



# Graphs in Machine Learning

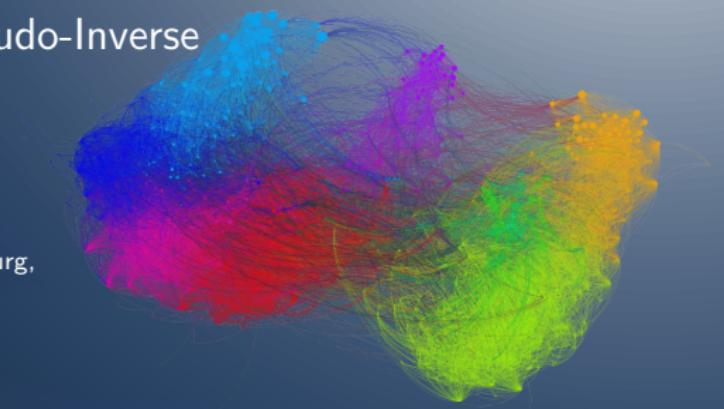
## Effective Resistance Computation

Laplacian Connection and Pseudo-Inverse

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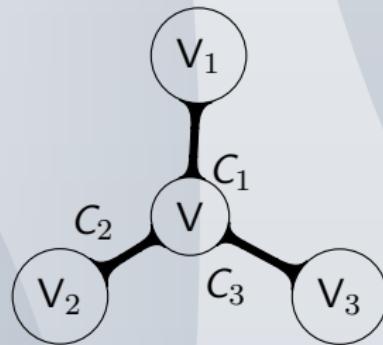
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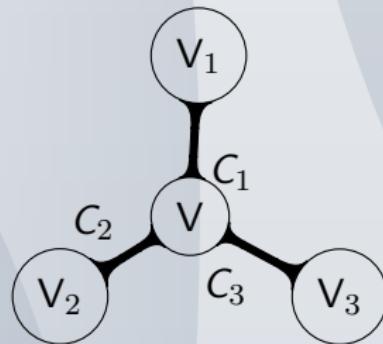
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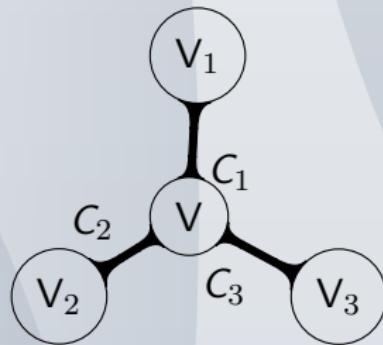
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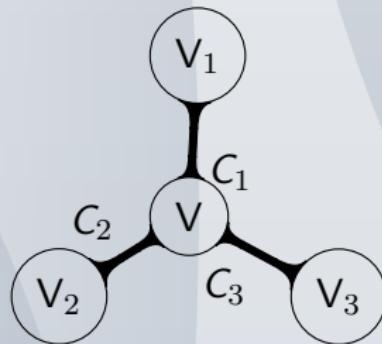


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Let's calculate  $R_{1N}$  to get the **movie recommendation score!**

$$\mathbf{L} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_{n-1} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ -i \end{pmatrix}$$
$$i = \frac{V}{R} \quad V = 1 \quad R = \frac{1}{i}$$

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Doyle and Snell: Random Walks and Electric Networks

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