



# Neural Graph Matching and Beyond

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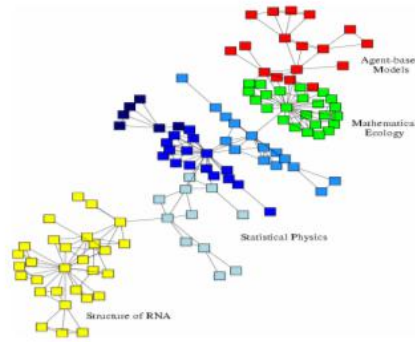
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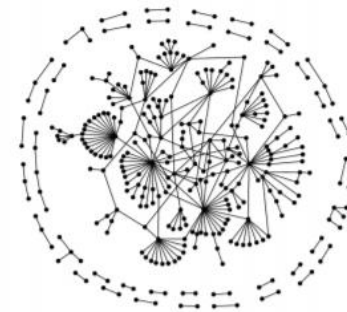
# Graphs Everywhere



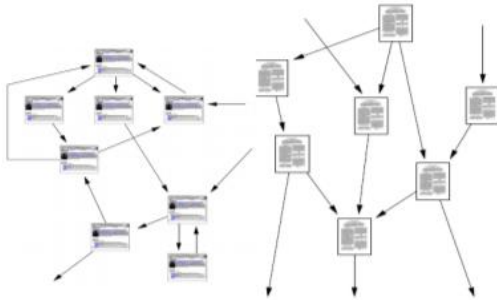
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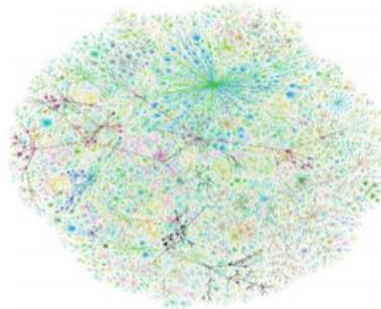
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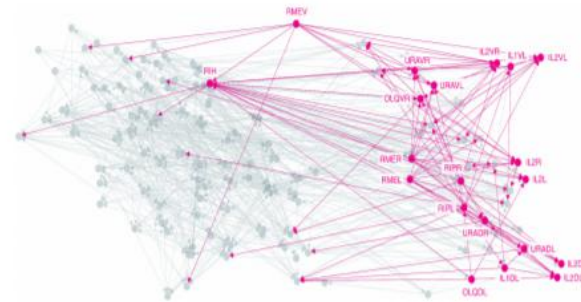
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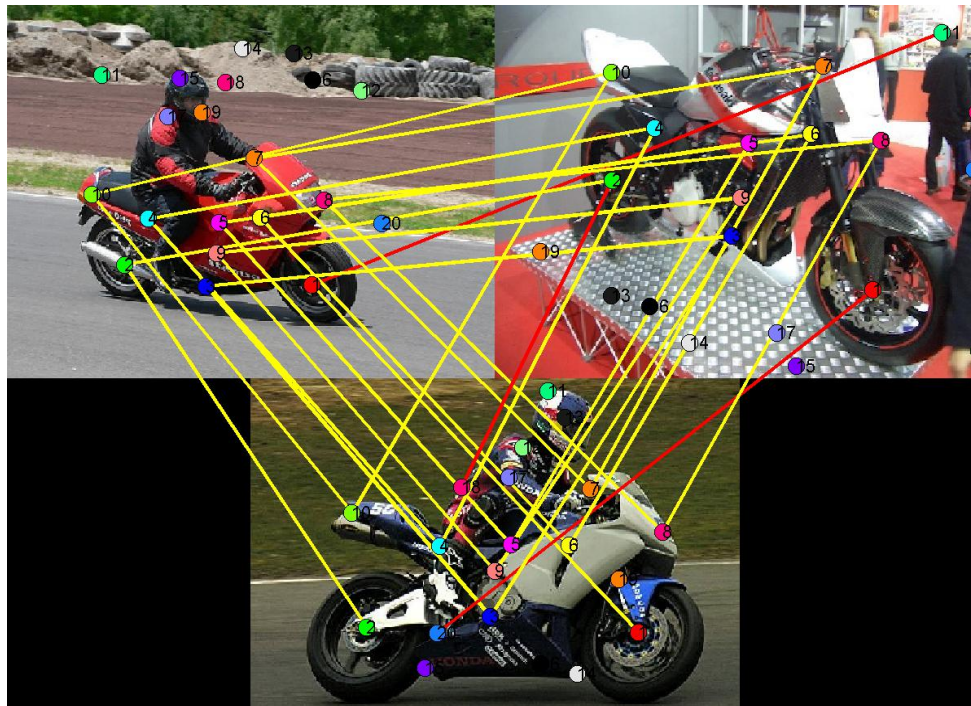
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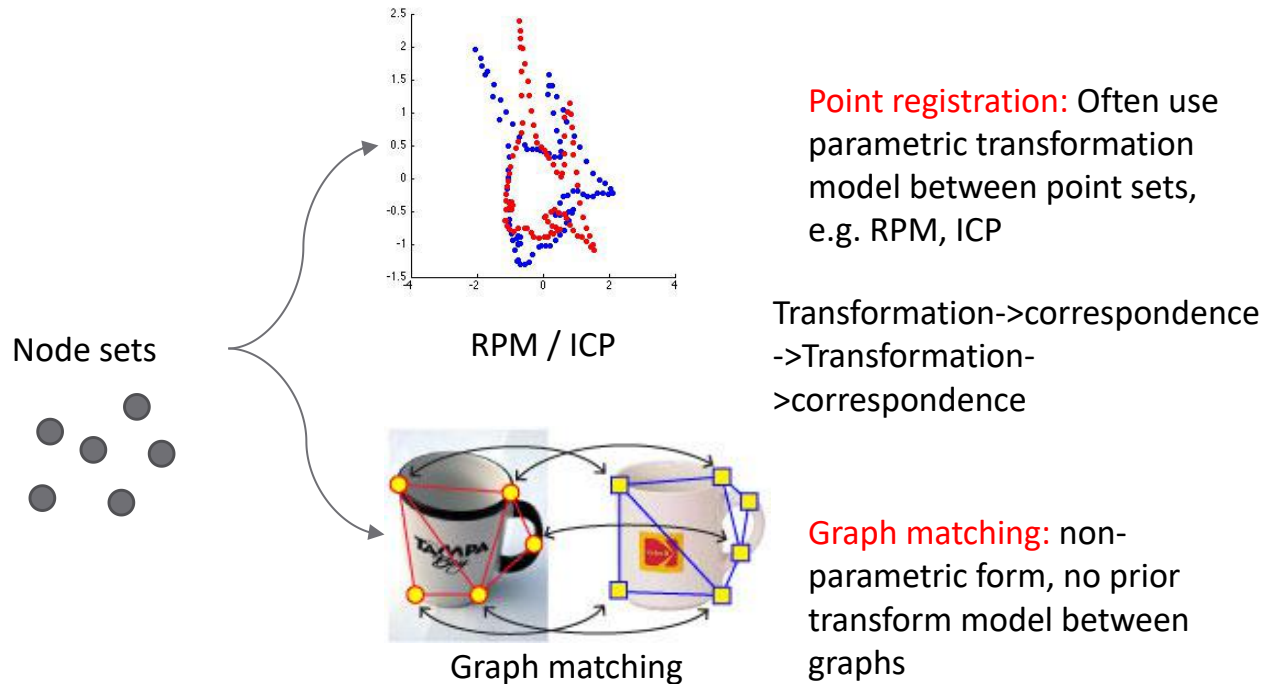
# What is Graph Matching

**Graph Matching** finds node correspondence among graphs.



Yan, Cho, Zha, et al. "Multi-Graph Matching via Affinity Optimization with Graduated Consistency Regularization." IEEE T-PAMI 2016.

# Graph matching vs. registration

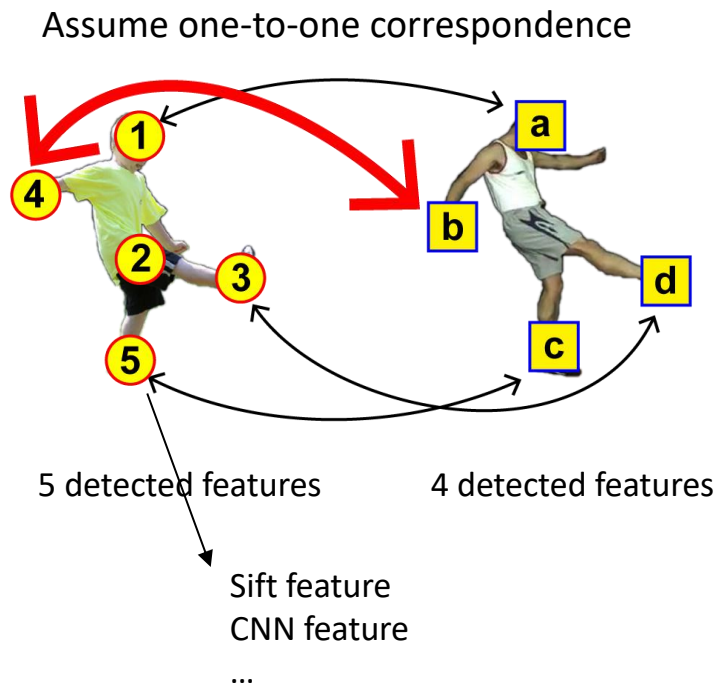


**RPM:** Chui, H., Rangarajan, A.: A new point matching algorithm for non-rigid registration. *Computer Vision and Image Understanding* 89 (2003) 114–141

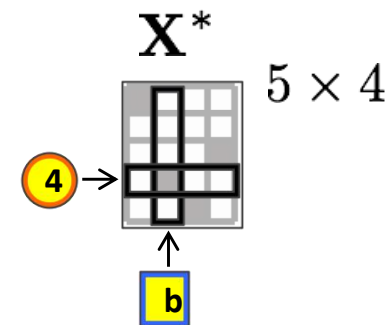
**ICP:** Z. Zhang. Iterative point matching for registration of free-form curves and surfaces. *IJCV*, 1994.

**Graph matching:** Thirty years of graph matching in pattern recognition. *IJPRAI*, 2004.

# Node correspondence by an assignment matrix



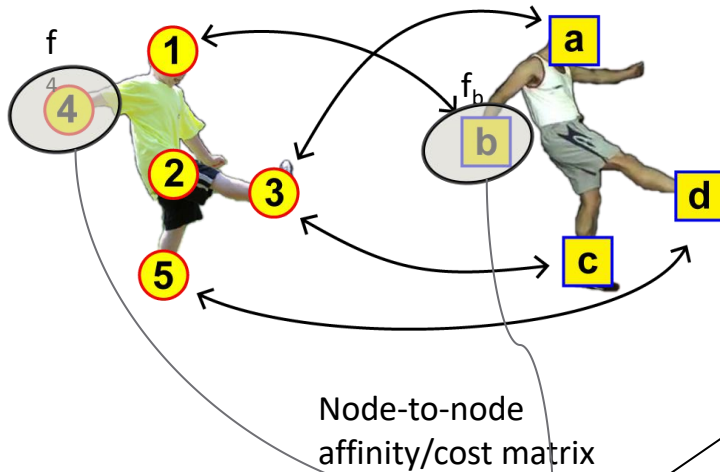
Solution: assignment matrix, i.e. a partial permutation matrix



$$\mathbf{X} \in \{0, 1\}^{5 \times 4}$$

$$\mathbf{X}\mathbf{1} \leq \mathbf{1}, \quad \mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1}$$

# Node-wise linear assignment problem



Node-to-node  
affinity/cost matrix

$$c_{st} = \exp\left(-\frac{\|\mathbf{f}_s - \mathbf{f}_t\|_2}{\sigma^2 D}\right)$$

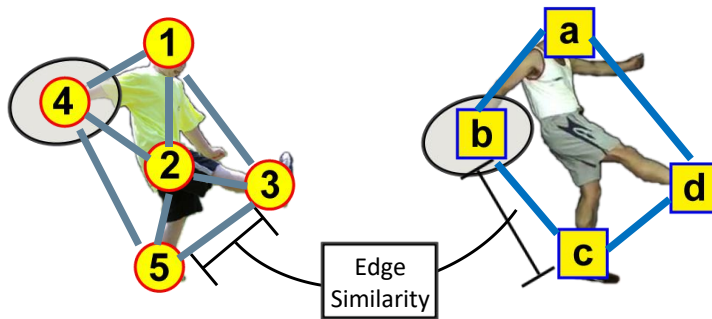
Linear Assignment Problem

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mathbf{X}} \quad & \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{X} \mathbf{K}_p^T \right) \\ \text{s. t.} \quad & \mathbf{X} \in \{0, 1\}^{5 \times 4} \\ & \mathbf{X} \mathbf{1} \leq \mathbf{1}, \quad \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1} \end{aligned}$$

**Hungarian Algorithm**  
(Kuhn & Munkres, 1955)  
Global optimality is ensured by  
 $O(n^3)$  time complexity where  $n$  is the number of nodes

# Edge-wise graph matching

Build graph by Delaunay Triangulation



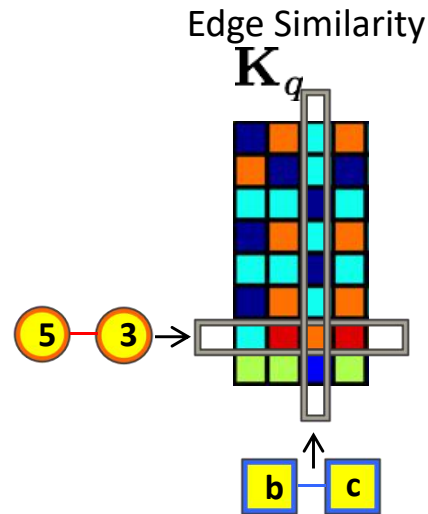
1st-order Feature (eg. Local Texture)

Feature Matching (linear)

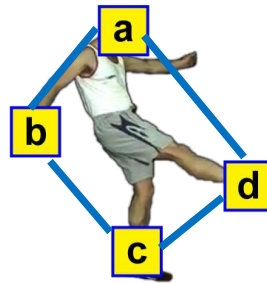
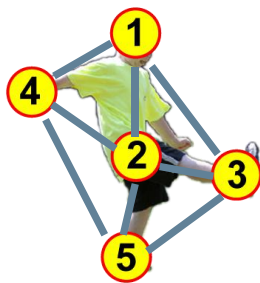
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2nd-order Feature (eg, Edge Length)

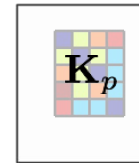
Graph Matching (quadratic)



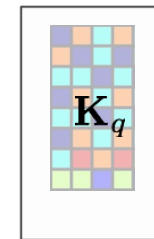
# Graph matching: a combinatorial optimization formulation



Node Similarity



Edge Similarity



Affinity maximization



Steven Gold



A. Rangarajan

$\max_{\mathbf{X}}$

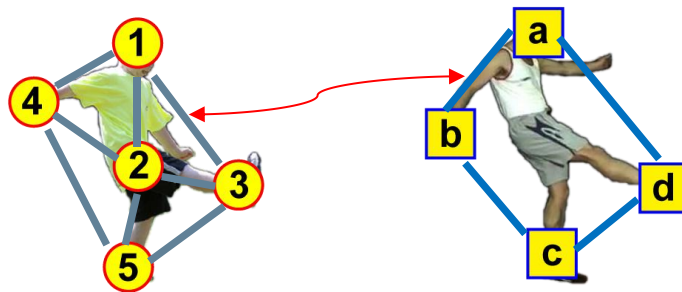
$$\sum_{i_1 i_2} x_{i_1 i_2} \kappa_{i_1 i_2}^p + \sum_{\substack{(i_1, j_1) \in E_1 \\ (i_2, j_2) \in E_2}} x_{i_1 i_2} x_{j_1 j_2} \kappa_{c(i_1, j_1) c(i_2, j_2)}^q$$

Node-Edge Index

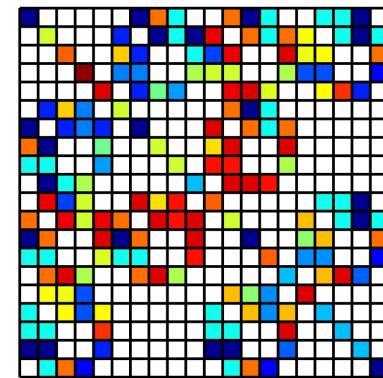
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# A more clean writing by an affinity matrix



Affinity matrix:  $\mathbf{K}$  (Leordeanu & Hebert, 2005)



Edge-to-edge relations  $\uparrow$   $20 \times 20$

$5 \cdot 4$



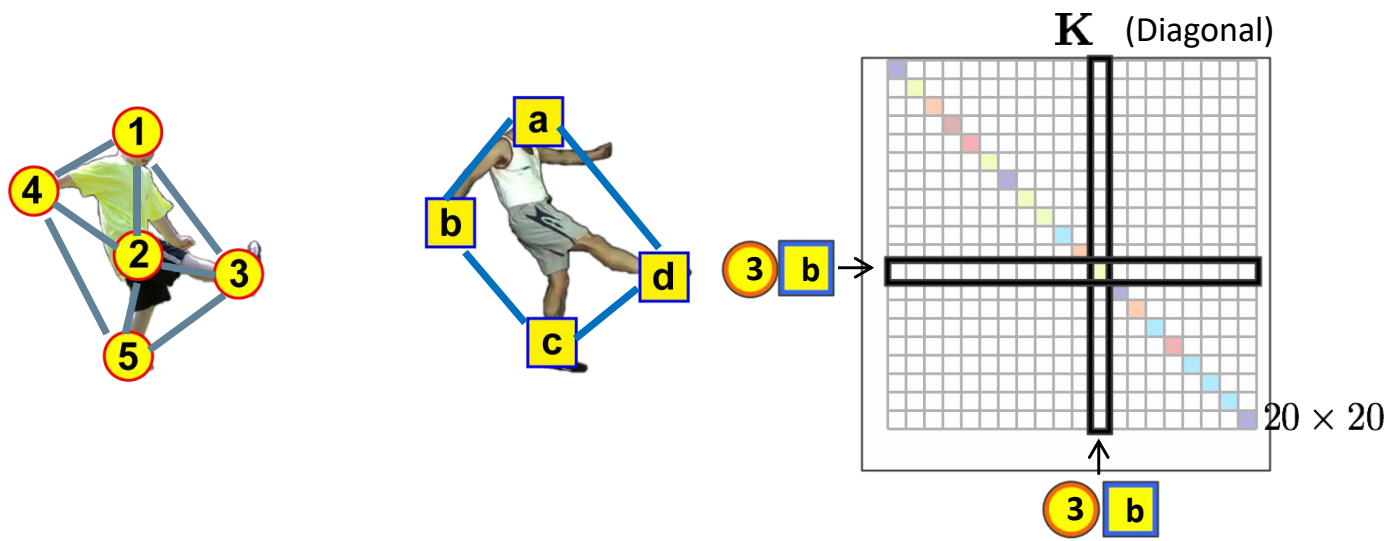
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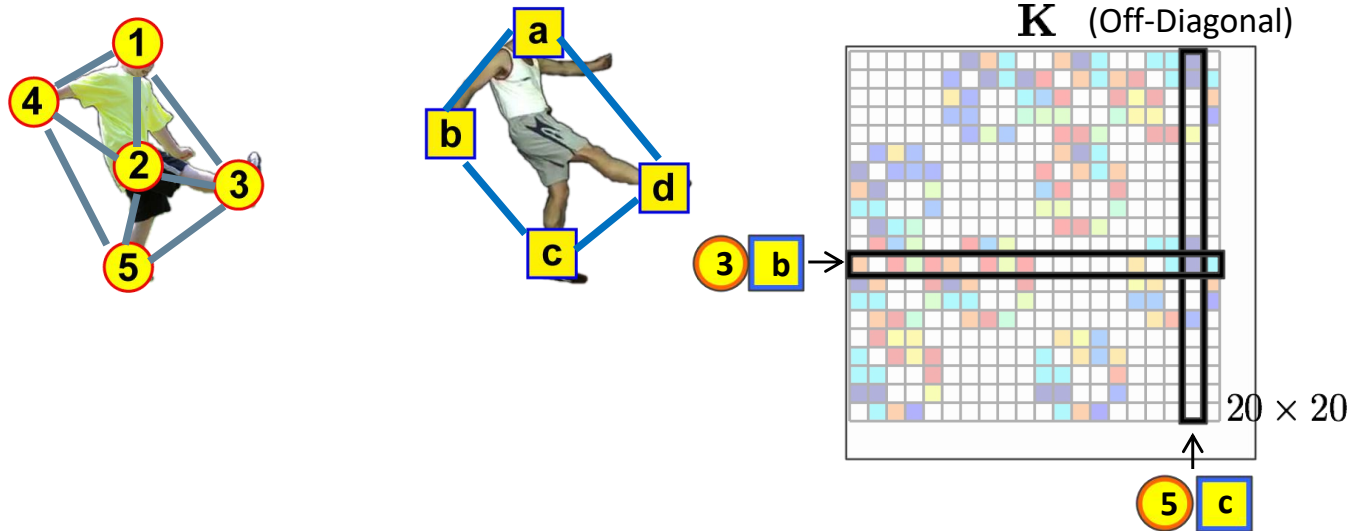
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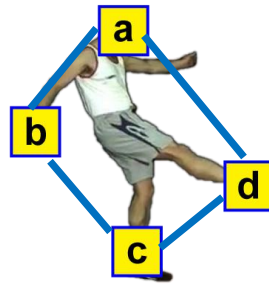
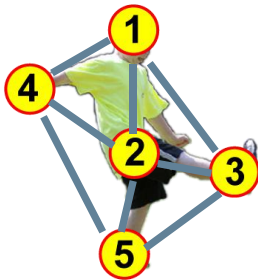
# Node-to-node affinity



# Edge-to-edge affinity



# Quadratic Assignment Problem



$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mathbf{X}} \quad & \text{vec}(\mathbf{X})^T \mathbf{K} \text{vec}(\mathbf{X}) \\ \text{s. t.} \quad & \mathbf{X} \in \{0, 1\}^{5 \times 4} \\ & \mathbf{X}\mathbf{1} \leq \mathbf{1}, \quad \mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1} \end{aligned}$$

**NP-hard**

Branch-Bound

*Koopmans & Beckmann, 1955*

*Lawler, 1963*

*Loiola et al, 2007*

# Spectral Approximation

$$\max_{\mathbf{X}} \text{vec}(\mathbf{X})^T \mathbf{K} \text{vec}(\mathbf{X})$$

$$\text{s. t. } \begin{aligned} &\mathbf{X} \in \{0,1\}^{5 \times 4} \\ &\mathbf{X}\mathbf{1} \leq \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\|\text{vec}(\mathbf{X})\|_2^2 = 1$$

Faster

Not Tight

Not Discrete

*Spectral Method  
is Faster*



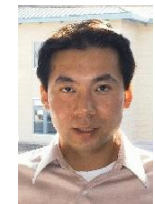
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P. S. T. Cour and J. Shi, “Balanced graph matching,” in NIPS, 2006

# Double-stochastic Approximation

- S. Gold & Rangarajan, 1996
- Cho et al, 2010
- Leordeanu et al, 2009
- ...

$$\max_{\mathbf{X}} \text{vec}(\mathbf{X})^T \mathbf{K} \text{vec}(\mathbf{X})$$

s. t.  ~~$\mathbf{X} \in \{0, 1\}^{5 \times 4}$~~   $\mathbf{X} \in [0, 1]^{5 \times 4}$   
 $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{1} \leq \mathbf{1}, \quad \mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1}$

**Not Convex**  
(K is Indefinite)

**Slower**

**Not Discrete**

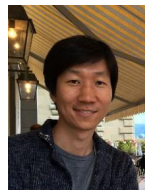
*Gradient Method  
is More Accurate*



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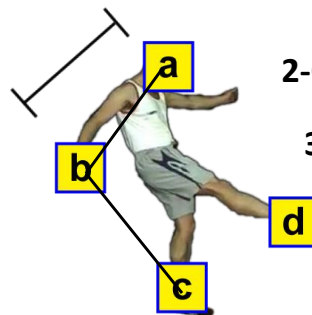
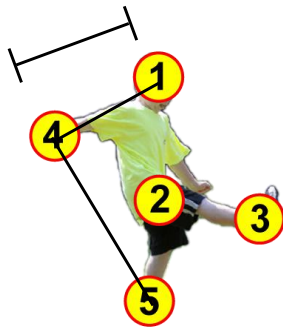
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# Beyond: Higher-order models



2-Order is **Rotation / Scale Invariant**

3-Order is **Similarity Transformation Invariant**

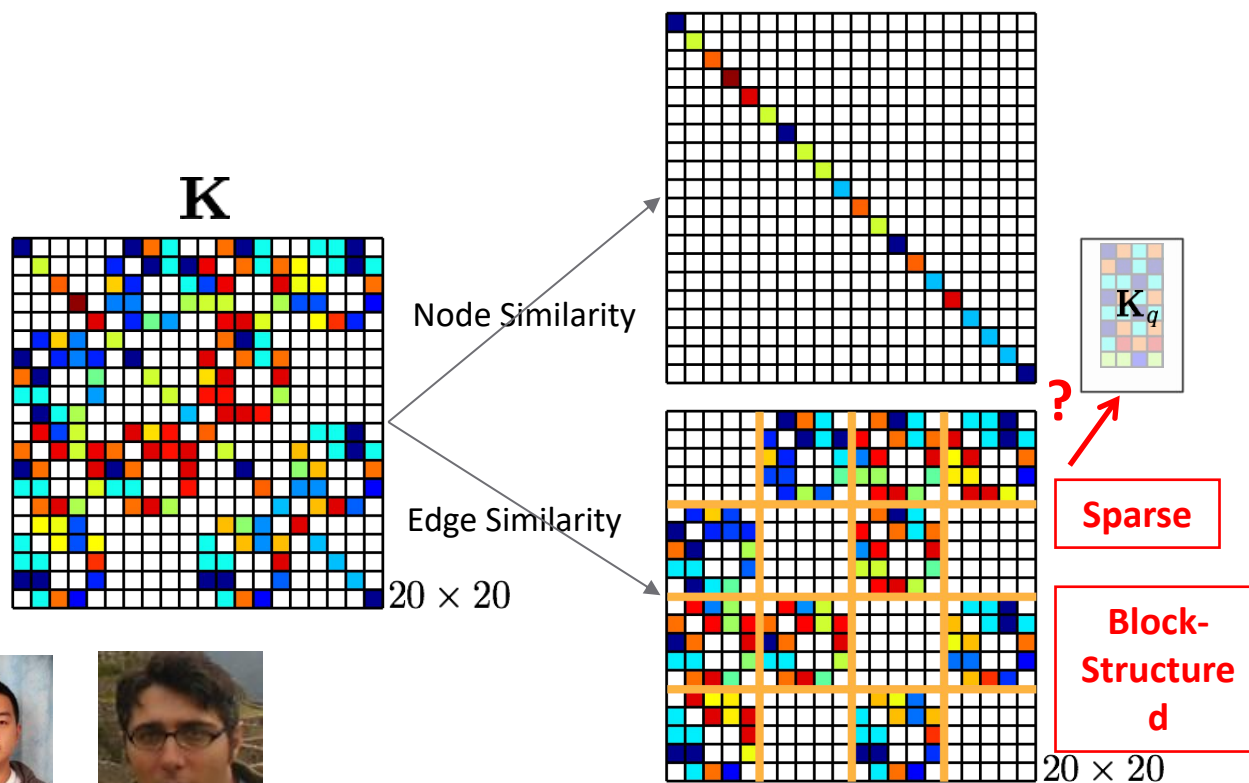
4-Order is **Affine Transformation Invariant**

?-Order is **Non-rigid Invariant**

**Combinatorial Explosion**

K	Complexity	Memory for 100 nodes
Pair-wise Matrix	$O(n_1^2 n_2^2)$	$100^2 \cdot 100^2 = 10^8$ (381 MB)
Triple-wise Tensor	$O(n_1^2 n_2^2 n_3^2)$	$100^2 \cdot 100^2 \cdot 100^2 = 10^{12}$ (3.7 GB)

# Factorized model $\text{diag} \left( \text{vec} \left( \mathbf{K}_p \right) \right)$



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# Factorize the edge affinity

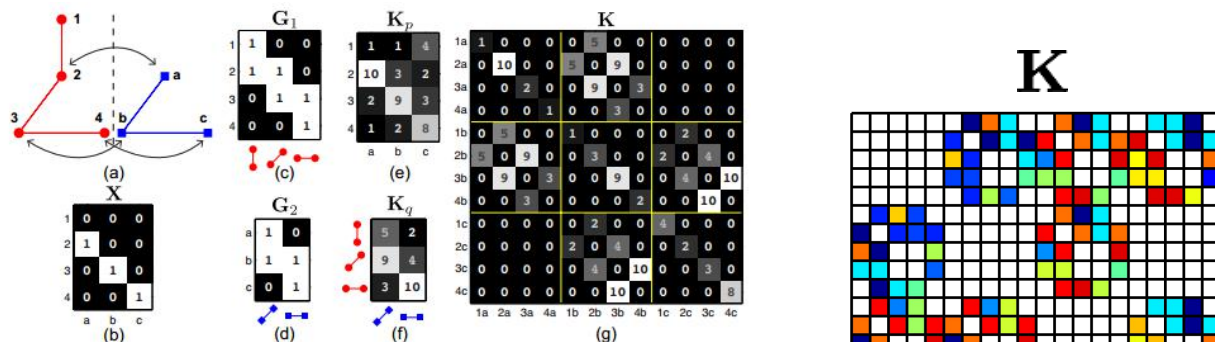


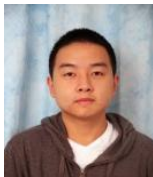
Figure 2. Example of graph matching and related matrices. (a) Two synthetic graphs. (b) The correspondence matrix  $X$ . (c) The 1<sup>st</sup> graph's incidence matrix  $G_1$ . (d) The 2<sup>nd</sup> graph's incidence matrix  $G_2$ . (e) The node affinity matrix  $K_p$ . (f) The edge affinity matrix  $K_q$ . (g) The global affinity matrix  $K$ .

$$\mathbf{K} = (\mathbf{H}_2 \otimes \mathbf{H}_1) \text{diag}(\text{vec}(\mathbf{L}))(\mathbf{H}_2 \otimes \mathbf{H}_1)^T, \quad (2)$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{H}_1 = [\mathbf{G}_1, \mathbf{I}_{n_1}] \in \{0, 1\}^{n_1 \times (m_1 + n_1)},$$

$$\mathbf{H}_2 = [\mathbf{G}_2, \mathbf{I}_{n_2}] \in \{0, 1\}^{n_2 \times (m_2 + n_2)},$$

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_q & -\mathbf{K}_q \mathbf{G}_2^T \\ -\mathbf{G}_1 \mathbf{K}_q & \mathbf{G}_1 \mathbf{K}_q \mathbf{G}_2^T + \mathbf{K}_p \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(m_1 + n_1) \times (m_2 + n_2)}.$$



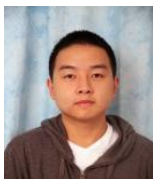
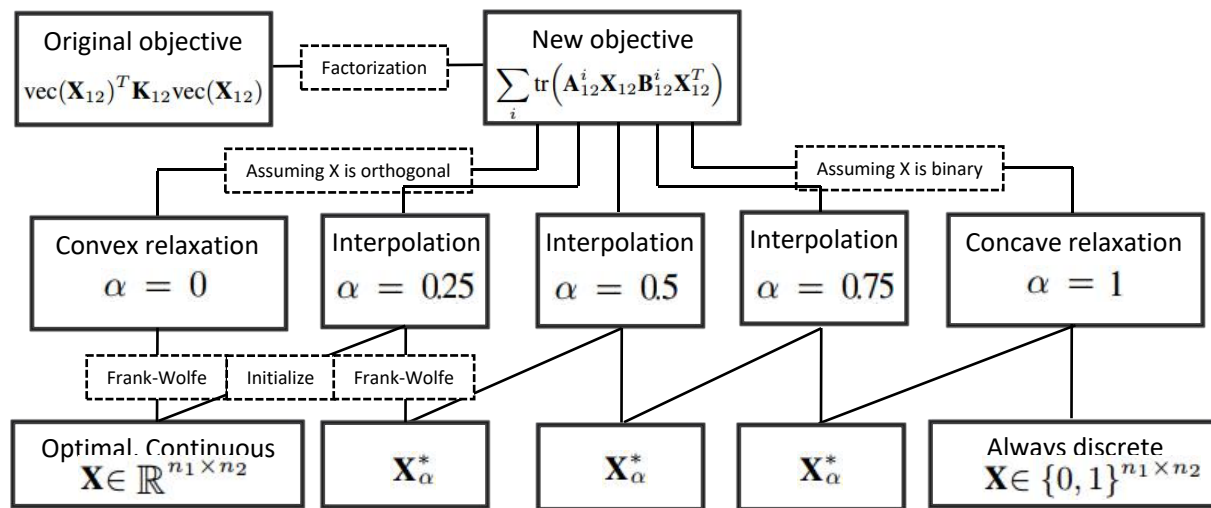
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# Path-following optimization



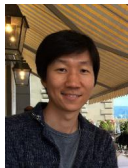
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# Two paradigms for two-graph matching



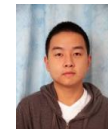
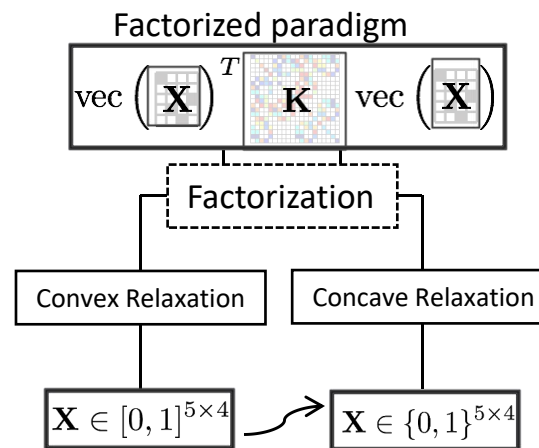
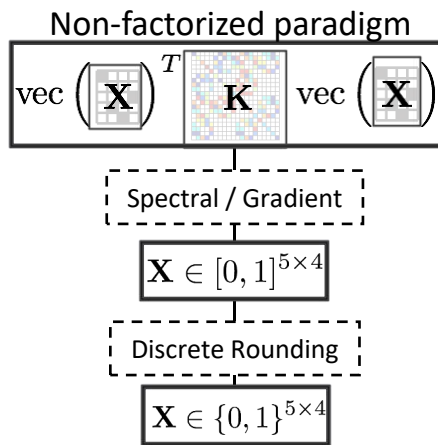
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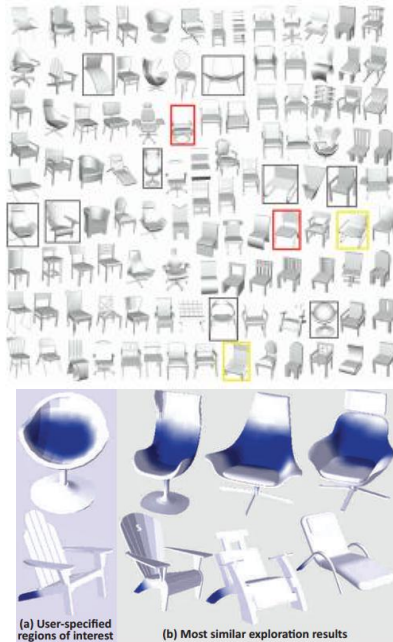
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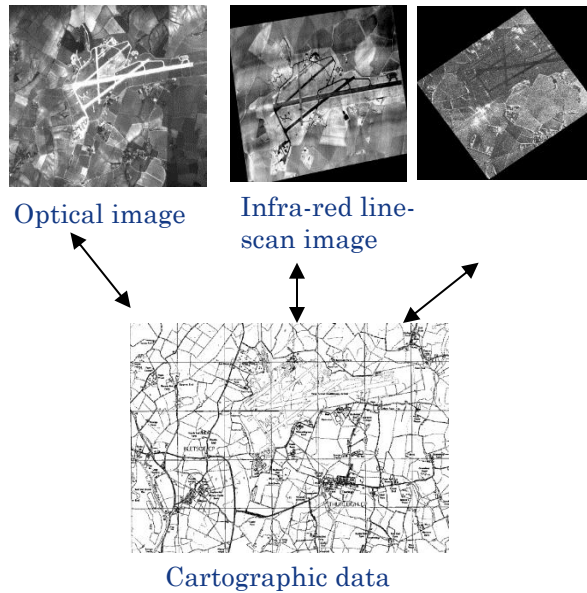
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# Matching more than two graphs

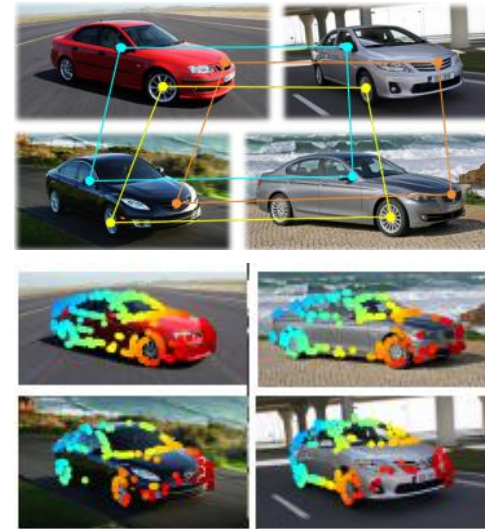
- More practical problem, with more information to use



Graphical object query and indexing, shape analysis  
SIGGRAPH'12



Info fusion PRL'97



3-D weak reconstruction  
ICCV'15

Exploring collections of 3D models using fuzzy correspondences, SIGGRAPH'12  
Multiple Graph Matching with Bayesian Inference, Pattern recognition letters'97  
Multi-Image Matching via Fast Alternating Minimization, ICCV'15

# Existing multiple GM methods

## Main categories

✓ Designate one of the graphs as the reference, and match all the others to the reference graph

- A. Sole-Ribalta, F. Serratosa, Models and algorithms for computing the common labelling of a set of attributed graphs, CVIU 2011

✓ Compute pairwise matchings, based on which improve overall accuracy

- D. Pachauriy, R. Kondorx, V. Singh, Solving the multi-way matching problem by permutation synchronization, in NIPS 2013
- Y. Chen, G. Leonidas, and Q. Huang. Matching partially similar objects via matrix completion. In ICML, 2014

✓ One-shot multiple feature set (**not graph**) matching

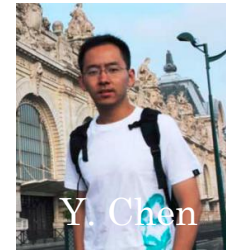
- Z. Zeng, T. H. Chan, K. Jia, and D. Xu. Finding correspondence from multiple images via sparse and low-rank decomposition. In ECCV, 2012
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F. Serratosa



D. Pachauriy



Y. Chen



Z. Zeng



X. Zhou

# Composition based Affinity Optimization

Key idea: efficiently generate new candidate solutions by composition

$$\mathbf{x}_{ij}^{(t)} = \mathbf{x}_{ik}^{(t-1)} \mathbf{x}_{kj}^{(t-1)}$$

Find higher affinity score solution via composition

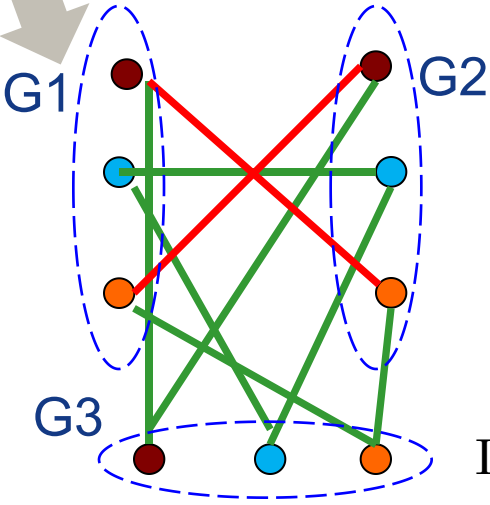
$$k^* = \arg \max_{k=1}^N J(\mathbf{x}_{ik}^{(t-1)} \mathbf{x}_{kj}^{(t-1)})$$



Mother



Father



Interpolating graph (son)



Affinity

$J$

$$\max_{\mathbf{X}} \text{vec}(\mathbf{X})^T \mathbf{K} \text{vec}(\mathbf{X})$$

$$\mathbf{X}^* = \arg \max_{\mathbf{X}} \sum_{i,j=1,2,\dots,N} \lambda_{ij} \text{vec}(\mathbf{X}_{ij})^T \mathbf{K}_{ij} \text{vec}(\mathbf{X}_{ij})$$

$$s.t. \quad \mathbf{X}_{ij} \mathbf{1}_n = \mathbf{1}_n \quad \mathbf{1}_n^T \mathbf{X}_{ij} = \mathbf{1}_n^T \quad \mathbf{X}_{ij} = \mathbf{X}_{ji}^T \in \{0, 1\}^{n \times n}$$

G1->G2



G1->G3->G2



# A simple & general algorithm

Still only local two graphs are involved in evaluation function  $J_{ij}$

Local noise

Modeling error

$$c_{st} = \exp\left(-\frac{\|\mathbf{f}_s - \mathbf{f}_t\|_2}{\sigma^2 D}\right)$$

Post-processing  
For enforcing overall consistency

**Proposition 1.** Alg.1 (CAO) is ensured to converge to a stationary configuration  $\mathbb{X}^*$  after a finite number of iterations.

## Algorithm 1 Composition based Affinity Optimization CAO

**Require:**  $\{\mathbf{K}_{ij}\}_{i=1, j=i+1}^{N-1, N}$ ,  $T$ ,  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ ;

1: Perform pairwise matching to obtain initial  $\mathbb{X}^{(0)}$ ;

2: Calculate  $J^{(0)} = \sum_{i=1, j=i+1}^{N-1, N} \text{vec}(\mathbf{X}_{ij}^{(0)})^T \mathbf{K}_{ij} \text{vec}(\mathbf{X}_{ij}^{(0)})$ ;

3: **for**  $t = 1 : T$  **do**

4:   **for all**  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N-1; j = i+1, \dots, N$  **do**

5:     update  $\mathbf{X}_{ij}^{(t)} = \mathbf{X}_{ik}^{(t-1)} \mathbf{X}_{kj}^{(t-1)}$  by solving Eq.4;

6:   **end for**

7: **end for**

8: **if**  $C(\mathbb{X}^{(t)}) = 1$ , **return**  $\mathbb{X}_c^* = \mathbb{X}^{(t)}$ ;

9: **if**  $C(\mathbb{X}^{(t)}) < \gamma$  **then**

10:   Build the super graph  $\mathcal{G}_{sup}^a$  by pairwise affinity  $J(\mathbf{X}_{ij}^{(t)})$  and find a maximum span tree to generate  $\mathbb{X}_c^*$ ;

11: **else**

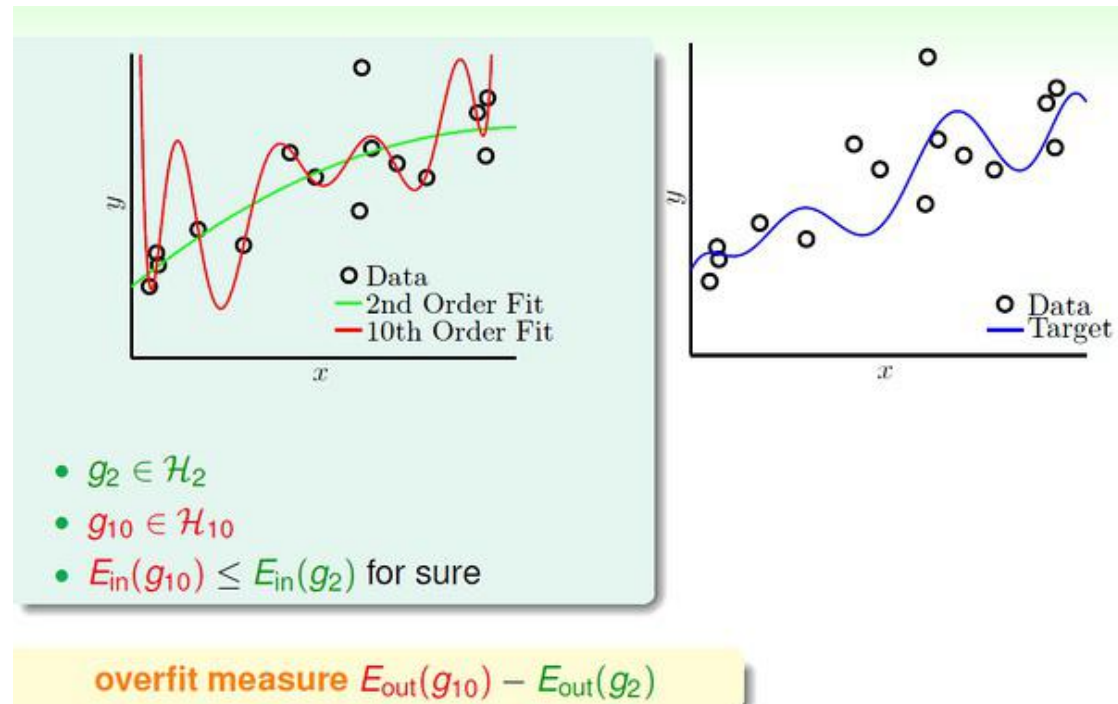
12:   If  $n \geq N$ , build the super graph  $\mathcal{G}_{sup}^c$  by  $C_p(\mathbf{X}_{ij}^{(t)}, \mathbb{X}^{(t)})$  and find a maximum span tree to generate  $\mathbb{X}_c^*$ ; Otherwise, perform the smoothing method [30] to obtain  $\mathbb{X}_c^*$ ;

13: **end if**

$$k^* = \arg \max_{k=1}^N J(\mathbf{X}_{ik}^{(t-1)} \mathbf{X}_{kj}^{(t-1)})$$

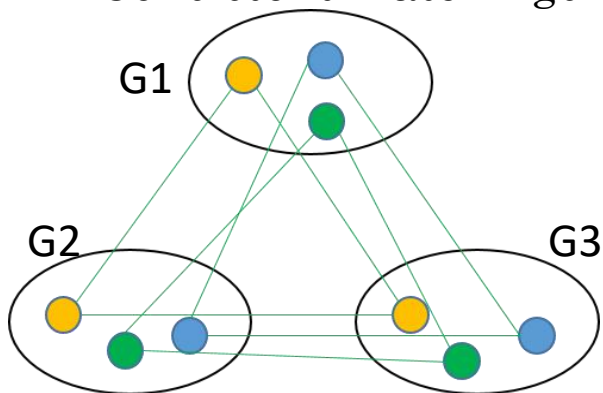
# Recall over fitting in machine learning

- Affinity score (noise, bias)  $\leftrightarrow$  Empirical term (noise, bias)
- Consistency score  $\leftrightarrow$  Regularization term

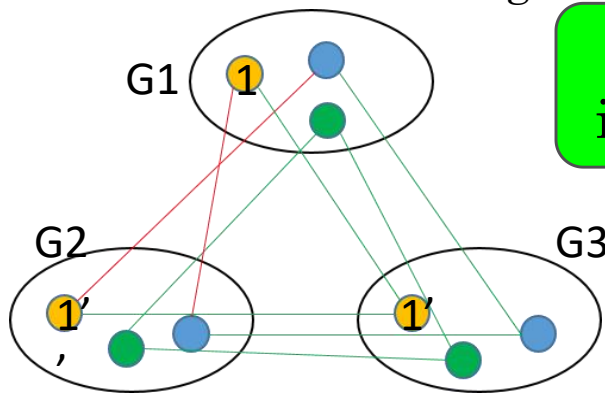


# Cycle consistency as regularizer

Consistent matchings

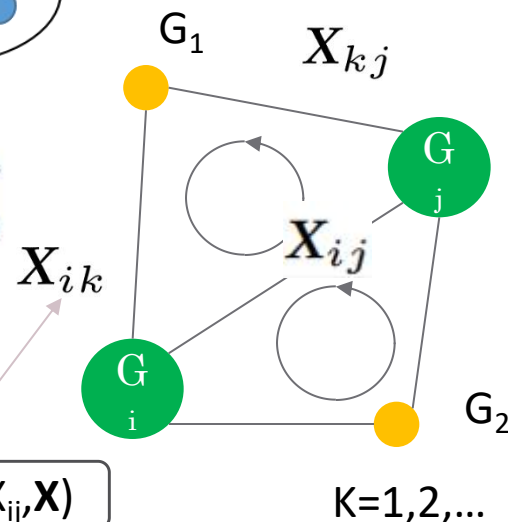


Inconsistent matchings



Consistency implies accuracy

**Definition 2.** Given graphs  $\{\mathcal{G}_k\}_{k=1}^N$  and matching configuration  $\mathbb{X}$ , for any pair  $\mathcal{G}_i$  and  $\mathcal{G}_j$ , the pairwise consistency is defined as  $C_p(\mathbf{X}_{ij}, \mathbb{X}) = 1 - \frac{\sum_{k=1}^N \|\mathbf{X}_{ij} - \mathbf{X}_{ik}\mathbf{X}_{kj}\|_F / 2}{nN} \in (0, 1]$ .



Decide the updating order of  $X_{ur}$  in ascending order of  $C_p(X_{ij}, \mathbf{X})$

$$C_p(\mathbf{X}_{ij}, \mathbb{X}) = 1 - \frac{\sum_{k=1}^N \|\mathbf{X}_{ij} - \mathbf{X}_{ik}\mathbf{X}_{kj}\|_F / 2}{nN} \in (0, 1]$$

# Gradually consistency-weighted CAO (TPAMI'16)

$$\mathbf{Y}_{ikj}^{(t-1)} = \mathbf{X}_{ik}^{(t-1)} \mathbf{X}_{kj}^{(t-1)}$$

$$k^* = \arg \max_{k=1}^N (1 - \lambda) \underbrace{J(\mathbf{Y}_{ikj}^{(t-1)})}_{\text{Affinity term}} + \lambda \underbrace{C_p(\mathbf{Y}_{ikj}^{(t-1)}, \mathbb{X}^{(t-1)})}_{\text{Consistency score}}$$

Affinity term

Consistency score

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**Algorithm 2** Composition based Affinity Optimization via Graduated Consistency Regularization CAO-C

Consistency

**Require:**  $\{\mathbf{K}_{ij}\}_{i=1, j=i+1}^{N-1, N}$ ;  $T$ ,  $\lambda^{(T_0)} = \lambda^{(0)}$ ,  $\{\lambda^{(t)}\}_{t=1}^{T_0-1} = 0$ ,  $\gamma$ ;

1: Perform pairwise matching to obtain initial  $\mathbb{X}^{(0)}$ ;

2: Calculate  $J^{(0)} = \sum_{i=1, j=i+1}^{N-1, N} \text{vec}(\mathbf{X}_{ij}^{(0)})^T \mathbf{K}_{ij} \text{vec}(\mathbf{X}_{ij}^{(0)})$ ;

3: **for**  $t = 1 : T$  **do**

4:   **for all**  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N - 1; j = i + 1, \dots, N$  **do**

5:     update  $\mathbf{X}_{ij}^{(t)} = \mathbf{X}_{ik}^{(t-1)} \mathbf{X}_{kj}^{(t-1)}$  by solving Eq.7;

6:   **end for**

7:   **if**  $t > T_0$ ,  $\lambda^{(t)} = \min(1, \beta \lambda^{(t-1)})$ ;

Gradually added

8: **end for**

9: Perform the same post-processing as in Alg.1 (L9-13).

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# Graph Features

Consider two graphs  $\mathcal{G}_1 = (\mathcal{V}_1, \mathcal{E}_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_2 = (\mathcal{V}_2, \mathcal{E}_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$  built on two images, where  $|\mathcal{V}_1| = m$ ,  $|\mathcal{V}_2| = n$ .  $\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2$  are attributes (features).

$\mathcal{V}_1, \mathcal{V}_2$  correspond to **1<sup>st</sup> order (node)** features (e.g. SIFT, CNN).

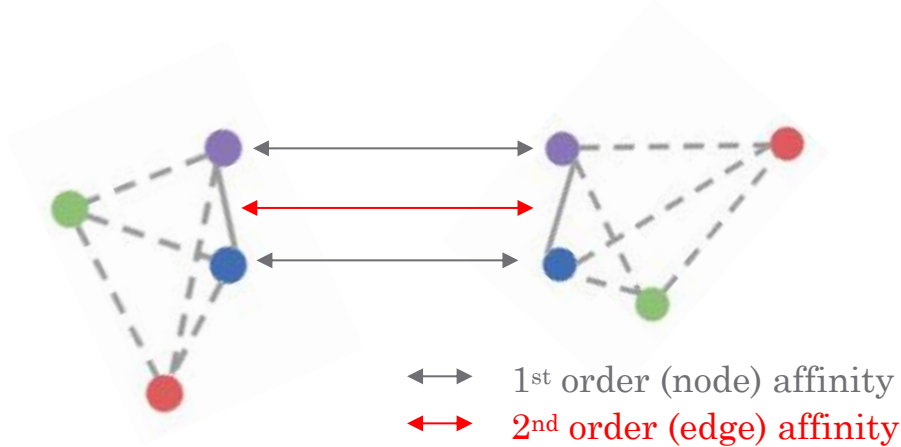
$\mathcal{E}_1, \mathcal{E}_2$  correspond to **2<sup>nd</sup> order (edge)** features (e.g. structural info).

A similarity metric is defined for these features, e.g. gaussian kernel

$$K(\sigma) = \exp\left(\frac{\|x_1 - x_2\|^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \quad x_1 \in \mathcal{A}_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{A}_2$$

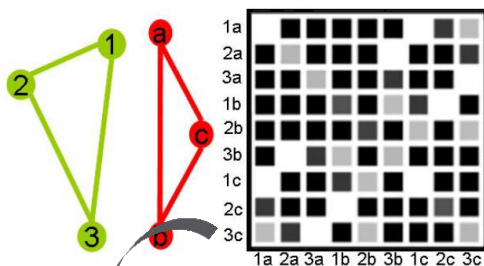
# Graph Affinities

In graph matching, both **1<sup>st</sup> order affinity (node affinity)** and **2<sup>nd</sup> order affinity (edge affinity)** are considered.



# Problem Formulation

**Affinity Matrix** encodes first order and second order similarities.



The graph matching problem is formulated into a **combinatorial optimization problem**:

$$\max_{\mathbf{X}} \text{vec}(\mathbf{X})^T \mathbf{K} \text{vec}(\mathbf{X}), \quad \text{s. t. } \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{X} \leq \mathbf{1}^T, \mathbf{X} \mathbf{1} \leq \mathbf{1}$$

$\mathbf{X} \in \{0,1\}^{m \times n}$ : correspondence between two graphs.

$\mathbf{K} \in \mathbb{R}^{mn \times mn}$ : affinity matrix.

$\text{vec}(\cdot)$ : column-wise vectorization.

# Problem Formulation

The combinatorial optimization problem

$$\max_{\mathbf{X}} \text{vec}(\mathbf{X})^T \mathbf{K} \text{vec}(\mathbf{X})$$

Solving this Quadratic Assignment Problem (aka QAP) is **NP-hard!**

Relaxation approaches have been proposed to solve this problem in reasonable time.

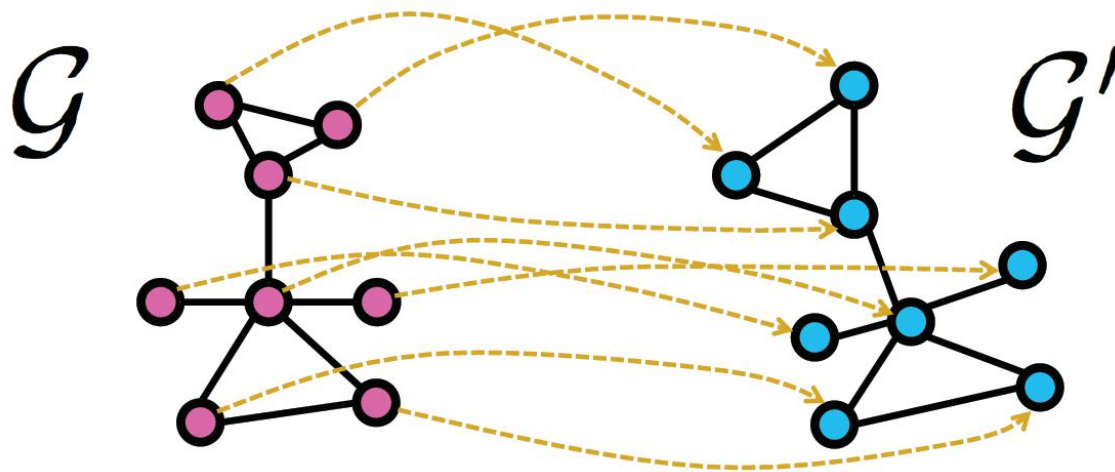
However, **problems exist:**

- Not robust to outlier and noise;
  - High computational cost (at least  $O(m^2n^2)$ );
  - Optimal assignment not reflect ground truth.
- } Learning on graph matching!

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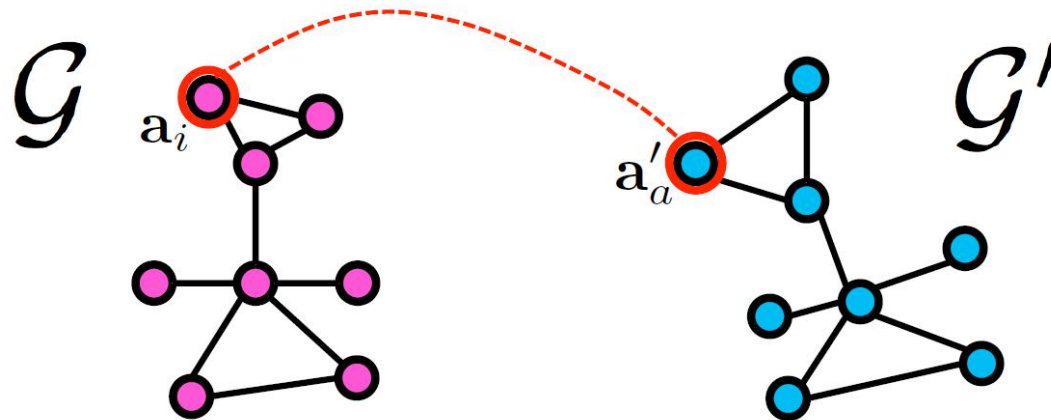
# Correspondence



$\pi \in \{0,1\}^{nn'}$  represent correspondence.

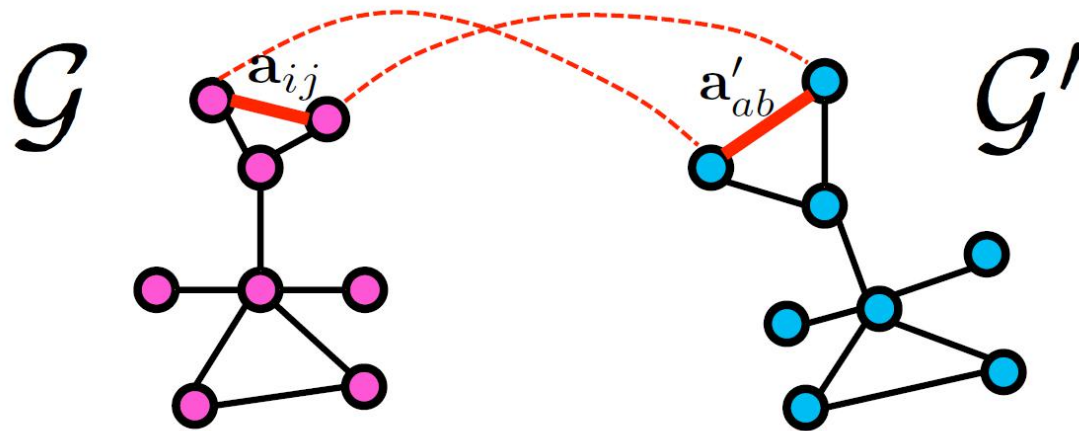
- $\pi_{ia} = 1$  if there is correspondence between  $i$  and  $a$ ;
- $\pi_{ia} = 0$  otherwise.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Order Matching Score



$s_V(a_i, a'_a)$ : node to node matching score (1<sup>st</sup> order affinity).

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Matching Score



$s_E(a_{ij}, a'_{ab})$ : edge to edge matching score (2<sup>nd</sup> order affinity).

# Matching Score

A unified formulation of affinity:

$$\Phi(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}', \pi) = [\dots; \mathbf{s}_V(a_i, a'_{\pi(i)}); \dots; \mathbf{s}_E(a_{ij}, a'_{\pi(i)\pi(j)}); \dots]$$

↓                      ↘  
node affinity        edge affinity

Given correspondence  $\pi$ , the overall matching score:

$$S(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}', \pi; \omega) = \langle \omega, \Phi(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}', \pi) \rangle$$

The matching function

$$g_\omega(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}') = \operatorname{argmax}_\pi S(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}', \pi; \omega)$$

Equivalent to graph matching without learning if  $\omega = \mathbf{1}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} g(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}') &= \operatorname{argmax}_\pi S(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}', \pi; \mathbf{1}) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_\pi \sum_i \mathbf{s}_V(a_i, a'_{\pi(i)}) + \sum_{i,j} \mathbf{s}_E(a_{ij}, a'_{\pi(i)\pi(j)}) \end{aligned}$$

# Learning Matching Function

A matching function with learnable weights:

$$g_{\omega}(\mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2) = \underset{\pi}{\operatorname{argmax}} \langle \omega, \Phi(\mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2, \pi) \rangle$$

learnable weights

matching result      node/edge affinities

- Share weights for affinities in  $\Phi(\mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2, \pi)$ ;
- $\mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2$  are built on labeled images.

Loss function:

$$L = \underbrace{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i,j} \Delta(g_{\omega}(\mathcal{G}_i, \mathcal{G}_j), y^{gt})}_{\text{empirical term}} + \underbrace{\lambda \Omega(\omega)}_{\text{regularization}}$$

# Learning Graph Structure

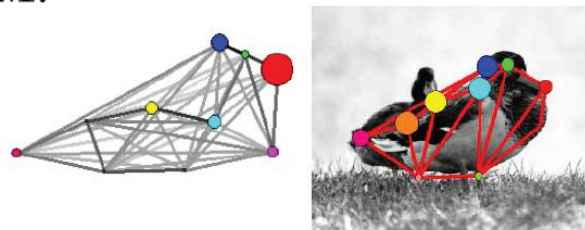
A **reference graph model** ( $\mathcal{G}$ ) is learned for each category of object.

Matching function

reference graph  
↑

$$g_{\omega}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}') = \operatorname{argmax}_{\pi} \langle \omega, \Phi(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}', \pi) \rangle$$

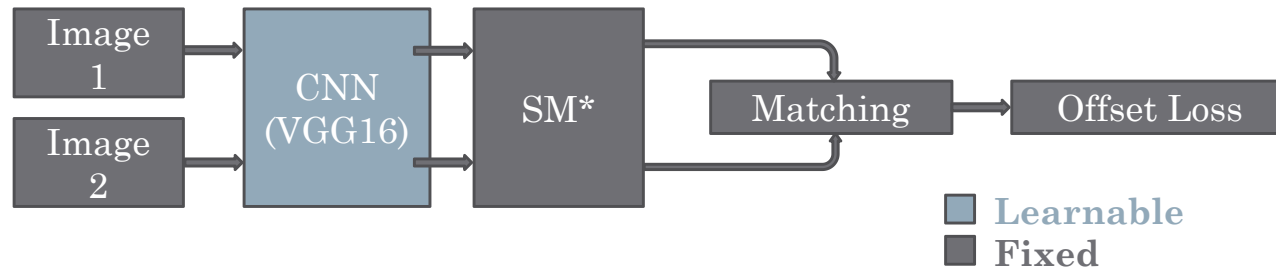
- **Multi-dimensional** weights for  $\Phi(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}', \pi)$ ;
- $a_i, a_{ij}$  of reference graph are learnable;
- Input graph  $\mathcal{G}'$  is matched to learned **graph model**  $\mathcal{G}$ ;
- Graph learning is solved under SSVM.



(c) a learned graph model and its matching

# Learning Matching Features: Deep Learning of Graph Matching

Combination of CNN and graph matching.

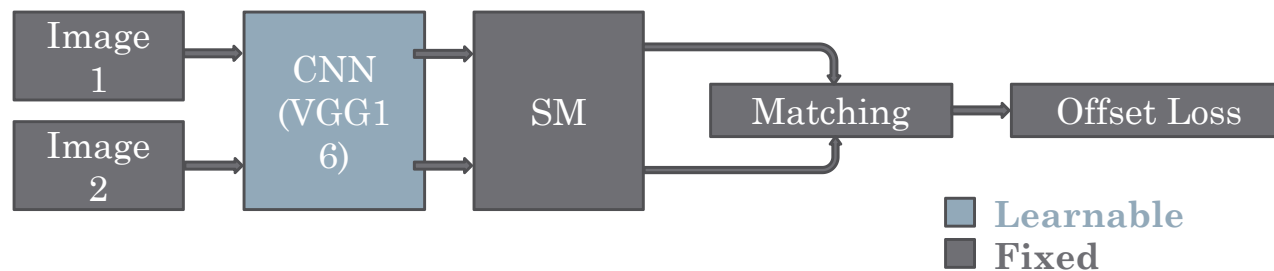


\* Leordeanu and Hebert, "A Spectral Technique for Correspondence Problems Using Pairwise Constraints." ICCV2005.

- **End-to-end** training with back propagation;
- **First formulation** of deep learning in graph matching.

Zanfir and Sminchisescu, "Deep Learning of Graph Matching." CVPR2018.

# Deep Learning of Graph Matching

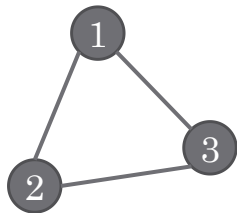


## Limitations

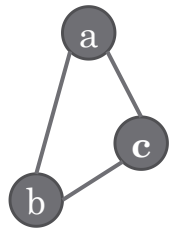
- Performance bottleneck (SM is not a sota GM solver);
- High computational cost;
- Offset loss failed to exploit the combinatorial nature of graph matching;
- Failed to model matching in deep learning (only CNN features are learned).

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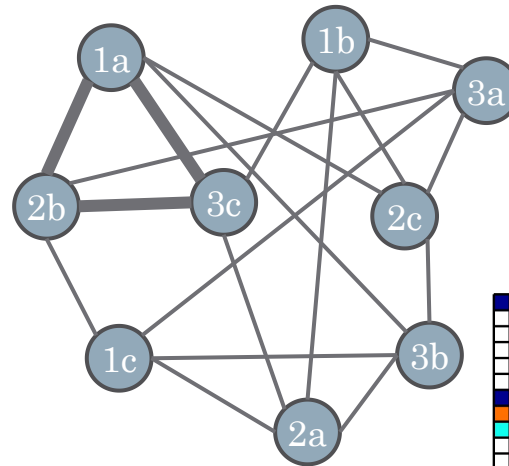
# Spectral Matching (SM)



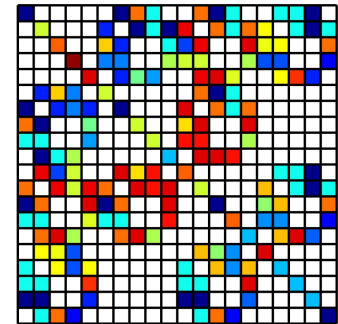
Graph 1



Graph 2



Association Graph



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# Spectral Matching (SM)

Matching of two graphs:

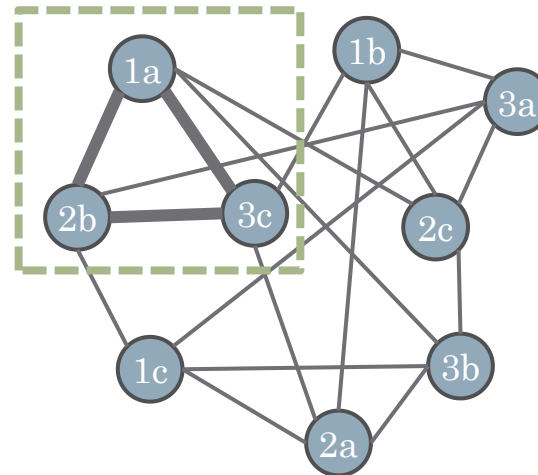
find **clustering** in association graph

(Still NP-hard)

Solved approximately via spectral method:

$$\max_x x^T K x, \quad s.t. \|x\|^2 = 1$$

Equivalent to finding maximum eigenvalue of  $K$ .



Association Graph

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# Permutation is **not** regression

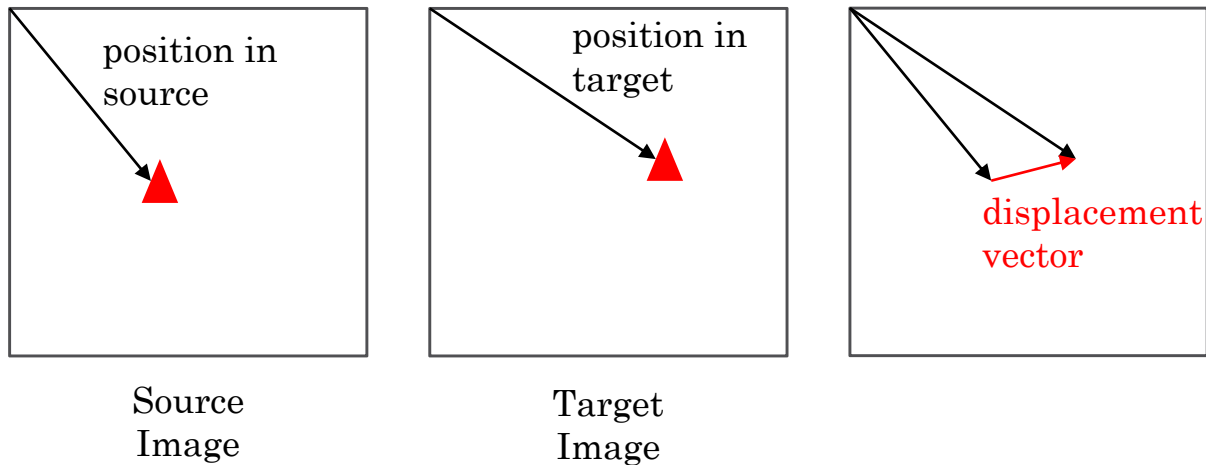


$$L_{perm} = 5.139, \quad L_{off} = 0.070$$

Figure 1. Failure case of offset loss: source image (left) and target image (right) with matching candidates, where numbers denote the probability of predicted matching. The two corresponding nodes are colored in rose (only receives 0.05 probability by this poor prediction). Offset loss is computed by a weighted sum among all candidates, resulting in a misleading low loss 0.070. Our permutation loss, on the contrary, issues a reasonably high loss 5.139.

# Offset Loss (regression)

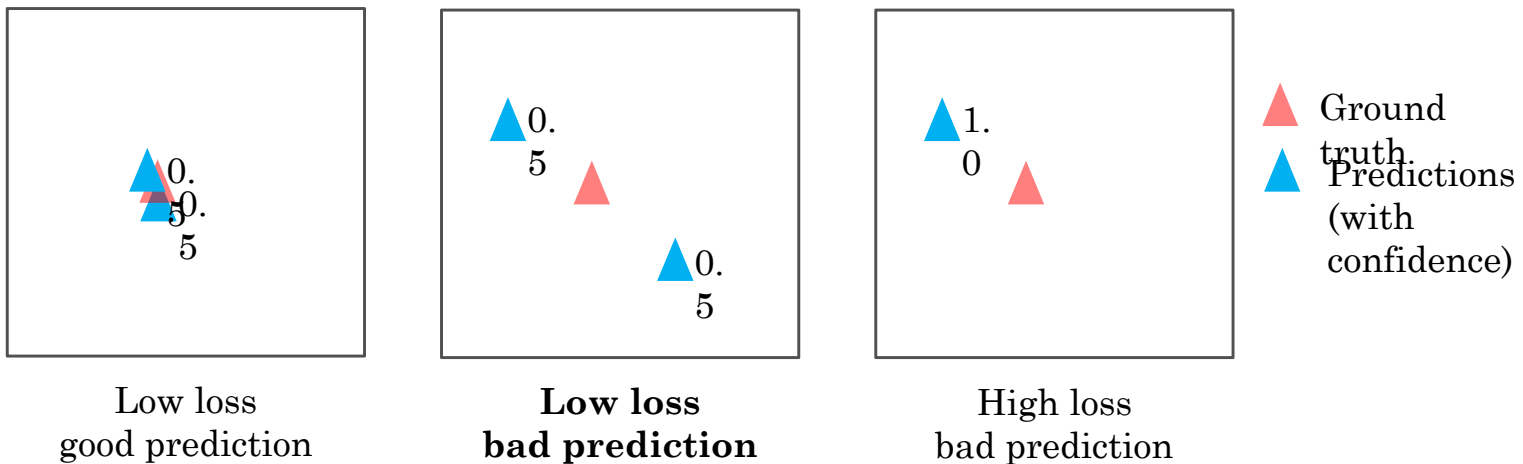
The offset loss adopted, is based on a metric named “**displacement vector**”



The predicted “displacement vector” is computed by weighted votes from all predictions.

# Offset Loss (regression)

Offset loss enforce the sum of prediction as close to ground truth as possible.



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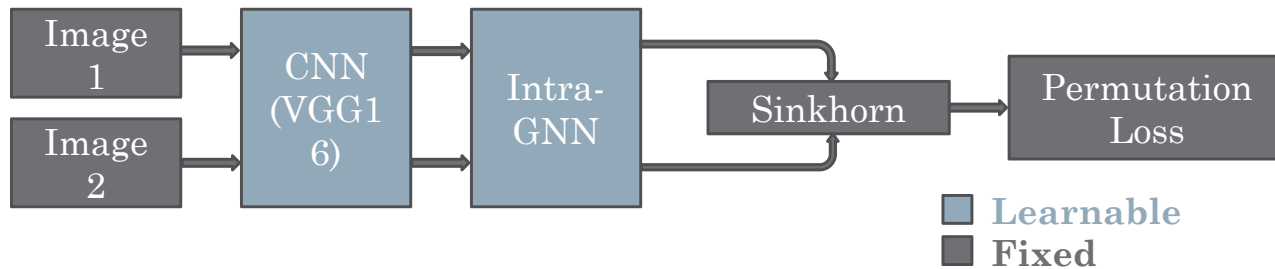
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# Learning Combinatorial Embedding Networks for Deep Graph Matching

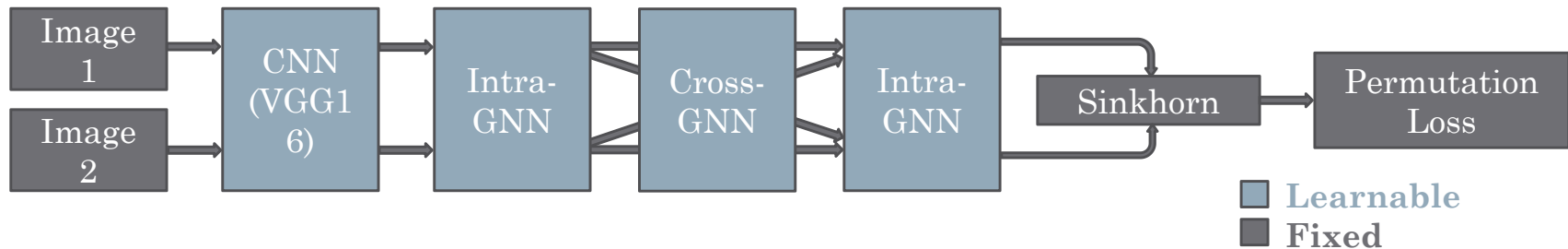
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# Overview



Permutation loss and Intra-graph Affinity based graph matching (PIA)



Permutation loss and Cross-graph Affinity based graph matching (PCA)

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**Algorithm 1: Permutation and intra/cross-graph affinity learning for graph matching (PIA/PCA)**


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**Input:** Graph pairs from  $\mathcal{D}$  with node correspondence;  
initial model weights  $\mathbf{W}$ ; learning rate  $lr$ .

1 **repeat**

2     // Draw image pair and ground truth from dataset,  
    $s = 1, 2$  denoting two input images

3      $\{(I_s, \{P_{si}\}_{i \in \mathcal{V}_s}, \mathbf{A}_s) | s = 1, 2\}, \mathbf{S}^{gt} \in \mathcal{D}$ ;

4     // extract CNN features Eq. (4)

5      $\{h_{si}^{(0)}\} \leftarrow \text{Interp}(\{P_{si}\}, \text{CNN}(I_s))$ ;

6     **if PIA then**

7         // intra-graph aggregation Eq. (5, 6, 7)

8         **for**  $k \leftarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$  **do**

9              $\{\mathbf{h}_{si}^{(k)}\} \leftarrow \text{GConv}_k(\mathbf{A}_s, \{\mathbf{h}_{si}^{(k-1)}\})$ ;

$$\mathbf{m}_{si}^{(k)} = \frac{1}{|(i, j) \in \mathcal{E}_s|} \sum_{j: (i, j) \in \mathcal{E}_s} f_{msg}(\mathbf{h}_{sj}^{(k-1)}) \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{n}_{si}^{(k)} = f_{node}(\mathbf{h}_{si}^{(k-1)}) \quad (6)$$

$$\mathbf{h}_{si}^{(k)} = f_{update}(\mathbf{m}_{si}^{(k)}, \mathbf{n}_{si}^{(k)}) \quad (7)$$

$$\{\mathbf{h}_{si}^{(k+1)}\} = \text{GConv}(\mathbf{A}_s, \{\mathbf{h}_{si}^{(k)}\}), \quad i \in \mathcal{V}_s \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{m}_{1i}^{(k)} = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V}_2} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{i,j} f_{msg-cross}(\mathbf{h}_{2j}^{(k-1)}) \quad (10)$$

$$\mathbf{n}_{1i}^{(k)} = f_{node-cross}(\mathbf{h}_{1i}^{(k-1)}) \quad (11)$$

$$\mathbf{h}_{1i}^{(k)} = f_{update-cross}(\mathbf{m}_{1i}^{(k)}, \mathbf{n}_{1i}^{(k)}) \quad (12)$$

$$\{\mathbf{h}_{1i}^{(k+1)}\}_{i \in \mathcal{V}_1} = \text{CrossConv}(\hat{\mathbf{S}}, \{\mathbf{h}_{1i}^{(k)}\}_{i \in \mathcal{V}_1}, \{\mathbf{h}_{2j}^{(k)}\}_{j \in \mathcal{V}_2})$$

$$\{\mathbf{h}_{2j}^{(k+1)}\}_{j \in \mathcal{V}_2} = \text{CrossConv}(\hat{\mathbf{S}}^\top, \{\mathbf{h}_{2j}^{(k)}\}_{j \in \mathcal{V}_2}, \{\mathbf{h}_{1i}^{(k)}\}_{i \in \mathcal{V}_1}) \quad (13)$$

**if PCA then**

   // first intra-graph aggregation Eq. (5, 6, 7)

$\{\mathbf{h}_{si}^{(1)}\} \leftarrow \text{GConv}_1(\mathbf{A}_s, \{\mathbf{h}_{si}^{(0)}\})$ ;

   // similarity prediction Eq. (15, 18)

   build  $\hat{\mathbf{M}}^{(0)}$  from  $\{\mathbf{h}_{1i}^{(1)}, \mathbf{h}_{2j}^{(1)}\}$  by Eq. (15);

$\hat{\mathbf{S}} \leftarrow \text{Sinkhorn}(\hat{\mathbf{M}}^{(0)})$ ;

   // cross-graph aggregation Eq. (10, 11, 12)

$\{\mathbf{h}_{1i}^{(2)}\} \leftarrow \text{CrossConv}(\hat{\mathbf{S}}, \{\mathbf{h}_{1i}^{(1)}\}, \{\mathbf{h}_{2j}^{(1)}\})$ ;

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   // second intra-graph aggregation Eq. (5, 6, 7)

$\{\mathbf{h}_{si}^{(3)}\} \leftarrow \text{GConv}_2(\mathbf{A}_s, \{\mathbf{h}_{si}^{(2)}\})$ ;

   // correspondence prediction Eq. (15, 18)

   build  $\mathbf{M}^{(0)}$  from  $\{\mathbf{h}_{1i}^{(3)}\}, \{\mathbf{h}_{2j}^{(3)}\}$  by Eq. (15);

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   // end-to-end training based on Eq. (19)

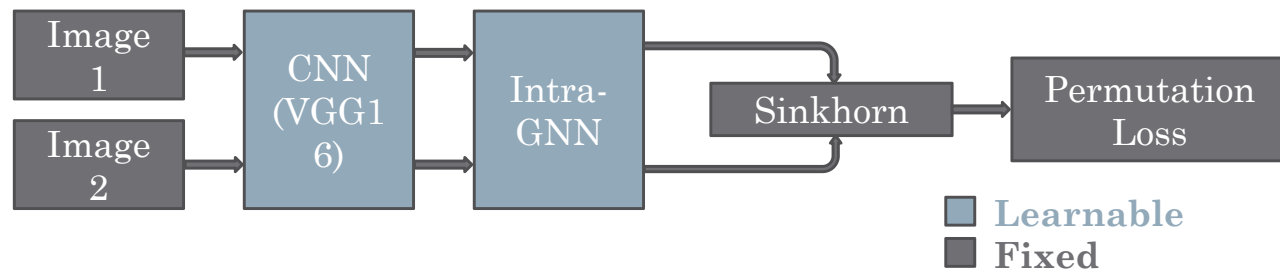
$\mathbf{W} \leftarrow -lr \times \frac{\partial L_{perm}(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{S}^{gt})}{\partial \mathbf{W}} + \mathbf{W}$ ;

26 **until convergence**;

**Output:** learned model weights  $\mathbf{W}$ .

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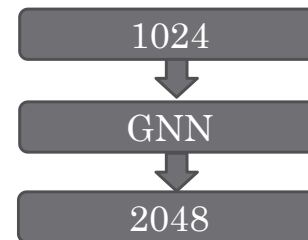
# PIA-GM: Permutation loss & Intra-graph Affinity



- Intra-GNN models graph affinity features;
- Sinkhorn layer solves correspondence efficiently;
- Permutation loss provides strong supervision for combinatorial problem.

CNN feature for each extracted  
feature point in image

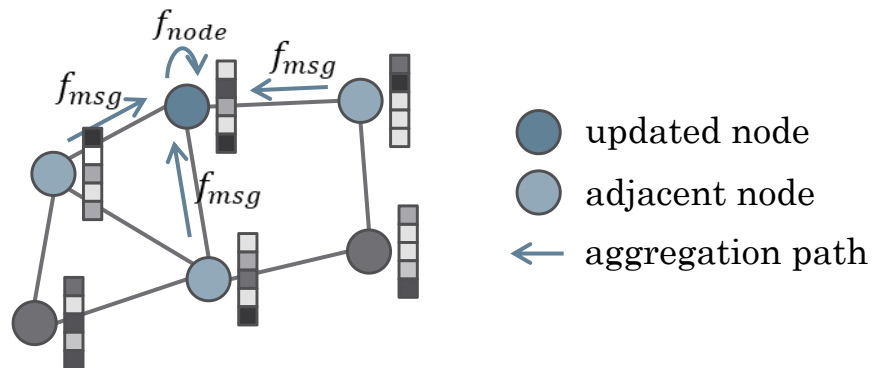
Output vector for each feature  
point



# Intra-GNN

Intra-GNN is mainly inspired by **Graph Convolutional Network (GCN)**

Feature aggregated from adjacent nodes.



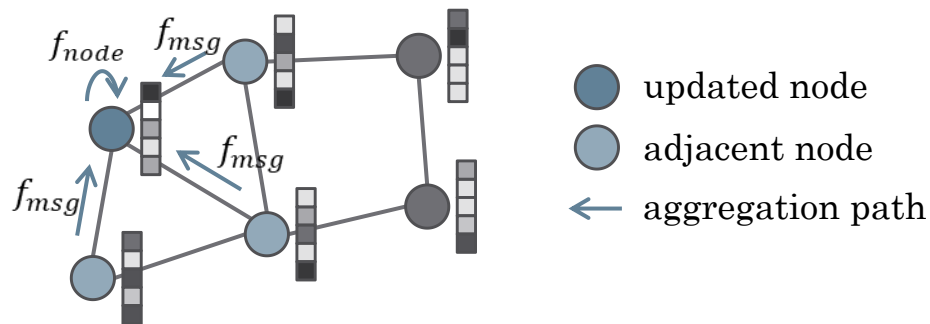
Graph structure  $\rightarrow$  Embedding vectors.

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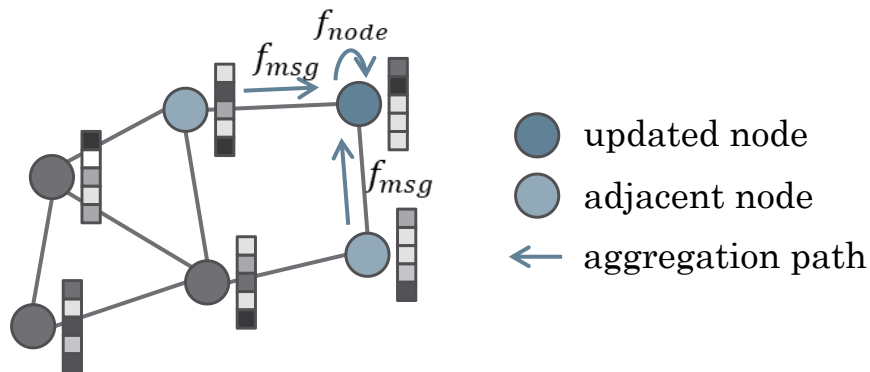
Iterate over all nodes.

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$f_{node}$  and  $f_{msg}$  are neural networks and weight-sharing among all nodes.

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// intra-graph aggregation Eq. (5, 6, 7)
for  $k \leftarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$  do
   $\{\mathbf{h}_{si}^{(k)}\} \leftarrow \text{GConv}_k(\mathbf{A}_s, \{\mathbf{h}_{si}^{(k-1)}\});$ 
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# Distance Metric

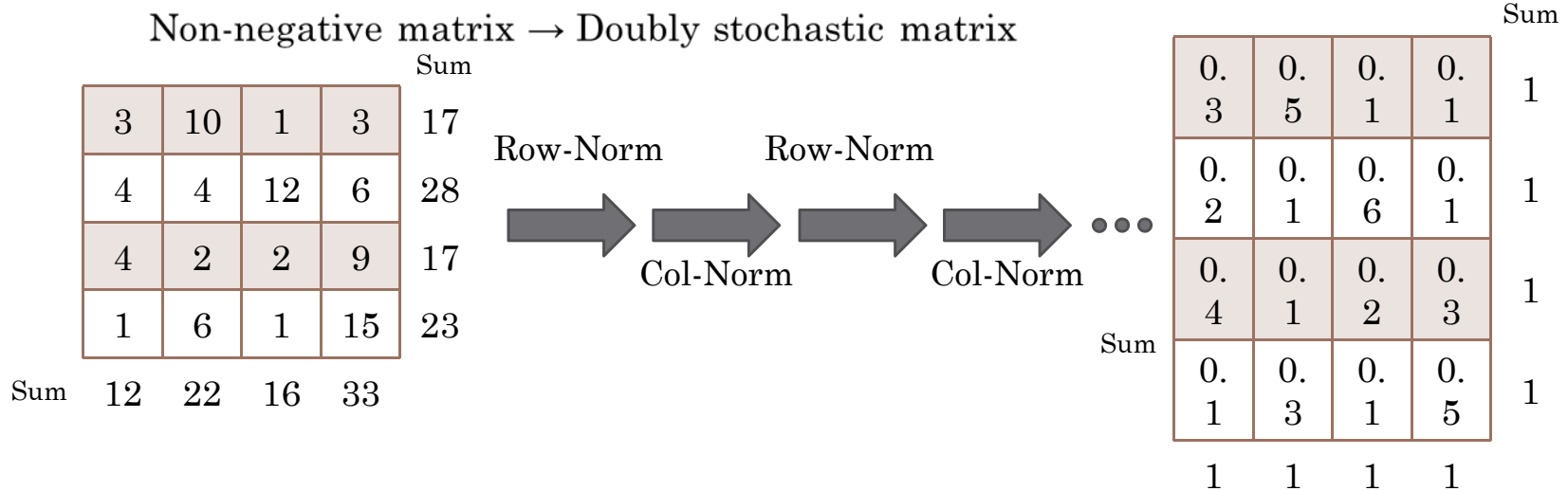
The similarity (distance) between two vectors from the feature space of the output of GNN, is learned.

$$s(x_i, x_j) = \exp(x_i^T \mathbf{A} x_j)$$

Where  $\mathbf{A}$  is the matrix with learnable weights.

**Exponential function enforces** non-negativity of  $s$  (required by the later Sinkhorn step).

# Sinkhorn Algorithm

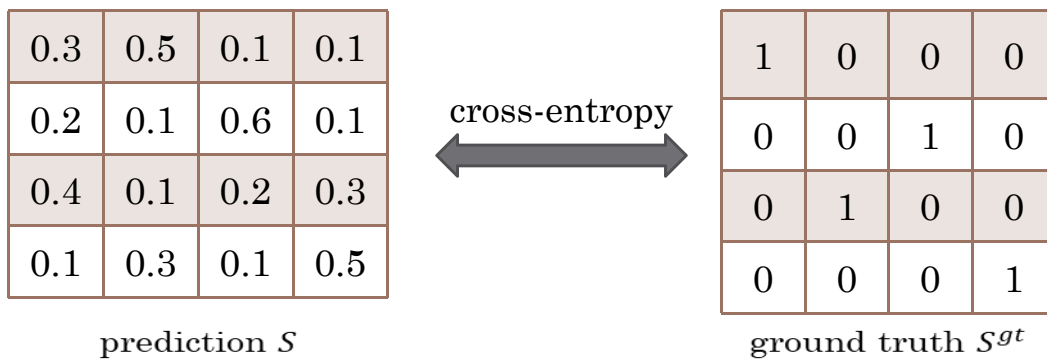


Sinkhorn solves Linear Assignment Problem (LAP) in  $O(knm)$ , and is capable for back propagation.

- $k$ : number of iterations;  $n \times m$ : matrix size

Sinkhorn and Knopp, “Concerning Nonnegative Matrices and Doubly Stochastic Matrices.”

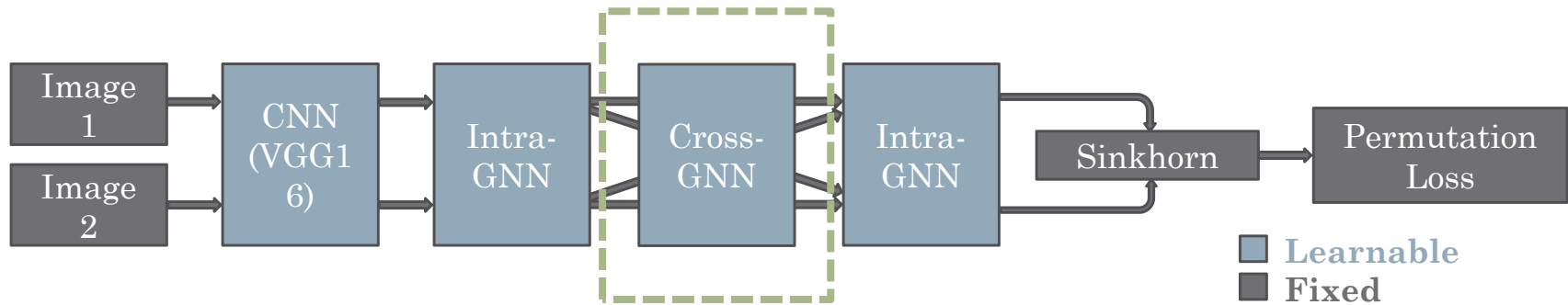
# Permutation Loss



$$L_{perm} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{ij} [S_{ij}^{gt} \log S_{ij} + (1 - S_{ij}^{gt}) \log(1 - S_{ij})]$$

Permutation loss is the **inherent choice** of combinatorial problems like graph matching.

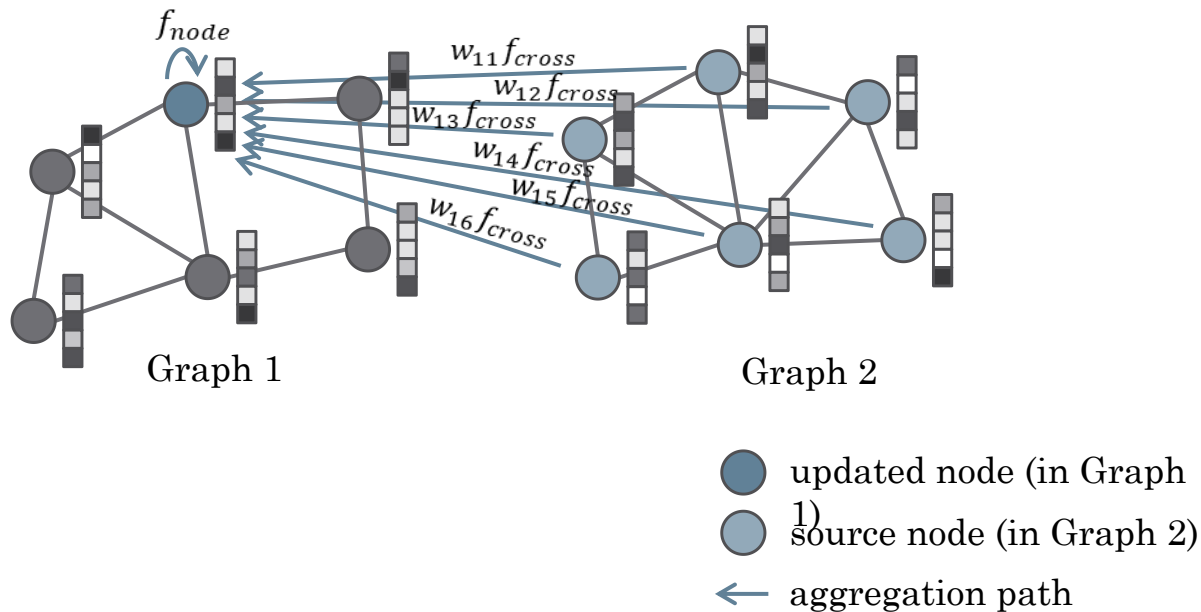
# PCA-GM: Permutation loss & Cross-graph Affinity



**Cross-graph GNN** is adopted to aggregate features across graphs.

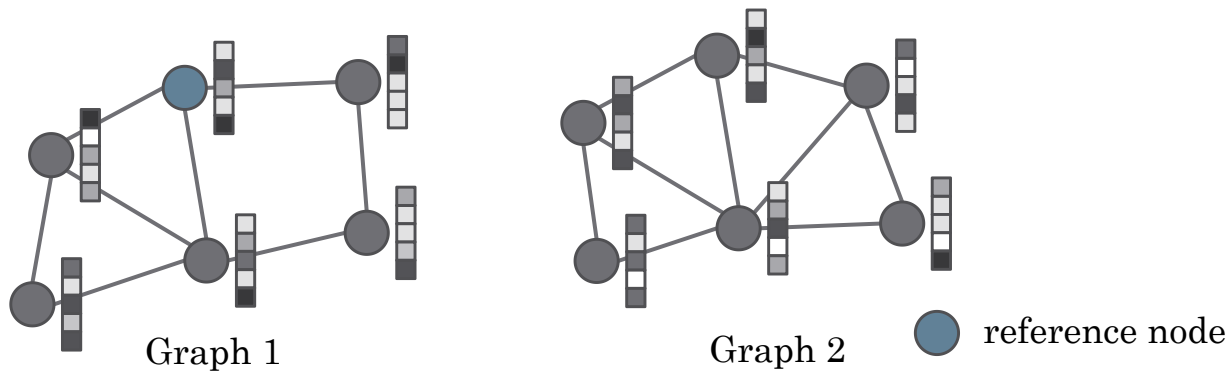
# Cross-GNN

Features are aggregated from nodes with similar features across graphs.



# Similarity Prediction

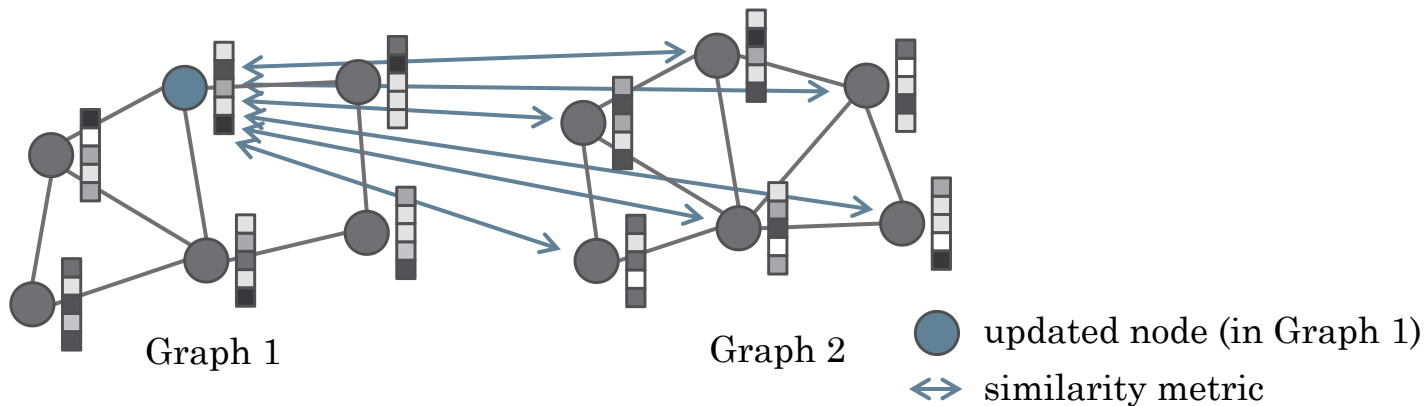
The cross-graph aggregation path is defined by cross-graph similarity, computed from feature vectors from shallower layers.



Given two graphs to be matched. Consider each node in Graph 1.

# Similarity Prediction

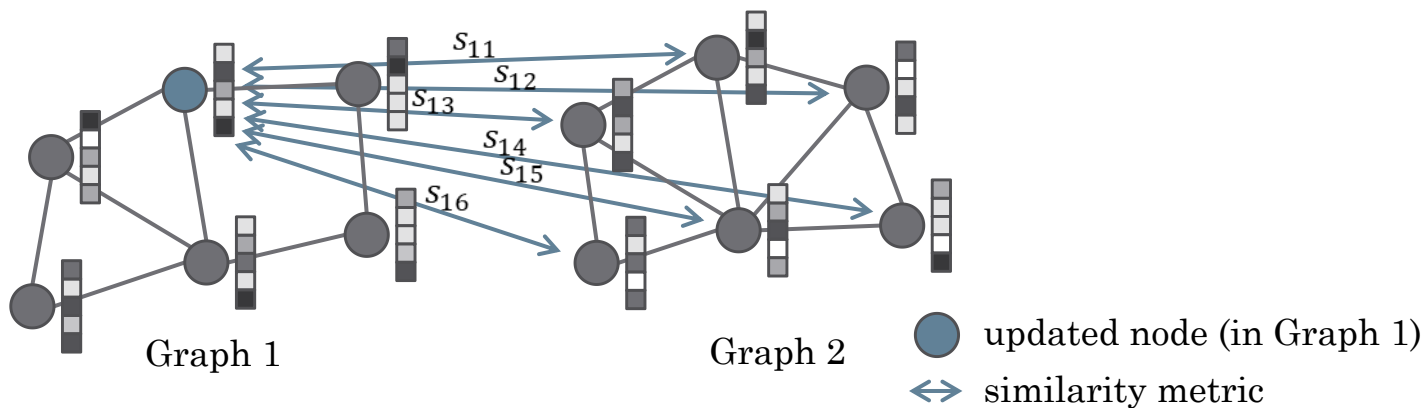
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Evaluate the similarity between the reference node and all nodes in Graph 2.

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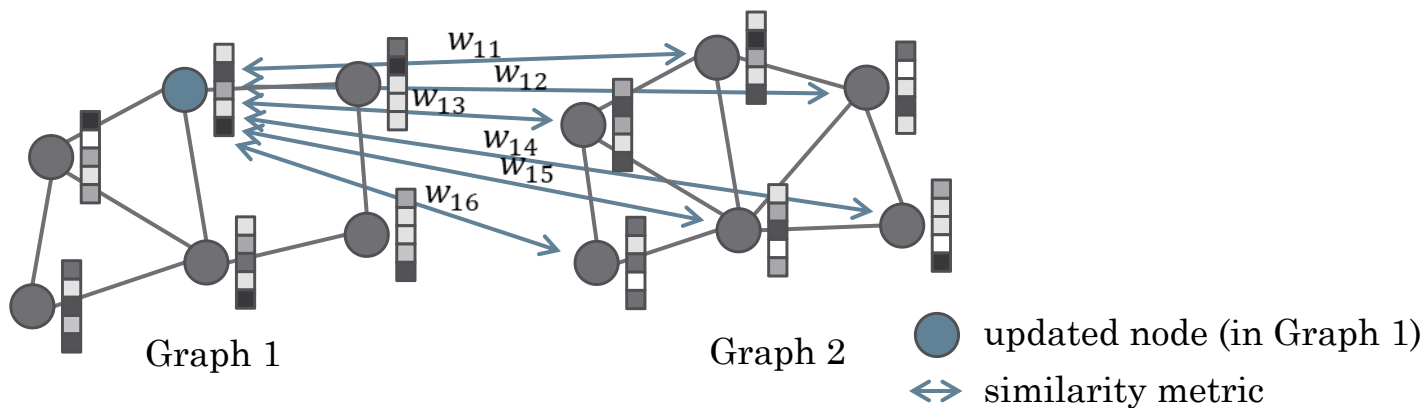
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The similarity scores,  $s_{ij}$ , is stored into  $n \times m$  matrix.

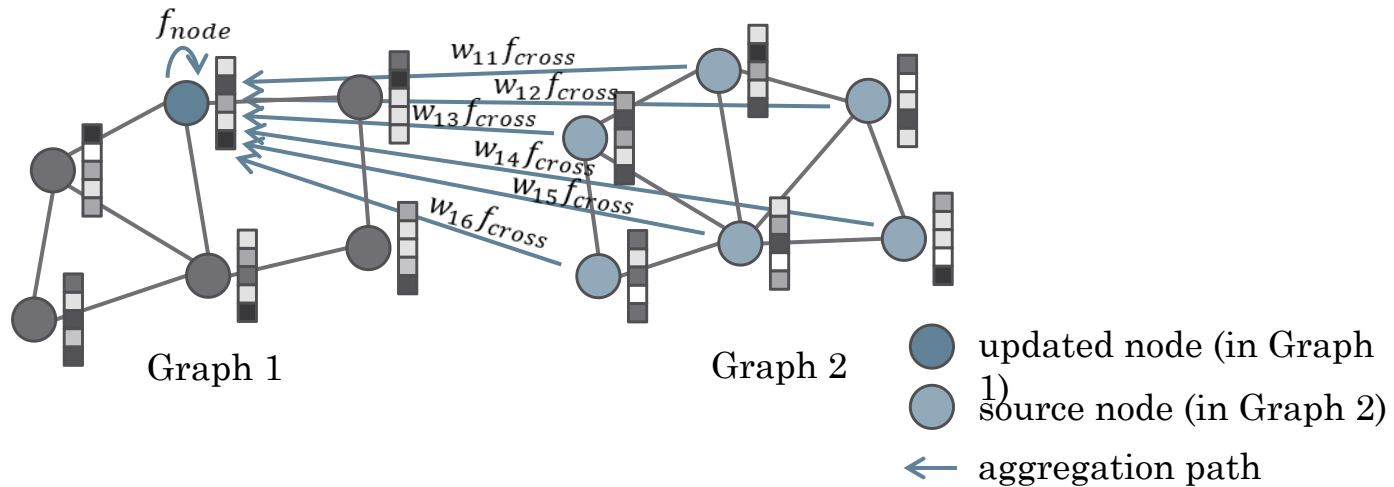
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Similarity  $s_{ij}$  is transformed into weights  $w_{ij}$  by Sinkhorn.

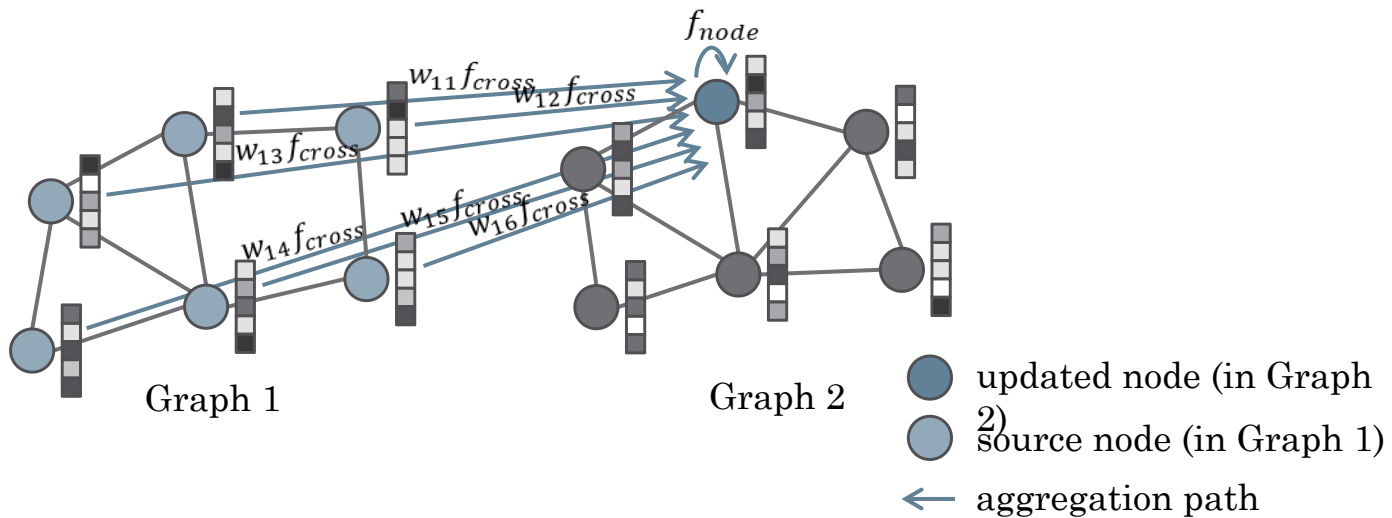
# Cross-graph Aggregation



Features are aggregated through the **weighted predicted path**, in the previous step.

Self-loop is reserved in cross-graph aggregation.

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$\hat{\mathbf{S}} \leftarrow \text{Sinkhorn}(\hat{\mathbf{M}}^{(0)});$

// cross-graph aggregation Eq. (10, 11, 12)

$\{\mathbf{h}_{1i}^{(2)}\} \leftarrow \text{CrossConv}(\hat{\mathbf{S}}, \{\mathbf{h}_{1i}^{(1)}\}, \{\mathbf{h}_{2j}^{(1)}\});$

$\{\mathbf{h}_{2j}^{(2)}\} \leftarrow \text{CrossConv}(\hat{\mathbf{S}}^\top, \{\mathbf{h}_{2j}^{(1)}\}, \{\mathbf{h}_{1i}^{(1)}\});$

// second intra-graph aggregation Eq. (5, 6, 7)

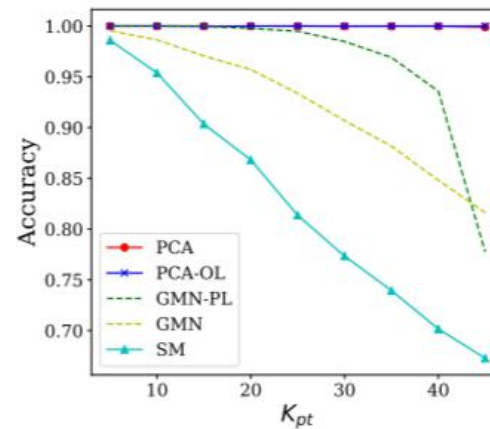
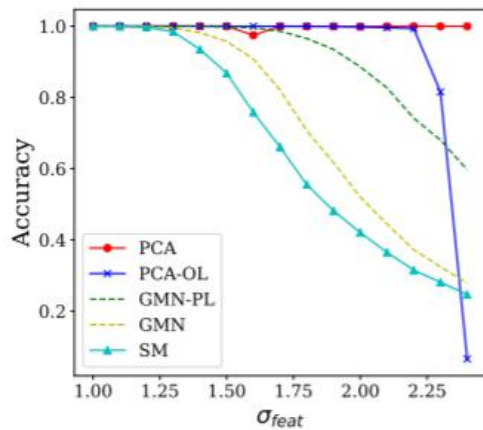
$\{\mathbf{h}_{si}^{(3)}\} \leftarrow \text{GConv}_2(\mathbf{A}_s, \{\mathbf{h}_{si}^{(2)}\});$

Aggregation steps are repeated for every node in Graph 2.

# Comparison

	GMN (Zanfir et al. CVPR2018)	PCA (Ours)
Graph Modeling	Performance bottleneck of SM	Deep GNN embedding model with cross-graph aggregation
Matching Solver	High <b>computational cost</b> of SM: $O(km^2n^2)$ time complexity	<b>Sinkhorn</b> algorithm: $O(kmn)$ time complexity
Loss Function	<b>Offset loss:</b> Weaker supervision.	<b>Permutation loss:</b> Stronger supervision and inherent choice of graph matching.
Learned Features	Only CNN features	CNN features, <b>graph affinities</b>

# Result on Synthetic Dataset



- Our method (PCA) is robust to noise.
- Our method (PCA) is robust to the scale of graphs.

# Result on VOC Keypoint

Method	Graph Modeling	Loss Function	Accuracy
GMN (Zanfir et al.)	SM	Offset loss	55.3
GMN-PL	SM	Perm loss	57.9
PIA-OL	Intra-GNN	Offset loss	61.6
PIA	Intra-GNN	Perm loss	63.0
<b>PCA</b>	<b>Cross-GNN</b>	<b>Perm loss</b>	<b>63.8</b>

VOC Keypoint dataset contains 20 categories of instances, labeled with keypoint coordinates.

Our method outperforms deep learning peer method GMN (Zanfir et al. CVPR 2018).

# Result on WillowObject

Method	face	m-bike	car	duck	w-bottle
HARG-SSVM (Cho et al.)	91.2	44.4	58.4	55.2	66.6
GMN trained on VOC	98.1	65.0	72.9	74.3	70.5
GMN finetuned on Willow	99.3	71.4	74.3	82.8	76.7
PCA trained on VOC	100.0	69.8	78.6	82.4	95.1
PCA finetuned on Willow	100.0	76.7	84.0	93.5	96.9

Our method outperformed non-deep learning method HARG-SSVM (Cho et al. ICCV 2013).

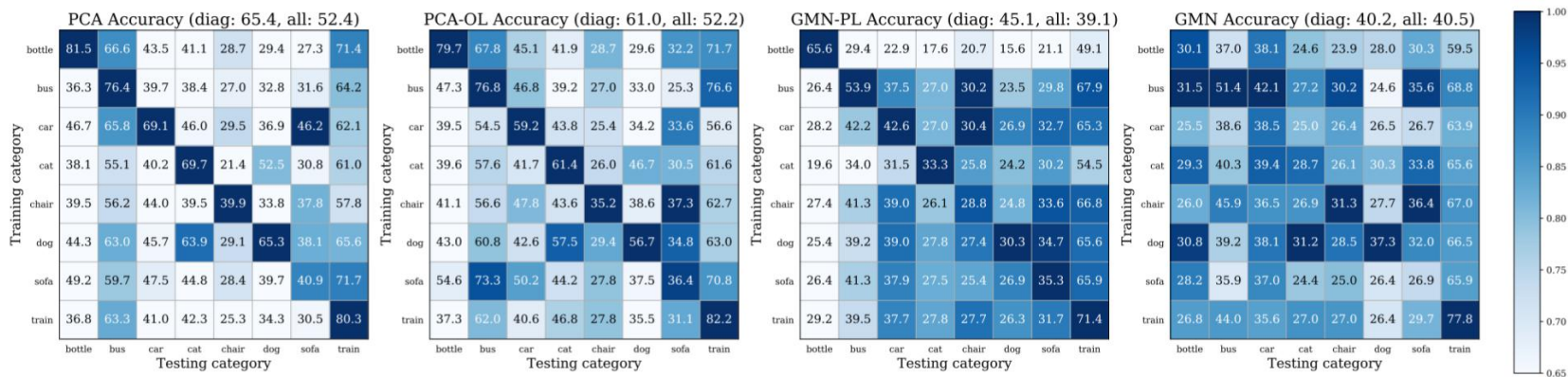
It also shows that the learned knowledge can be efficiently transformed among different datasets.

# Ablation Study

VGG16 feature	Intra-graph embedding	Cross-graph embedding	Distance metric	Accuracy
✓	✓	✓	✓	63.8
✓	✓	✓	×	63.6
✓	✓	×	×	62.1
✓	×	×	×	54.8
×	×	×	×	41.9

Ablation study is performed on VOC Keypoint dataset.

# Generability Study



Confusion matrix on 8 categories of VOC Keypoint dataset.

Result shows PCA learns generable knowledge among similar categories (like cat and dog).

method	aero	bike	bird	boat	bottle	bus	car	cat	chair	cow	table	dog	horse	mbike	person	plant	sheep	sofa	train	tv	mean
GMN	31.9	47.2	51.9	40.8	68.7	72.2	53.6	52.8	34.6	48.6	72.3	47.7	54.8	51.0	38.6	75.1	49.5	45.0	83.0	86.3	55.3
GMN-PL	31.1	46.2	58.2	45.9	70.6	76.4	61.2	61.7	<b>35.5</b>	53.7	58.9	57.5	56.9	49.3	34.1	77.5	57.1	53.6	83.2	88.6	57.9
PIA-OL	39.7	<b>57.7</b>	58.6	47.2	74.0	74.5	62.1	66.6	33.6	61.7	<b>65.4</b>	58.0	67.1	58.9	41.9	77.7	64.7	50.5	81.8	89.9	61.6
PIA	<b>41.5</b>	55.8	60.9	<b>51.9</b>	75.0	75.8	59.6	65.2	33.3	<b>65.9</b>	62.8	<b>62.7</b>	67.7	62.1	42.9	<b>80.2</b>	64.3	<b>59.5</b>	82.7	90.1	63.0
PCA	40.9	55.0	<b>65.8</b>	47.9	<b>76.9</b>	<b>77.9</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>67.4</b>	33.7	65.5	63.6	61.3	<b>68.9</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>44.9</b>	77.5	<b>67.4</b>	57.5	<b>86.7</b>	<b>90.9</b>	<b>63.8</b>

Table 2. Accuracy on Pascal VOC Keypoint. Note after replacing the offset loss by the permutation loss, the GMN-PL outperforms GMN [51] almost in all categories. While our method PIA’s performance degenerates when its permutation loss is changed to offset loss.

# Outline

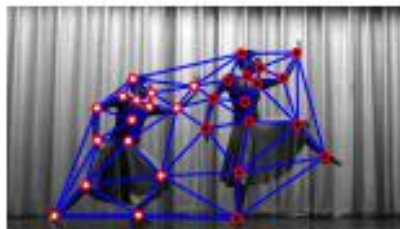
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# Joint matching and cuts (CVPR'18)

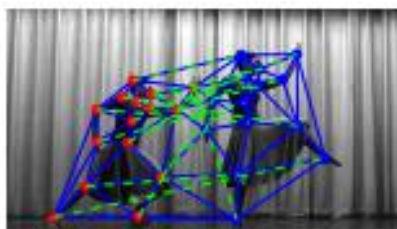
**Problem formulation:** Joint cuts and matching of two objects in one single image

**Motivation:** graph cuts aim to separate dissimilar objects, matching aims not

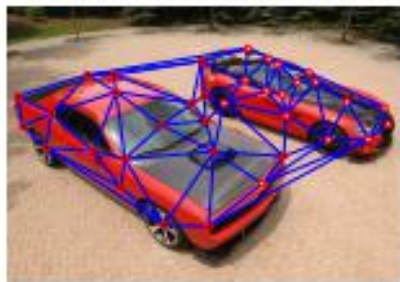
**Limitation:** the key points are assumed to be detected in prior.



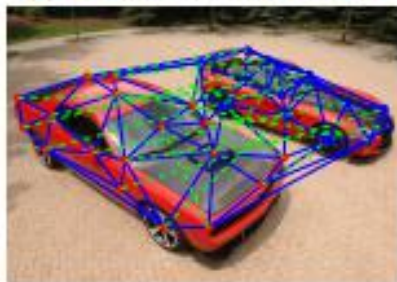
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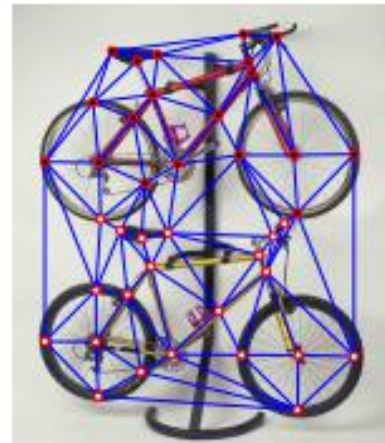
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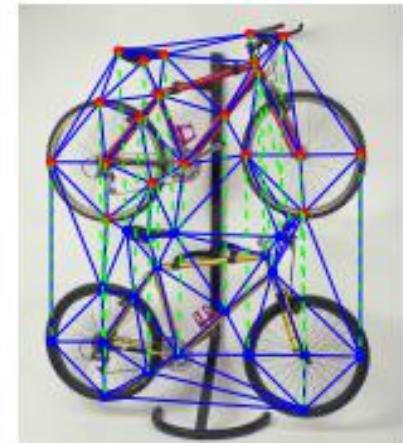
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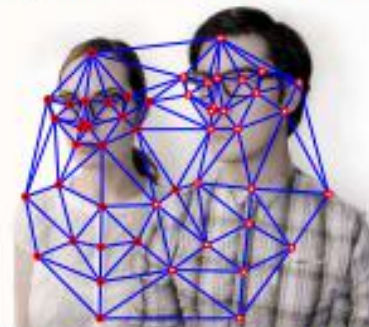
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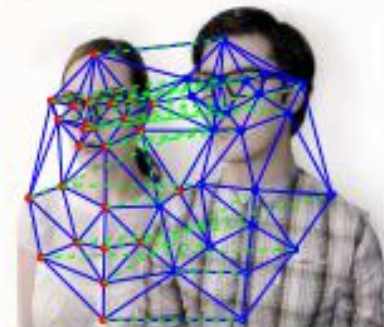
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(q) CutMatch-match: 20/20



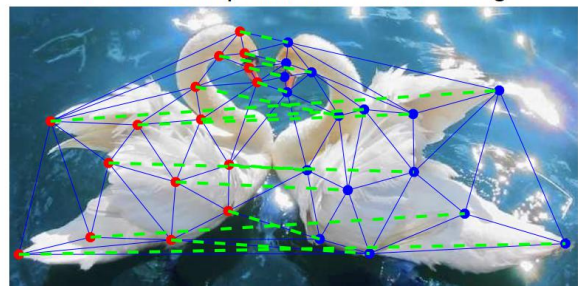
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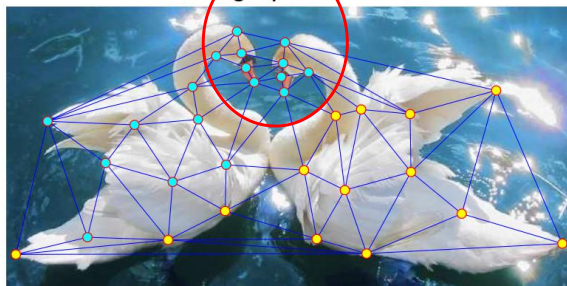
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# Main idea (CVPR'18)

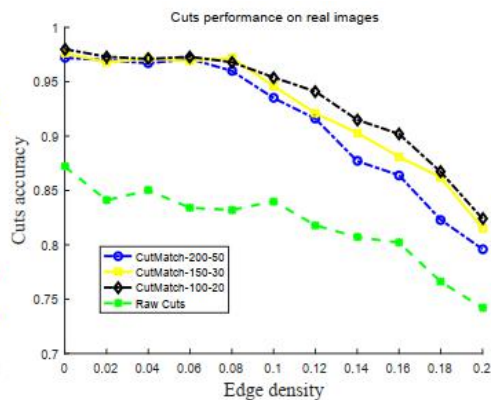
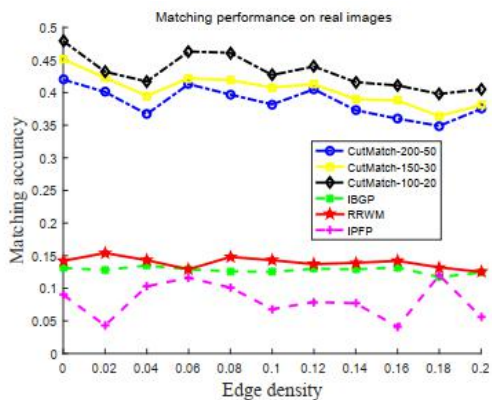
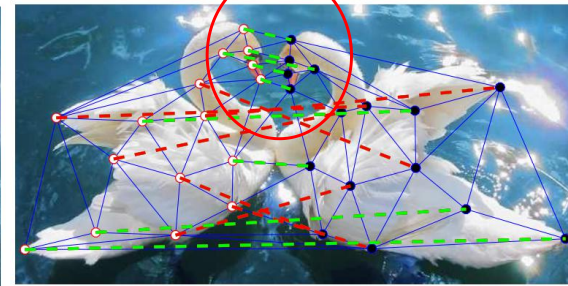
Ground-truth partitions and matchings



Initial graph cut result



Matching and cut with CutMatch



$$\min_{\mathbf{y}} \frac{\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{L}^g \mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y}}$$

Graph cuts

$$\max_{\mathbf{X}} \text{vec}(\mathbf{X})^T \mathbf{A} \text{vec}(\mathbf{X})$$

Graph matching

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_i \mathbf{X}_{ij} = \mathbf{1}, \sum_j \mathbf{X}_{ij} = \mathbf{1}^T, \mathbf{X}_{ii} = 0, \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{S}^+$$

$$\mathbf{y}^T (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{X}) \mathbf{y}$$

Match agrees cuts

$$\sum_{i,j} \mathbf{X}_{ij} (\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_j)^2$$

$$\max_{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} - \lambda_1 \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{L}^g \mathbf{y} + \lambda_2 \mathbf{y}^T (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{X}) \mathbf{y} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_i \mathbf{X}_{ij} = \mathbf{1}, \sum_j \mathbf{X}_{ij} = \mathbf{1}^T, \mathbf{X}_{ii} = 0, \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{S}^+, \|\mathbf{y}\|_2^2 = 1$$

# Large-scale graph matching for social networks/bioinformatics

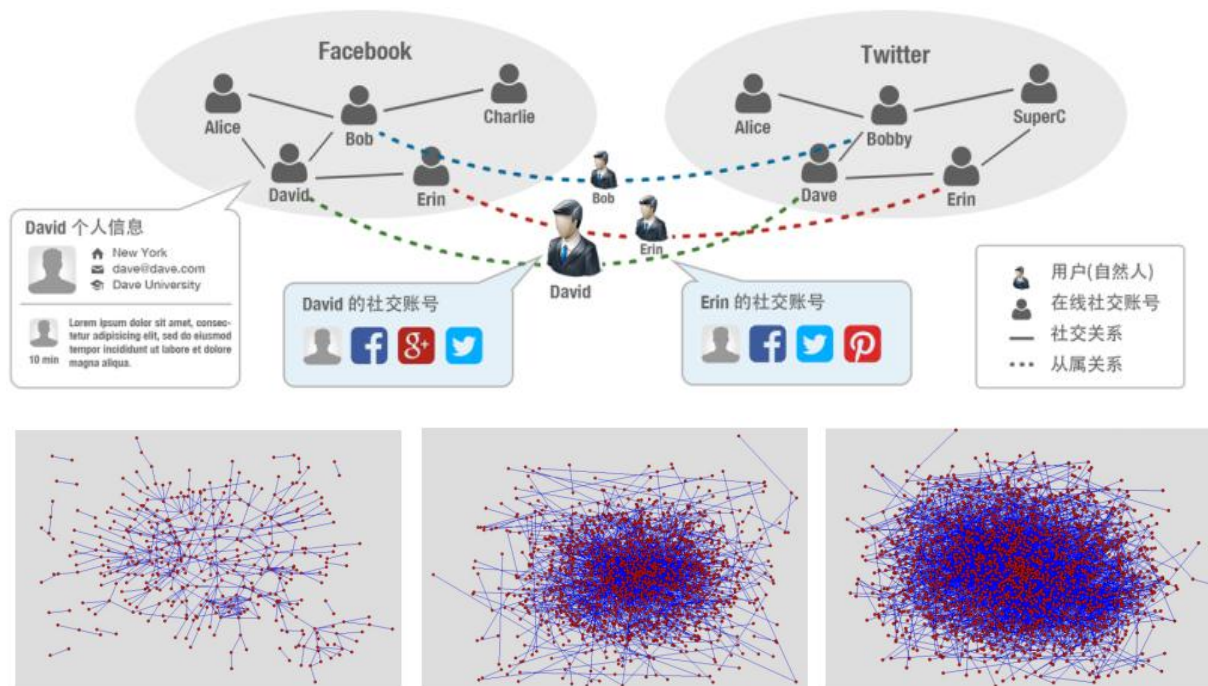


图 3-1 蛋白质相互作用网络示例图（从左至右为：果蝇、蛔虫、酵母）

# Joint matching and link prediction

**Problem:** Joint matching and link prediction

**Motivation:** two can benefit each other

**Limitation:** result relies on data's distribution.

## Assumption

A person in different social networks will have:

similar **degrees**

similar **neighbors** (friendship)

similar **attributes** (name, age, sex, location, text...)

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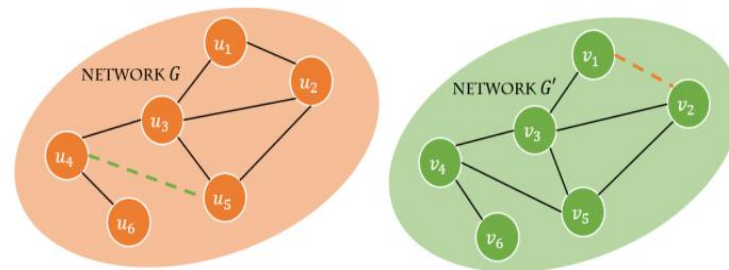


Figure 1: Illustration for how joint modeling of link prediction and network alignment can benefit to each other. Given the correspondence  $v_1 = \pi(u_1)$ ,  $v_2 = \pi(u_2)$ , it is convincing that  $(v_1, v_2)$  should be linked as  $(u_1, u_2)$  is linked. On the other hand, if  $(u_4, u_5)$  and  $(v_4, v_5)$  are not linked,  $u_4$  will be unlikely to link to  $v_4$  since they bear different local structures. Conversely, if  $(u_4, u_5)$  and  $(v_4, v_5)$  are linked,  $u_4$  is more likely to align with  $v_4$  (similarly  $u_5$  corresponds to  $v_5$ ), as they have similar local structures.

# Construct an undirected compound network

For each account  $u$  in  $G$  and  $v$  in  $G'$ , we denote  $w(u, v)$  as the **weight** between  $u$  and  $v$ . Then, an undirected compound network is obtained.

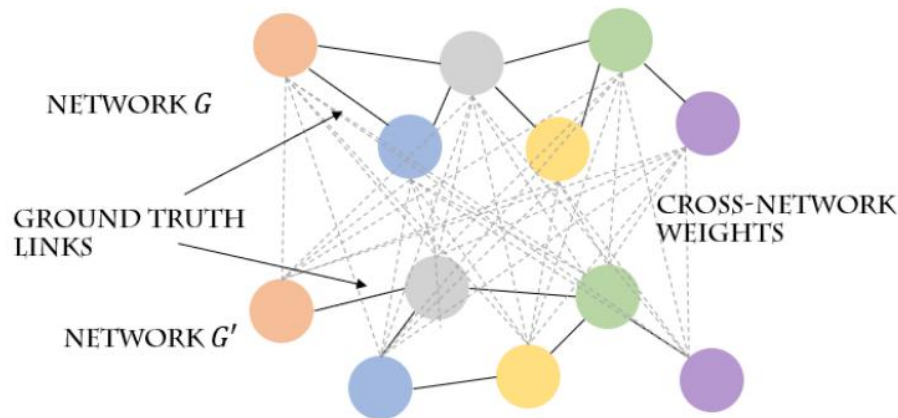


Figure 2: Weighted, undirected network  $\tilde{G}$  consisting of two networks with cross-graph links among vertices in two networks.

# Construct an undirected compound network

So we use a **biased random walk** to obtain similarity across networks. Specifically, for each step, we will decide whether to walk on the current network or switch to another network. For walks on the current network, it is the same as random walk. For walks switching to another network, the walk tends to switch to the most similar ones in another network.

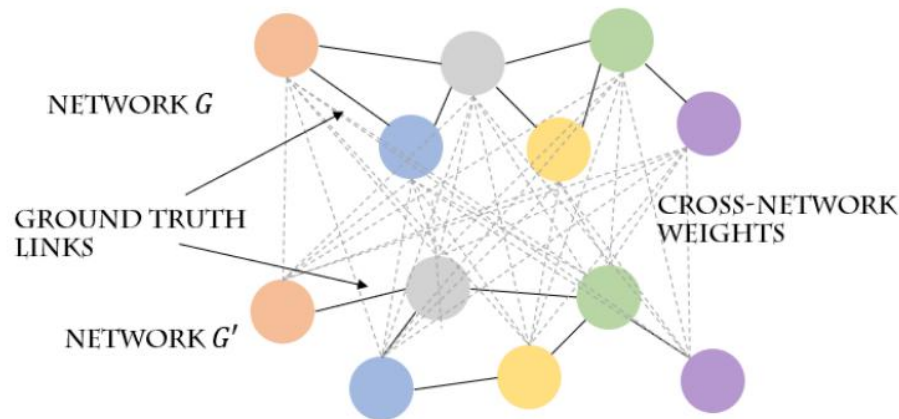
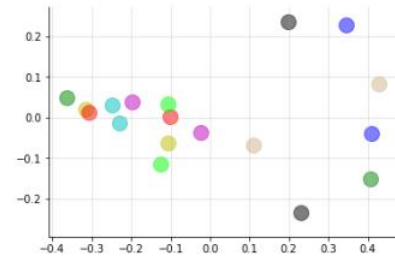
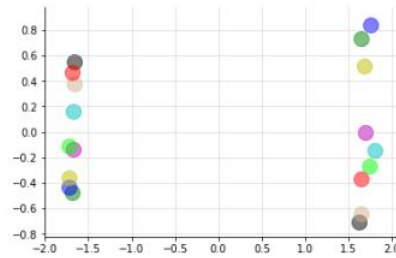
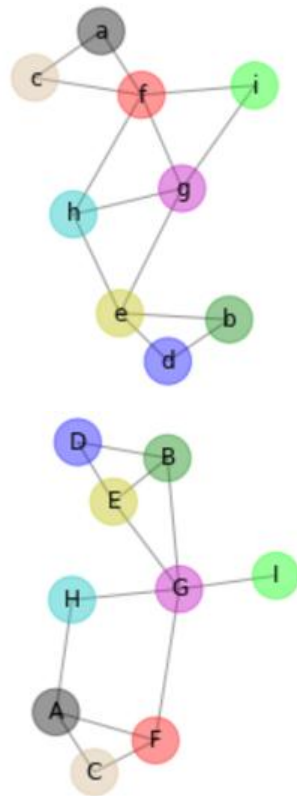


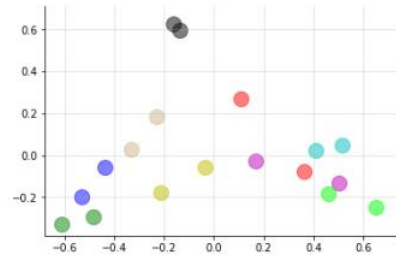
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# Embedding visualization

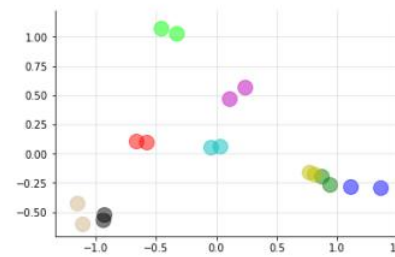


(b) DeepWalk

(c) Struc2vec



(d) CENA



(e) CENALP

Figure 7: Distribution of embedded vertices using different embedding techniques. The embedding vectors are decomposed to 2-dimension using principle component analysis (PCA).

# Joint Link Prediction and Network Alignment

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**Algorithm 3 Cross-graph Node Embedding for Joint Network Alignment and Link Prediction (CENALP)**

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**Input:** Input networks  $G = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{A})$ ,  $G' = (\mathcal{V}', \mathcal{E}', \mathcal{A}')$ ;  
Seed vertices  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{S}'$ , alignment  $\pi$ .

18 **while** *new vertex correspondences can be found* **do**  
19     Update embedding  $\{\mathbf{x}_u\}_{u \in \mathcal{V}}$ ,  $\{\mathbf{x}_v\}_{v \in \mathcal{V}'}$  by Eq. 4 to 8;  
      //network alignment to generate new seed vertices  
20     Align networks and find new correspondences by Alg. 1;  
      //link prediction to update structures  
21     Predict links within network for alignment by Alg. 2;

**Output:** Updated seed vertices  $\mathcal{S}$ ,  $\mathcal{S}'$ , alignment  $\pi$  and node embedding  $\{\mathbf{x}_u\}_{u \in \mathcal{V}}$ ,  $\{\mathbf{x}_v\}_{v \in \mathcal{V}'}$ .

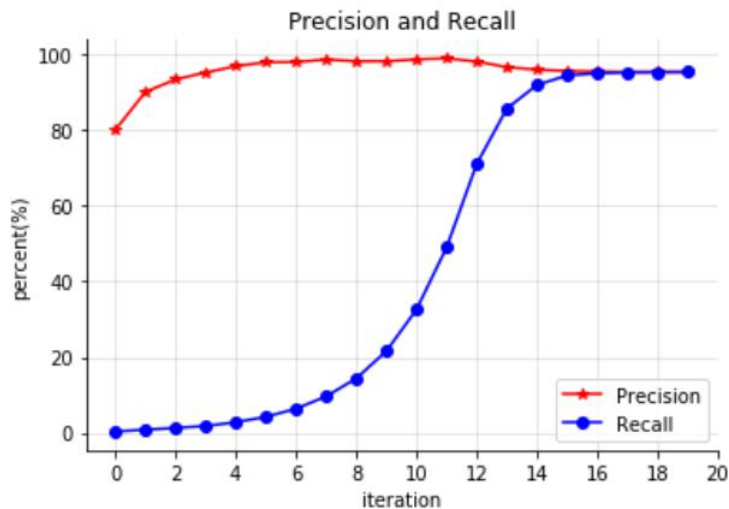
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embedding

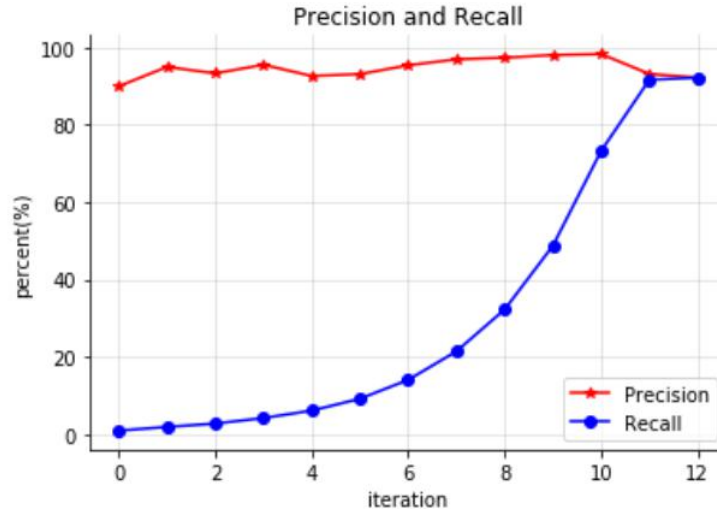
network alignment

link prediction

# Some tricks



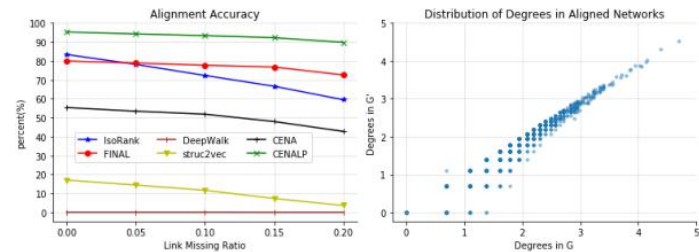
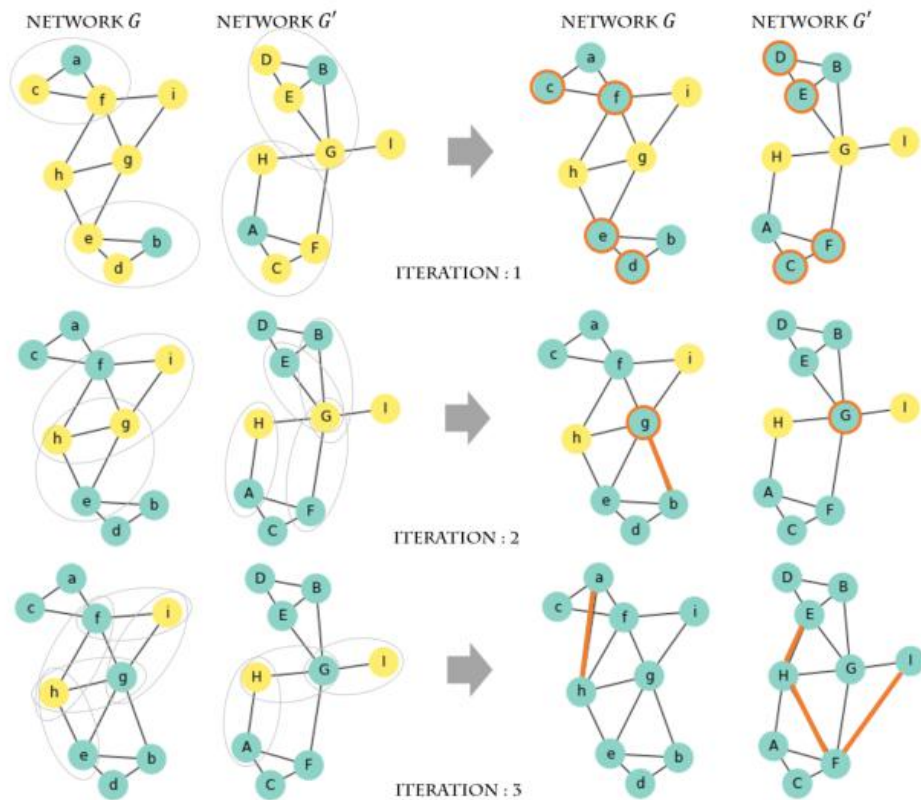
(a) DBLP



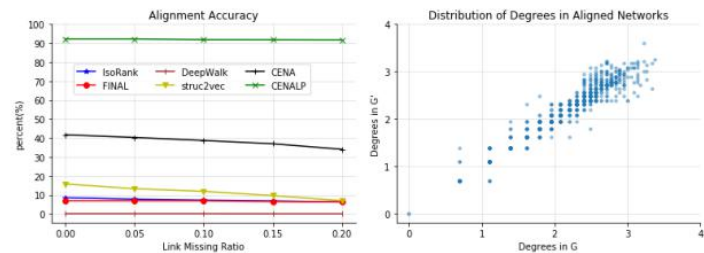
(b) Facebook/Twitter

Figure 5: Precision and recall over iterations by our CENALP on DBLP and Facebook/Twitter. Note the recall grows notably.

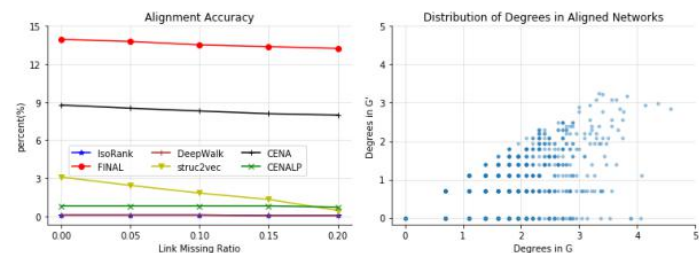
# Performance relies on distribution



(a) DBLP and its disturbed copy



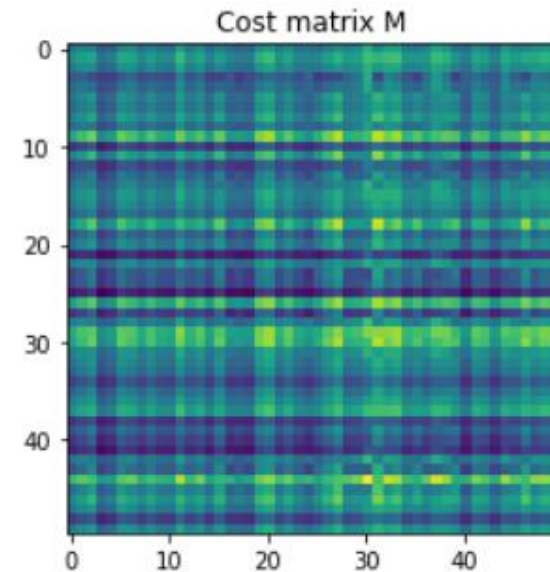
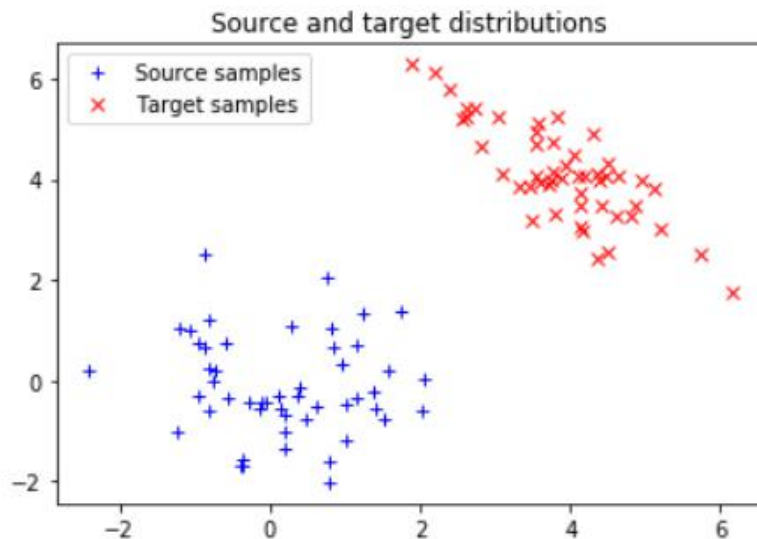
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(c) Douban online/offline

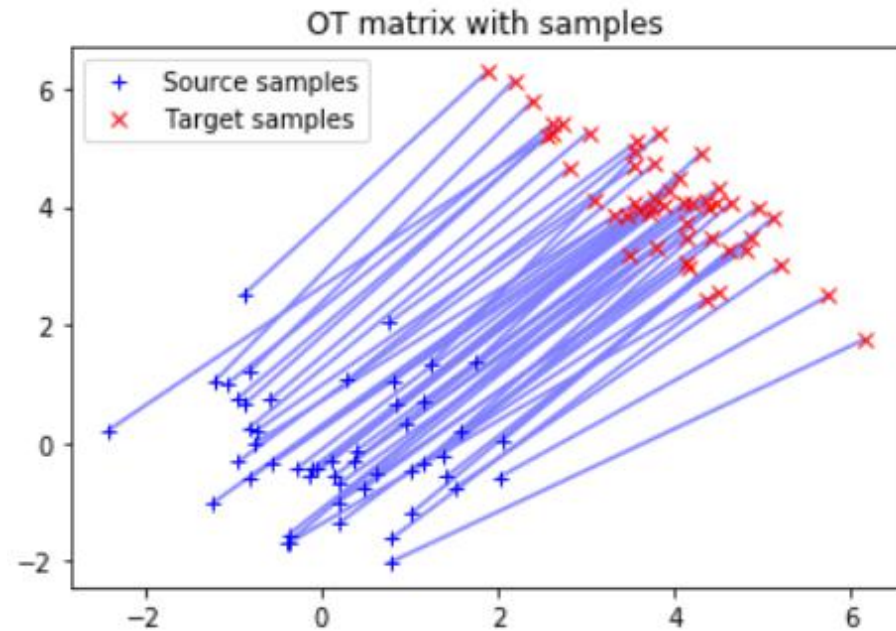
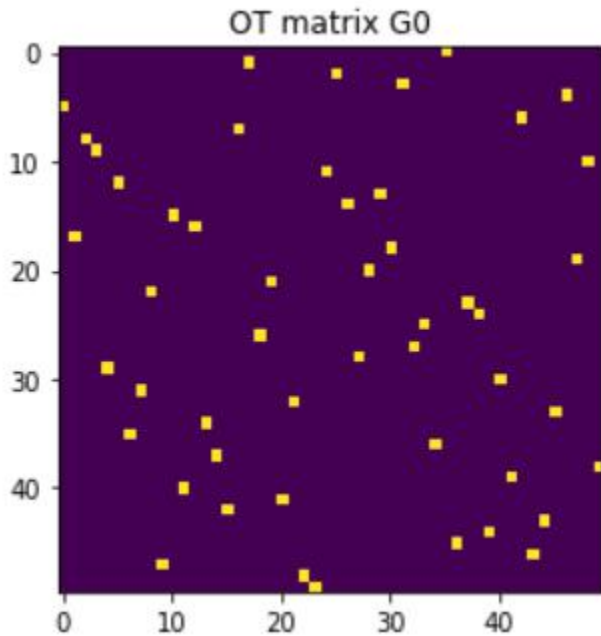
# Optimal transport example

- optimal transport problem between two distributions
- cost matrix



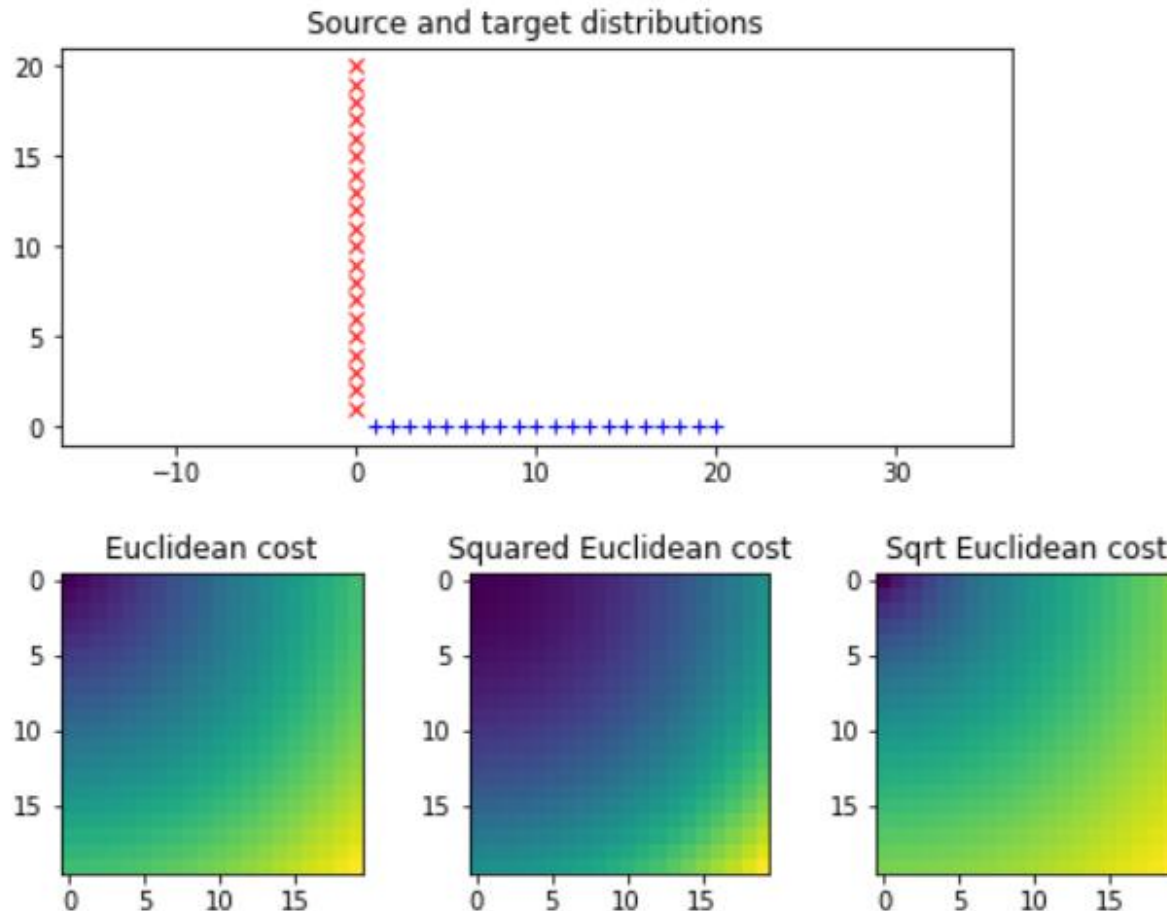
# Optimal transport example

➡ solution



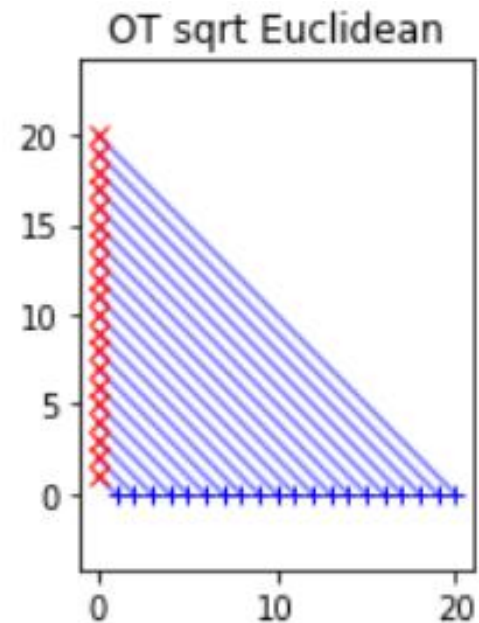
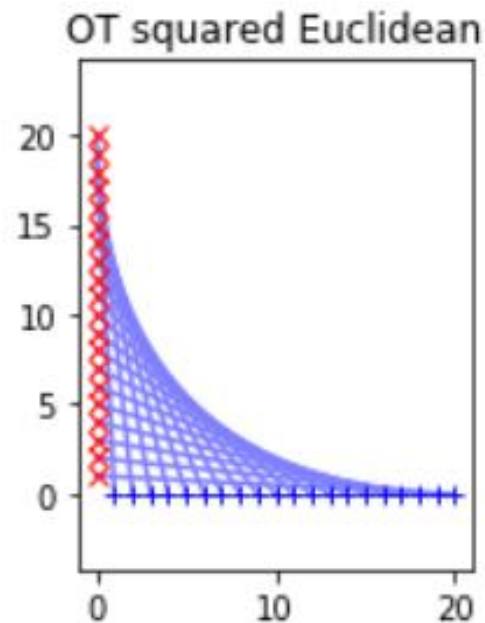
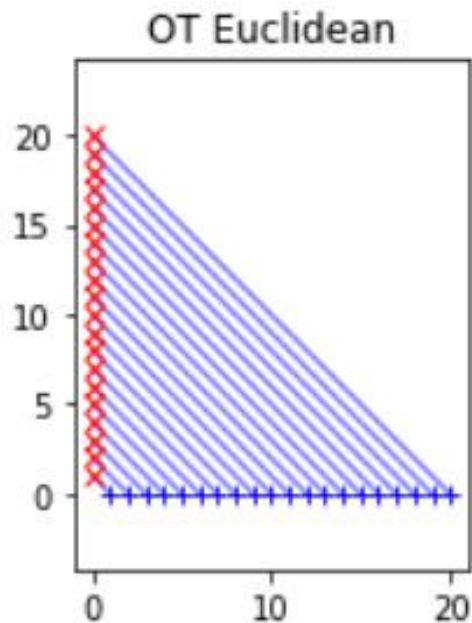
# 2D Optimal transport for different metrics

- Dataset1: uniform sampling



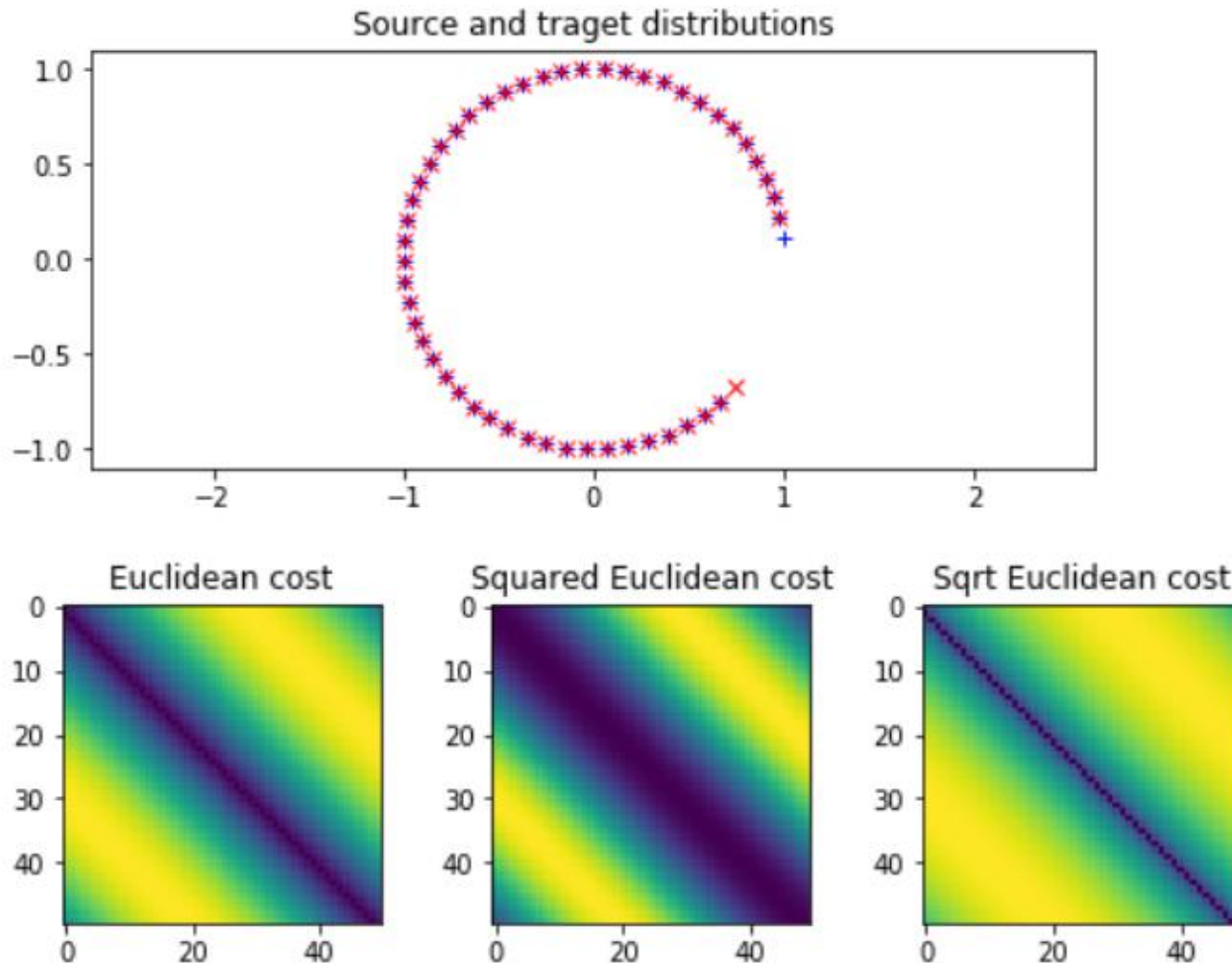
# 2D Optimal transport for different metrics

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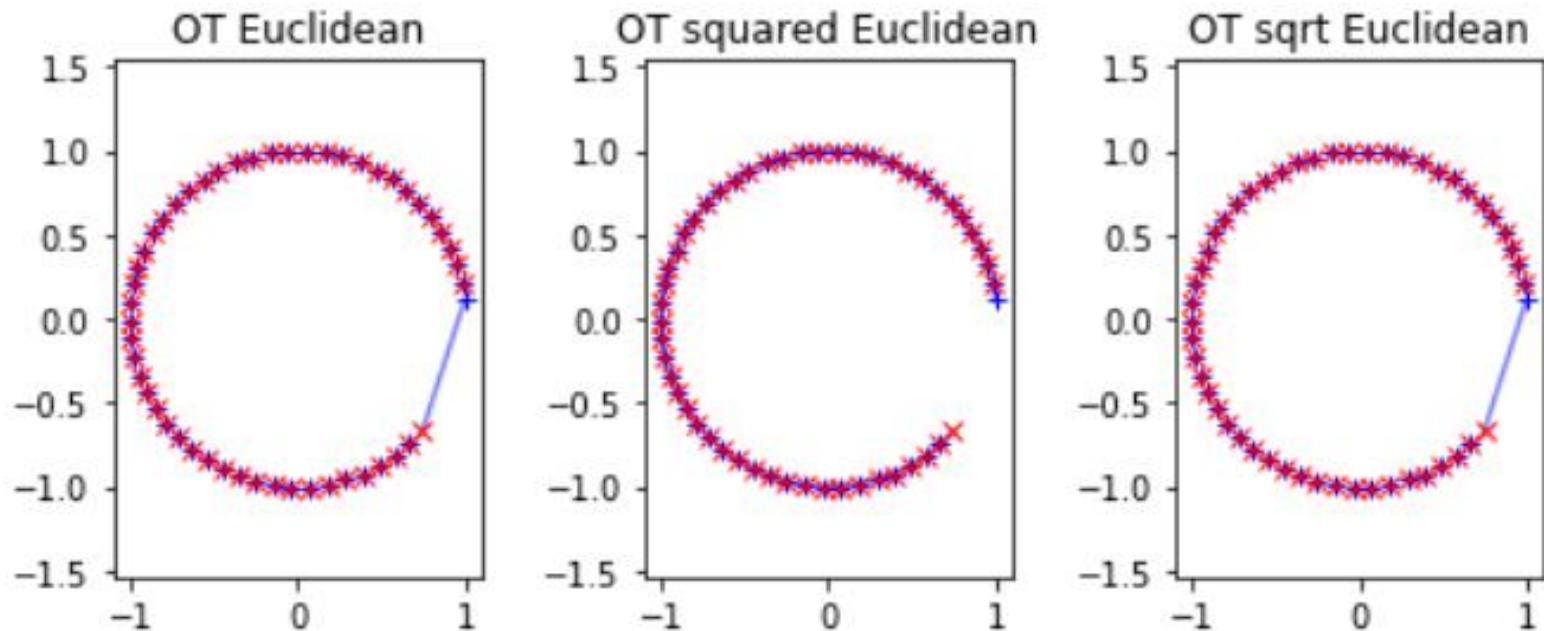
# 2D Optimal transport for different metrics

- Partial circle



# 2D Optimal transport for different metrics

## ► Solution



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- Learning of graph matching
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  - Joint link prediction and matching
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# Outlook

- Large-scale & robust network alignment
- Incremental matching of graphs online
- Matching against massive outliers
- Discovery and construction of graphs
- Meta-learning of graph matching solvers
- Multi-task with graph matching e.g. cut, link prediction etc.

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