

# Graph Signal Processing summary

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# Linear 1D convolution

The one-dimensional (linear) convolution of:

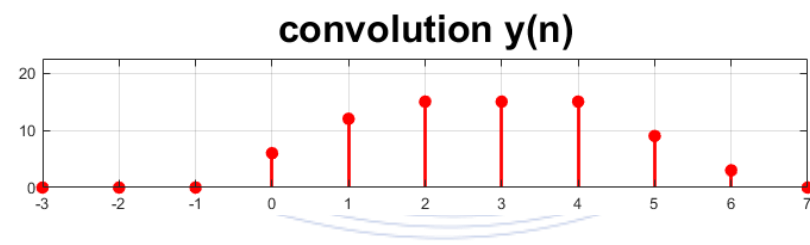
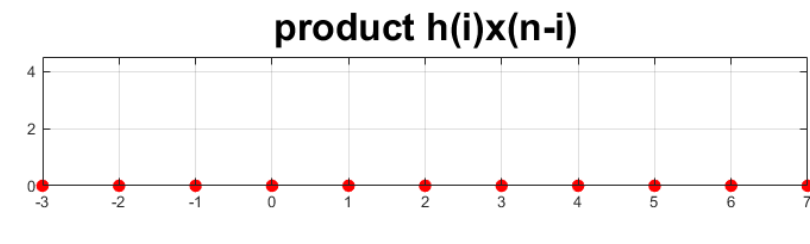
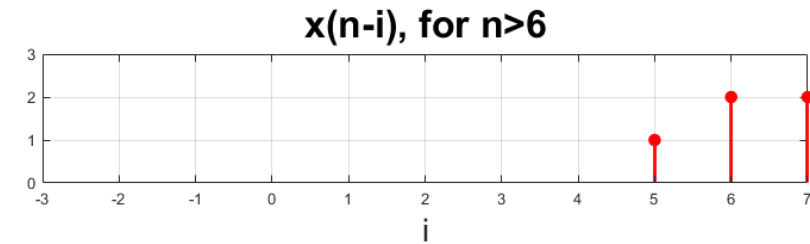
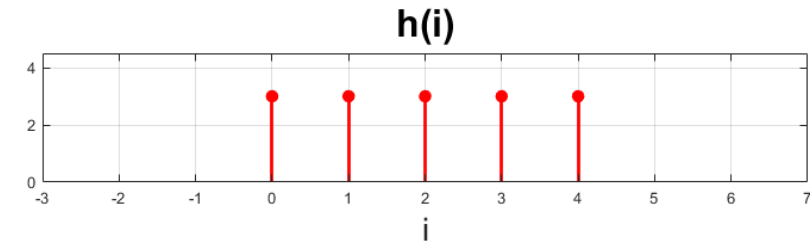
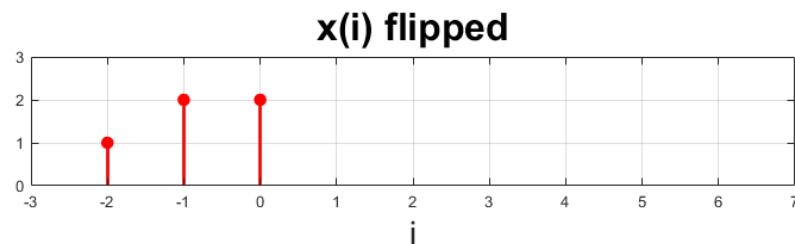
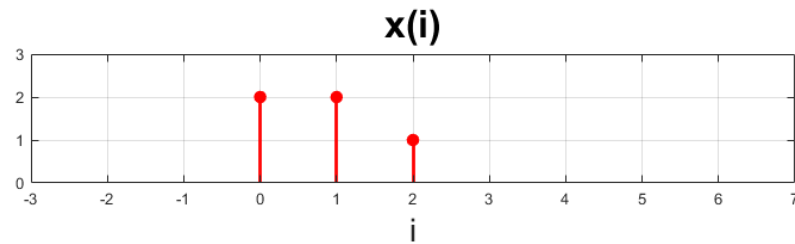
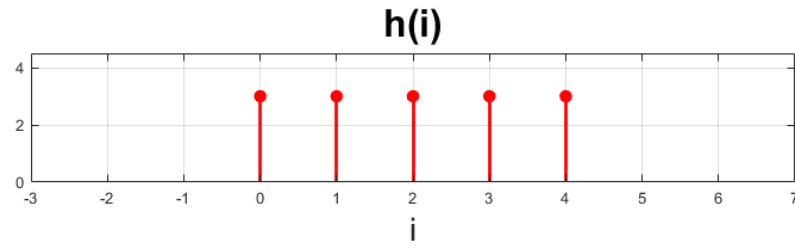
- an input signal  $x$  of length  $L$  and
- a convolution kernel  $h$  (filter mask, finite impulse response) of length  $M$  is defined as:

$$y(n) = h(n) * x(n) \triangleq \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} h(i)x(n-i).$$

- For a convolution kernel centered around 0 and  $M = 2v + 1$ , convolution takes the form:

$$y(n) = h(n) * x(n) = \sum_{i=-v}^v h(i)x(n-i).$$

# Linear 1D convolution



# Cyclic 1D convolution

- One-dimensional cyclic convolution of length  $N$  :

$$y(k) = x(k) \circledast h(k) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} h(i)x((k-i)_N),$$

$$(k)_N = k \pmod{N}.$$

- It is of no use in modeling linear systems.
- Important use: Embedding linear convolution in a **fast** cyclic convolution  $y(n) = x(n) \circledast h(n)$  of length  $N \geq L + M - 1$  and then performing a cyclic convolution of length  $N$ .



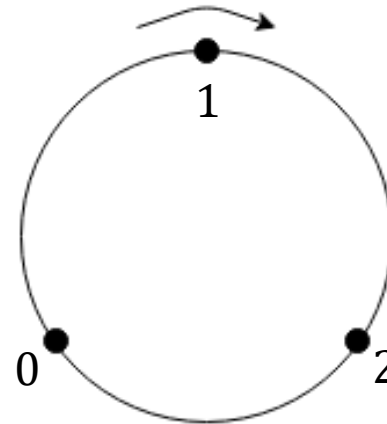
# Cyclic 1D convolution

$$y(0) = 1 \times 3 + 2 \times 4 + 0 \times 5$$

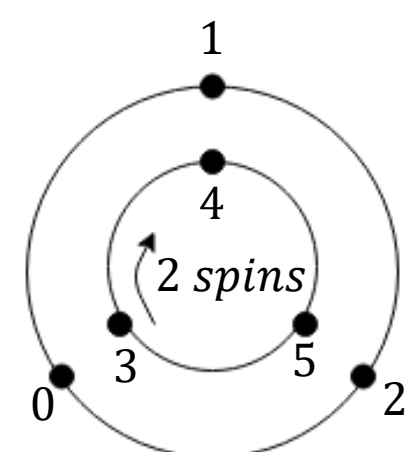
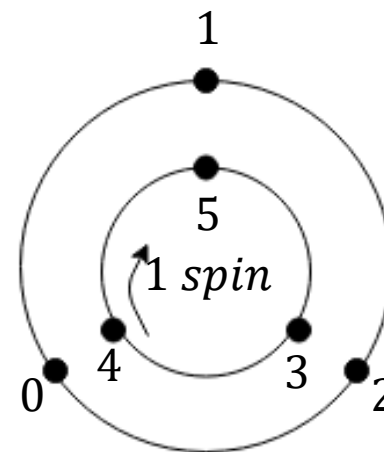
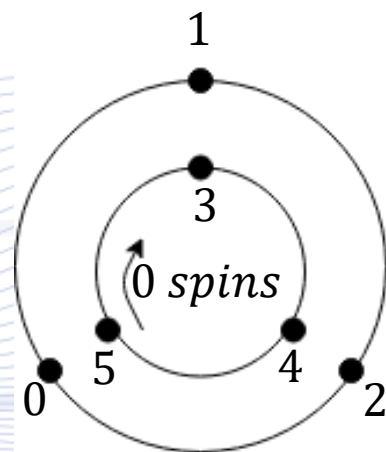
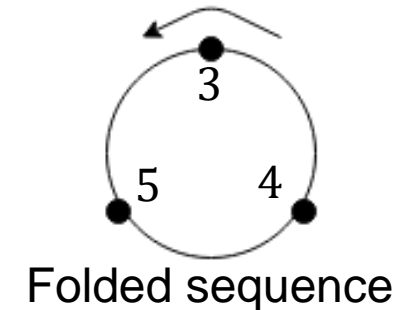
$$y(1) = 1 \times 5 + 2 \times 3 + 0 \times 4$$

$$y(2) = 1 \times 4 + 2 \times 5 + 0 \times 3$$

Clock-wise

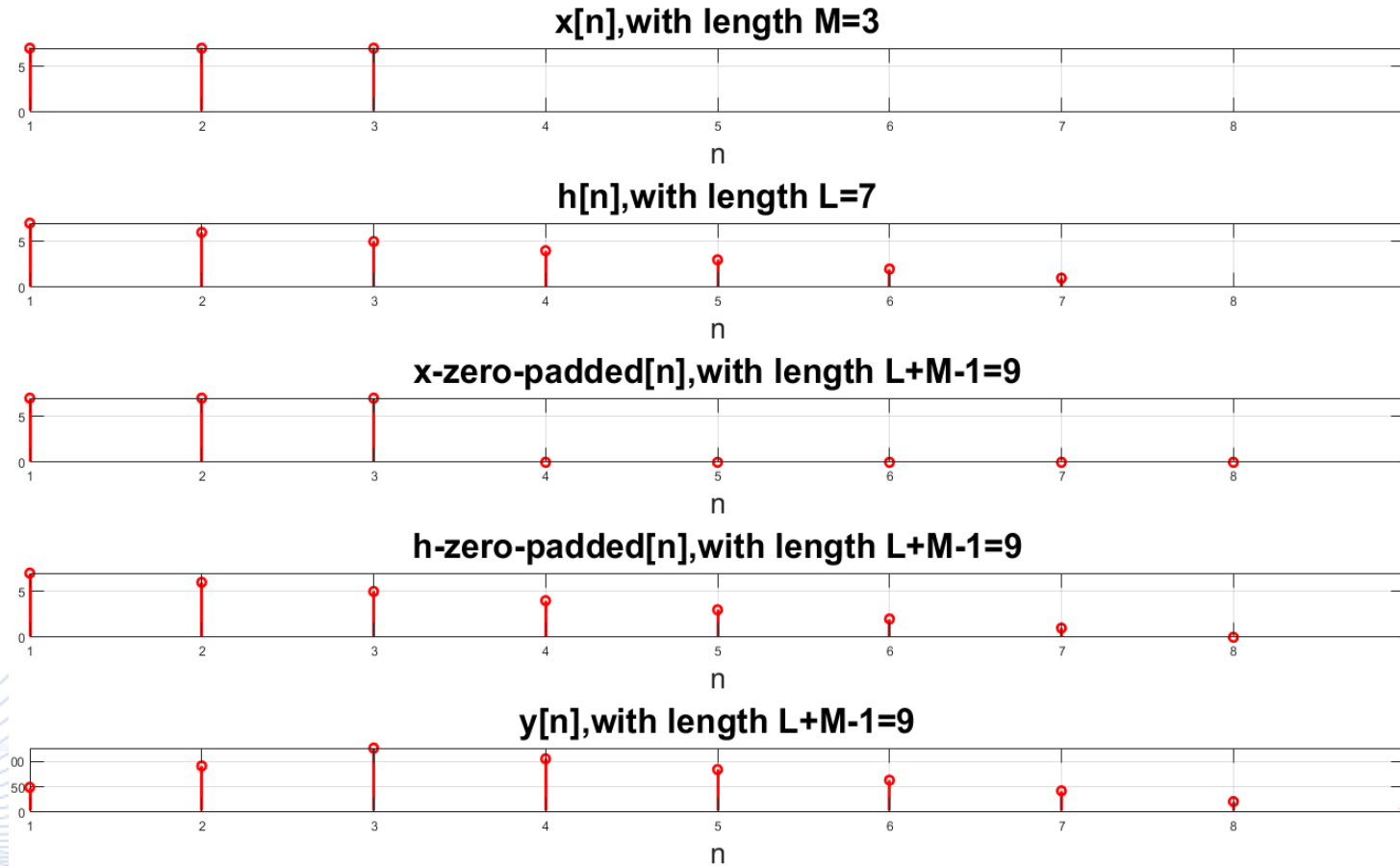


Anticlock-wise



Cyclic convolution of  $x(n) = \{1, 2, 0\}$  and  $h(n) = \{3, 5, 4\}$ .

# Cyclic 1D convolution

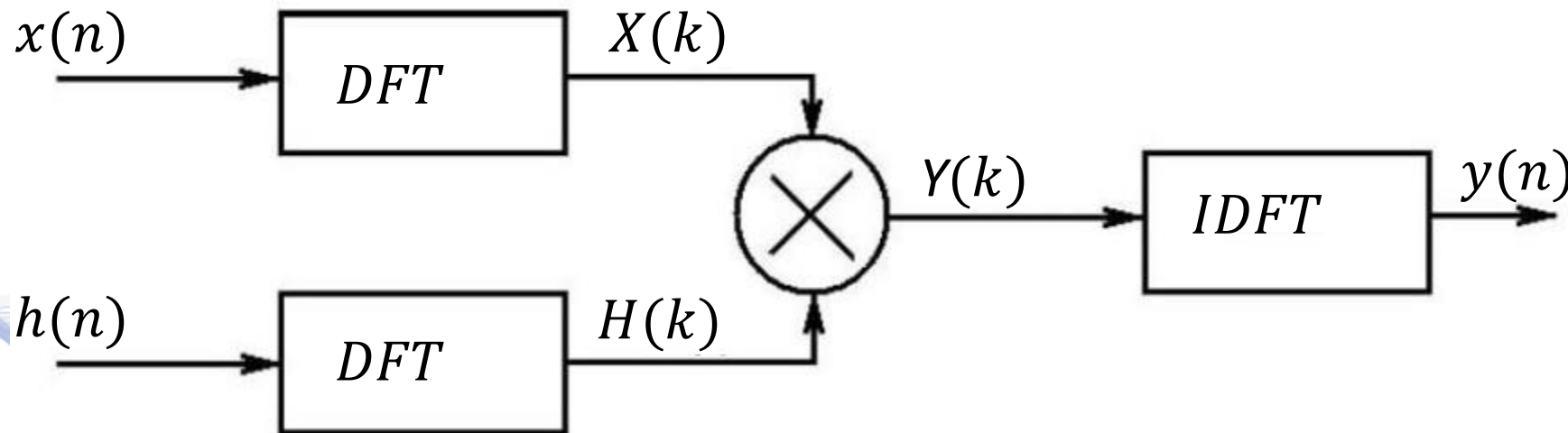


Zero-padding.

# Cyclic 1D convolution

- Cyclic convolution calculation using 1D **Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)**:

$$\mathbf{y} = \text{IDFT}(\text{DFT}(\mathbf{x}) \otimes \text{DFT}(\mathbf{h})).$$



- Fast calculation of DFT, IDFT through **FFT algorithm**.



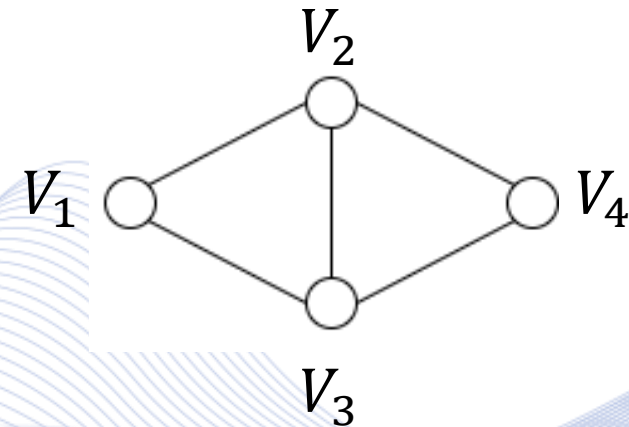
# Graph Basics

**Graph definition:**  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{W})$

- $\mathcal{V}$ : set of nodes,
- $\mathcal{E}$ : set of edges,
- $\mathcal{W}$ : set of edge weights.
- $N$ : number of nodes
- $E$ : number of edges

**Graph types:**

- Directed / Undirected or Symmetric,
- Weighted / Unweighted.



# Graph Matrix Representations

## *Graph-Shift Operator (GSO):*

$$\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}, \quad S_{ij} \neq 0 \text{ if } i = j \text{ and/or } (i, j) \in \mathcal{E}.$$

- It enables matrix representations of graphs.
- It captures the local graph structure.
- If the graph is symmetric,  $\mathbf{S}$  is also symmetric.

# Graph Signals

- **Vertex signal:**

$$x_i: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

- **Vectorial vertex signal:**

$$\mathbf{x}_i: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n.$$

- **Graph signals** (single-valued vertex signals) can be described by a vector:

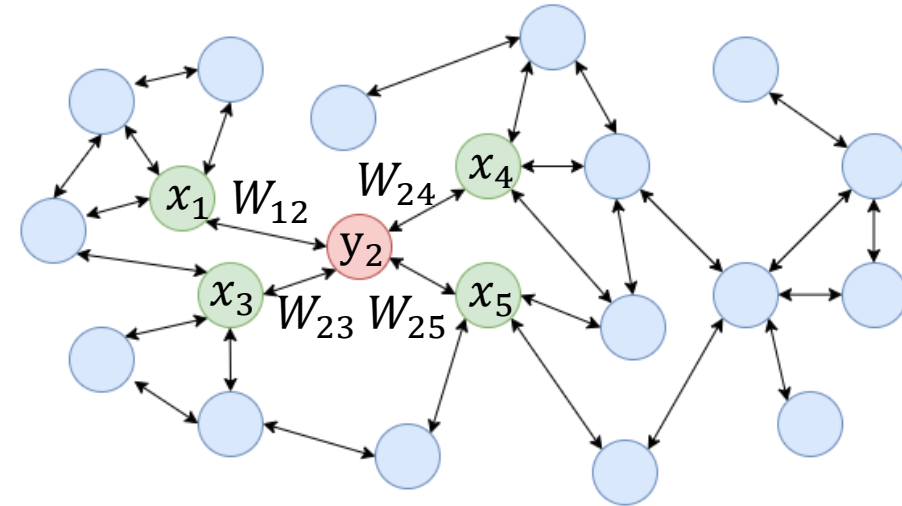
$$\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N]^T \in \mathbb{R}^N,$$

residing on the vertex set  $\mathcal{V}$  of graph  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{W})$ .

# Graph Signal Diffusion

- **Diffusion** of a Graph Signal:  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}$ .
- Component  $i$  of  $\mathbf{y}$  is affected by the set of nodes  $j \in \mathcal{N}_i$  for  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{W}$ :

$$y_i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} W_{ij} x_j.$$



- Stronger weights contribute more the diffusion.
- Local operation where components are mixed with components of neighboring nodes.



# Graph Signal Diffusion

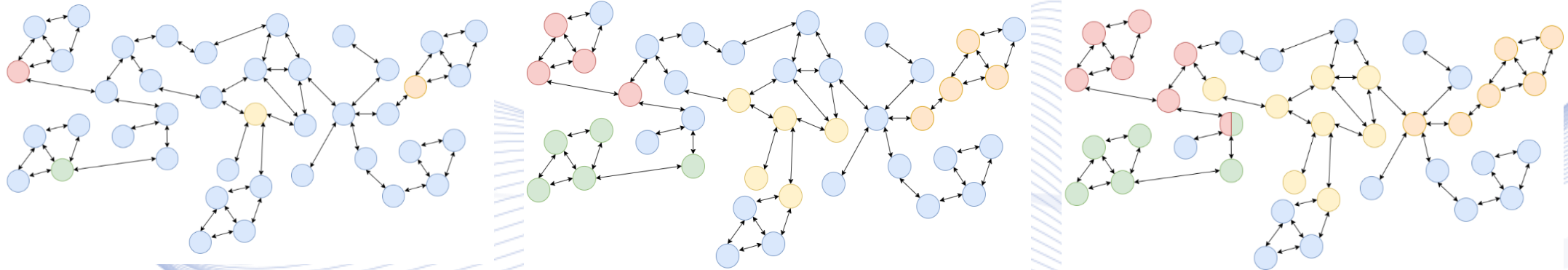
- **Diffusion sequence** → Recursive application of Diffusion:

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}^{(k)},$$

$$\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \mathbf{x}.$$

- We can also write the diffusion sequence as the power sequence:

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k)} = \mathbf{S}^{(k)}\mathbf{x}$$



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$$\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \mathbf{S}^{(1)}\mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \mathbf{S}^{(2)}\mathbf{x}$$

- Always implement the recursive version. Power version only for analysis.



# Two ways to define Convolution

## ***Spatial / Vertex domain:***

- A Graph is a set of nodes connected by edges.
- We define how to aggregate the information of one node through its neighbors.
- ***Spatial Graph Convolution.***

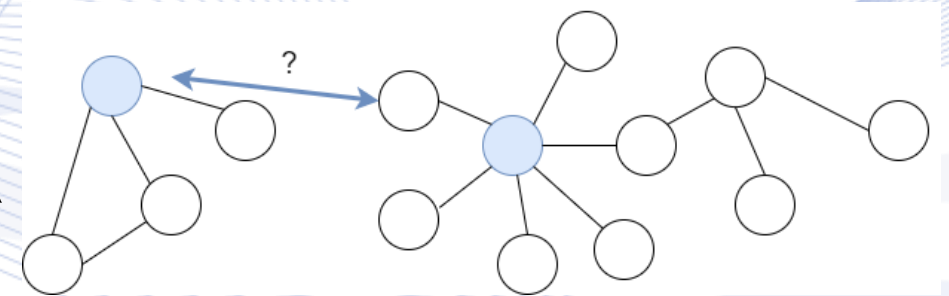
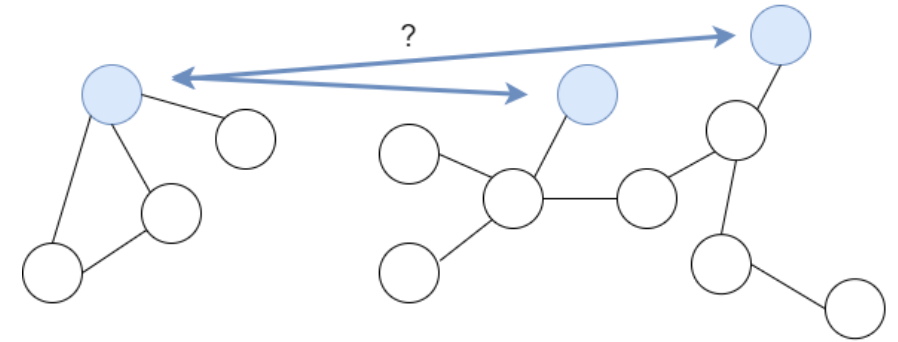
## ***Spectral domain:***

- A Graph is a discrete manifold [GEOM].
- Discretize manifold and do Spectral Convolution using the Laplacian matrix.
- ***Spectral Graph Convolution.***

# Spatial Graph Convolution

Limitations:

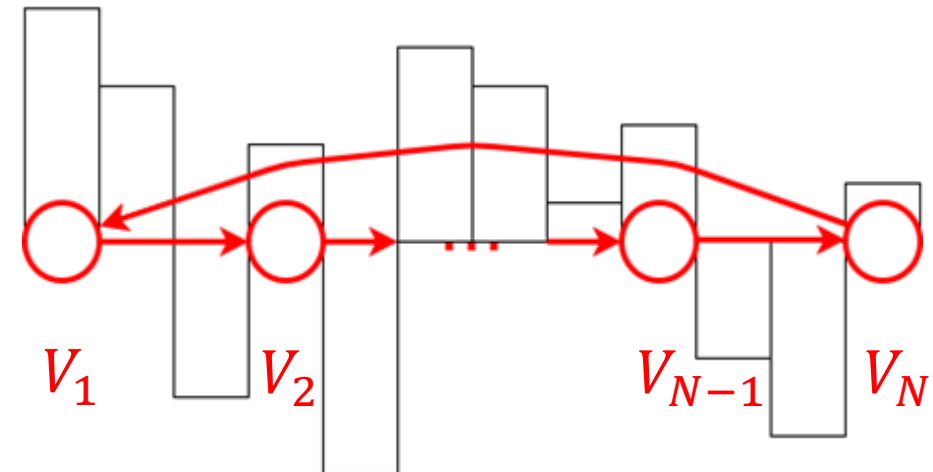
- **Lack of node ordering:**
  - Can not match the template features with the data features.
  - The nodes do not have a well-defined position, but only an arbitrary index.
- **Heterogeneous neighborhoods:**
  - Can not deal with nodes that have a different number of neighbors.



# 1-D Spatial Graph Convolution

- **Graph-Shift matrix = Adjacency matrix** of a graph:

$$S = A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



*Time series* → Shift operator/Adjacency matrix → *Graph representation*

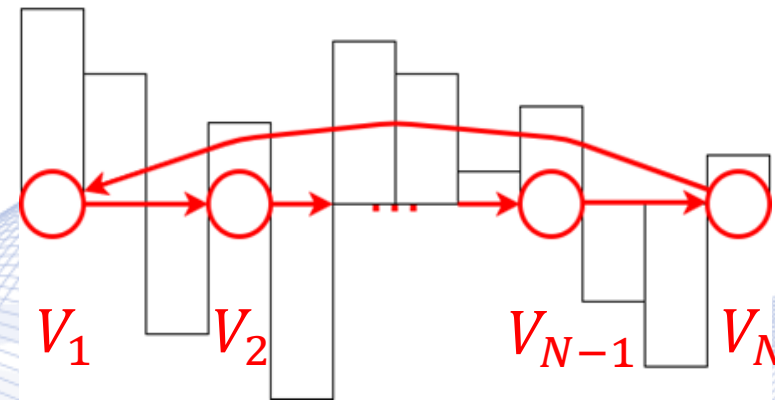
Graph:

- Nodes = time samples,
- (Directed) Edges = successive nature of time samples.

# 1-D Spatial Graph Convolution

- The **DFT** and the traditional frequency grid is obtained by the adjacency matrix of the **circulant graph**:

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix}
 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 1 \\
 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\
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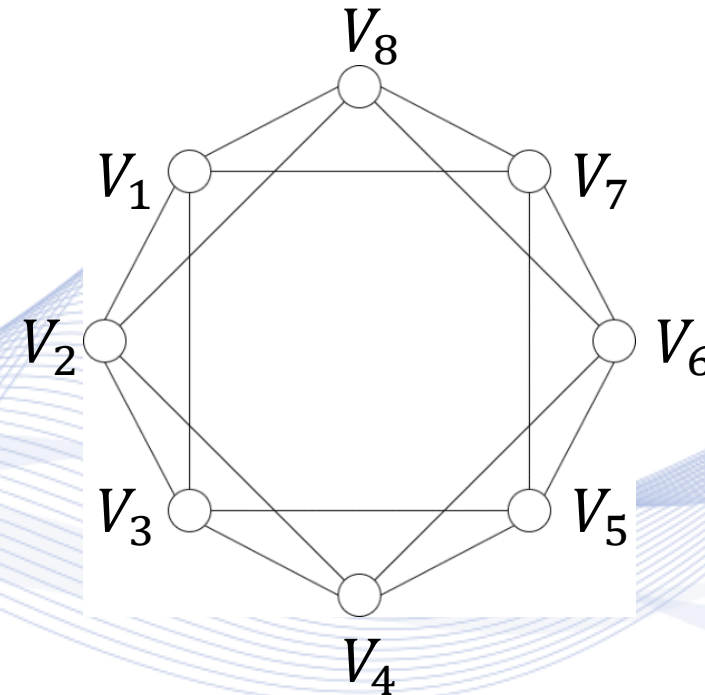




# 1-D Spatial Graph Convolution

- Any circulant graph (directed or not) in principle leads to the DFT as the matrix that diagonalizes the Graph-Shift operator:

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# 1-D Spatial Graph Convolution

## ***Graph-Shift:***

- local operation,
- we can replace nodes' signal values  $\rightarrow$  weighted linear combination at neighbors  $\mathcal{N}_i$ :

$$x_{i,out} = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} S_{ij} x_{j,in}, \quad i = 1, \dots, N.$$

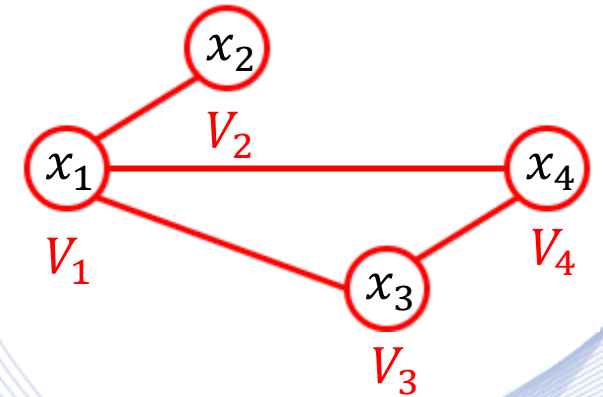
## ***Graph Signal Processing (GSP)*** framework:

1. Signal shift operator
2. Graph theory ***adjacency matrix***

# 1-D Spatial Graph Convolution

- For an undirected Graph:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

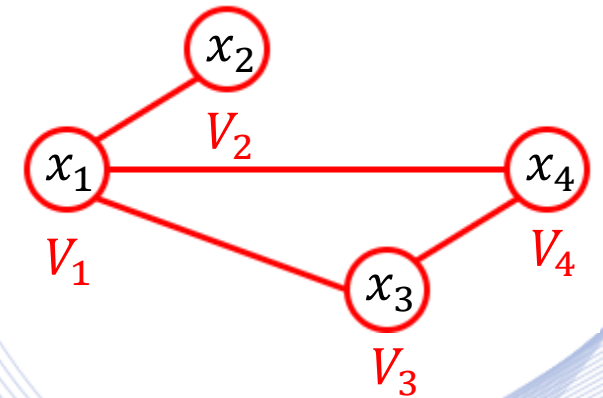


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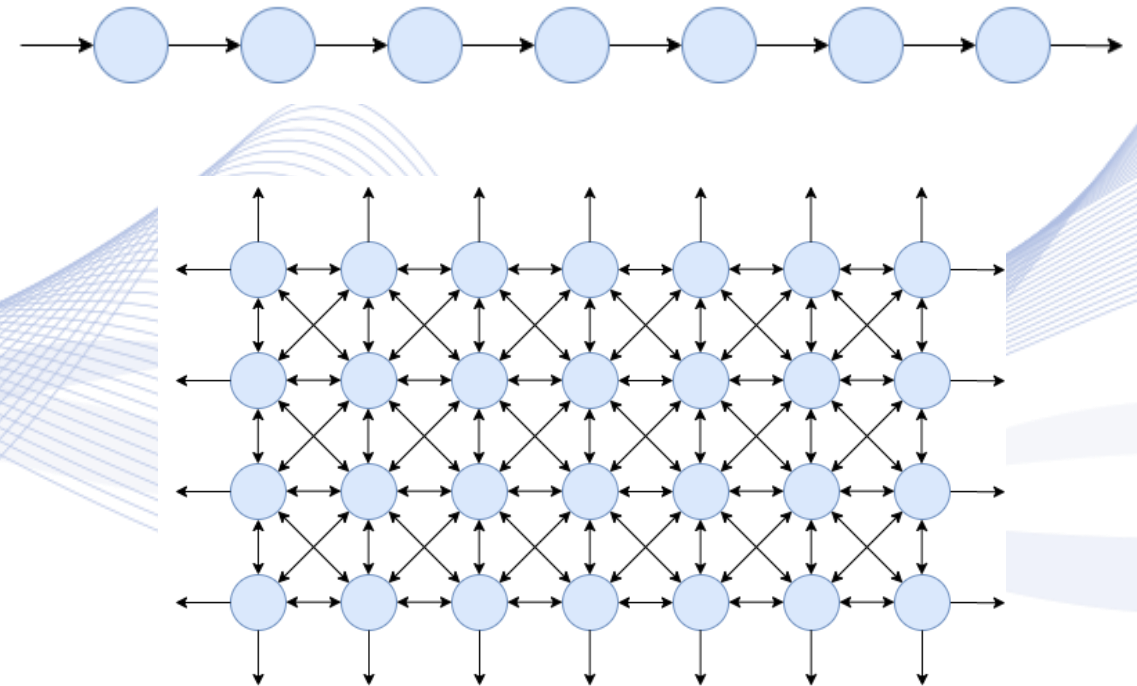
- Graph Shifted Signal:

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \\ x_1 \\ x_1 + x_4 \\ x_1 + x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Generalizing Convolutions to Graphs

- Convolutions are operations on graphs.
- First two trivial observations of natural Graphs:
  1. Discrete time:
    - Graphs that support time signals.
    - Directed Line Graph.
  2. Discrete space:
    - Graphs that support space signals.
    - Grid Graph.





# Generalizing Convolutions to Graphs

- Filter output:



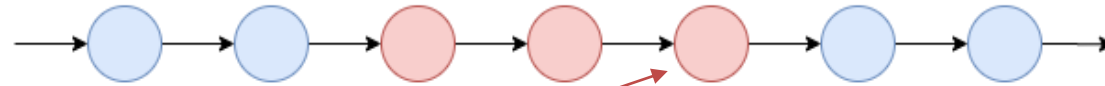
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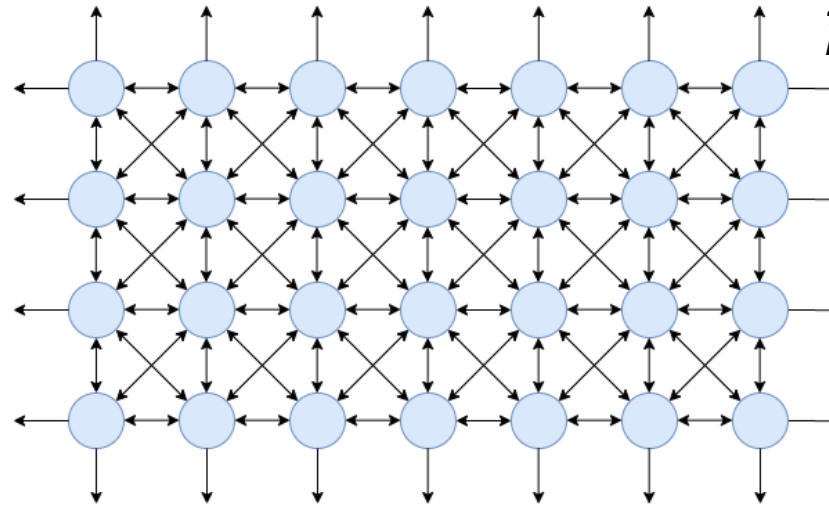
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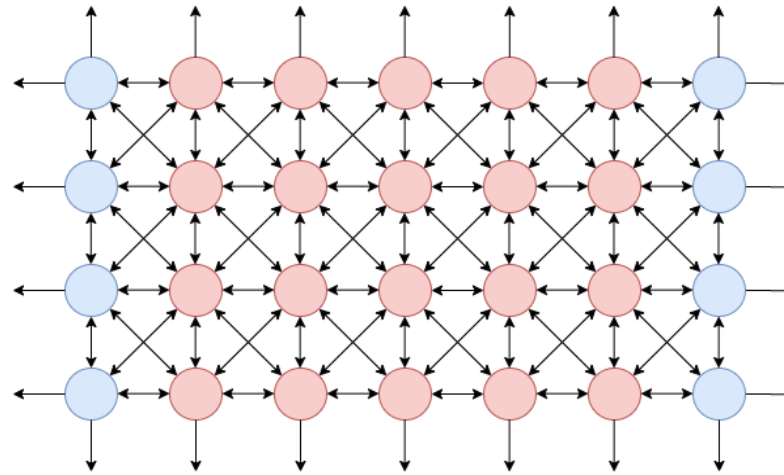
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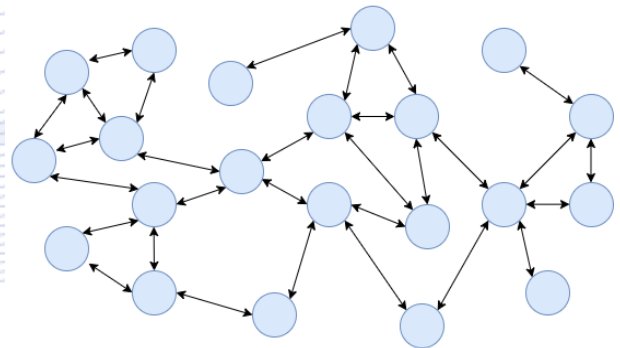




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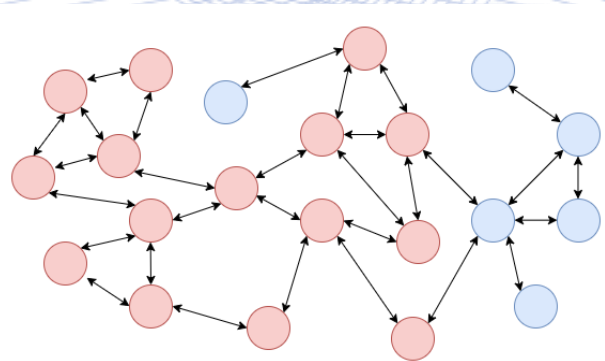




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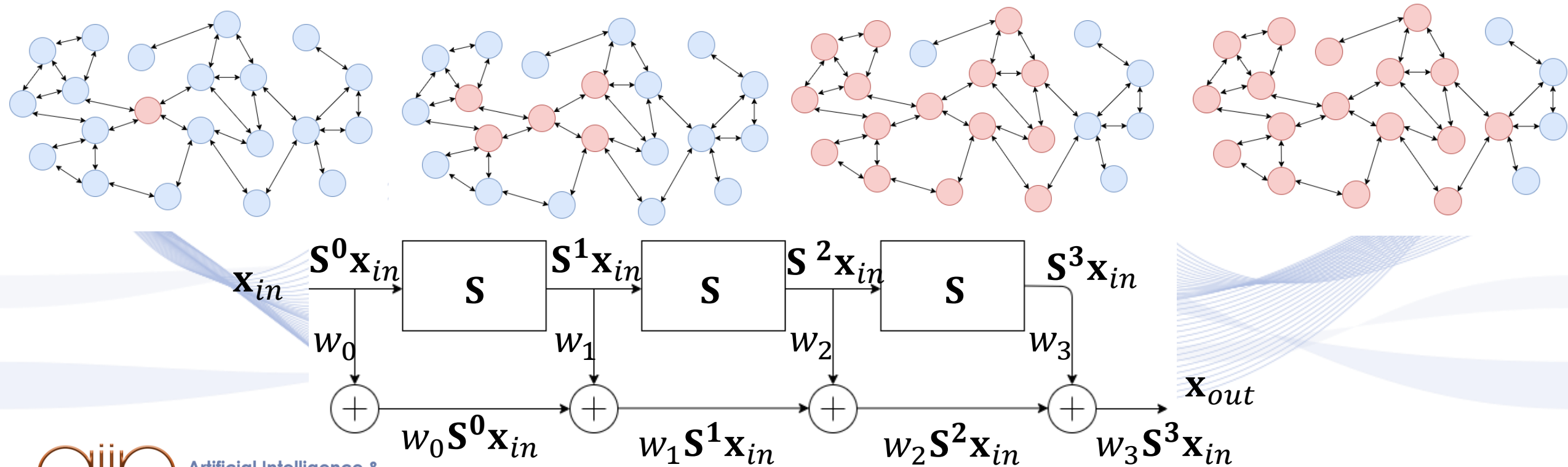
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# Generalizing Convolutions to Graphs

- Graph Convolutional filters perform linear processing of graph signals.



# Spectral Graph Convolution

We perform Spectral Graph Convolution in 4 steps:

1. Graph Laplacian
2. Graph Fourier Functions
3. Graph Fourier Transform
4. Convolution Theorem

# Graph Laplacian

- Normalized Graph Laplacian is the main operator in Spectral Graph Theory:

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

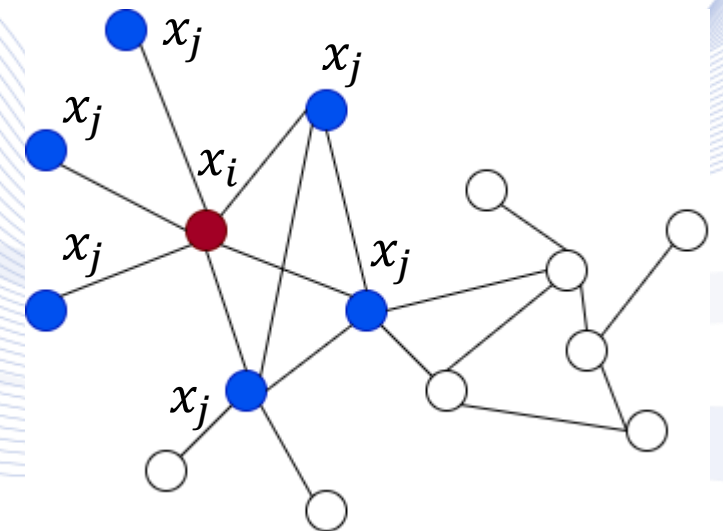
$$\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}\left(\sum_{j \neq i} A_{ij}\right)$$

- Physical interpretation:

- Smoothness** of a Graph Signal:

- difference between  $x_i$  and node information in  $\mathcal{N}_i$ .
  - Smooth signal  $\Rightarrow$  small Graph Laplacian.

$$(\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x})_i = x_i - \frac{1}{d_i} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} A_{ij} x_j.$$



# Graph Fourier Functions



- Eigen-decomposition of Graph Laplacian:

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}.$$

- The Laplacian eigenvectors are the ***Graph Fourier Functions***:

$$\mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N] \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}.$$

- ***Graph Fourier Functions***:
  - form an orthonormal basis:

$$\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I},$$

- are related to graph geometry (e.g., communities, hubs, etc.).



# Graph Fourier Functions

- The Laplacian eigenvalues are known as the **Graph spectrum**:

$$\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \backslash & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_N \end{bmatrix}$$

- For the normalized Graph Laplacian:  $0 \leq \lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_N = \lambda_{max} \leq 2$ .

# Graph Fourier Transform



- **Graph Fourier Transform (GFT):**

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathcal{F}\{\mathbf{x}\} \triangleq \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{x}.$$

- Analysis of  $\mathbf{x}$ , with **Graph Fourier Functions**, through the **Graph Fourier Series**:

$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u}_i) \mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{U} \hat{\mathbf{x}}.$$

# Convolution theorem

- The ***Graph Frequency Response*** is a polynomial of graph frequencies:

$$\hat{h}(\lambda) \triangleq \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} w_k \lambda^k$$

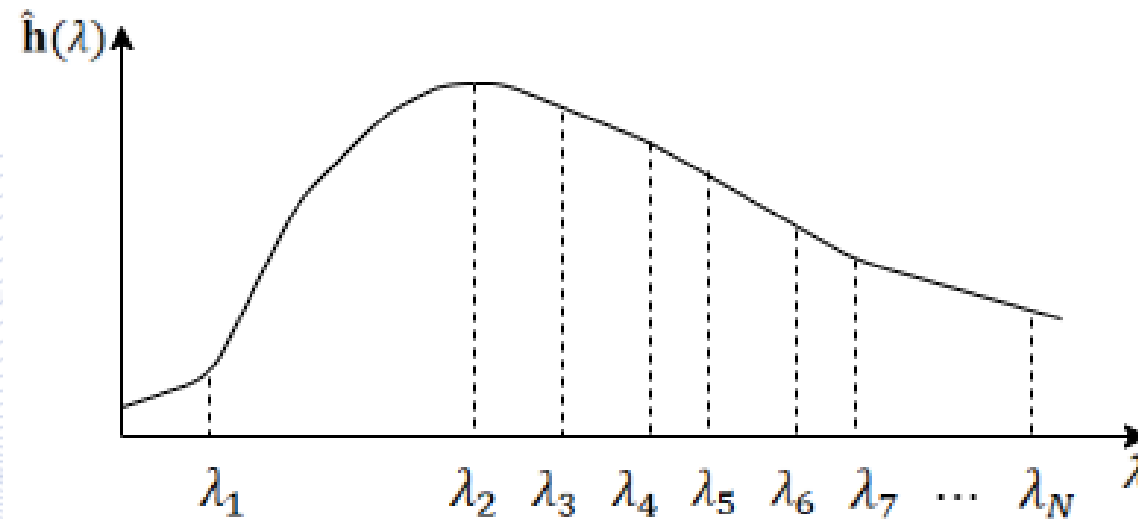
$$\hat{h}_i = \hat{h}(\lambda_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, N.$$

# Convolution theorem

- The spectral graph filter is given by:

$$\hat{\mathbf{h}} = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{h} = [\hat{h}(\lambda_1), \dots, \hat{h}(\lambda_N)]^T.$$

- Where  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N$  are the eigenvalues.



# Filtering – Spatial domain

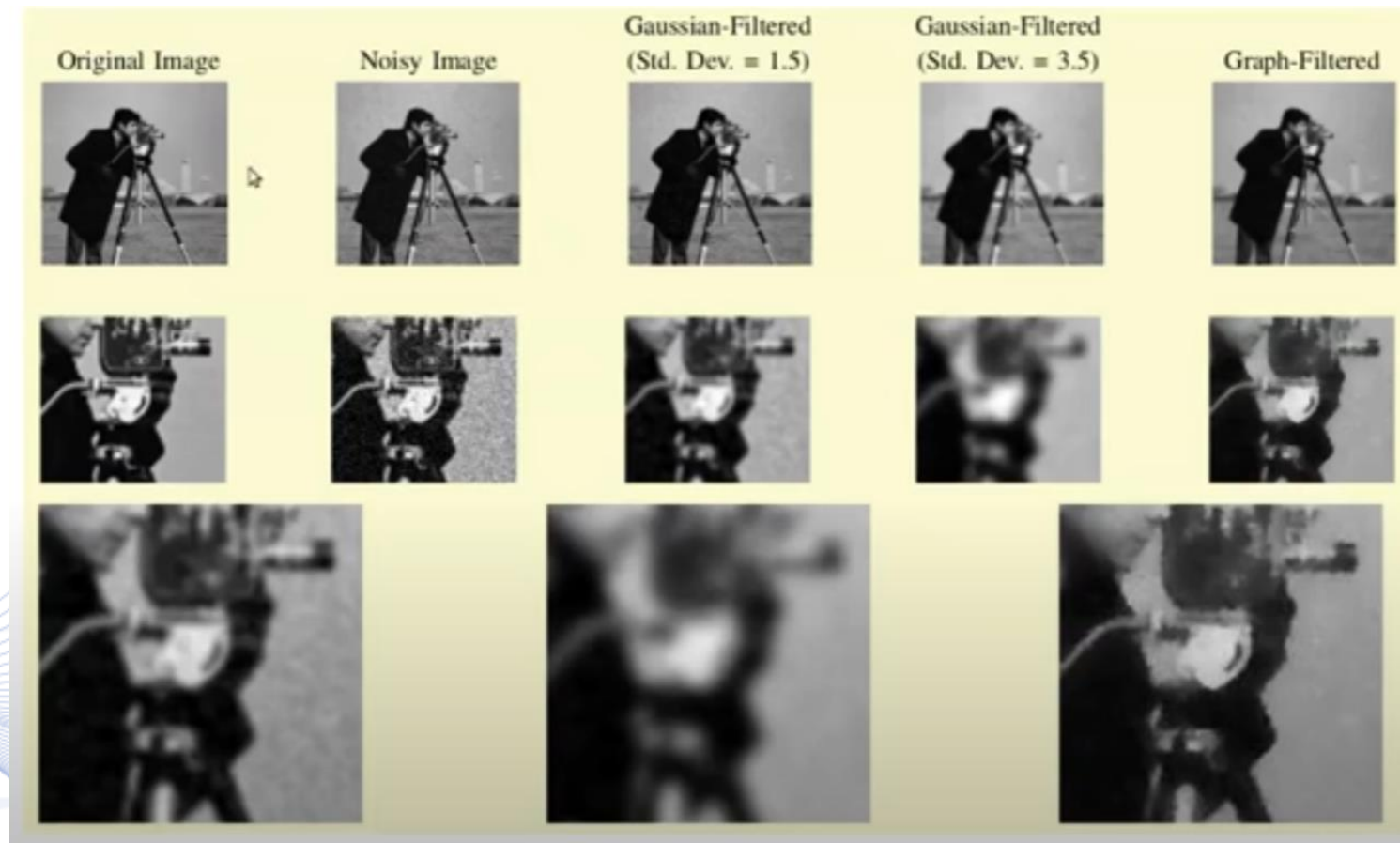
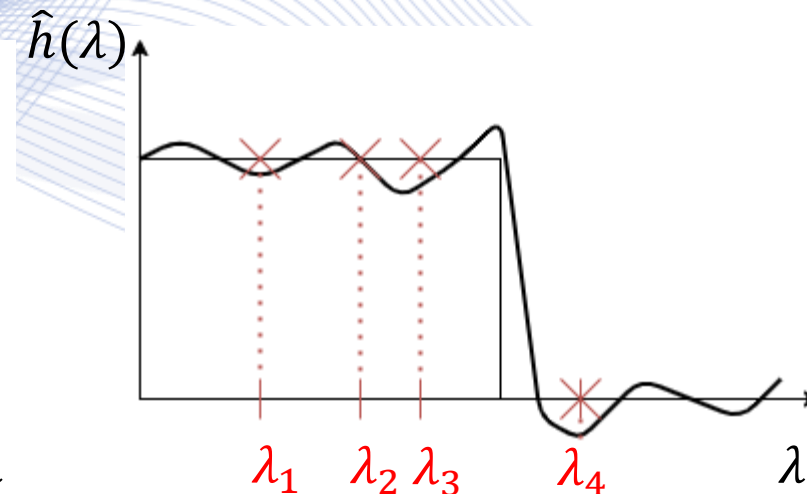
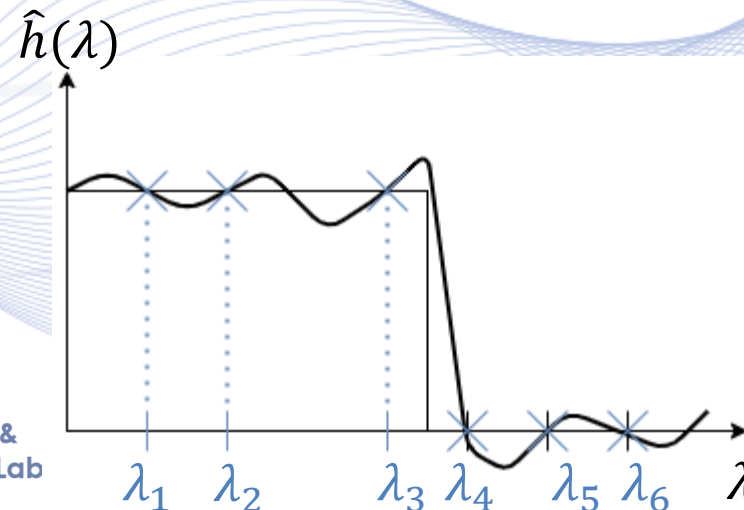


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# Filtering – Spectral domain

- $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{S})$  can be designed independently of the graph.
  - For every graph same characteristics, i.e. low-pass, over all possible graph frequencies  $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N)$ .
  - No perfect rectangular shape, but a polynomial curve is possible.
  - With the same filter coefficients:
    - magnify  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$  and attenuate  $\lambda_4, \lambda_5, \lambda_6$  for one graph with 6 nodes and
    - magnify  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$  and attenuate  $\lambda_4$  for another graph with 4 nodes.



# FIR Graph Filters

- The **Graph Frequency Response** is a polynomial of graph frequencies:

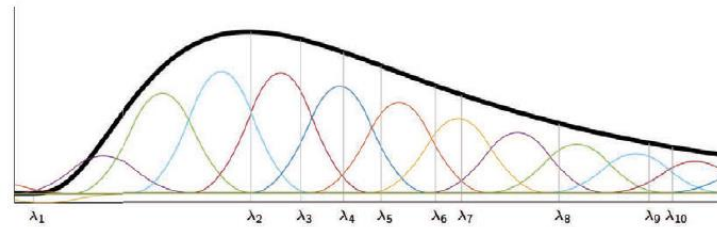
$$\hat{h}(\lambda) \triangleq \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} w_k \lambda^k$$

$$\hat{h}_i = \hat{h}(\lambda_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, N.$$

- Same polynomial that defines the Graph Filter (but on a scalar  $\lambda$ ).
- Independent of the Graph (depends only on the filter coefficients).
- Role of Graph: determine the eigenvalues on which the response is instantiated.

# Spatial – Spectral connection

- If smooth in Spectral domain:



- Then localized in Spatial domain:



- Related publication [SHU2016].

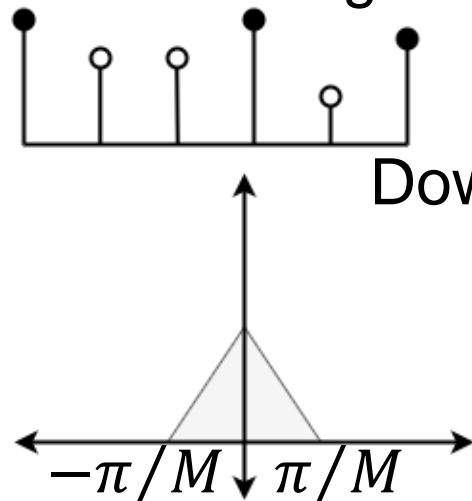
# Graph Signal Sampling

- Sample a signal at discrete points in time/space.
- Reconstruction: Ability to recover the original signal from the samples.
- Applications:
  - Sensor network (measure only a subset of sensors),
  - Social network (estimate interests from a subset of users).

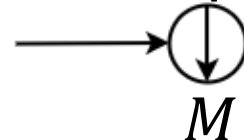
# Graph Signal Sampling

- Traditional DSP:
  - How to sample? Regular sampling.
  - What properties enable recovery? Smooth signals, low frequency.
  - How to reconstruct? Low pass filtering.

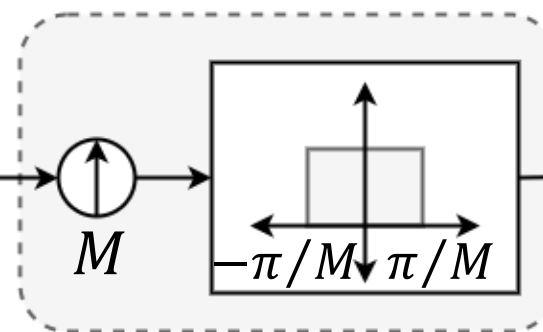
Band-limited Signal



Down-sampling



Reconstruction

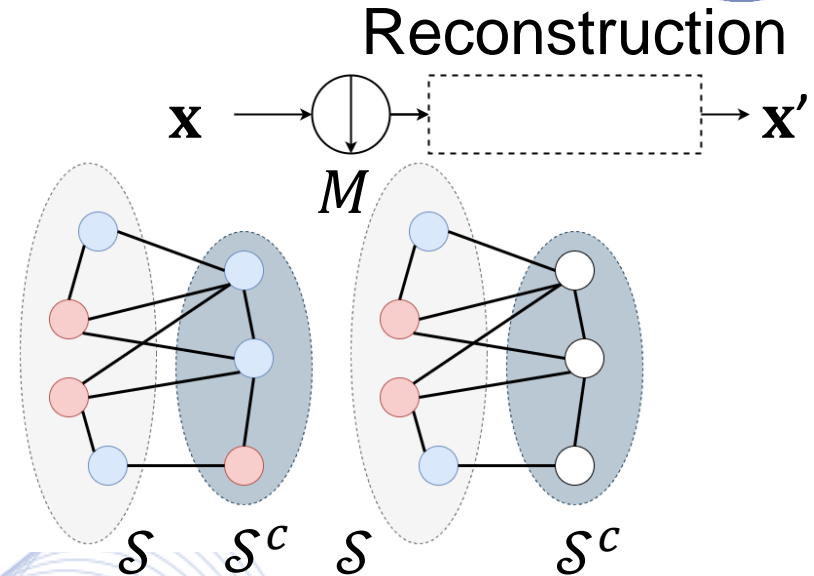


Reconstructed Signal



# Graph Signal Sampling

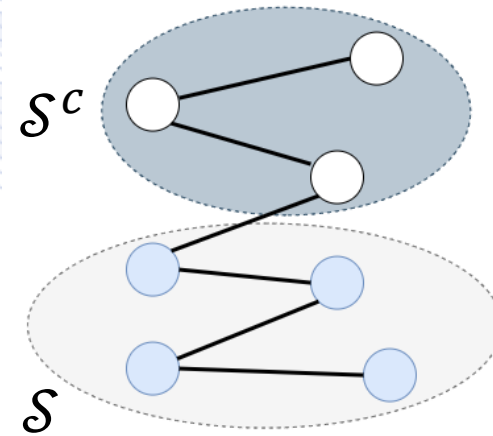
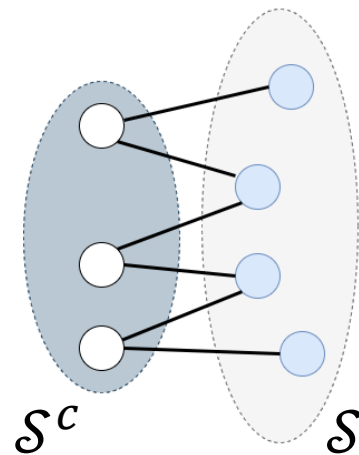
- In Graph Sampling:
  - Measure a subset ( $\mathcal{S}$ ) of nodes,
  - Reconstruct the whole graph signal.



- How to sample? No obvious regular sampling (lack of node ordering).
- What properties enable recovery? Graph Frequency needed.
- How to reconstruct? Filtering needed.

# Graph Signal Sampling

- Optimal set of labels to observe?
  - There are vertex and spectral domain solutions.
- Example method:
  - Minimize the distance from any node that you did not observe, to a node that you observed.
  - More cross-links  $\Rightarrow$  higher variation in lowest eigenvector of  $\mathbf{L}$  ( $\mathcal{S}^c$ )  $\Rightarrow$  robust sampling.



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# Q & A

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