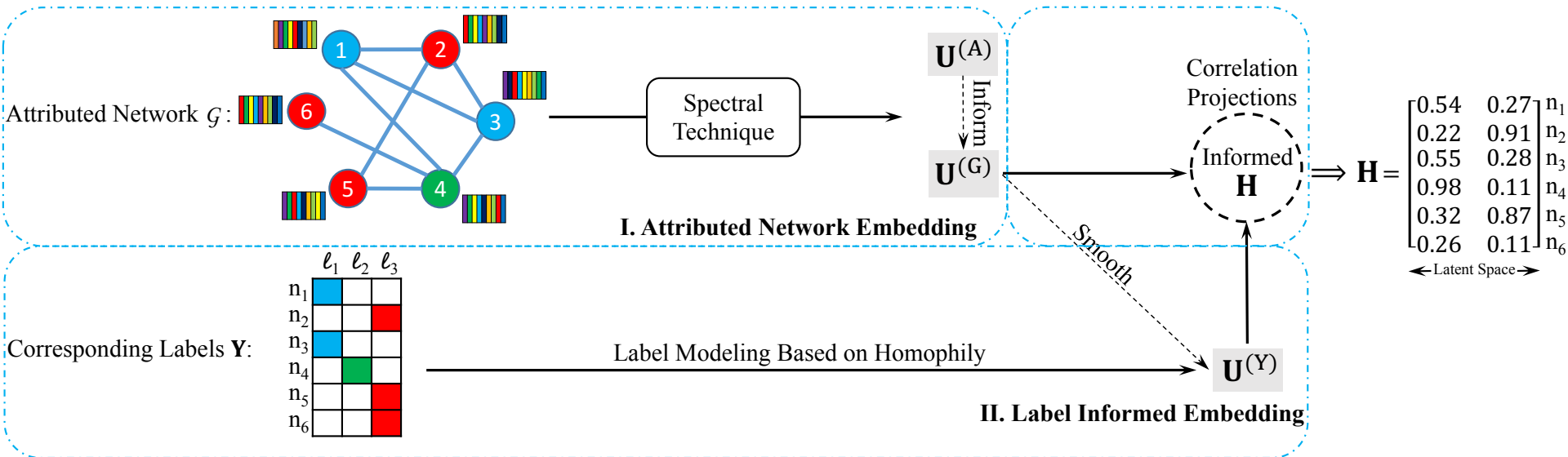
- Spectral embedding on plain networks:

$$\underset{\mathbf{U}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n g_{ij} \left\| \frac{\mathbf{u}_i}{\sqrt{d_i}} - \frac{\mathbf{u}_j}{\sqrt{d_j}} \right\|_2^2 = \text{Trace}[\mathbf{U}^\top (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}) \mathbf{U}]$$

Normalized Graph Laplacian

- For each pair of nodes  $i$  and  $j$ , larger  $g_{ij}$  tends to make their vector representations more similar
- **Spectral Graph Theory:** Eigenvalues are strongly connected to almost all key invariants of a graph
- How to extend spectral embedding to attributed networks?
  - Challenges: Heterogeneity & Large Scale

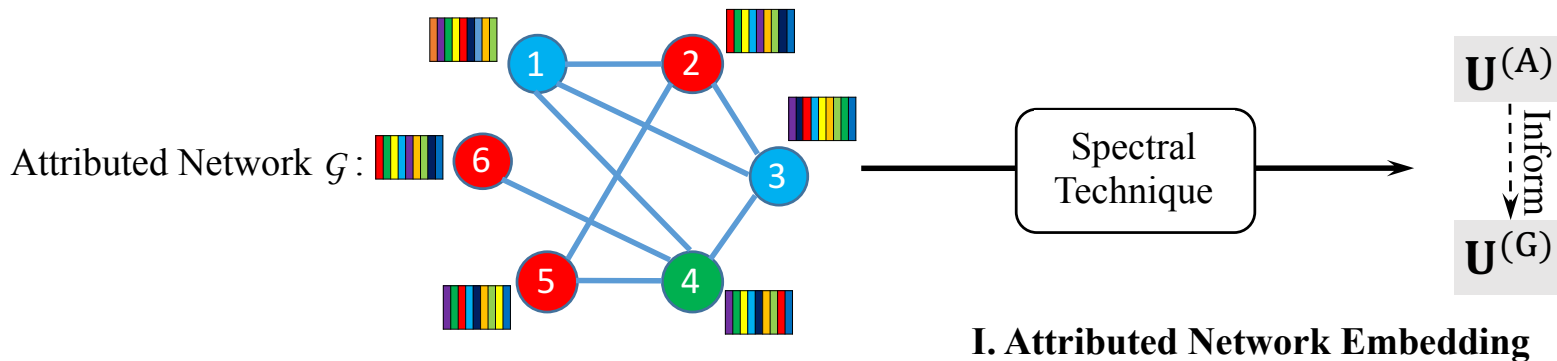
# Label informed attributed network embedding



LANE [Huang et al. WSDM, 2017]

- **Goal:** embed nodes with similar network structure, attribute proximity, or same label into similar vector representations

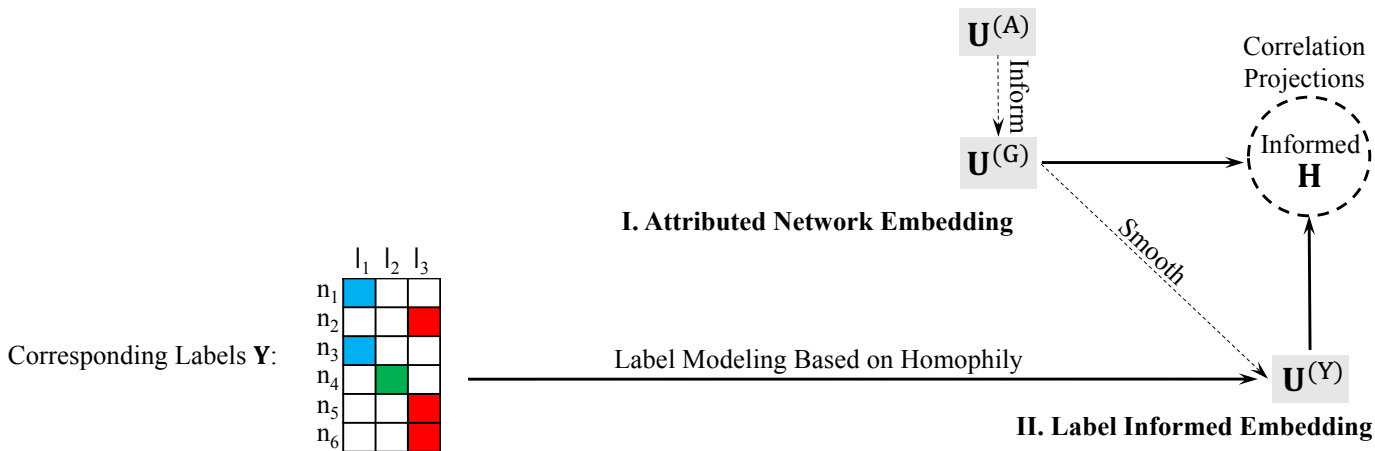
# Couple embedding via correlation projection



- Though network  $\mathbf{G}$ , node attributes  $\mathbf{A}$ , labels  $\mathbf{Y}$  are heterogeneous, node proximities defined by  $\mathbf{G}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{Y}$  are homogeneous
- We map the node proximities in network and node attributes into two latent representations  $\mathbf{U}^{(G)}$  and  $\mathbf{U}^{(A)}$  via spectral embedding and fuse them by extracting their correlations

$$\underset{\mathbf{U}^{(G)}, \mathbf{U}^{(A)}}{\text{maximize}} \quad \text{Tr}(\mathbf{U}^{(G)\top} \mathcal{L}^{(G)} \mathbf{U}^{(G)} + \alpha \mathbf{U}^{(A)\top} \mathcal{L}^{(A)} \mathbf{U}^{(A)} + \alpha \mathbf{U}^{(A)\top} \mathbf{U}^{(G)} \mathbf{U}^{(G)\top} \mathbf{U}^{(A)})$$

# Uniform projections



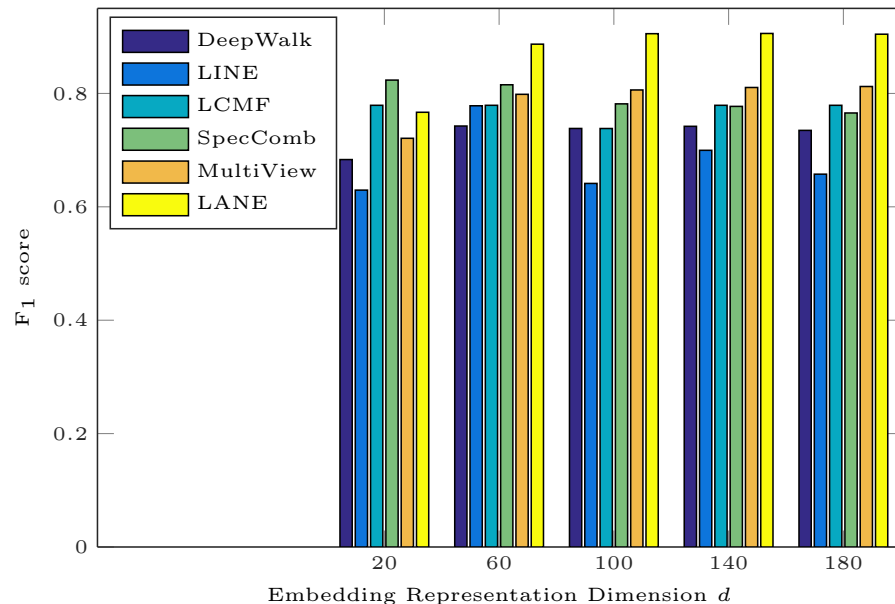
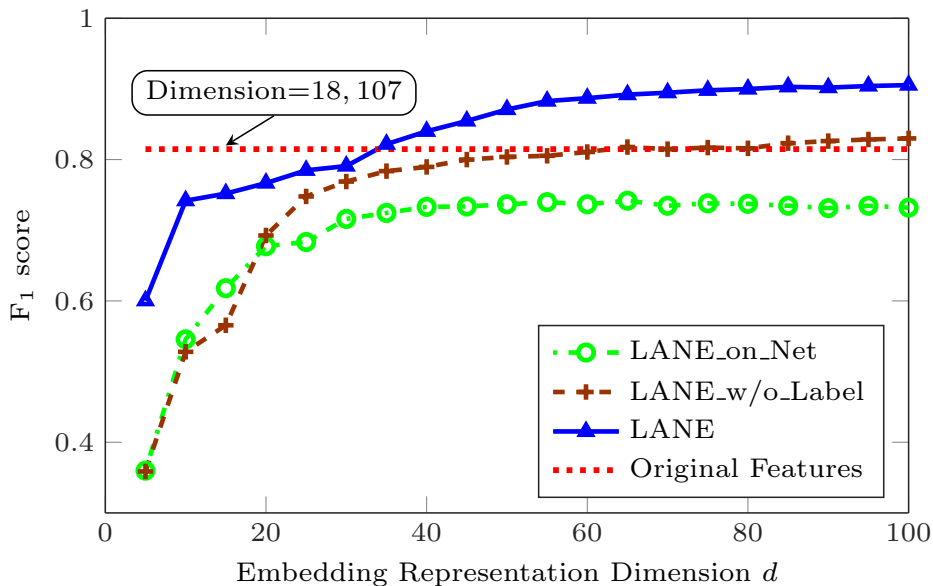
- Consider nodes with the same label as a clique, and employ the learned network proximity to smooth the label information

$$\underset{\mathbf{U}^{(G)}, \mathbf{U}^{(Y)}}{\text{maximize}} \quad \text{Tr} \left( \mathbf{U}^{(Y)\top} (\mathcal{L}^{(YY)} + \mathbf{U}^{(G)} \mathbf{U}^{(G)\top}) \mathbf{U}^{(Y)} \right)$$

- Uniformly project all of the learned latent representations into  $\mathbf{H}$

$$\underset{\mathbf{U}^{(G)}, \mathbf{U}^{(A)}, \mathbf{U}^{(Y)}, \mathbf{H}}{\text{maximize}} \quad \text{Tr} \left( \mathbf{H}^\top (\mathbf{U}^{(G)} \mathbf{U}^{(G)\top} + \mathbf{U}^{(A)} \mathbf{U}^{(A)\top} + \mathbf{U}^{(Y)} \mathbf{U}^{(Y)\top}) \mathbf{H} \right)$$

# Experimental results



- LANE and its variation outperform Original Features
- LANE achieves significantly better performance than the state-of-the-art embedding algorithms

# Summary of coupled spectral embedding

## I. Convert node attributes into a network by computing the affinity matrix and couple multiple spectral embedding

- Label informed attributed network embedding, WSDM 2017
- Co-regularized multi-view spectral clustering, NIPS 2011

$$\underset{\mathbf{U}^{(G)}, \mathbf{U}^{(A)}}{\text{maximize}} \quad \text{Tr}(\mathbf{U}^{(G)\top} \mathcal{L}^{(G)} \mathbf{U}^{(G)} + \alpha \mathbf{U}^{(A)\top} \mathcal{L}^{(A)} \mathbf{U}^{(A)} + \alpha \mathbf{U}^{(A)\top} \mathbf{U}^{(G)} \mathbf{U}^{(G)\top} \mathbf{U}^{(A)})$$

- ANE for learning in a dynamic environment, CIKM 2017

### ■ Initialization:

$$\underset{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}}{\text{maximize}} \quad \mathbf{p}^\top \mathbf{U}^{(G)\top} \mathbf{U}^{(G)} \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{p}^\top \mathbf{U}^{(G)\top} \mathbf{U}^{(A)} \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{q}^\top \mathbf{U}^{(A)\top} \mathbf{U}^{(G)} \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}^\top \mathbf{U}^{(A)\top} \mathbf{U}^{(A)} \mathbf{q}$$

### ■ Joint representations:

$$\mathbf{H} = [\mathbf{U}^{(G)}, \mathbf{U}^{(A)}] \times [\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}]$$

# Summary of coupled spectral embedding

## II. Leverage spectral embedding to handle networks and couple with other low-rank approximations, including matrix factorization

- Exploring context and content links in social media, TPAMI 2012

$$\underset{\mathbf{H}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{H}\|_{\text{F}}^2 + \lambda \text{Trace}[\mathbf{H}^{\top} (\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{G}) \mathbf{H}] + \gamma \|\mathbf{H}\|_*$$

- Attributed signed network embedding, CIKM 2017
  - Use spectral embedding to encode node attribute affinity matrix

## III. Spectral filters in graph neural networks

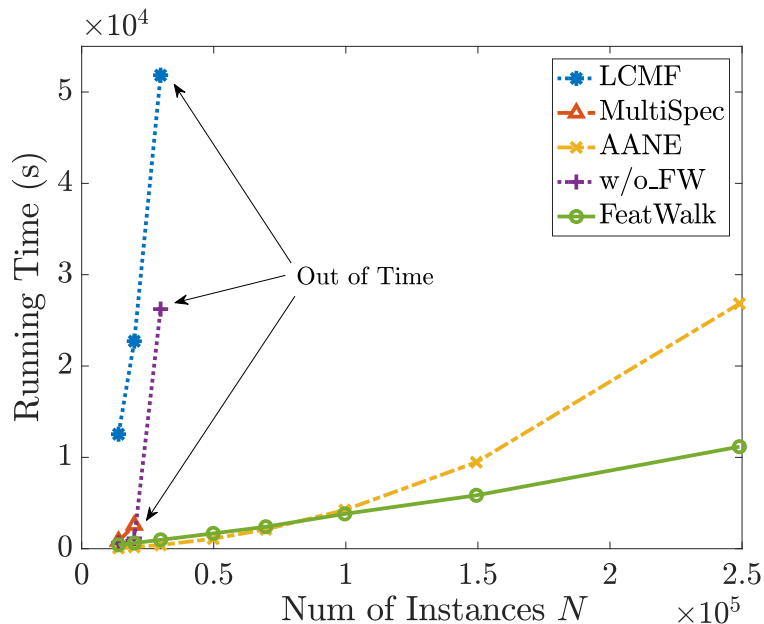
- Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors are identified as the frequencies of graph & graph Fourier modes
- CNN on graphs with fast localized spectral filtering, NIPS 2016
- Semi-supervised classification with graph convolutional networks, 2016
- GCN networks with complex rational spectral filters, 2019



# Coupled matrix & tri- factorization

- Learning a unified representation from two matrices is trivial

$$\min_{\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}} \|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{U}\|_{\mathbf{F}}^2 + \alpha \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{V}\|_{\mathbf{F}}^2$$



- Intuitive solutions:

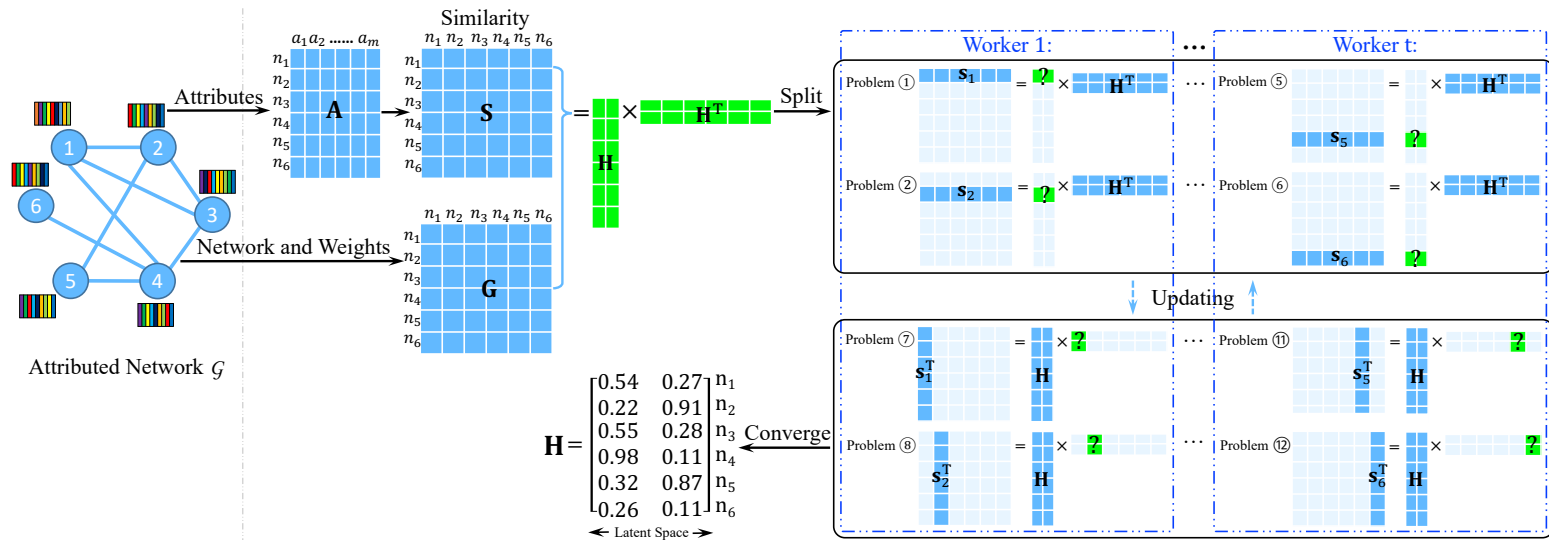
- Combining Content and Link for Classification using Matrix Factorization, 2007 (LCMF)

$$\min_{\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}} \|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{H}^{\top}\|_{\mathbf{F}}^2 + \alpha \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{V}\|_{\mathbf{F}}^2 + \gamma \|\mathbf{U}\|_{\mathbf{F}}^2 + \beta \|\mathbf{V}\|_{\mathbf{F}}^2$$

- Focuses:

- Factorizing networks
- Improving efficiency

# Accelerated attributed network embedding



AANE [Huang et al. SDM, 2017]

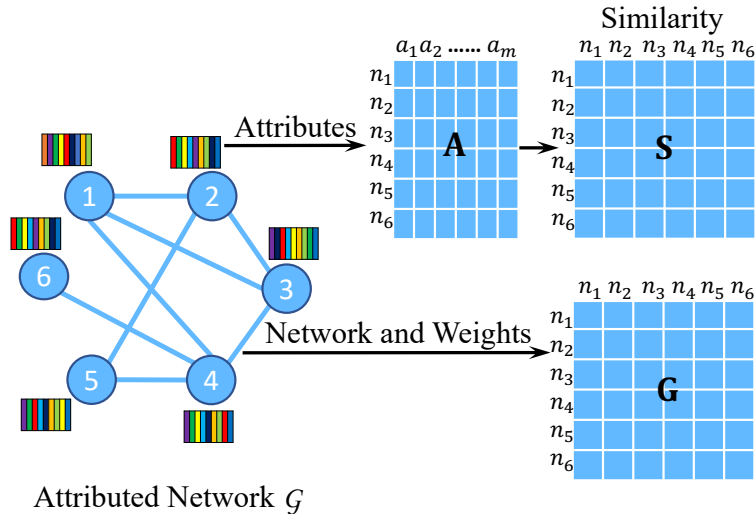
- **Goal:** Preserve the network & node attributes into a unified latent representation, in an efficient way
- AANE accelerates the optimization by decomposing it into low complexity sub-problems

# Network structure modeling

- Objective function:  $\min_{\mathbf{H}} \mathcal{J} = \|\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^\top\|_{\text{F}}^2 + \lambda \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} g_{ij} \|\mathbf{h}_i - \mathbf{h}_j\|_2$   
Network Lasso

- Network lasso [Hallac et al. KDD, 2015]:
  - If we use squared norms, it would reduce to Laplacian regularization
  - A generalization of group lasso, encouraging  $h_i = h_j$  across the edge
  - For each edge  $i$  to  $j$ , set  $\{(h_{i1} - h_{j1}), (h_{i2} - h_{j2}), \dots\}$  as a group
  - Group lasso:  $\min_{\beta} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_{\mathcal{I}=1, \dots, I} \|\beta_{\mathcal{I}}\|_2$
- $\lambda$  adjusts the size of clustering groups
- $\ell_2$ -norm alleviates the impacts from outliers and missing data

# Incorporating node attribute affinities



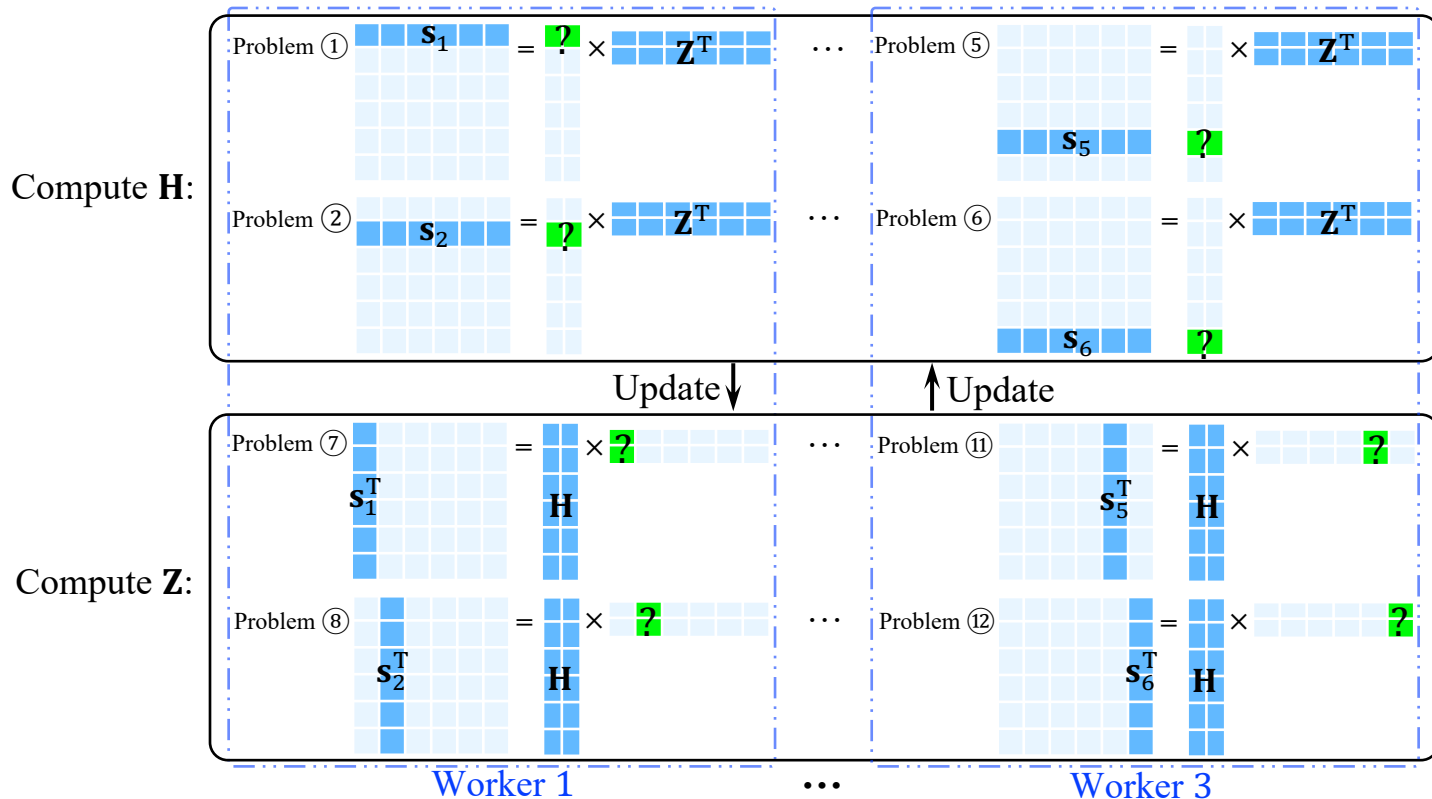
Objective functions:

$$\min_{\mathbf{H}} \mathcal{J} = \|\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^\top\|_F^2 + \lambda \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} g_{ij} \|\mathbf{h}_i - \mathbf{h}_j\|_2$$

Network Lasso

- Though network & node attributes are heterogeneous info, node proximity defined by attributes is homogenous with network
- Based on the decomposition of similarities defined by attributes and penalty of embedding difference between connected nodes

# Acceleration via distributed optimization



- Make sub-problems independent to each other to allow parallel computation

# Low-complexity independent sub-problems

- Make a copy of  $\mathbf{H}$ , named  $\mathbf{Z}$
- Reformulate objective function into a linearly constrained problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{H}} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{h}_i \mathbf{Z}^\top\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} g_{ij} \|\mathbf{h}_i - \mathbf{z}_j\|_2,$$

subject to  $\mathbf{h}_i = \mathbf{z}_i, i = 1, \dots, n.$

- Given fixed  $\mathbf{H}$ , all the row  $\mathbf{z}_i$  could be calculated independently
- Each sub-problem only needs row  $\mathbf{s}_i$ , not the entire  $\mathbf{S}$
- Time complexity of updating  $\mathbf{h}_i$  is  $\mathcal{O}(d^3 + dn + d|N(i)|)$ , with space complexity  $\mathcal{O}(n)$

# Summary of coupled matrix & tri-factorization

## I. Accelerate coupled matrix factorization via distributed optimizations

- Accelerated attributed network embedding, SDM 2017
- Accelerated local anomaly detection via resolving AN, IJCAI 2017

■  $\min_{\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{V}} \quad \|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^\top\|_F^2 + \alpha\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{V}\|_F^2 + \gamma(\|\mathbf{H}\|_F^2 + \|\mathbf{V}\|_F^2)$

- A parallel mini-batch SGD to accelerate the optimization

$\|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^\top\|_F^2$

	$h_1^\top$	$h_2^\top$	$h_3^\top$	$h_4^\top$	$h_5^\top$	$\cdots$	$h_n^\top$
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$h_n$	$g_{n,1}$	$g_{n,2}$	$g_{n,3}$	$g_{n,4}$	$g_{n,5}$	$\cdots$	$g_{n,n}$

$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{V}\|_F^2$

	$v_1$	$v_2$	$v_3$	$v_4$	$v_5$	$\cdots$	$v_m$
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# Summary of coupled matrix & tri-factorization

## II. Modeling networks via matrix tri-factorization

- Network Representation Learning with Rich Text Information, IJCAI 2015
  - Let  $\mathbf{T}$  be the transition matrix of the PageRank on  $\mathbf{G}$ , and  $\mathbf{M} = (\mathbf{T} + \mathbf{T}^2)/2$

- $$\min_{\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{V}} \|\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{V}\mathbf{A}^\top\|_{\mathbb{F}}^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} (\|\mathbf{H}\|_{\mathbb{F}}^2 + \|\mathbf{V}\|_{\mathbb{F}}^2)$$

- Preserving Proximity and Global Ranking for Network Embedding, 2017
  - **Lemma:** Matrix tri-factorization  $\mathbf{H}^\top \mathbf{V}\mathbf{H} \approx \mathbf{M}^{\text{PMI}}$  preserves the second-order proximity, where (shifted) pointwise mutual information is defined as follows

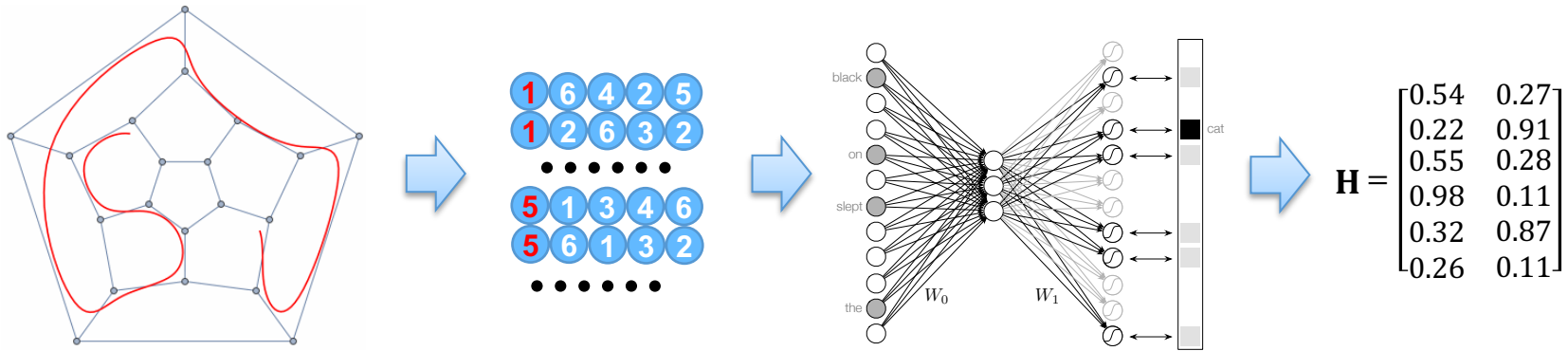
$$\mathbf{M}^{\text{PMI}} = \begin{cases} \max\{0, \log \frac{p_{s,t}(i,j)}{p_s(i)p_t(j)} - \log \alpha\}, & \text{if } (i,j) \in \mathcal{E} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $$p_{s,t}(i,j) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{E}|}, p_s(i) = \frac{\text{degree}_{\text{out}}^i}{|\mathcal{E}|}, p_t(j) = \frac{\text{degree}_{\text{in}}^j}{|\mathcal{E}|}$$

- Negative values are filtered since less informative [Levy and Goldberg, 2014]

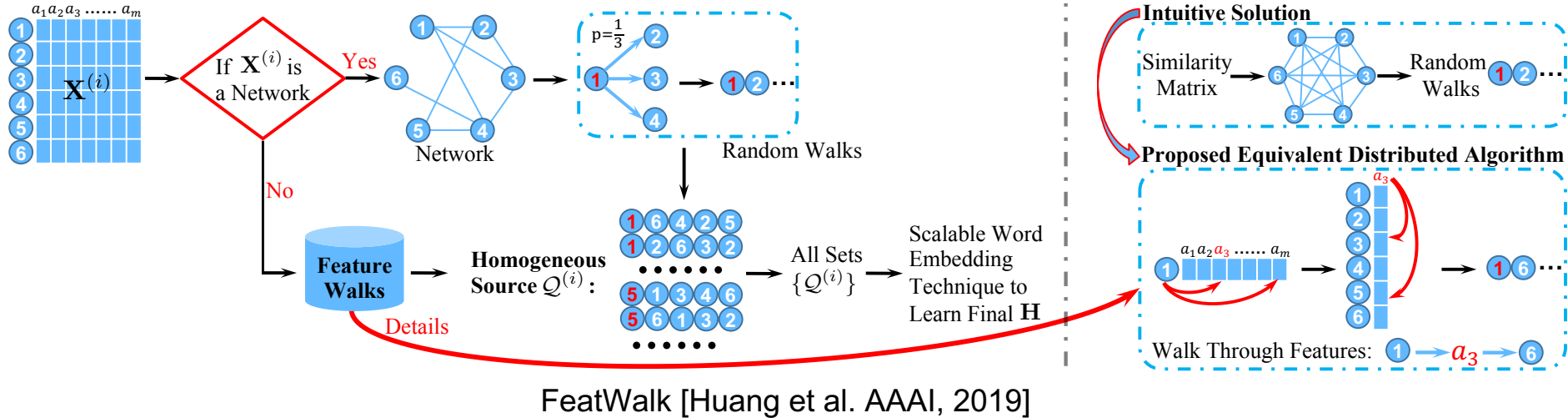


# Random walk based embedding



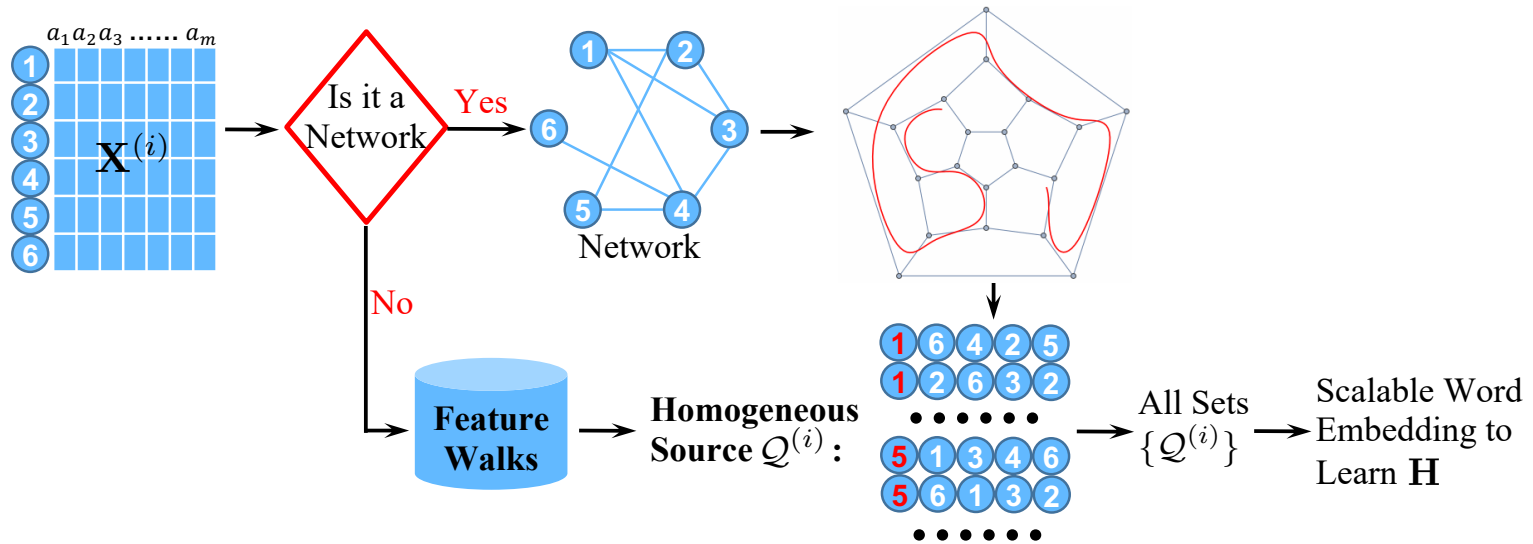
- Random walks on plain networks:
  - Conduct random walks on a network and record the walking trajectories
  - Treat nodes as words and sequences as sentences to learn embedding
- Nodes' co-occurrence probabilities  $\approx$  linking probabilities
- It converts geometric structures into structured sequences while alleviating the issues of sparsity and curse of dimensionality
- Random walks on attributed networks? (Heterogeneity)

# Large-scale heterogeneous feature embedding



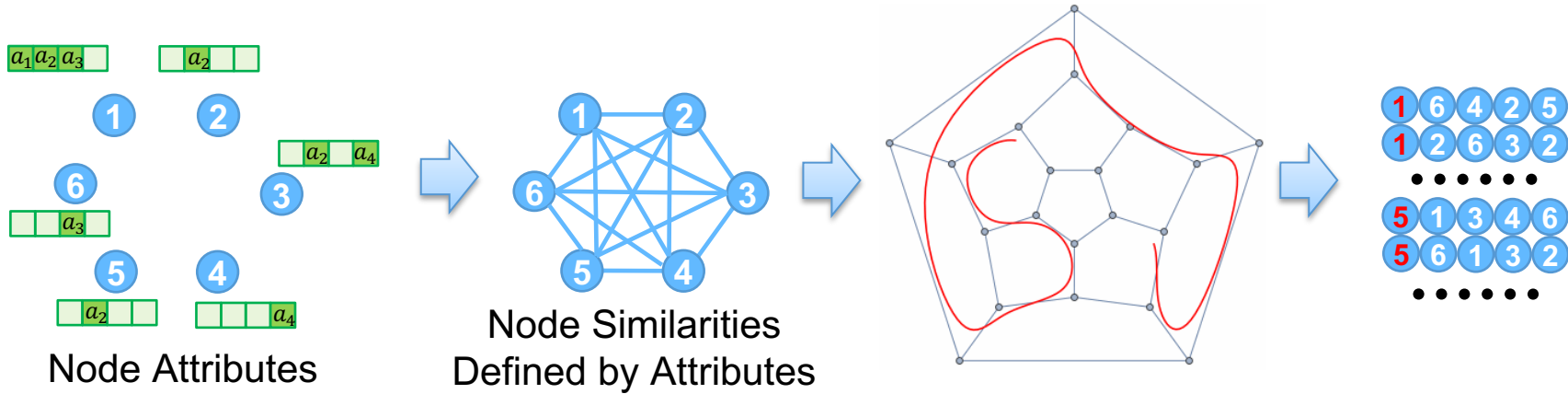
- **Goal:** Incorporate multiple networks & multiple types of high-dimensional node attributes into a unified latent representation
- E.g., amazon products have product info, customer reviews, etc.  
Networks: customer purchase record, & customer viewing history

# Learn node proximities to handle heterogeneity



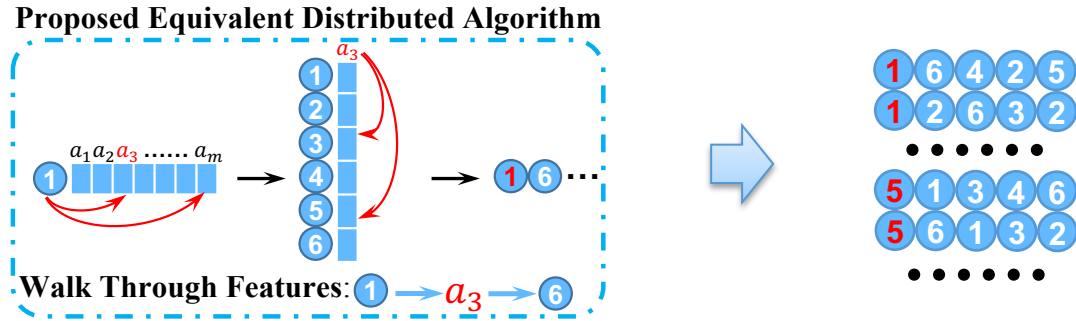
- **Node proximity:** Similarities between nodes defined by links or attributes of nodes, i.e., rows of each  $\mathbf{X}^{(i)}$
- Node proximities learned from different  $\{\mathbf{X}^{(i)}\}$  are homogeneous
- FeatWalk projects each node proximity into a set of node sequences  $Q^{(i)}$ , and learns  $\mathbf{H}$  from all  $\{Q^{(i)}\}$

# The intuitive solution



- To learn  $Q^{(i)}$ , intuitive solution is to compute node similarity matrix  $S$  based on  $A^{(i)}$ , and perform random walks on  $S$
- Random Walks: In  $Q^{(i)}$ , a sequence of node indices, probability of  $i$  follows  $j$  approaches their similarity in  $S$
- Expensive:  $S$  is dense with  $n \times n$  dimensions

# Equivalent similarity-based random walks



- **Theorem 1.** Probability of walking from  $i$  to  $j$  via FeatWalk is equal to the one via random walks on  $\mathbf{S}$ , where
 
$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{YDY}^\top$$
- $\mathbf{Y}$  is the node attribute matrix after special normalizations
- FeatWalk learns the same sequences as the intuitive solution, while avoiding the computation of node similarities  $\mathbf{S}$

# FeatWalk walks via features

- Given the initial  $i$ , we walk to the  $m^{\text{th}}$  attribute category with probability

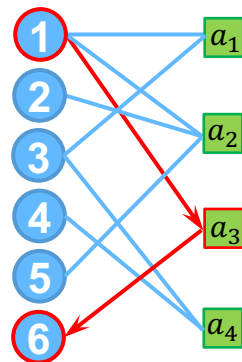
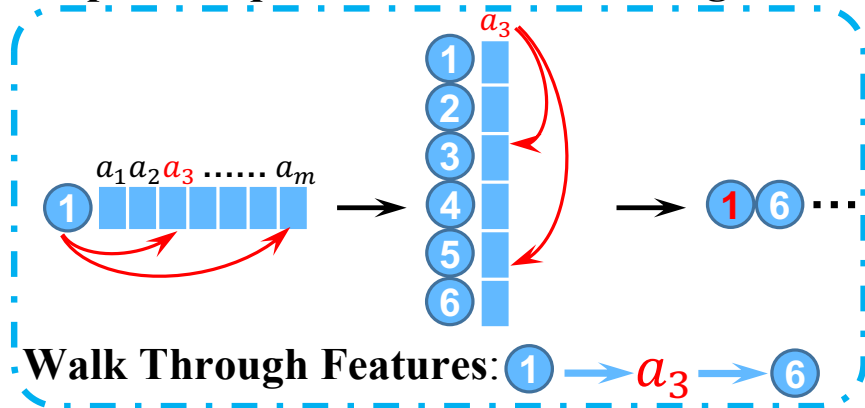
$$P(i \rightarrow a_m) = \frac{\hat{x}_{im}}{\sum_{p=1}^M \hat{x}_{ip}}$$

- We focus on the  $m^{\text{th}}$  attribute category and walk from  $a_m$  to  $j$  with probability

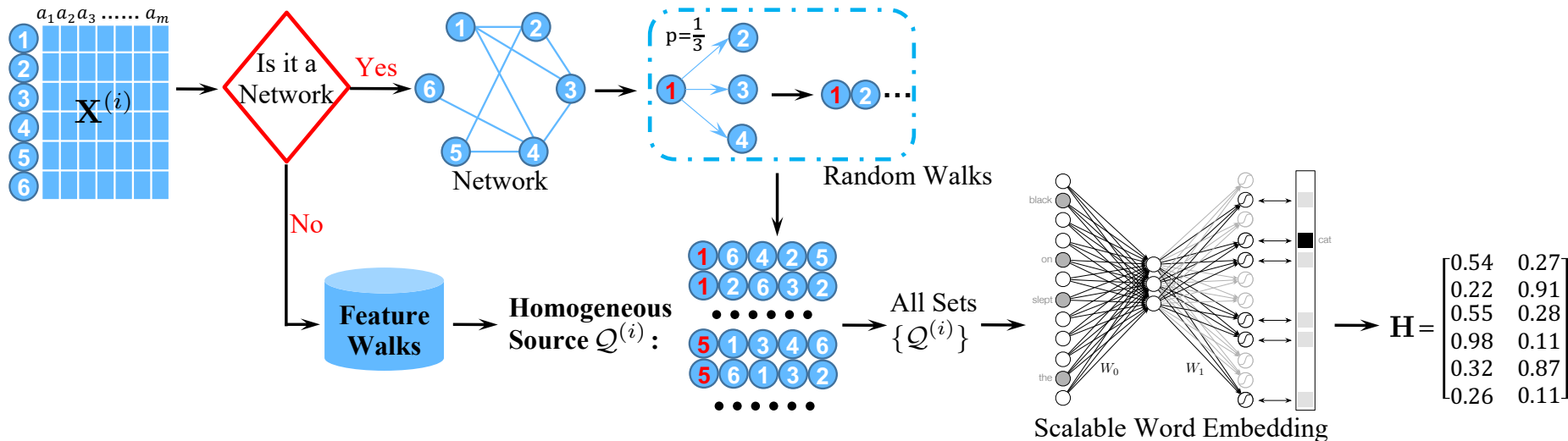
$$P(a_m \rightarrow j) = \frac{y_{jm}}{\sum_{n=1}^N y_{nm}}$$

- $\hat{x}_{im}$  and  $y_{jm}$  are normalized node attributes

## Proposed Equivalent Distributed Algorithm

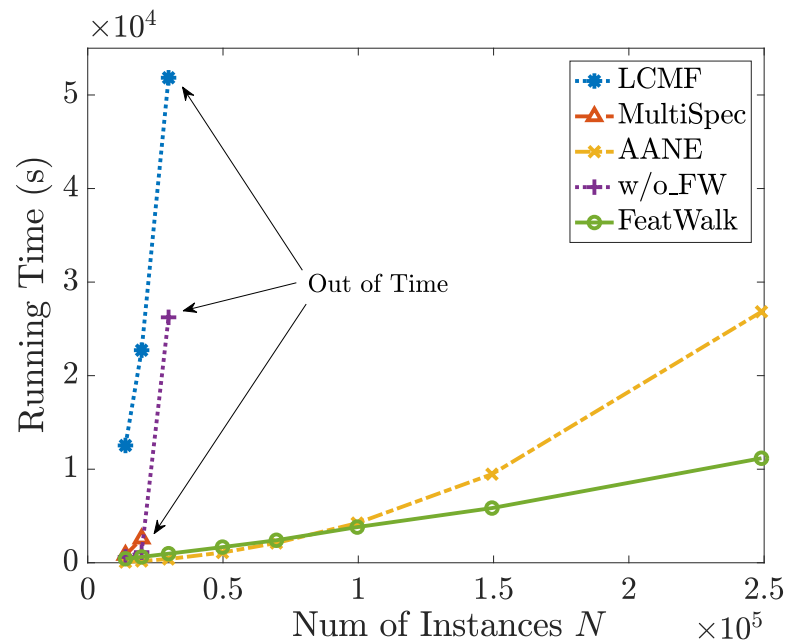
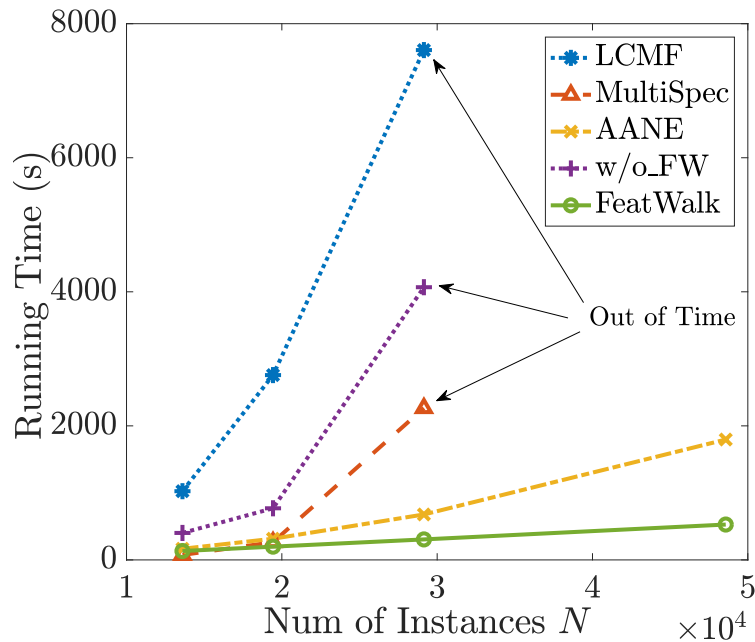


# Summary of FeatWalk



- Project each node proximity into a set of node sequence  $Q^{(i)}$
- Consider nodes as words and truncated sequences as sentences
- Apply a scalable word embedding technique to all  $\{Q^{(i)}\}$  to learn a joint embedding representation  $H$

# Efficiency evaluation

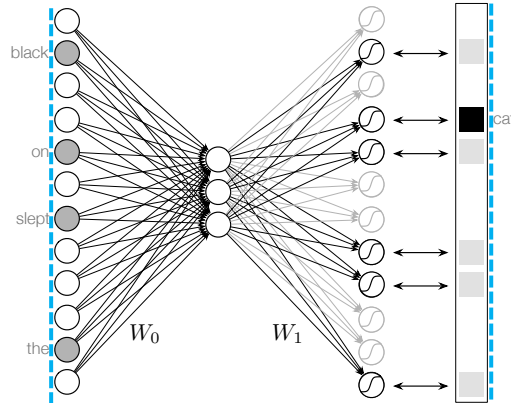


- Running time of FeatWalk is almost linear to  $N$
- FeatWalk achieves a significant acceleration compared to the intuitive solution w/o\_FW



# Summary of random walk based embedding

## Skip-Gram Model & Negative Sampling



Word2vec: Distributed Representations of Words and Phrases and their Compositionality  
 DeepWalk: Online Learning of Social Representations  
 FeatWalk: Large-Scale Heterogeneous Feature Embedding  
 TriDNR: Tri-Party Deep Network Representation  
 Gat2vec: Representation Learning for Attributed Graphs

Word2vec:	words	→	surrounding words	[2013]
DeepWalk:	nodes	→	neighbors	[2014]
FeatWalk:	nodes	→	neighbors defined by edges nodes with same attributes	[2019]
TriDNR:	nodes	→	neighbors defined by edges	[2016]
Gat2vec:	attributes	→	nodes with same attributes	[2019]
	labels	→	nodes with same labels	38

# Mining attributed networks with shallow embedding

- **Focuses:**

Joint learning, embedding networks, & accelerating optimization

- **Methods:**

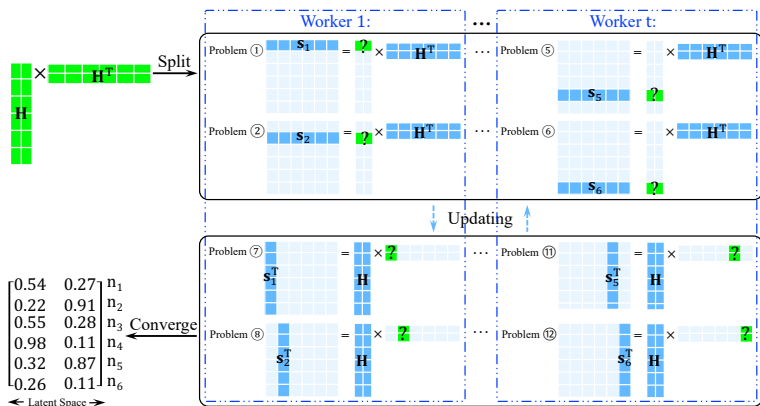
Coupled spectral embedding

Coupled matrix & tri-factorization

Random walk based embedding

- **Techniques:**

Spectral graph theory, Coupling, distributed optimization, joint random walks, etc.



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