

AIMS CDT - Signal Processing

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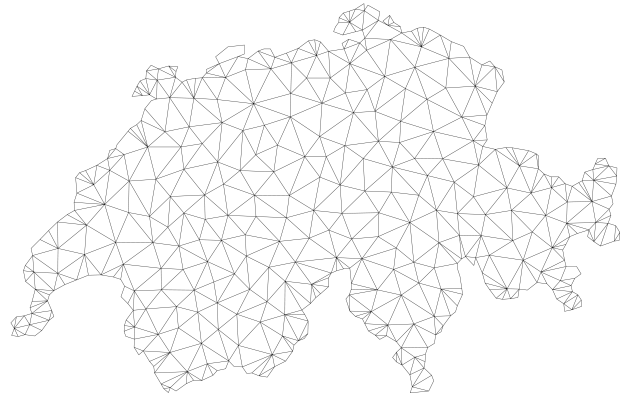
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Introduction to Graphs Signal Processing

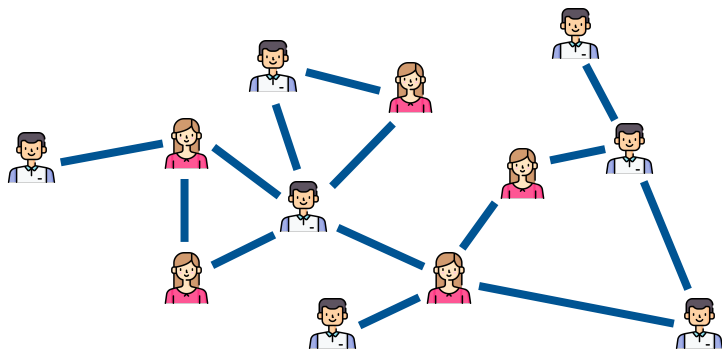
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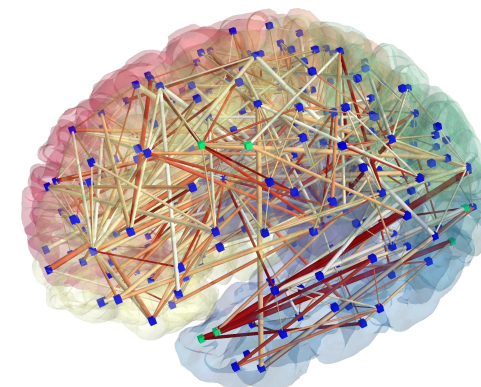
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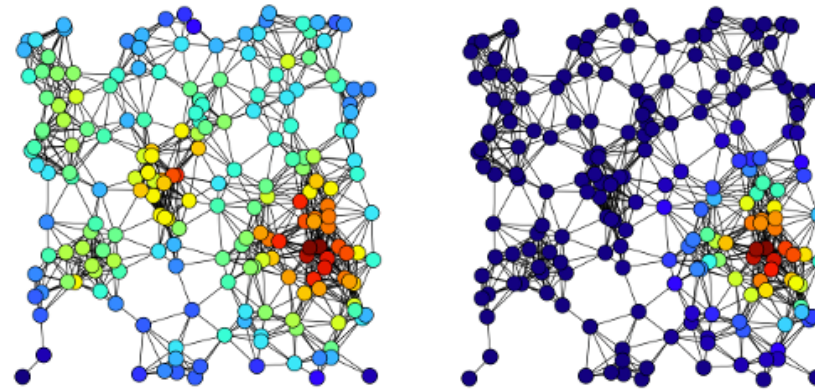


brain network

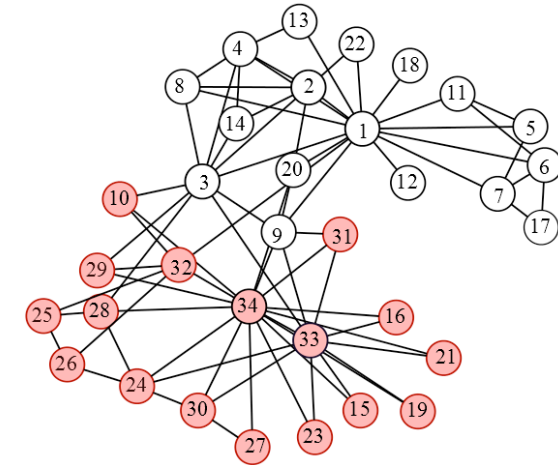
graphs provide mathematical representation of networks

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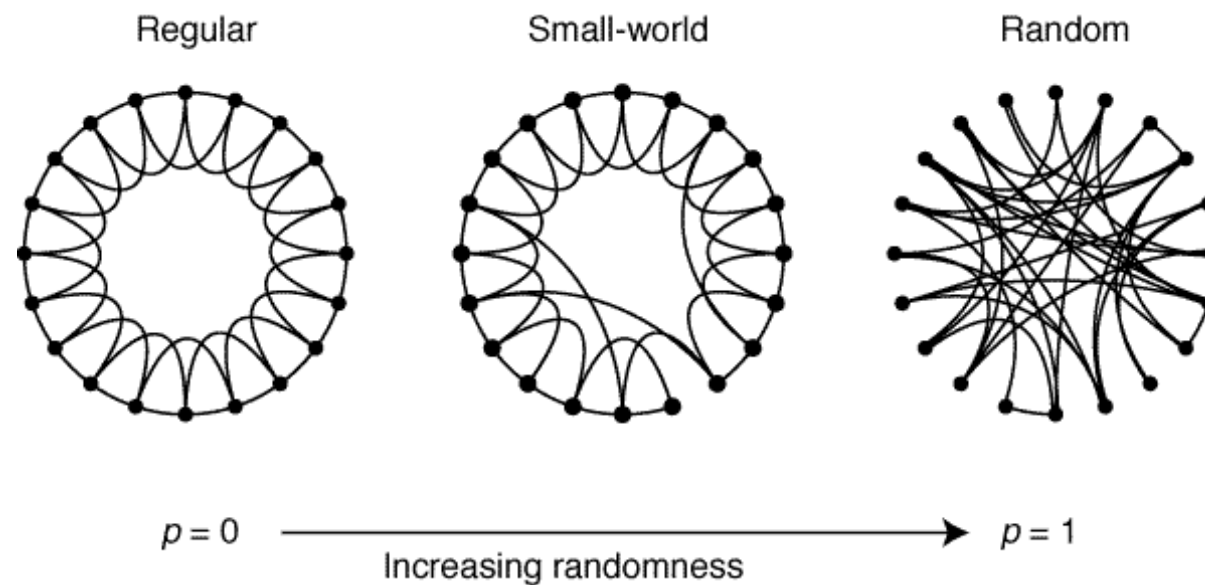
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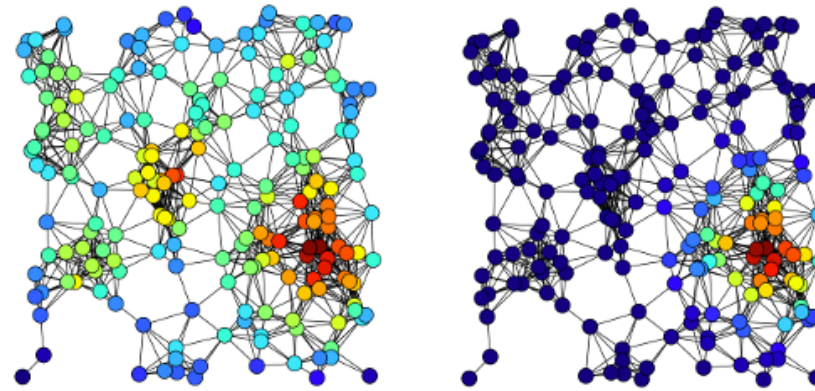


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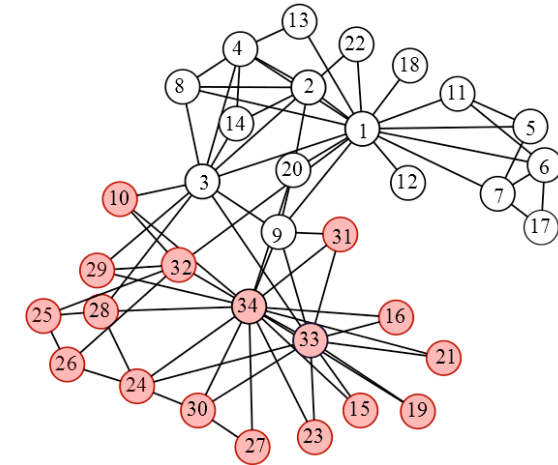
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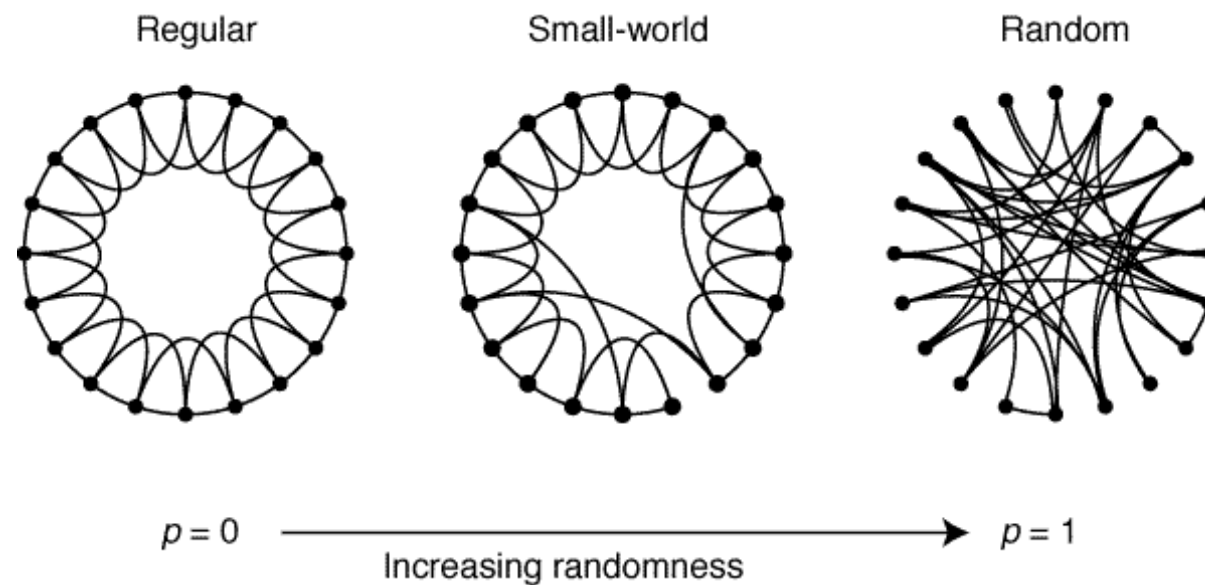
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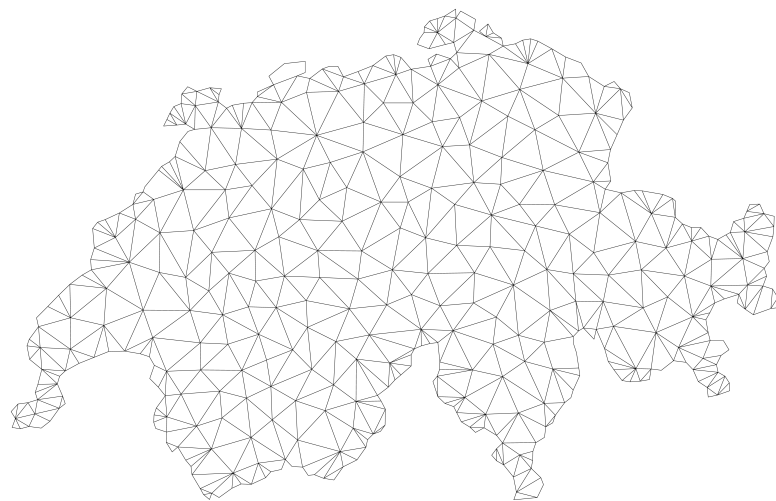


from **edge attributes** to **node attributes**
from **graphs** to **graph-structured data**

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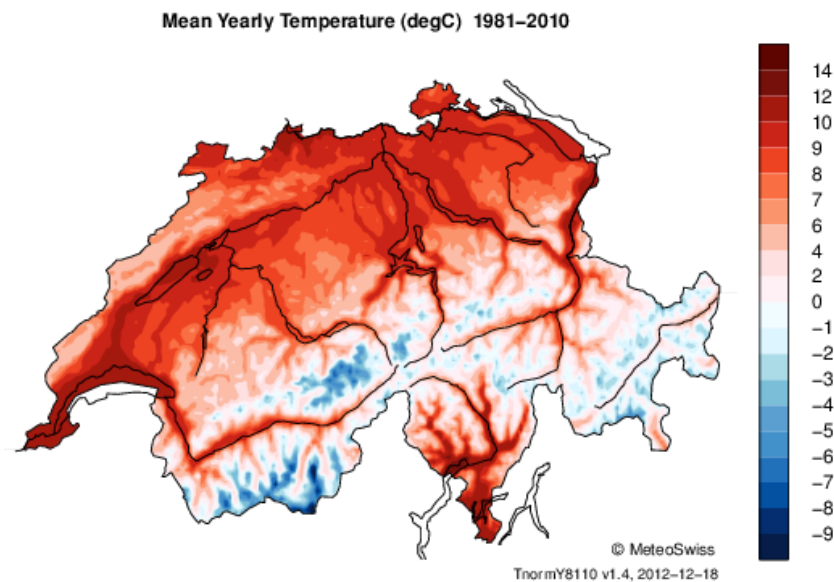
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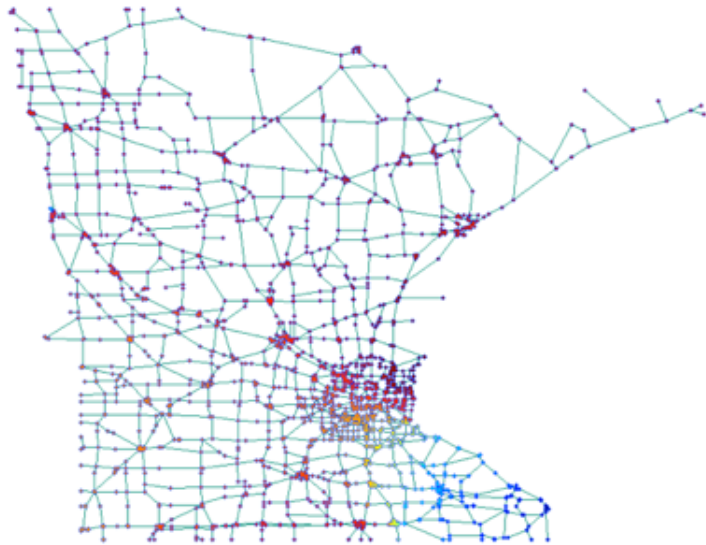
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- signal
 - temperature records in these regions

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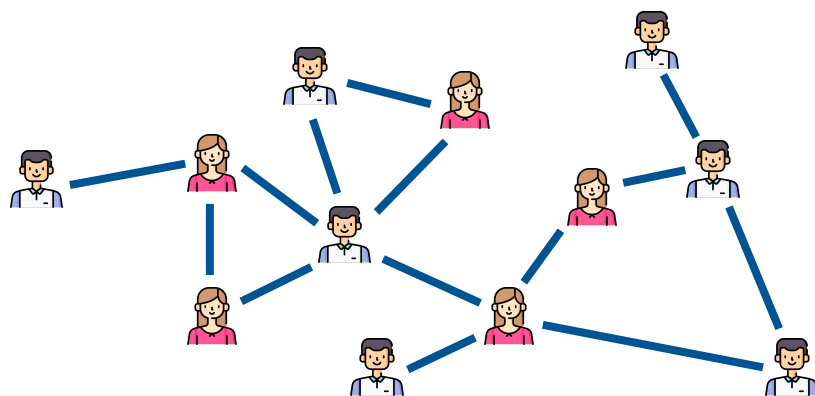
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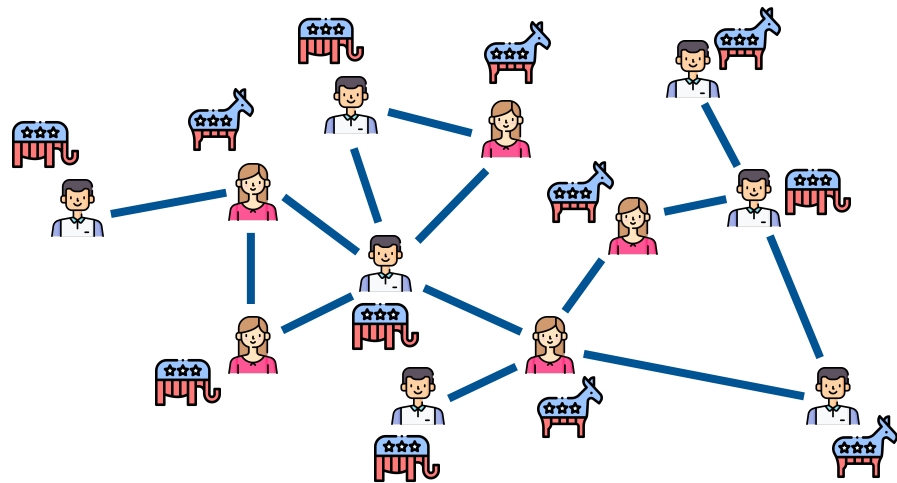
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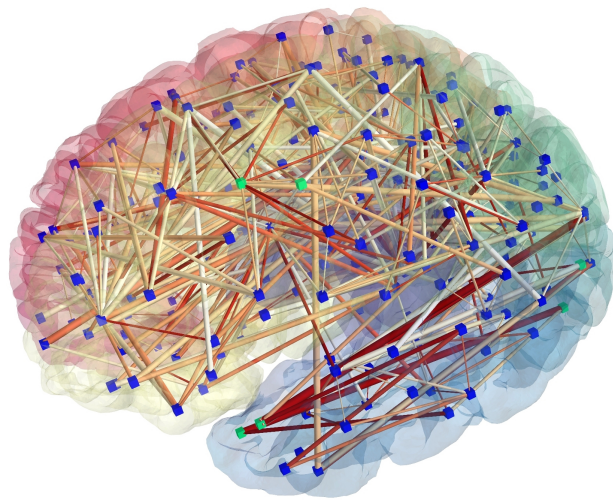
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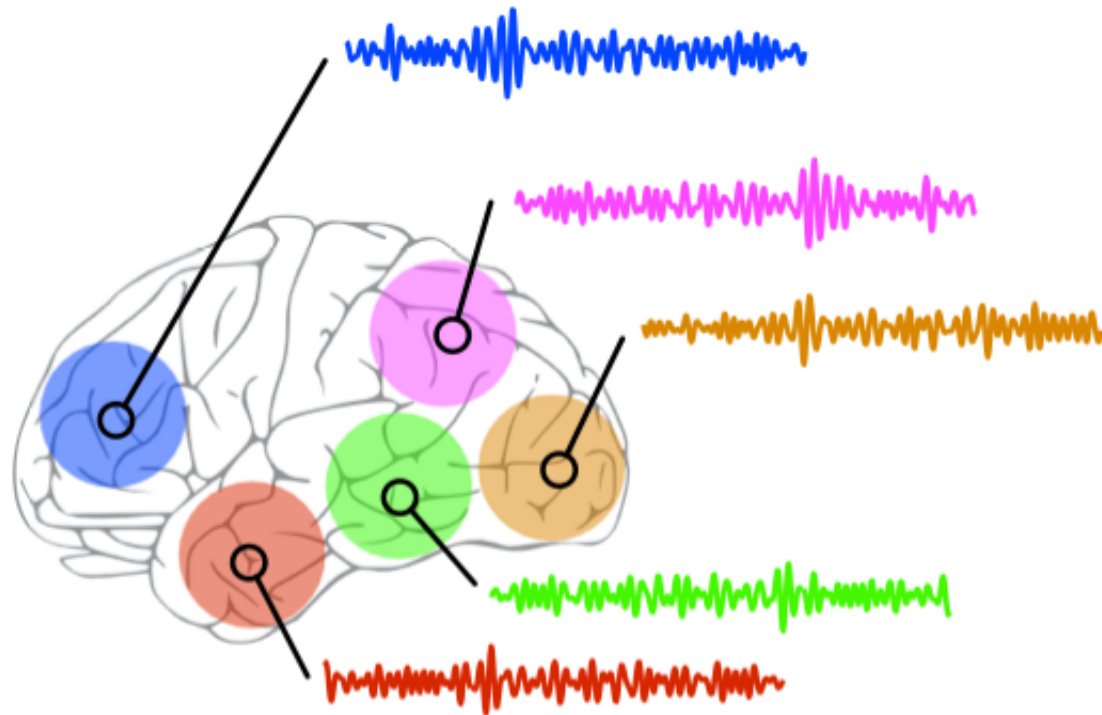
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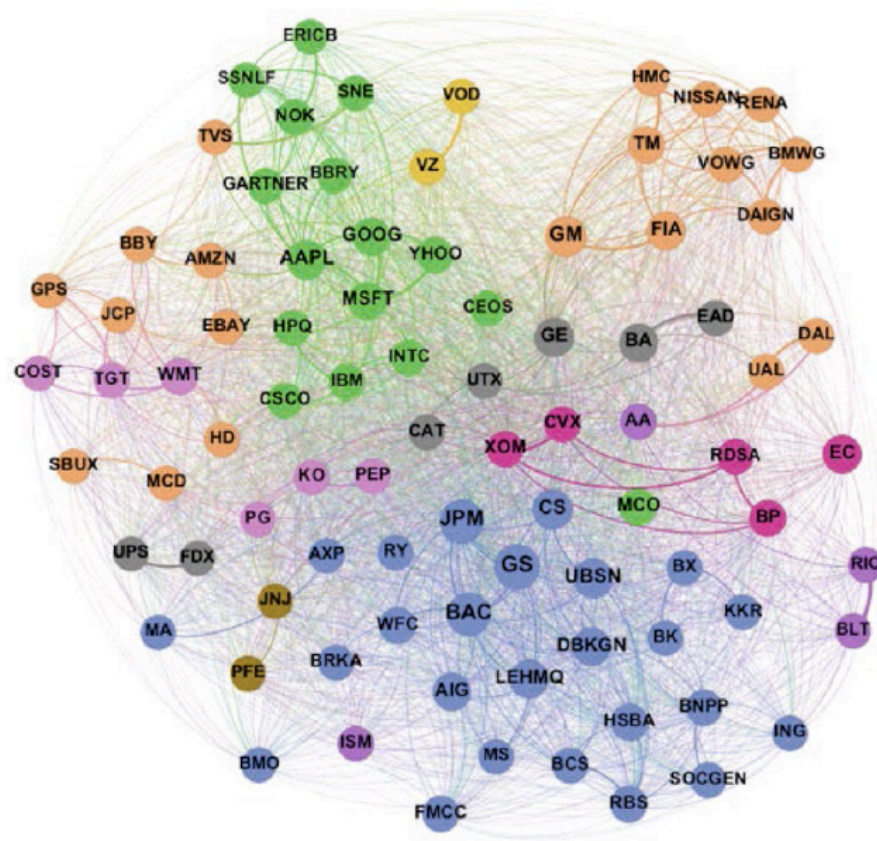
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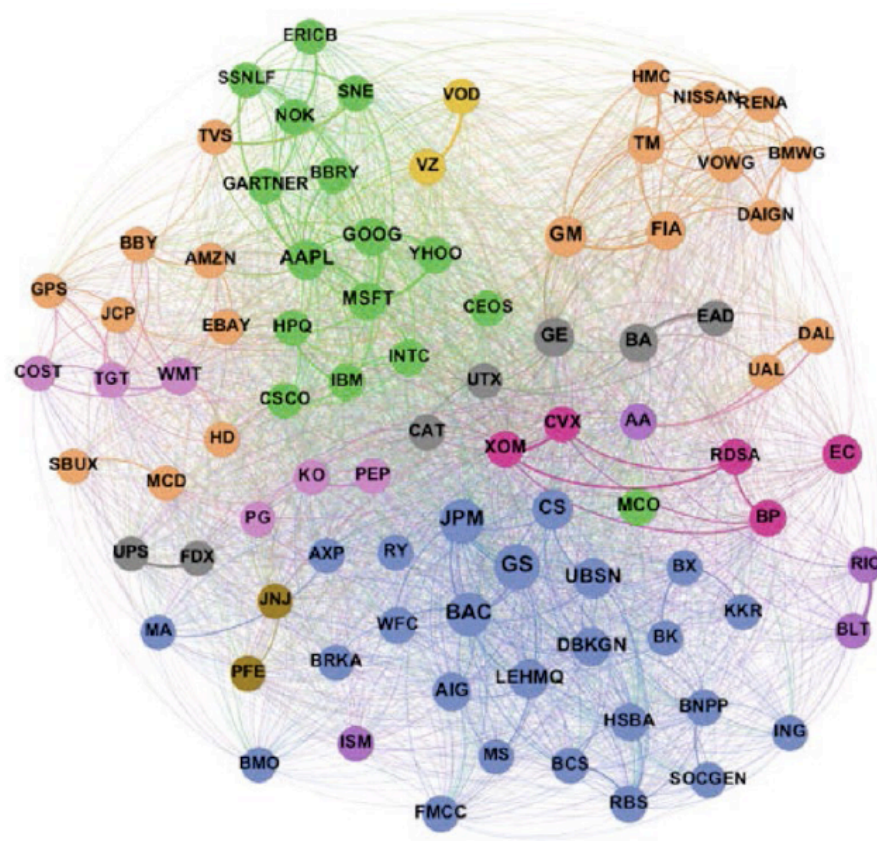
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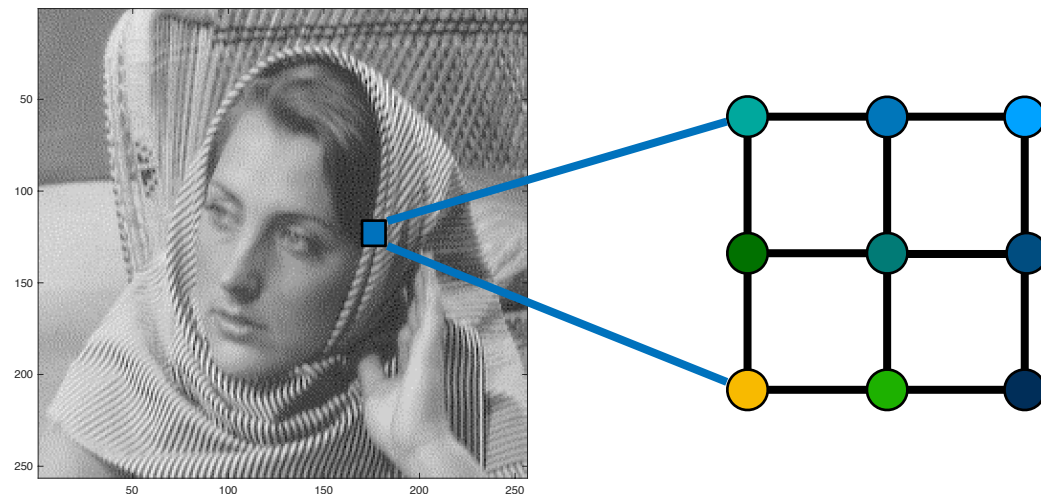
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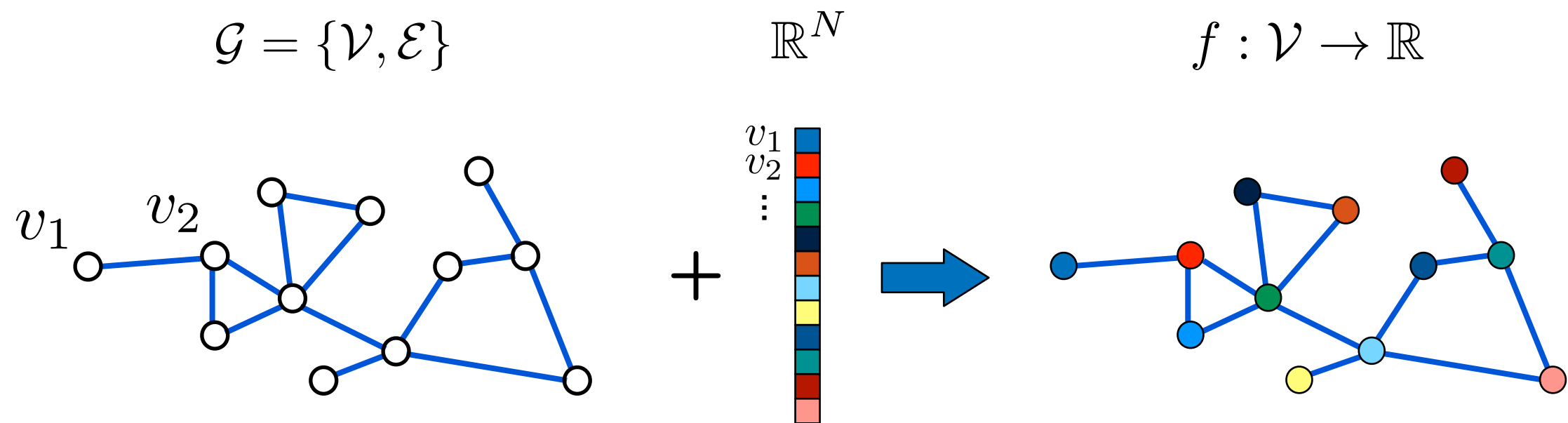
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- nodes
 - pixels
- edges
 - spatial proximity between pixels
- signal
 - pixel values

Graph signal processing

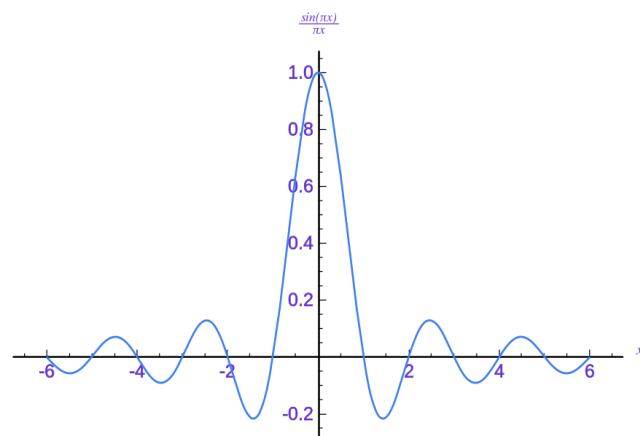
- Graph-structured data can be represented by graph signals



takes into account both **structure (edges)** and **data (values at nodes)**

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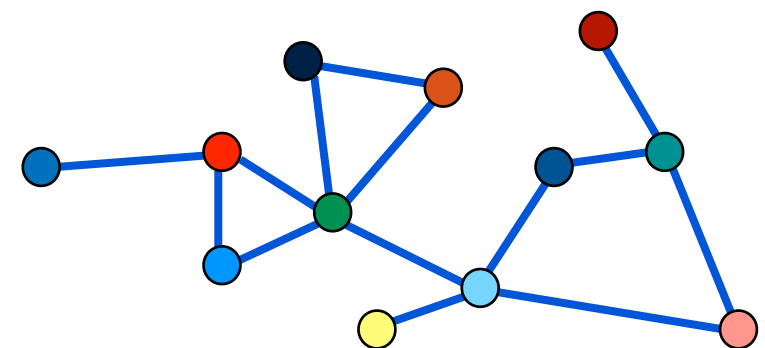
1D signal



2D signal



$$f : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$



how to generalise **classical** signal processing tools on
irregular domains such as **graphs**?

Lecture 2

- Graph signal processing: Basic concepts
- Graph spectral filtering: Basic tools of GSP
- Representation of graph signals
- Applications

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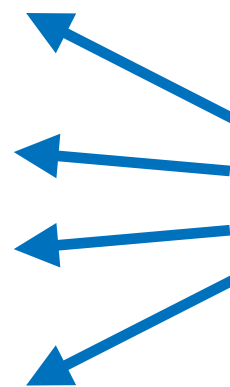
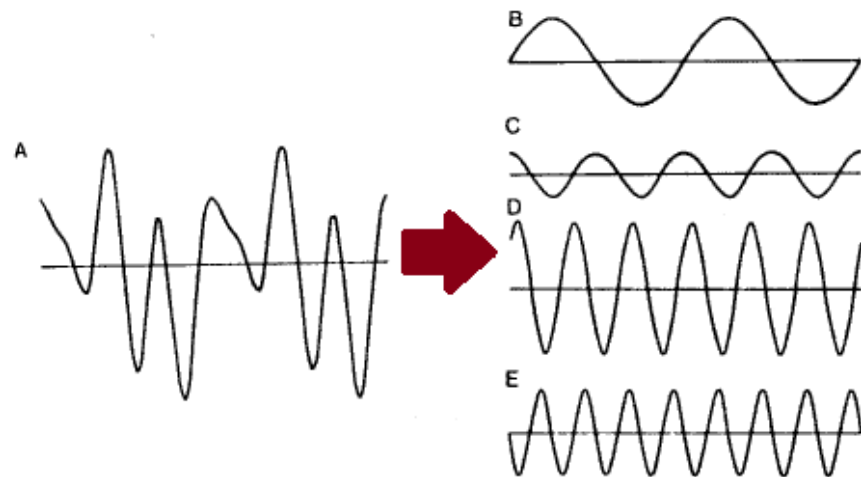
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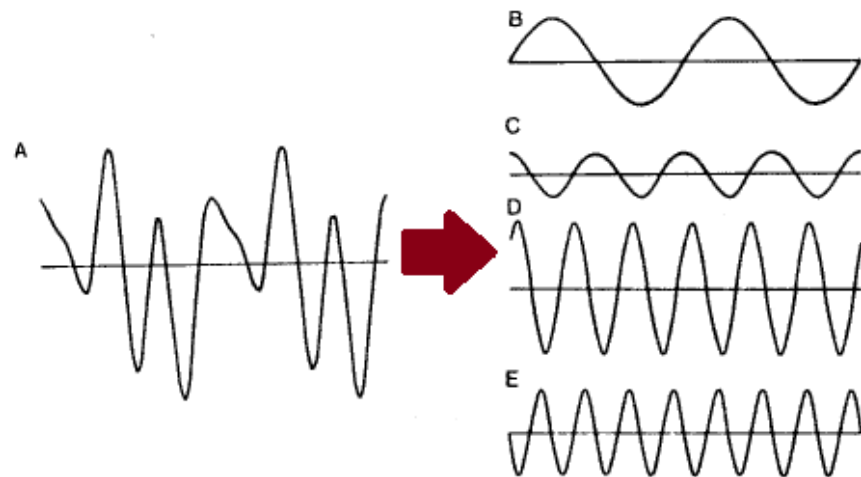


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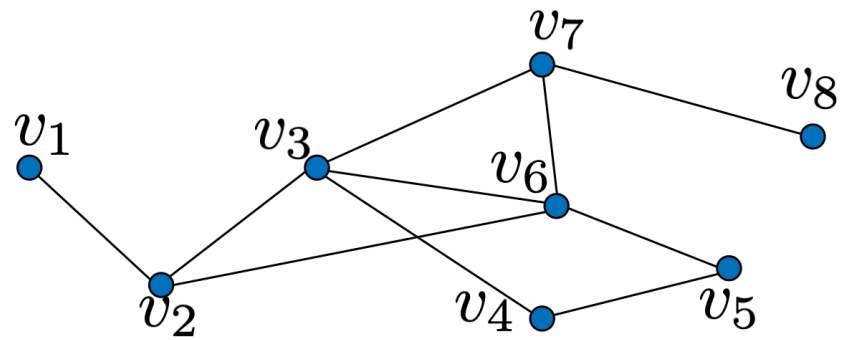
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- What about a notion of frequency for graph signals?

Graph Laplacian



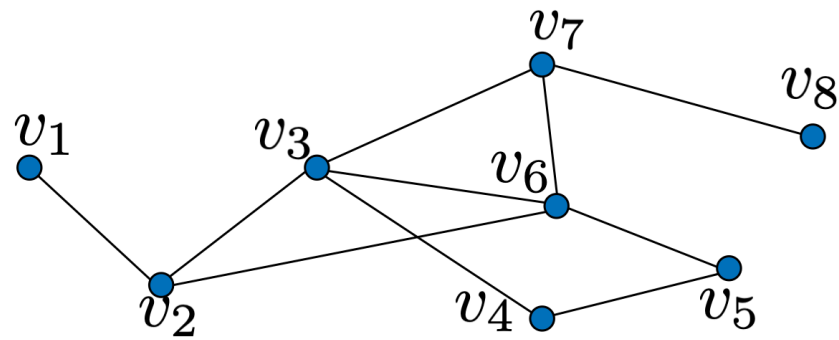
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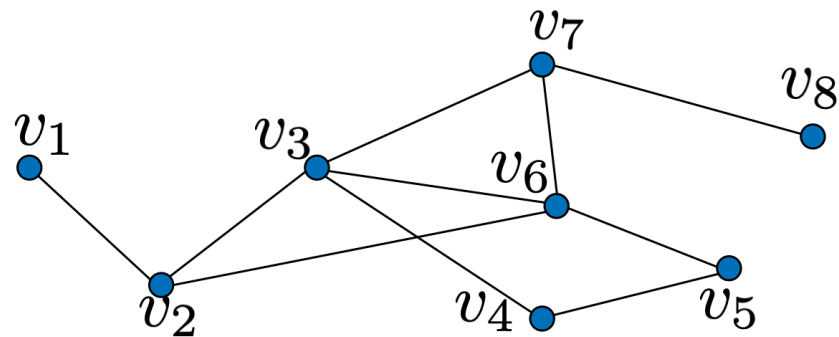
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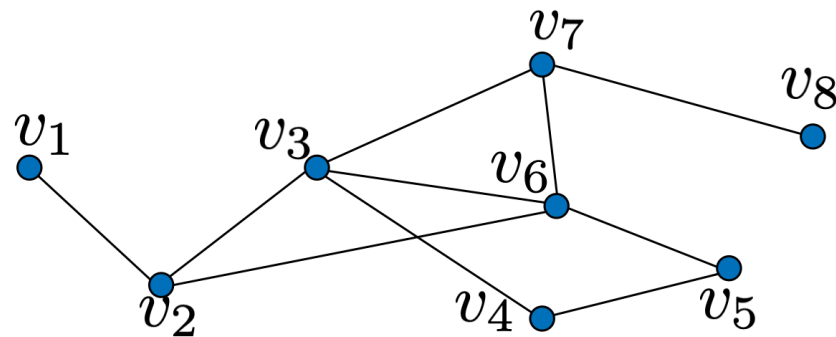
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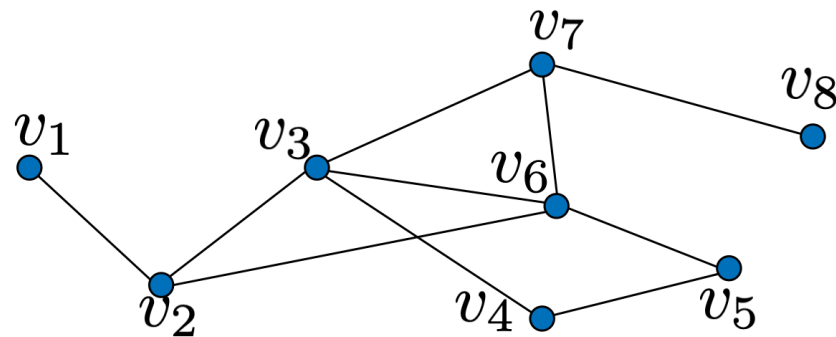
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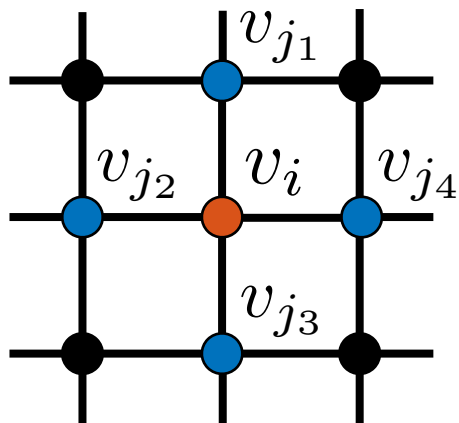
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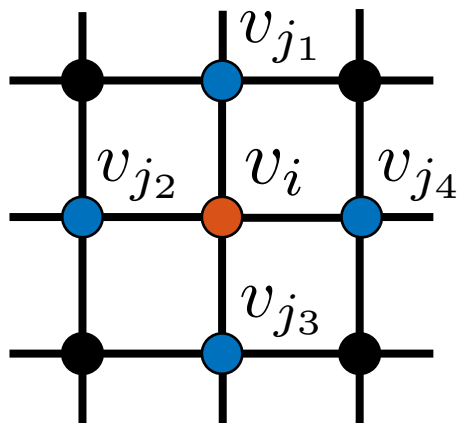
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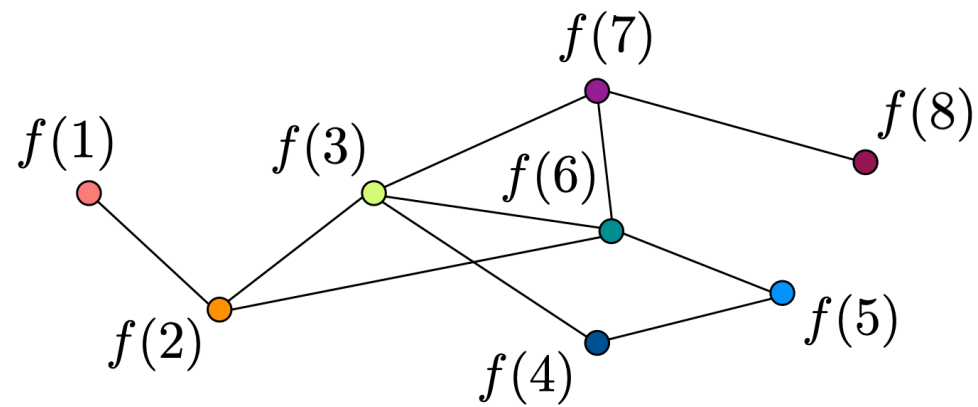


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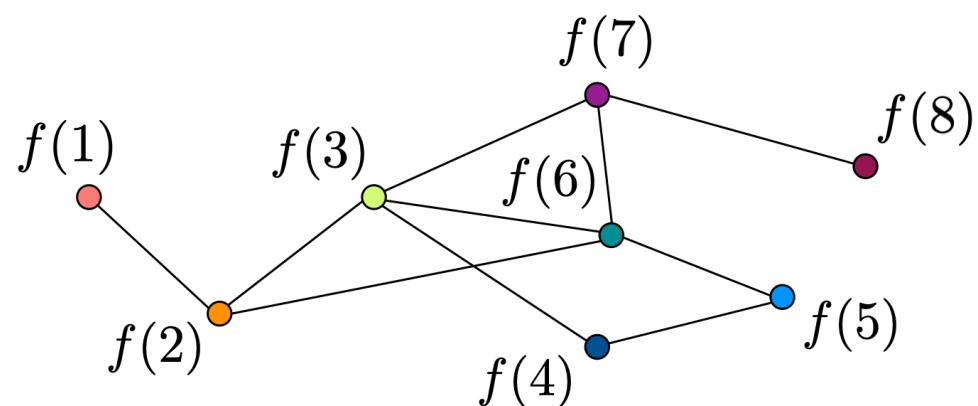
- converges to the Laplace-Beltrami operator (given certain conditions)
- provides a notion of “frequency” on graphs

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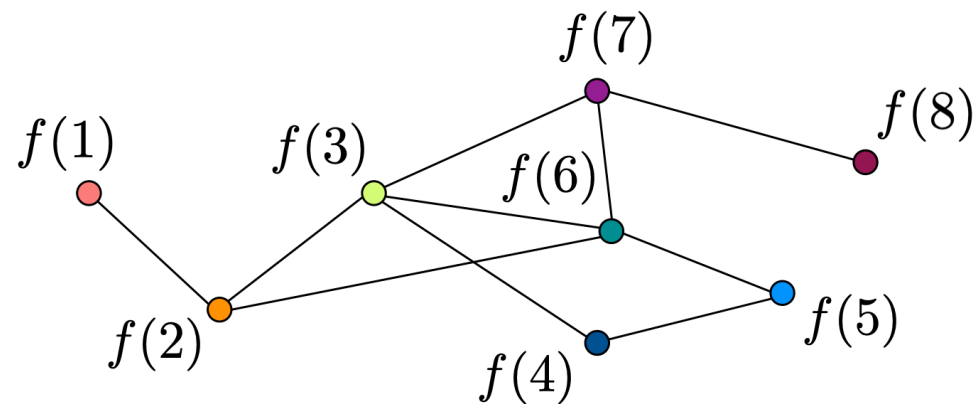


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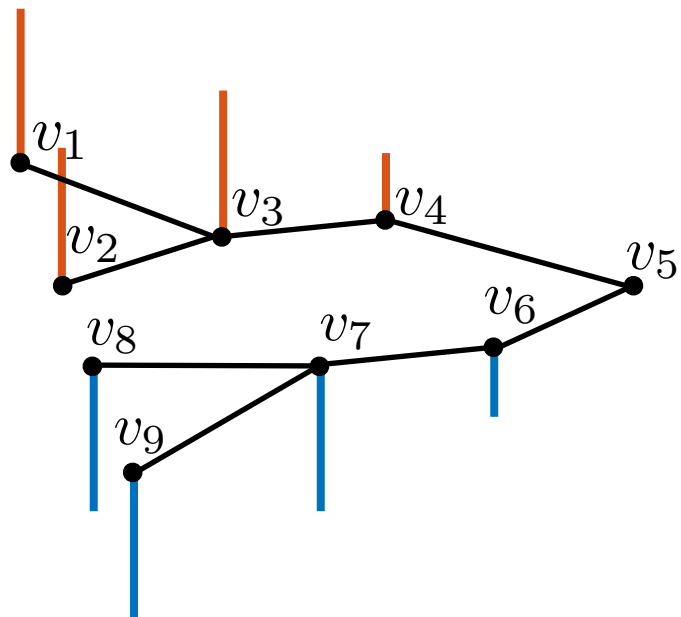
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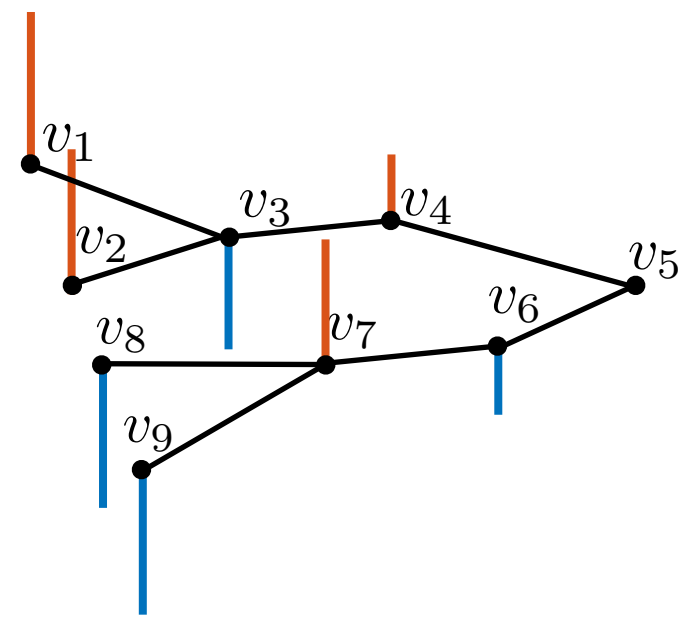
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a measure of “smoothness”

Graph Laplacian



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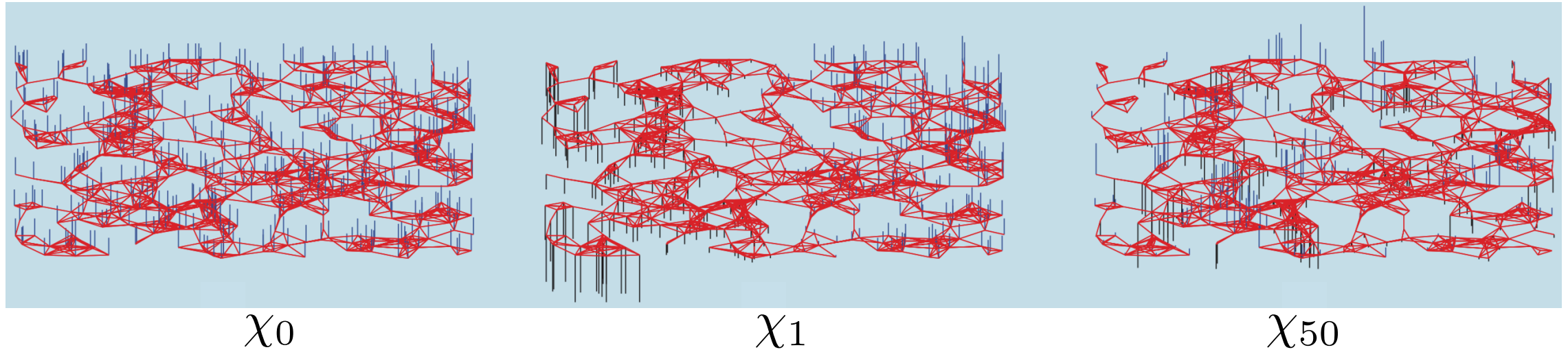
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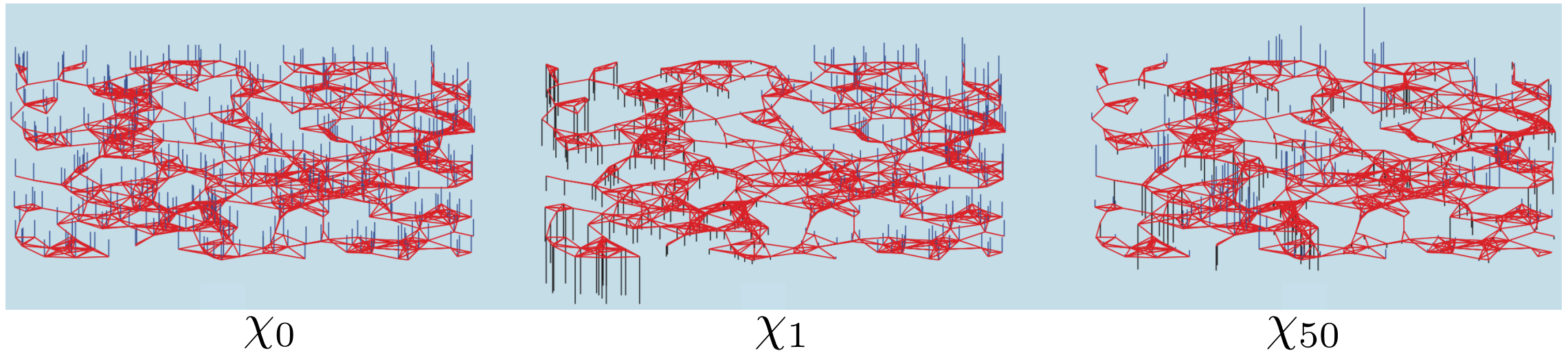
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- Eigenvalues are usually sorted increasingly: $0 = \lambda_0 < \lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_{N-1}$

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low frequency

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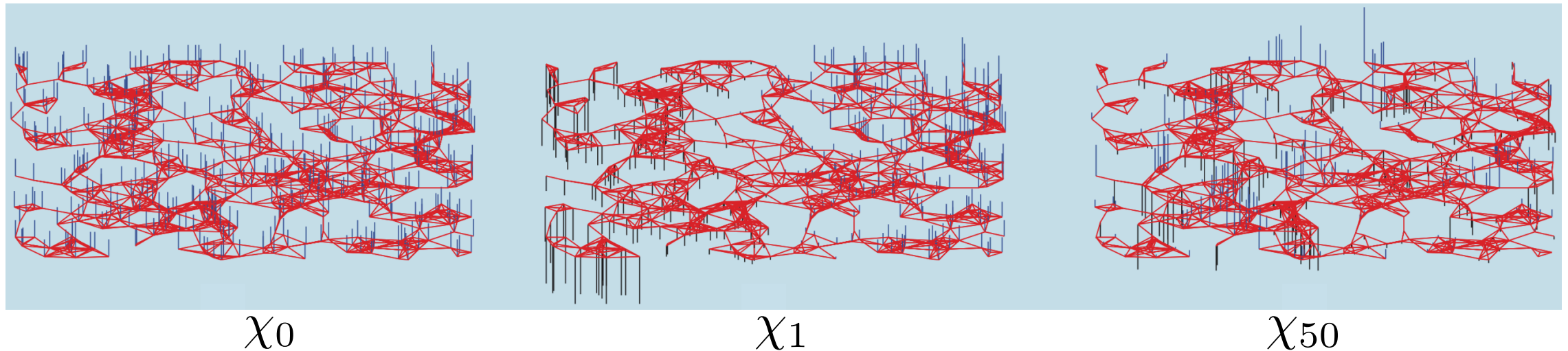
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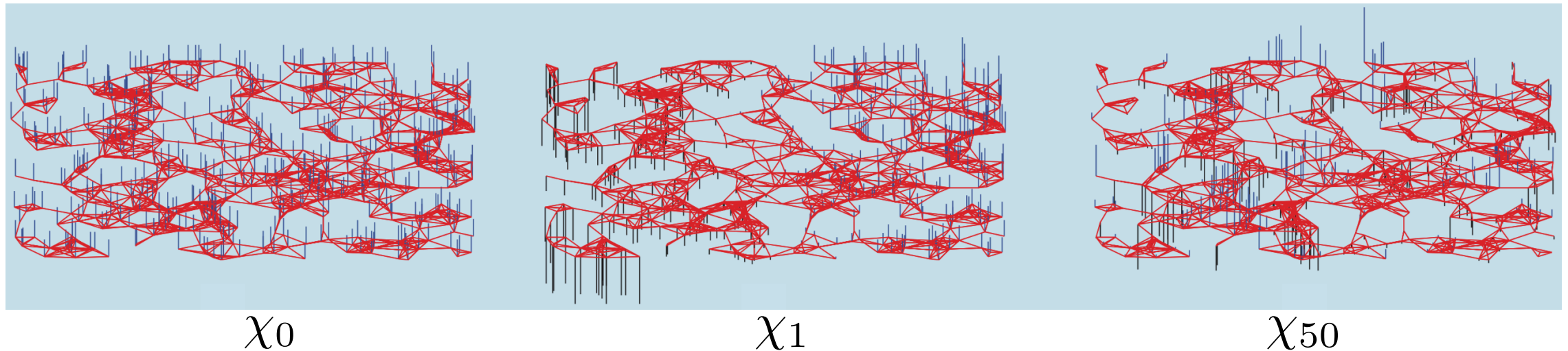
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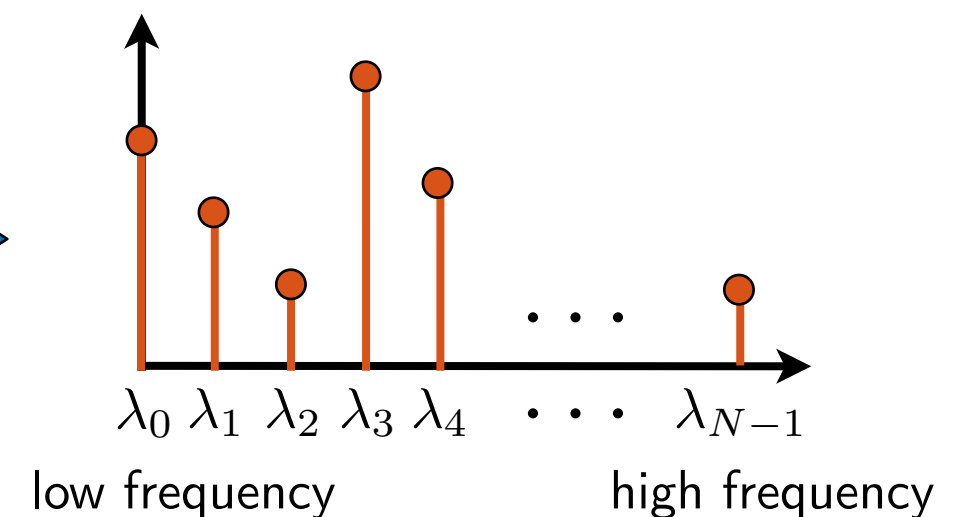
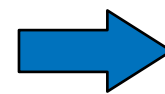
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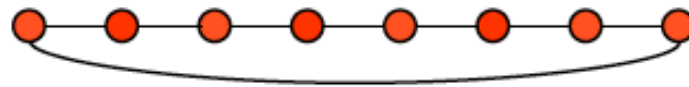


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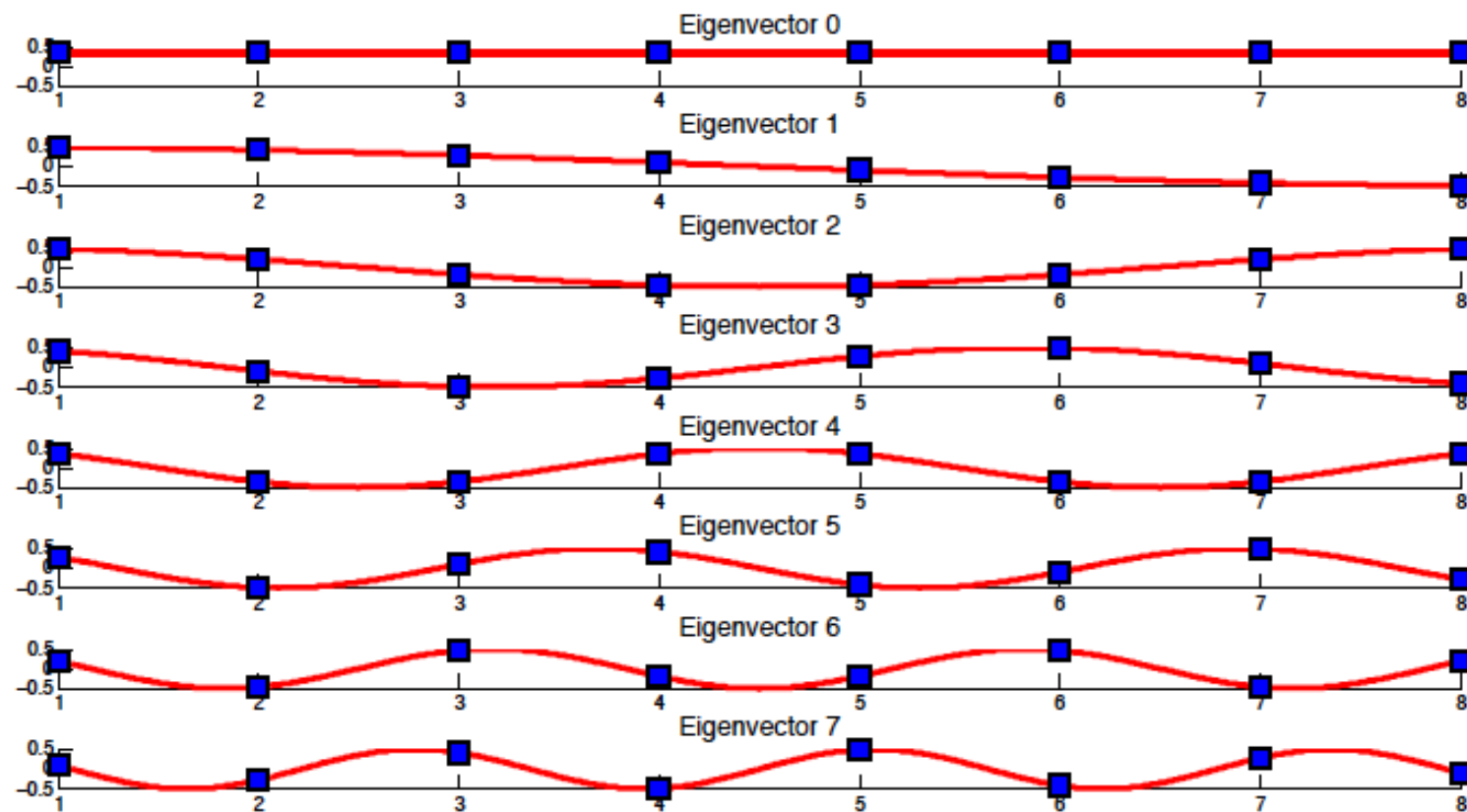
$$\chi_\ell = \left[1, \omega^\ell, \omega^{2\ell}, \dots, \omega^{(N-1)\ell} \right], \text{ where } \omega = e^{\frac{2\pi j}{N}}$$

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Graph Fourier transform: Special case 2



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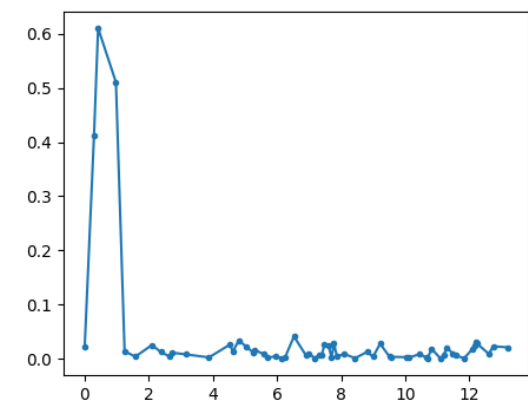
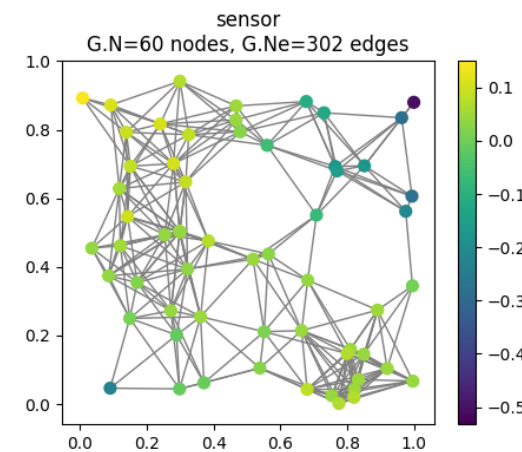
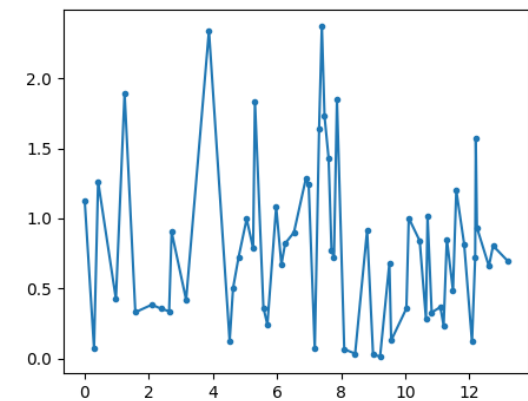
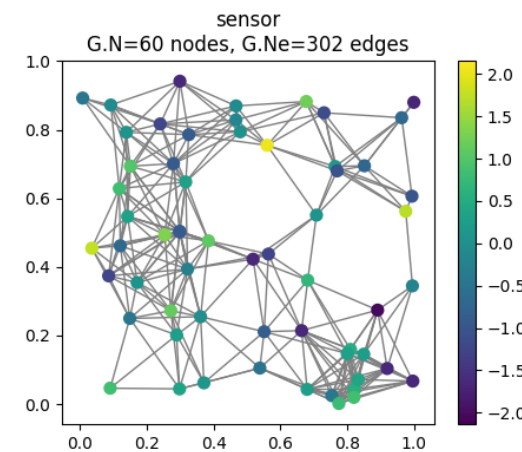
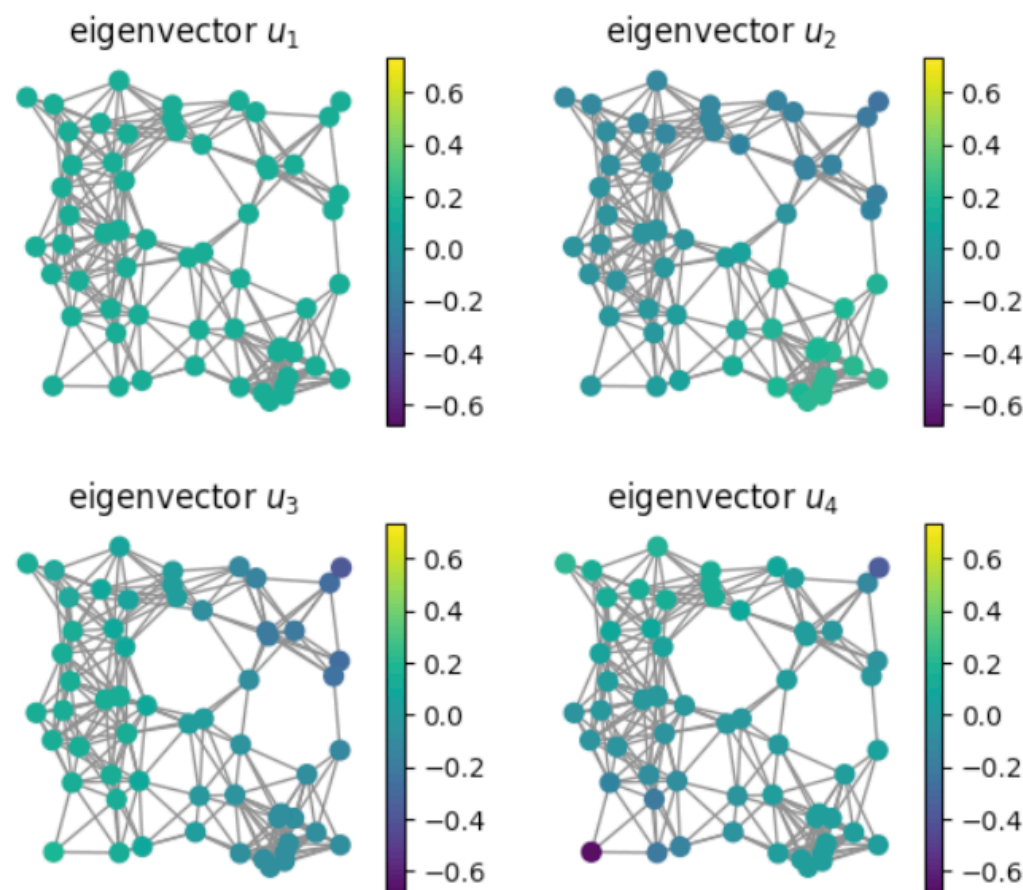


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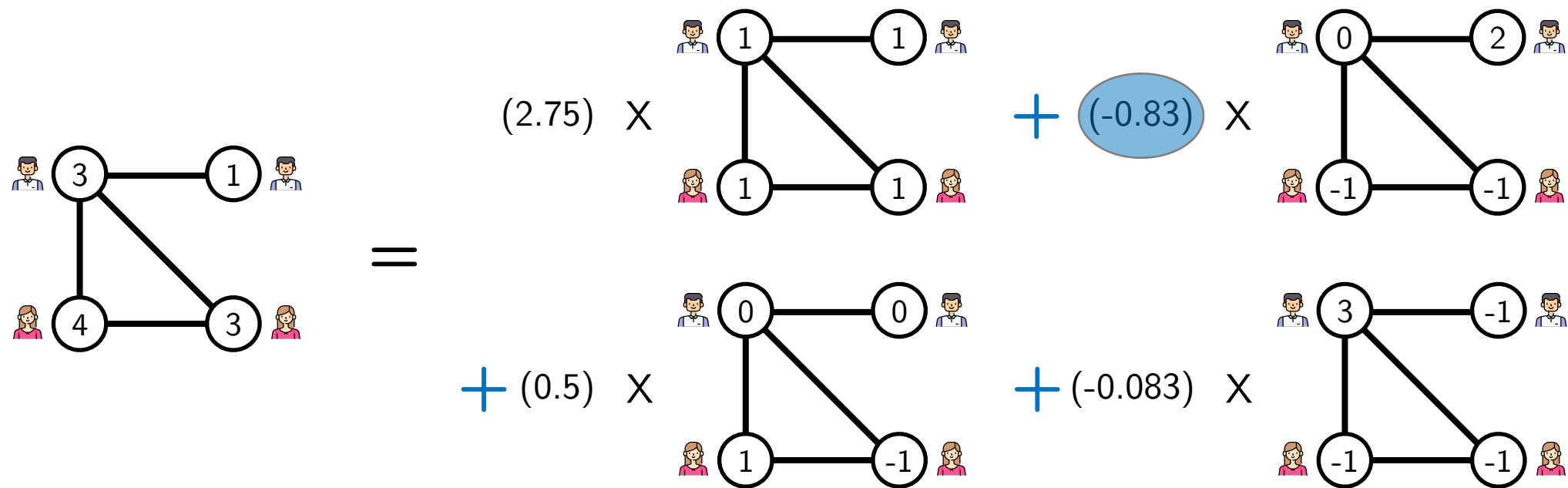
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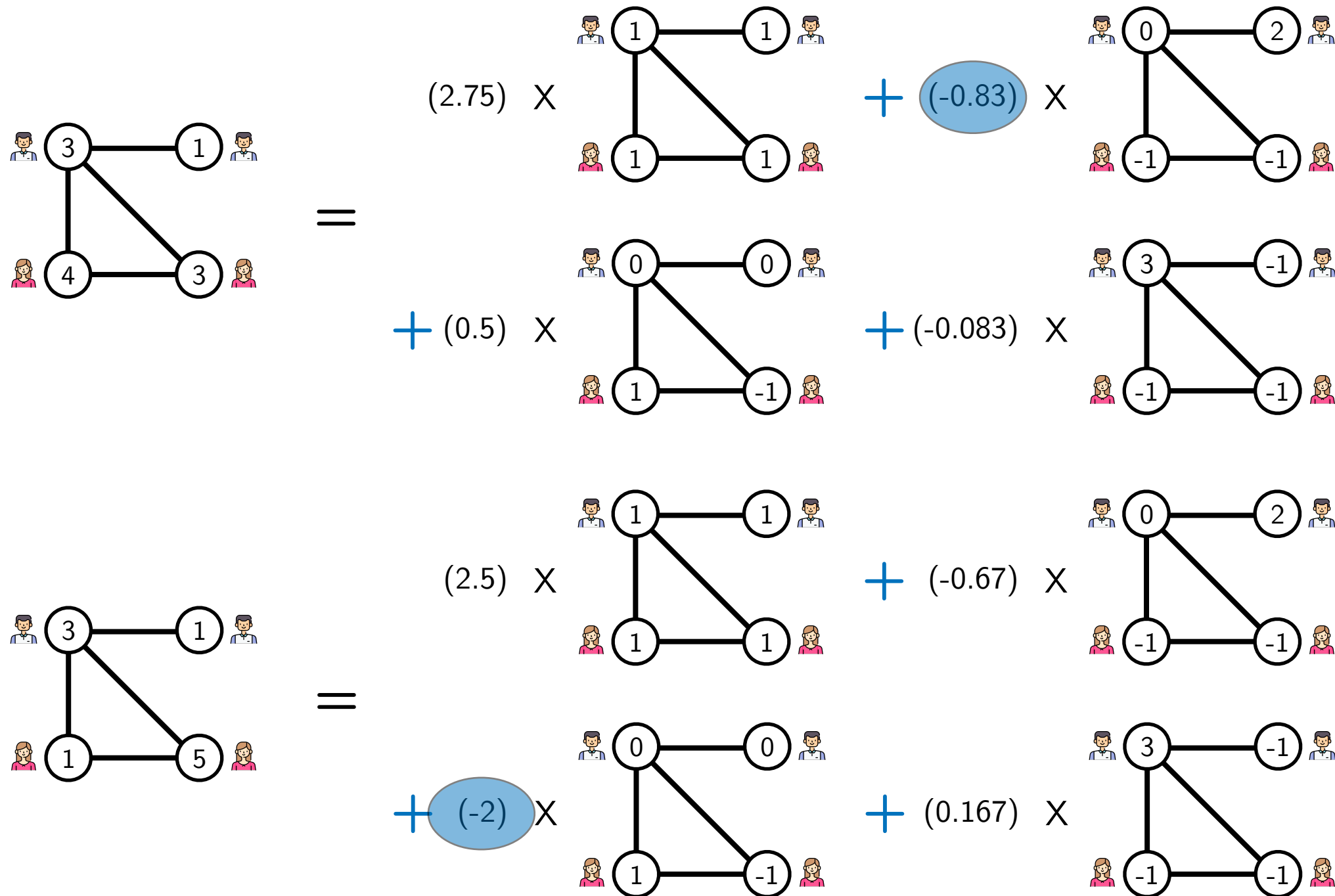
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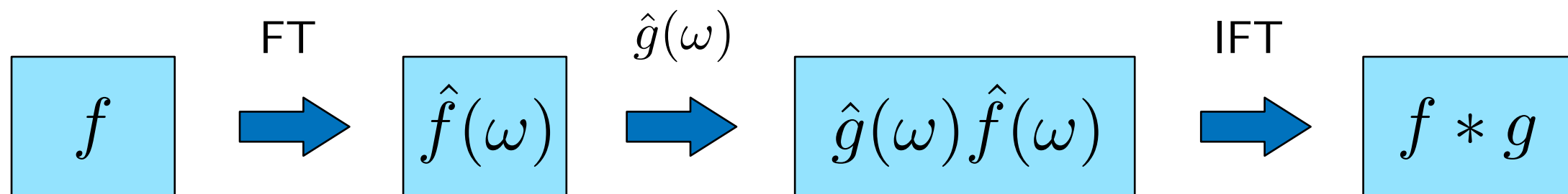
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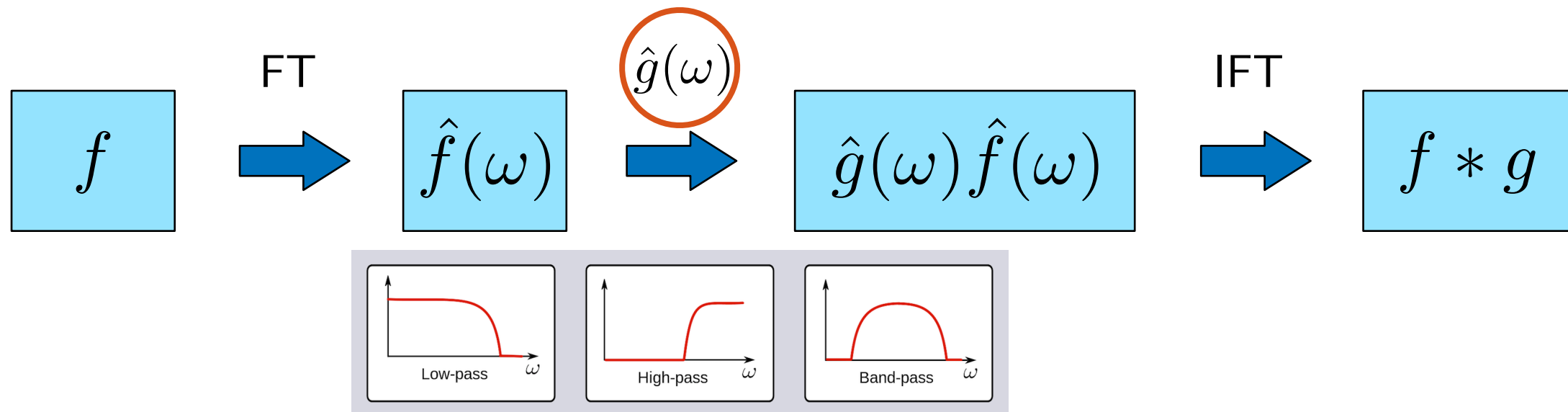
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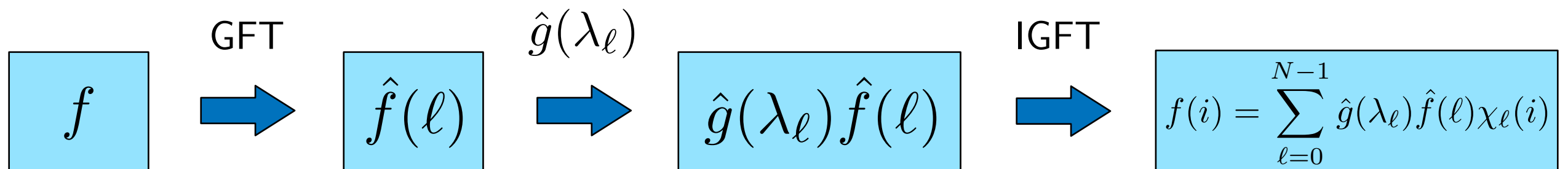
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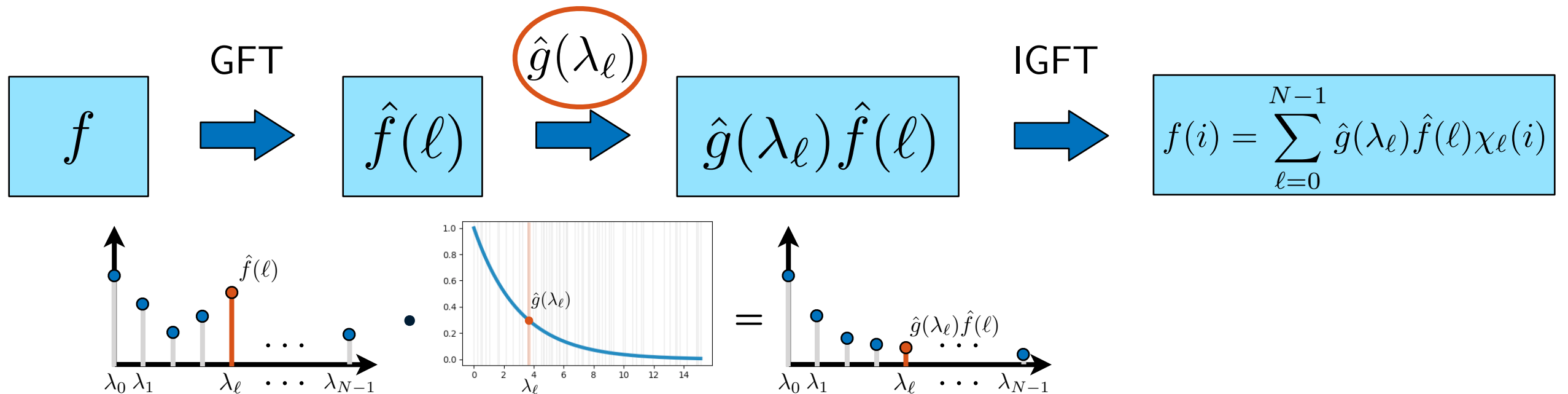
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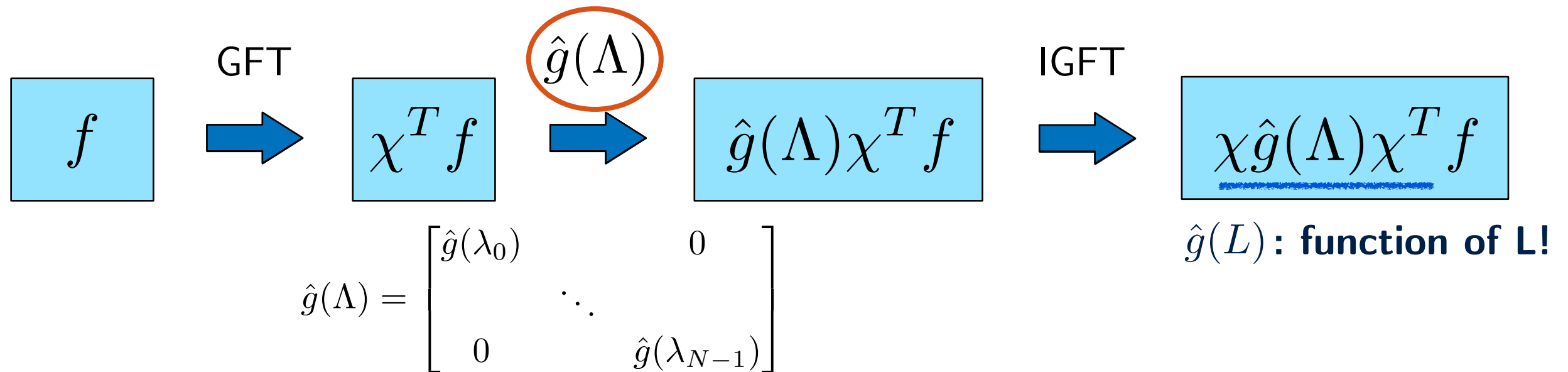
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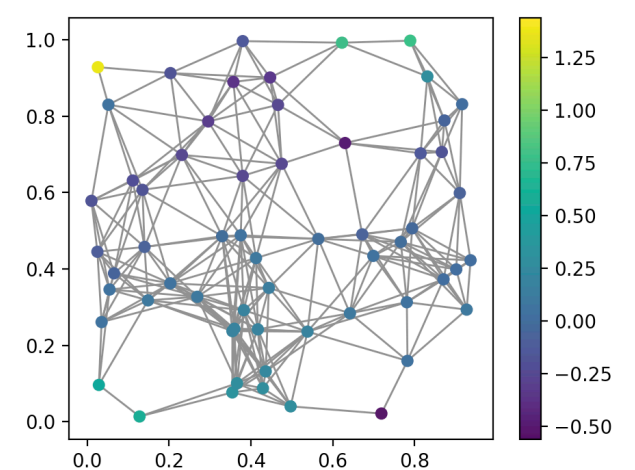
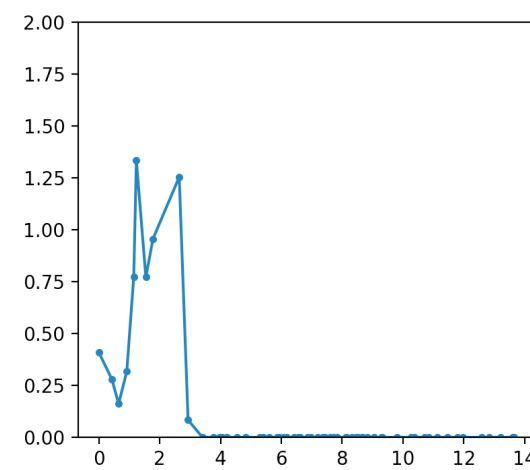
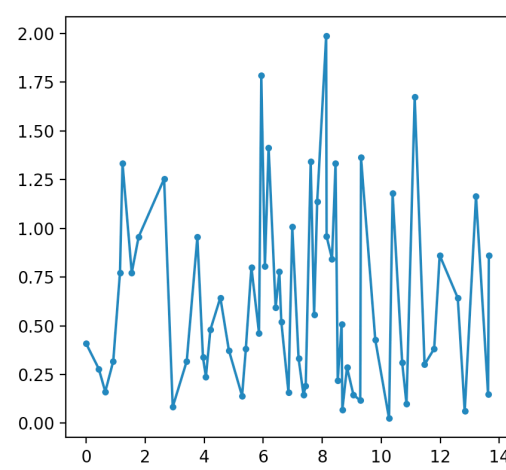
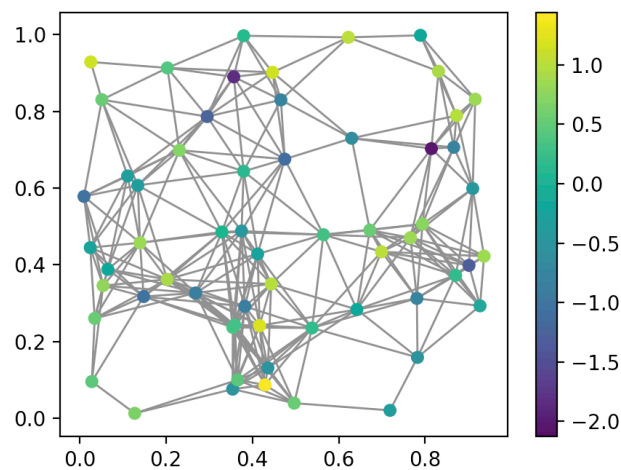
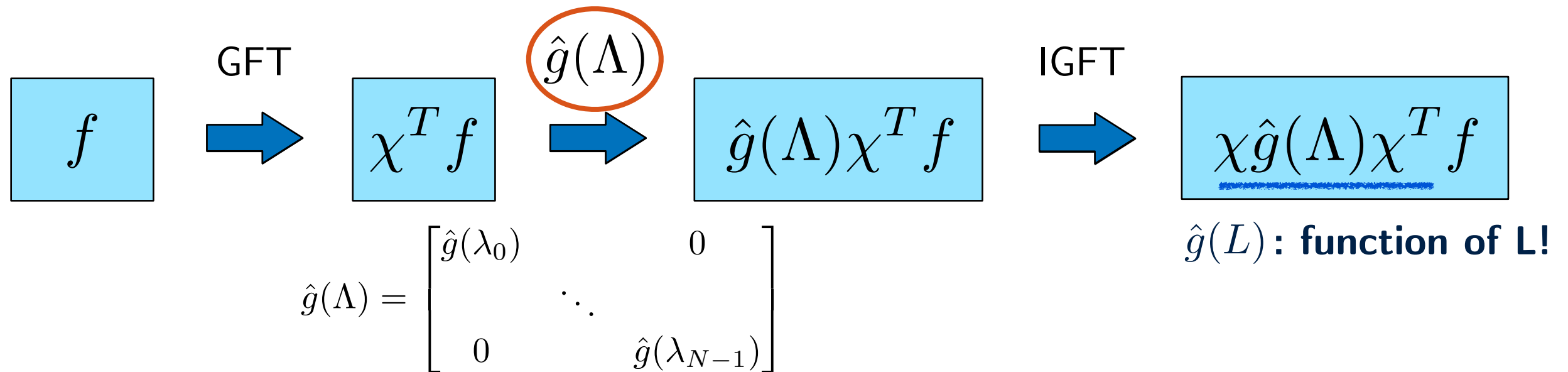
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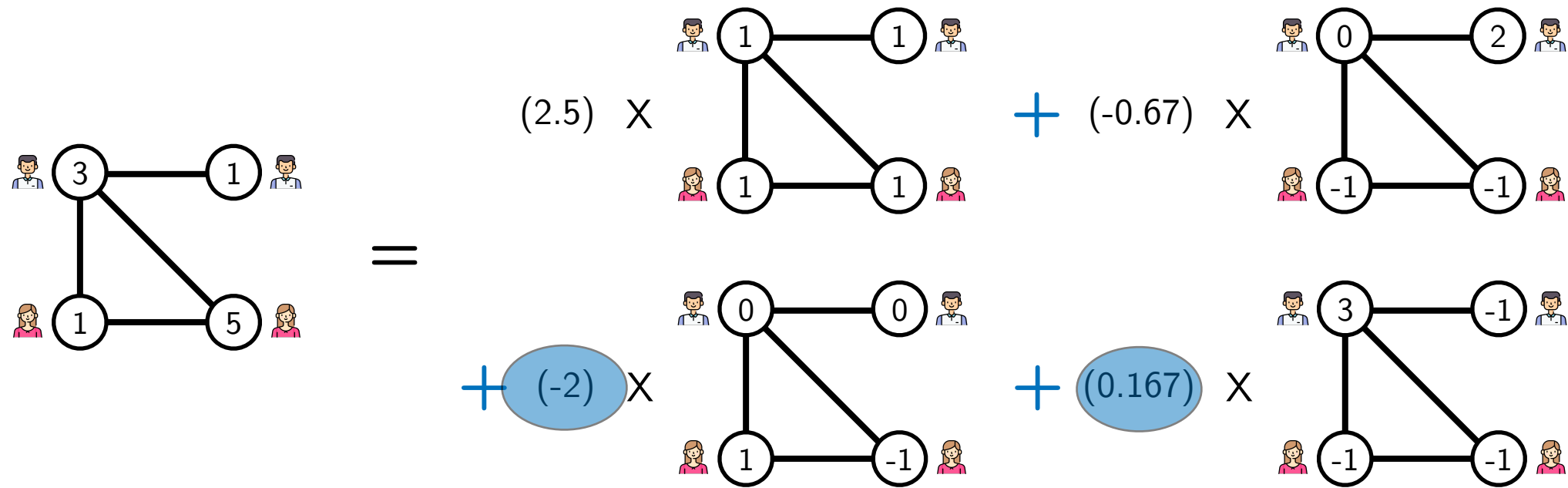


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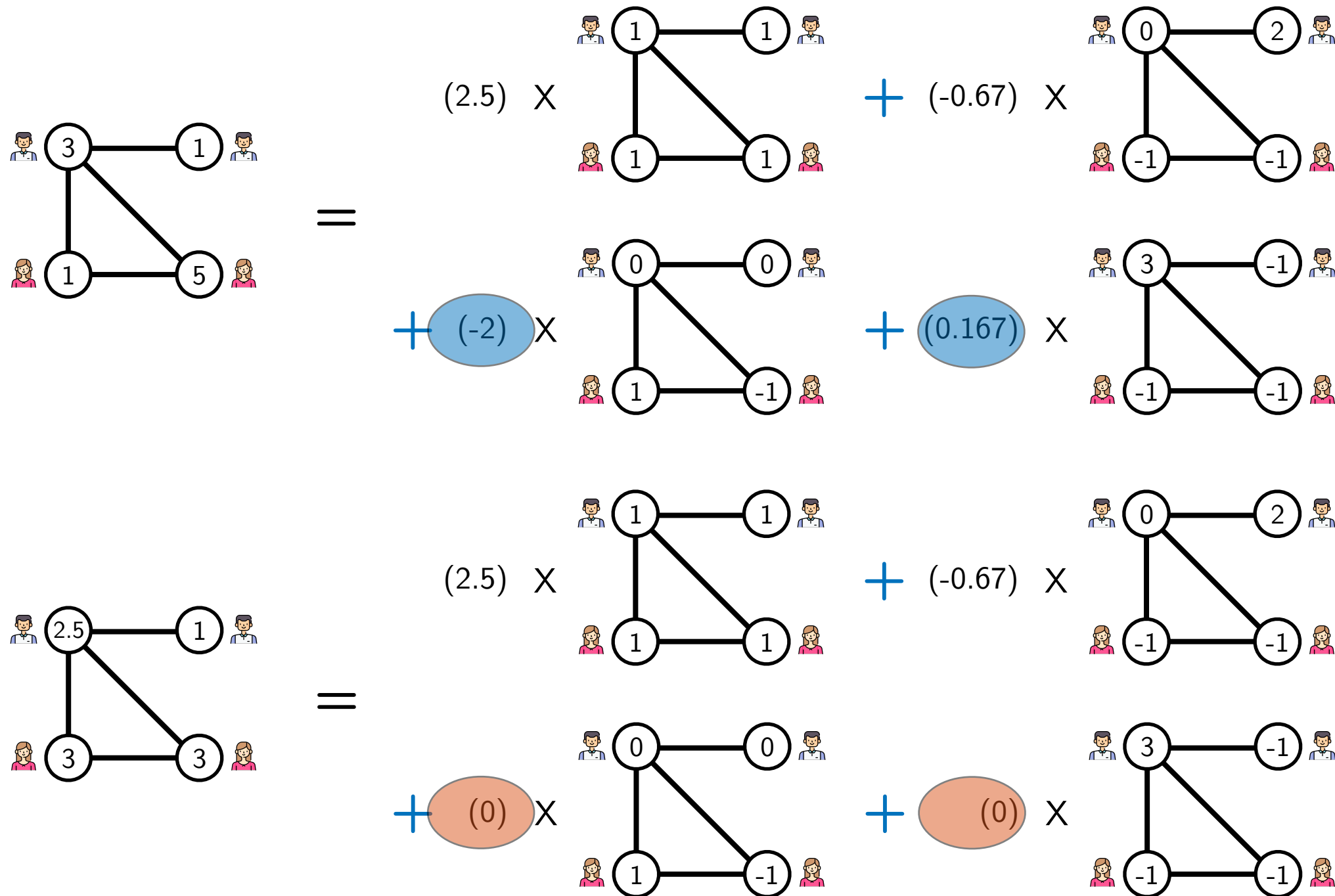
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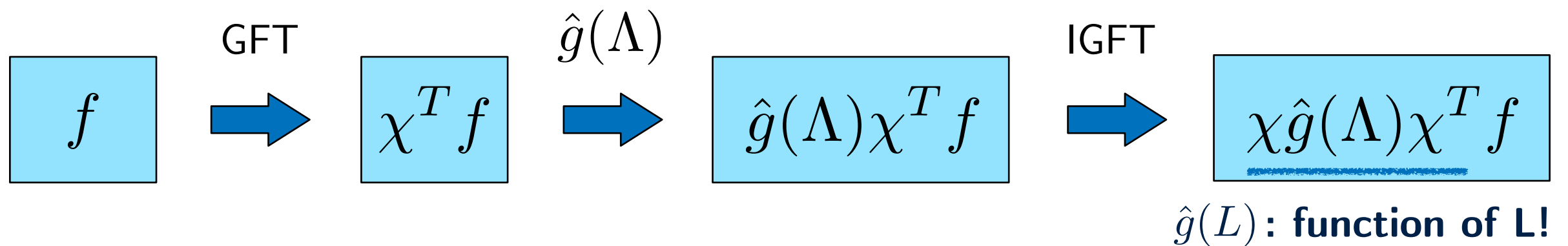


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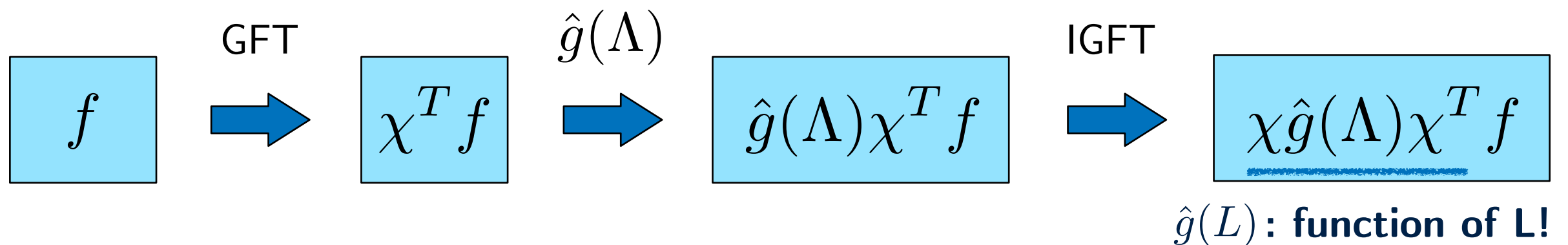
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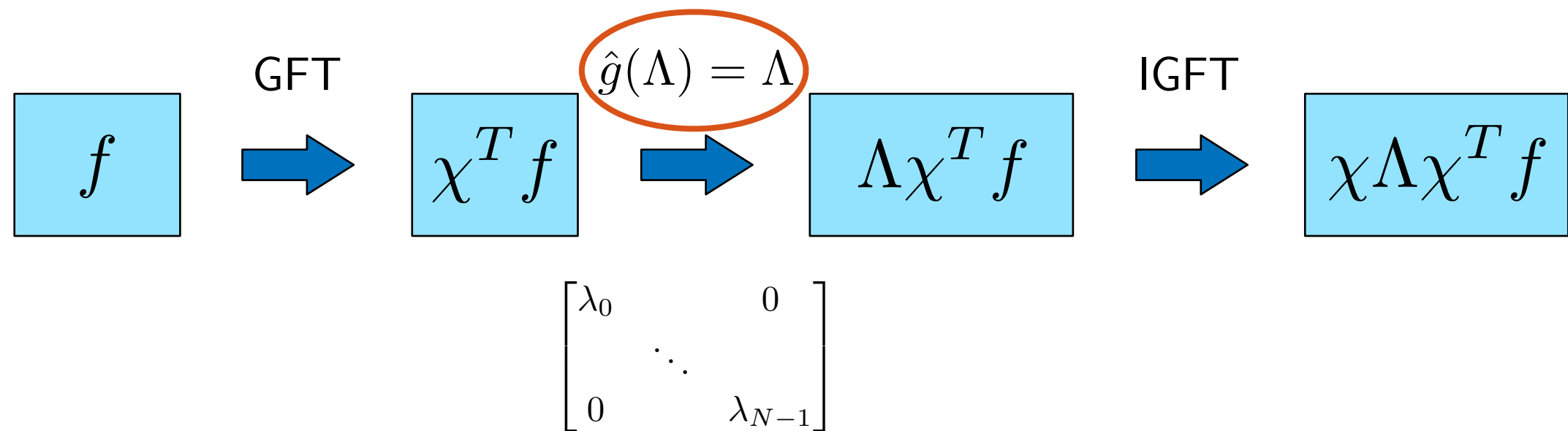


- Important properties can be achieved by properly defining $\hat{g}(L)$, such as localisation of filters
- Closely related to kernels and regularisation on graphs

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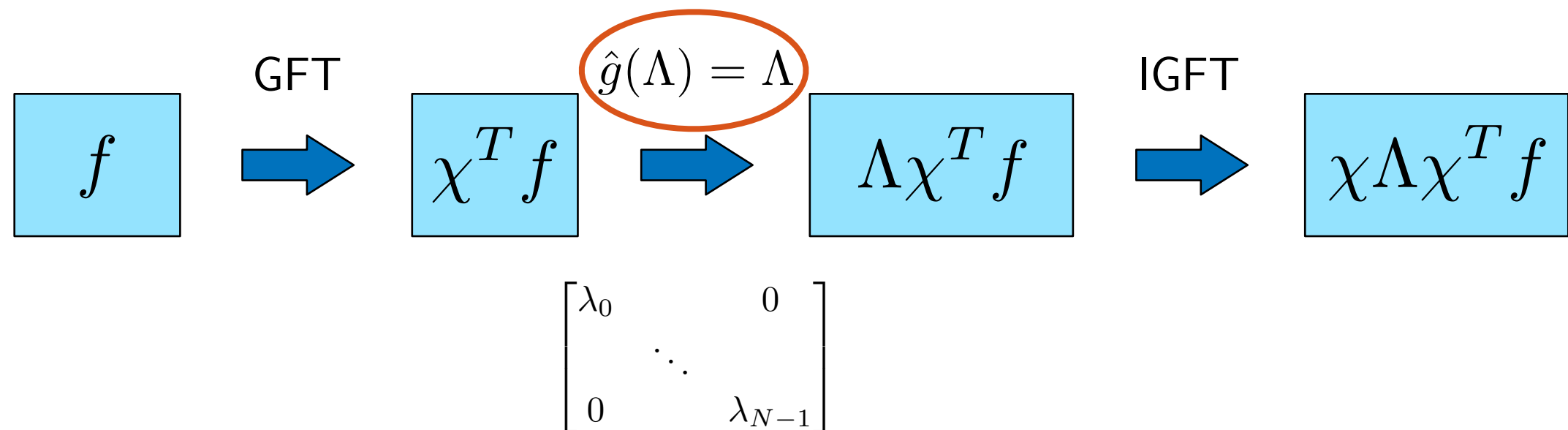
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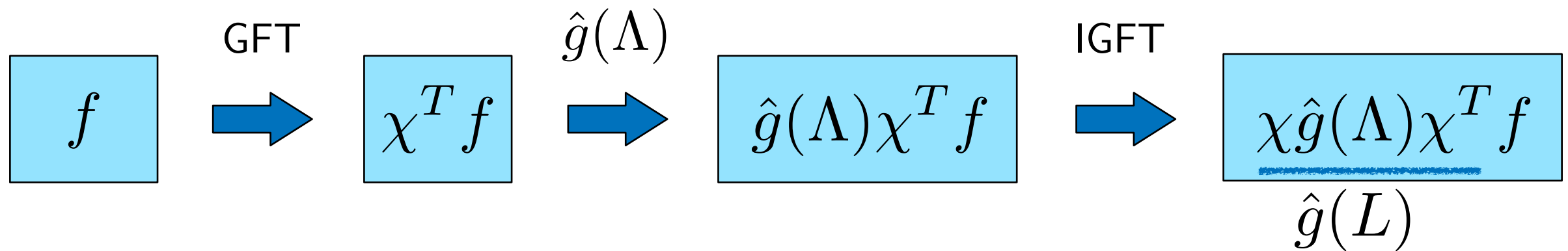
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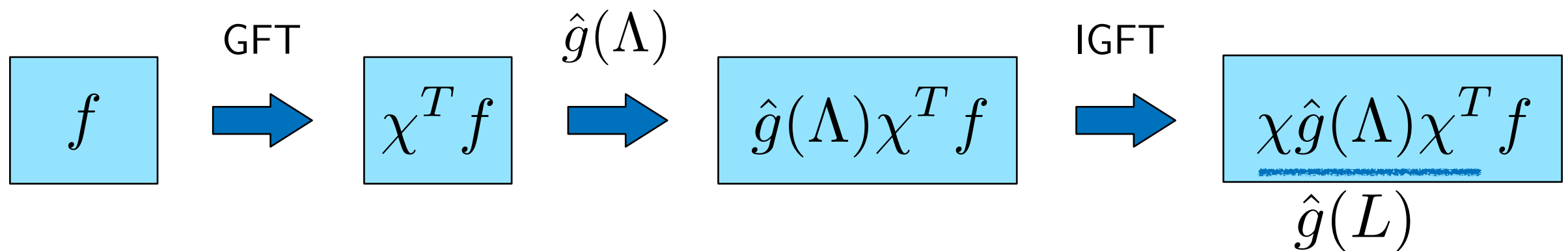
The Laplacian operator filters the signal in the spectral domain with a high-pass filter

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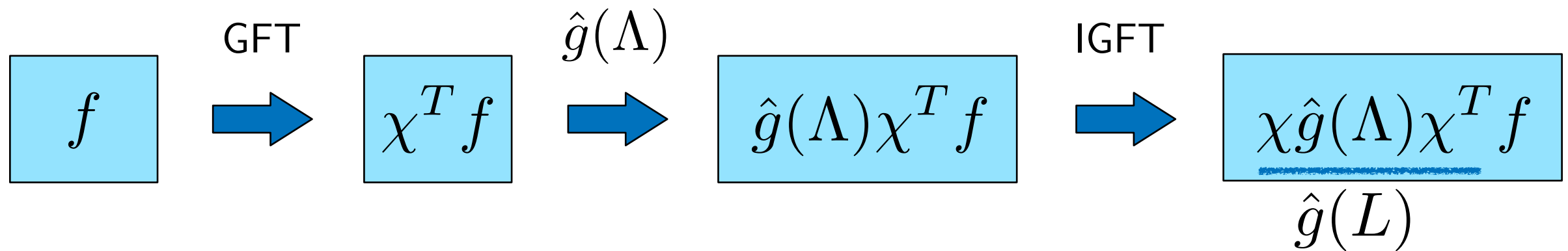
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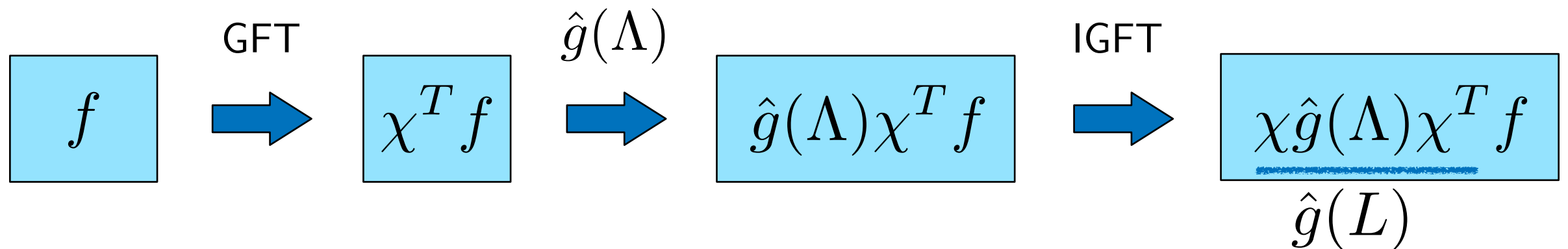


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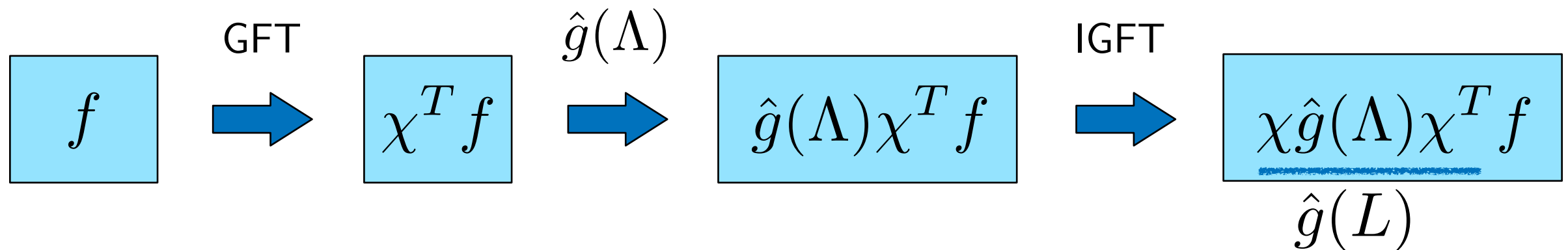


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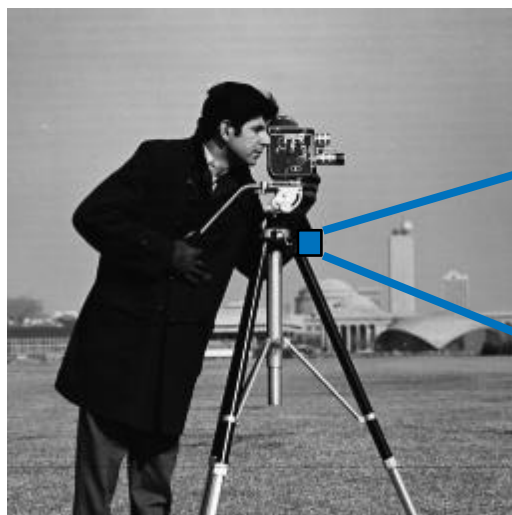
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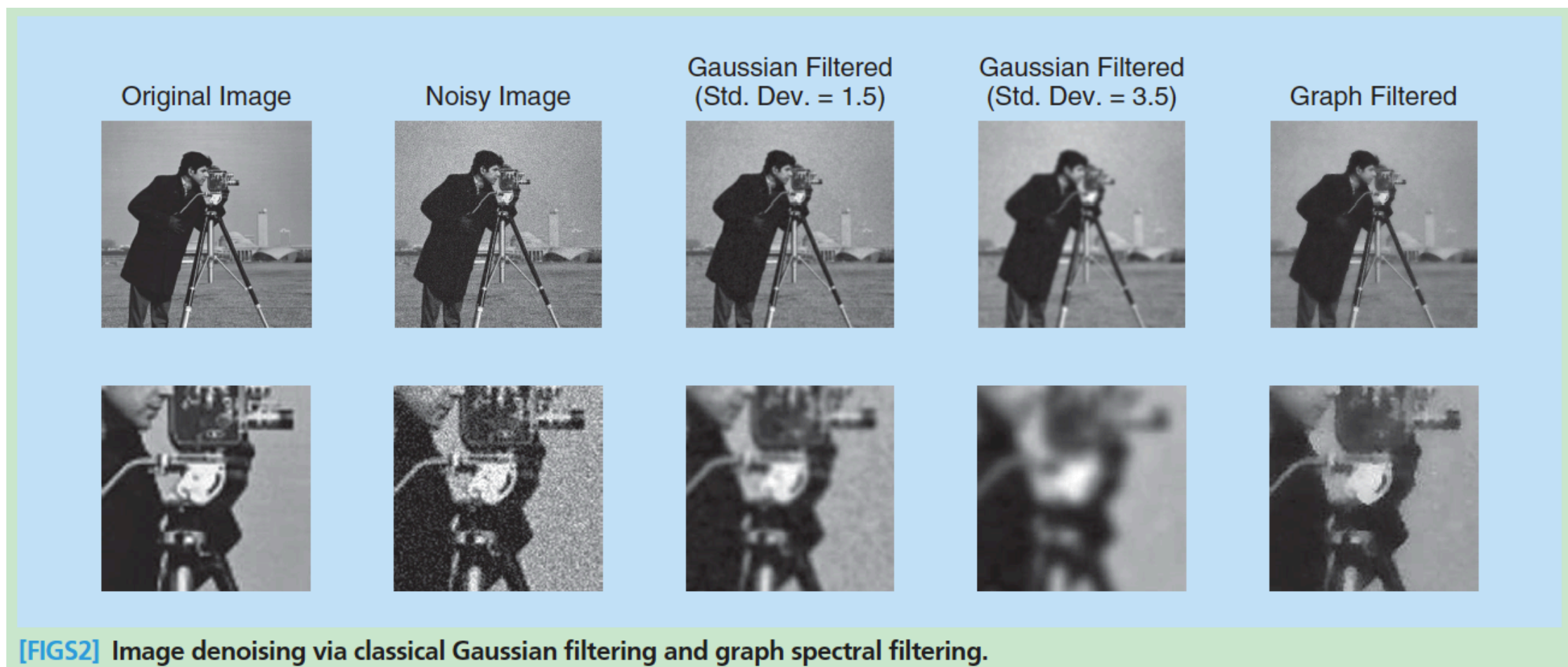
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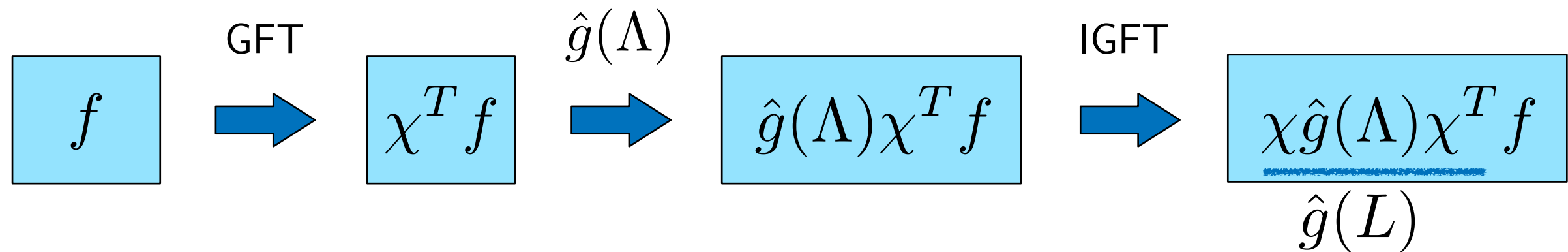
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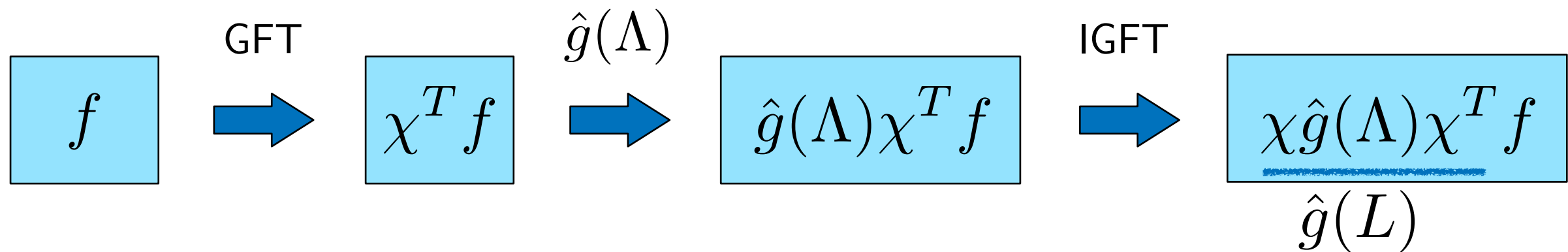
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adapted kernels: learn values of $\hat{g}(L)$ directly from data

parametric kernel: $\hat{g}(L) = \sum_{k=0}^K \theta_j L^k = \chi \left(\sum_{k=0}^K \theta_j \Lambda^k \right) \chi^T$

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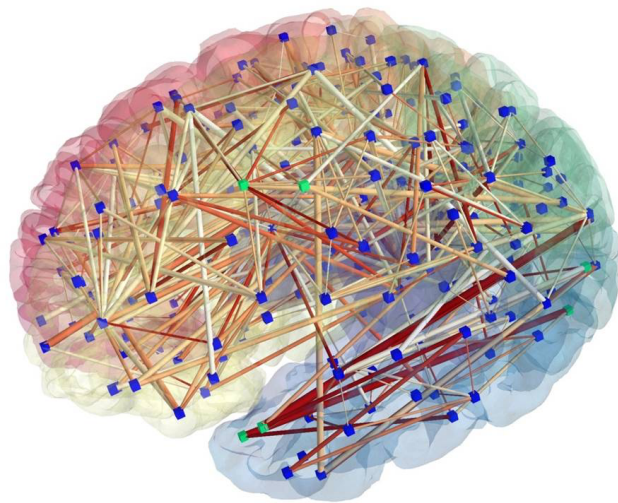
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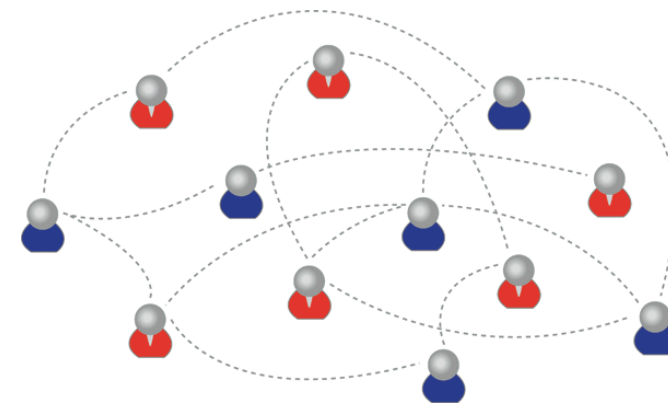
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**neuroscience (e.g.,
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Classical vs Graph dictionaries

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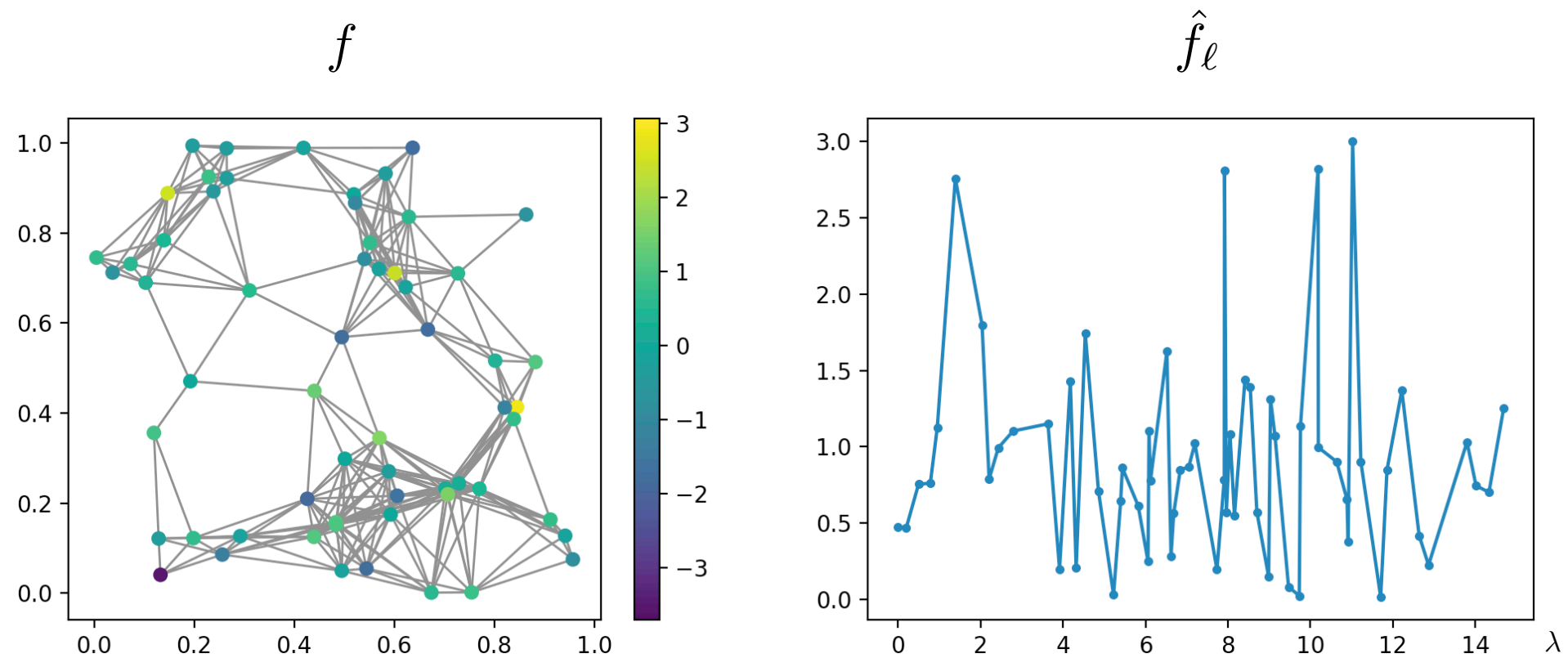
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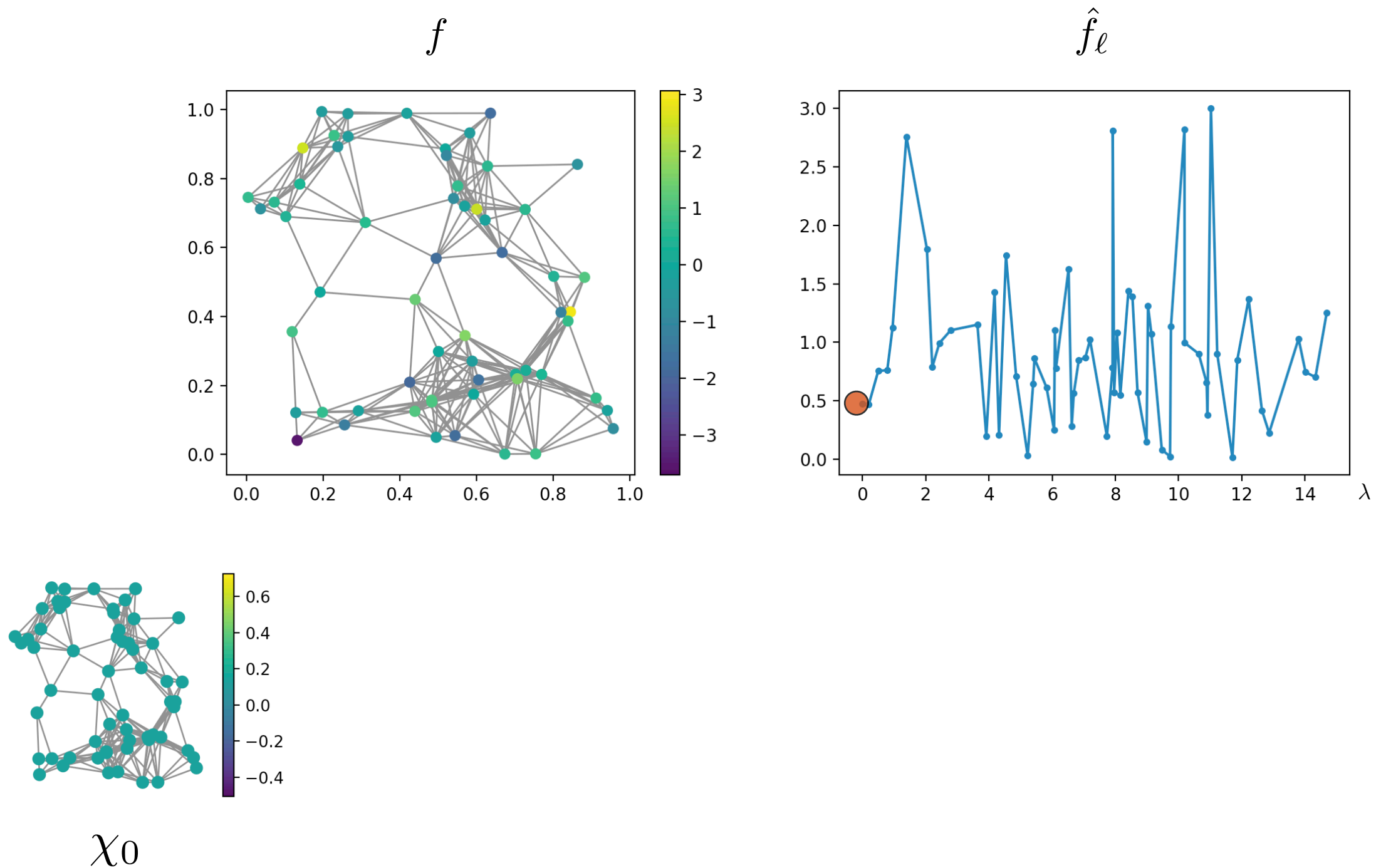
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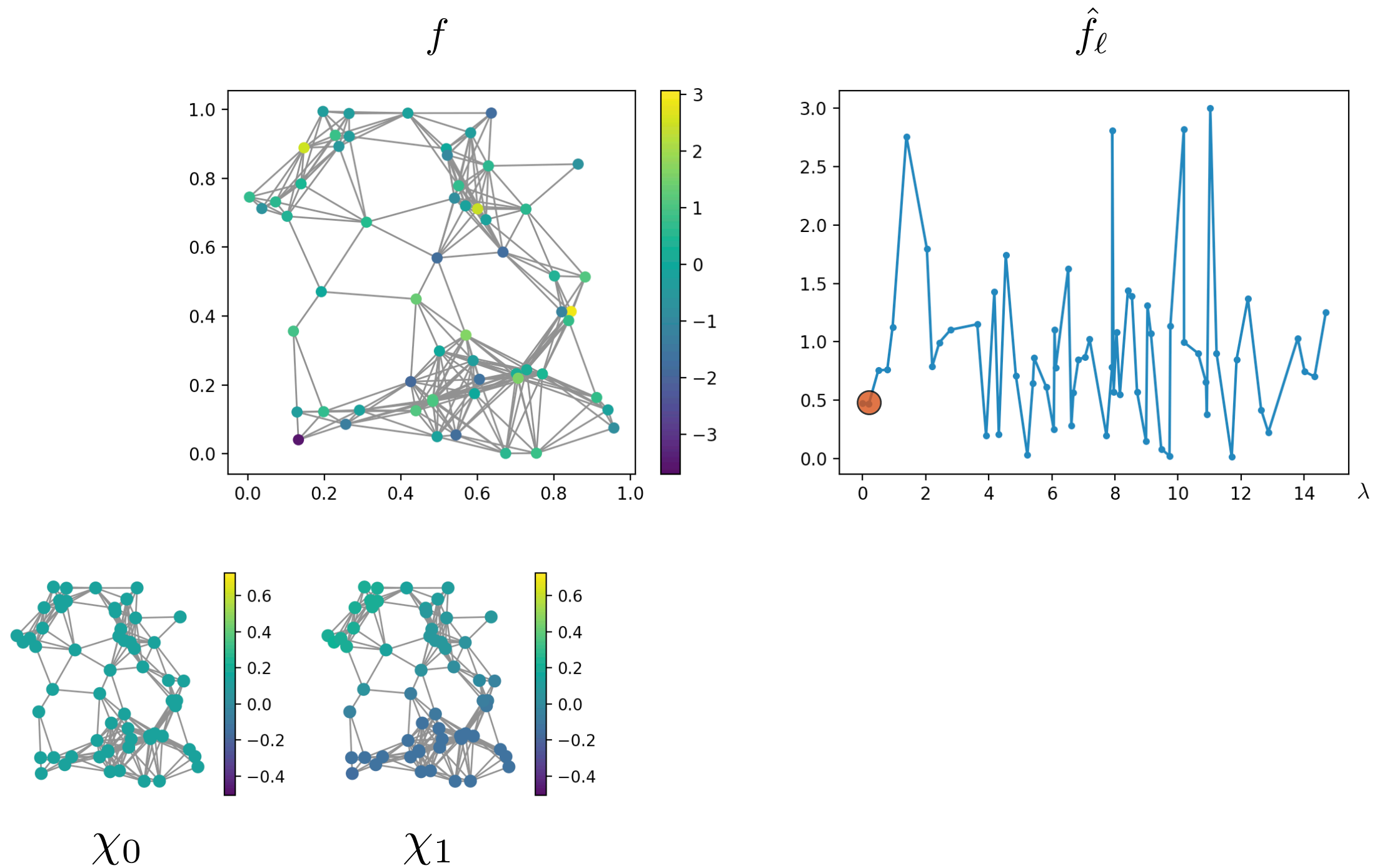


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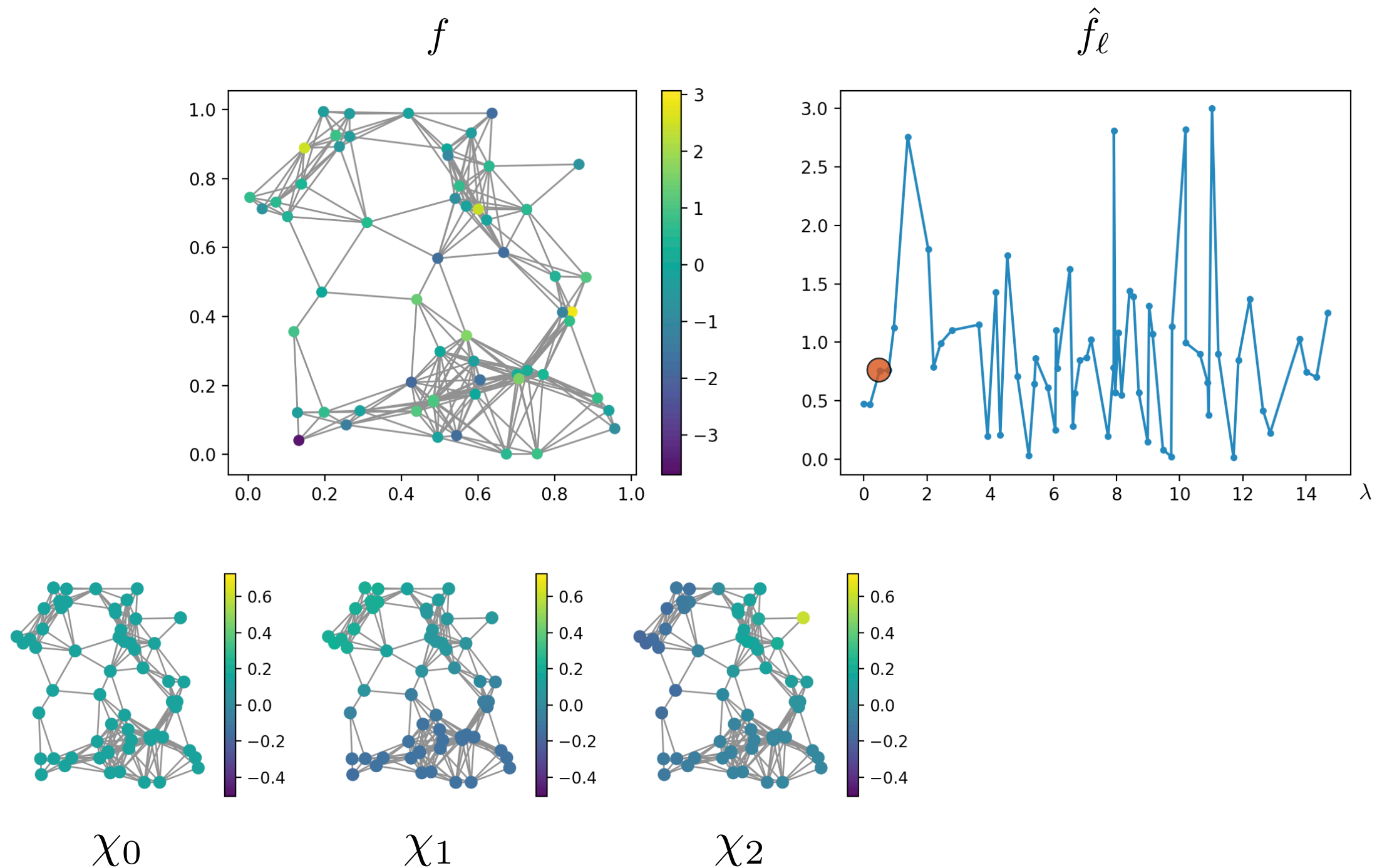
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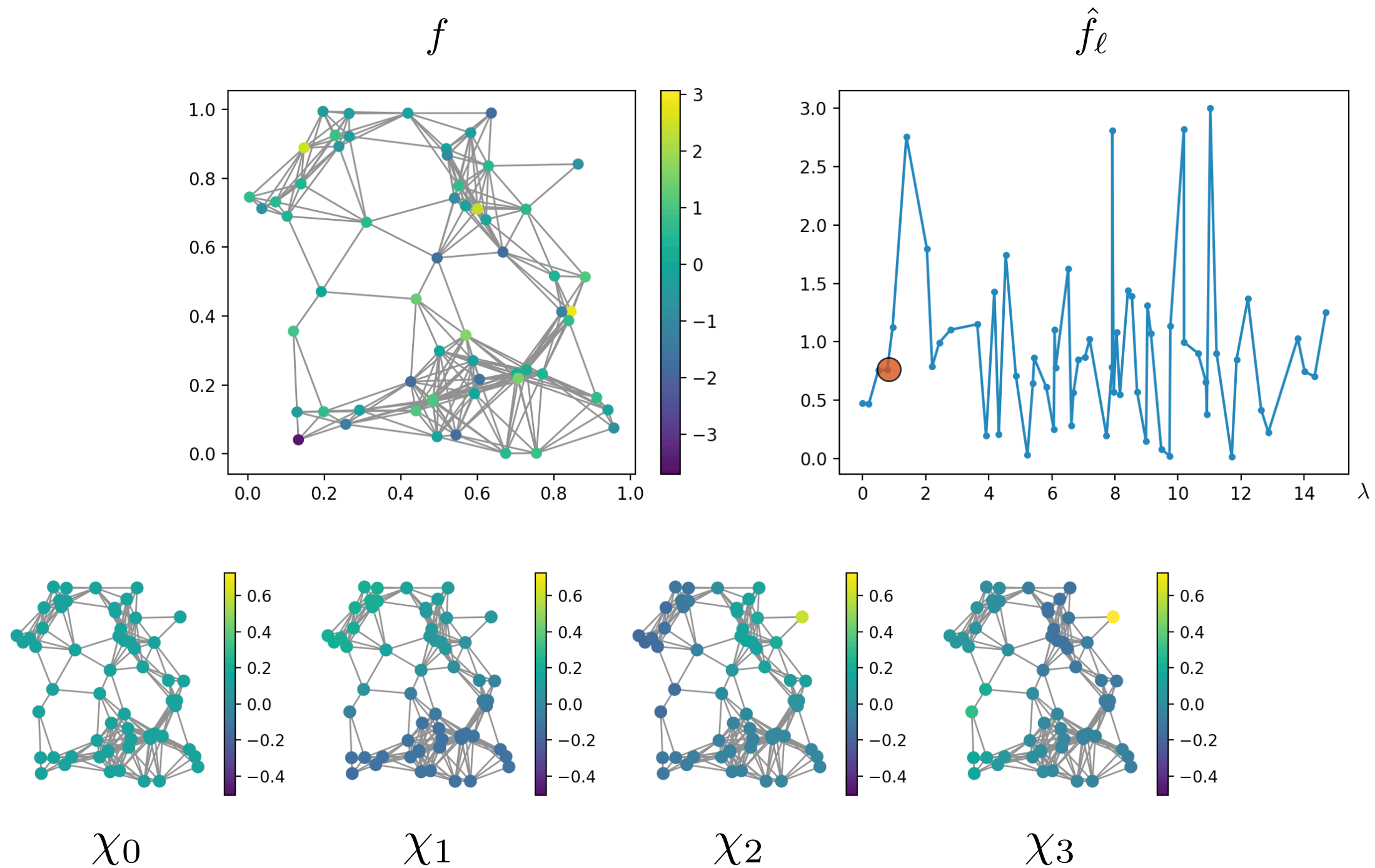
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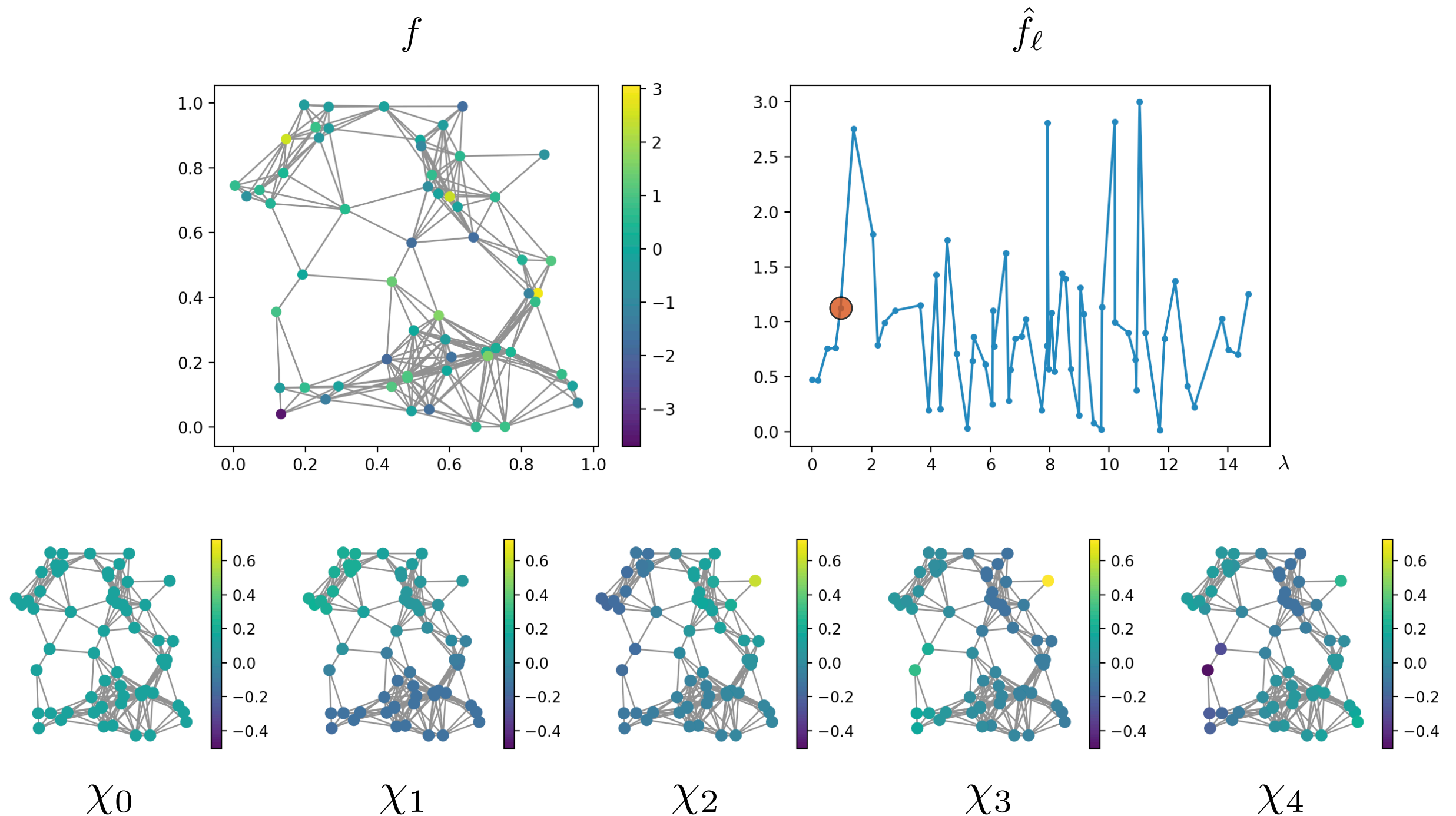
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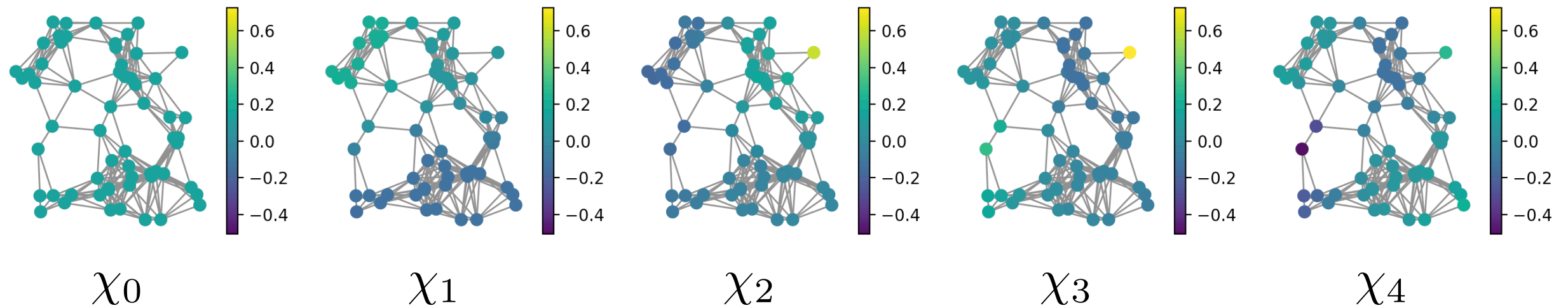
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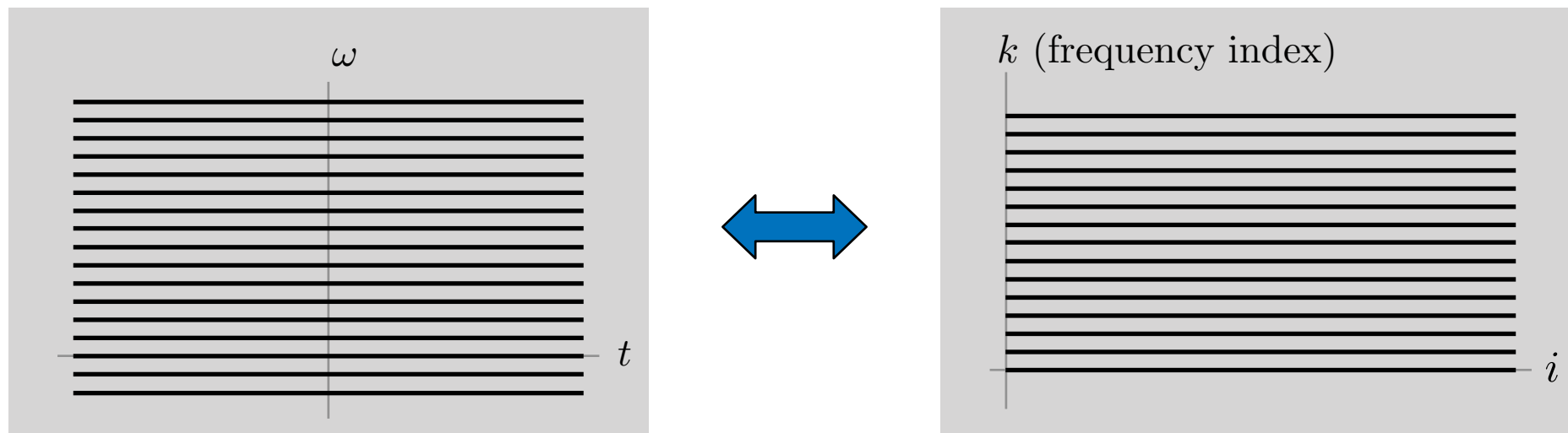
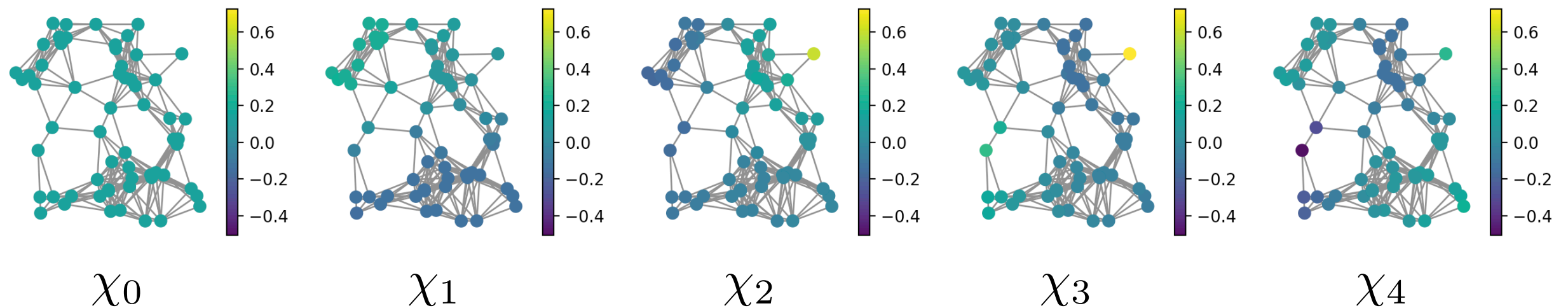


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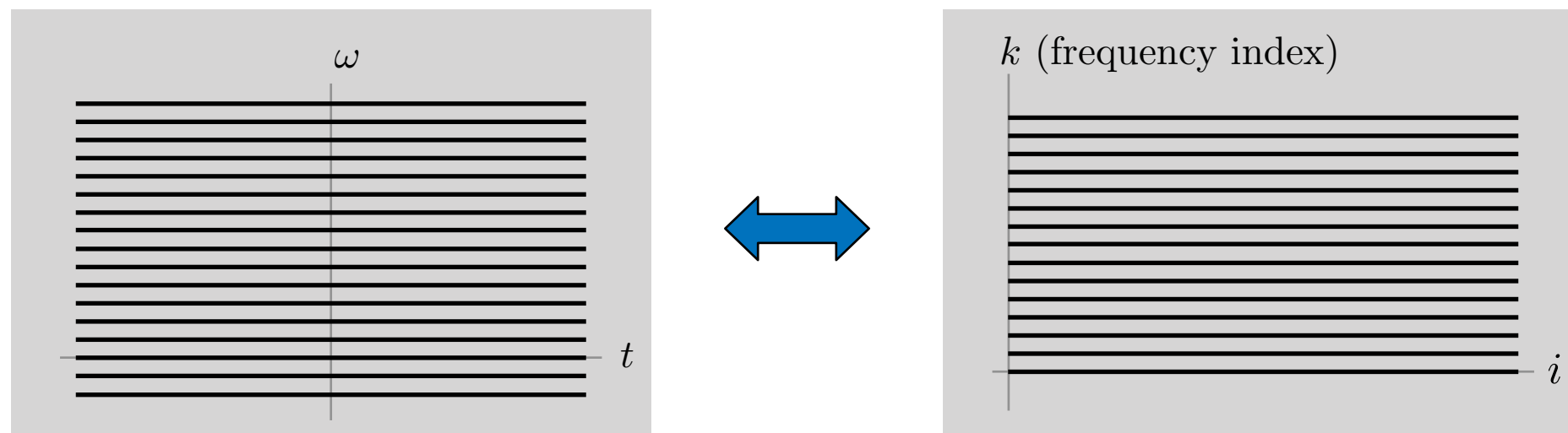
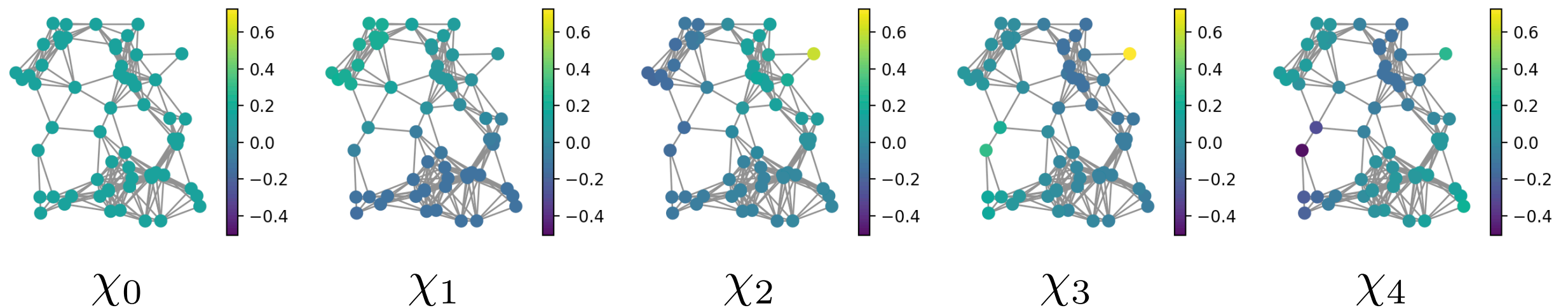


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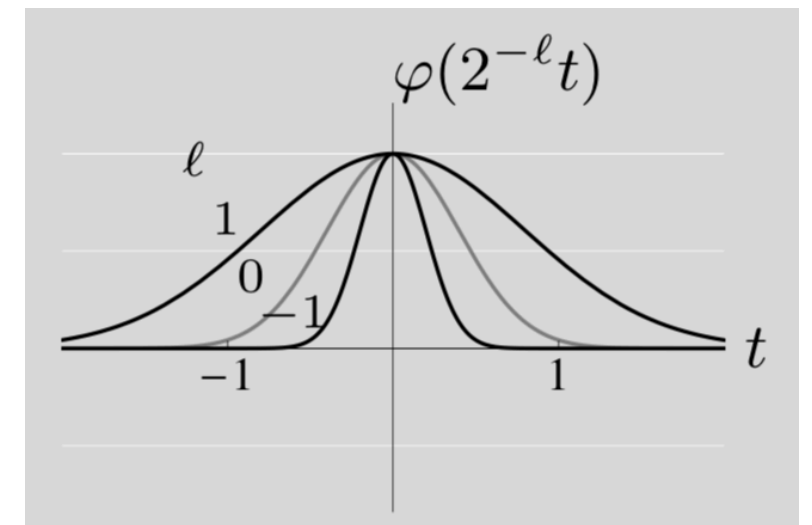
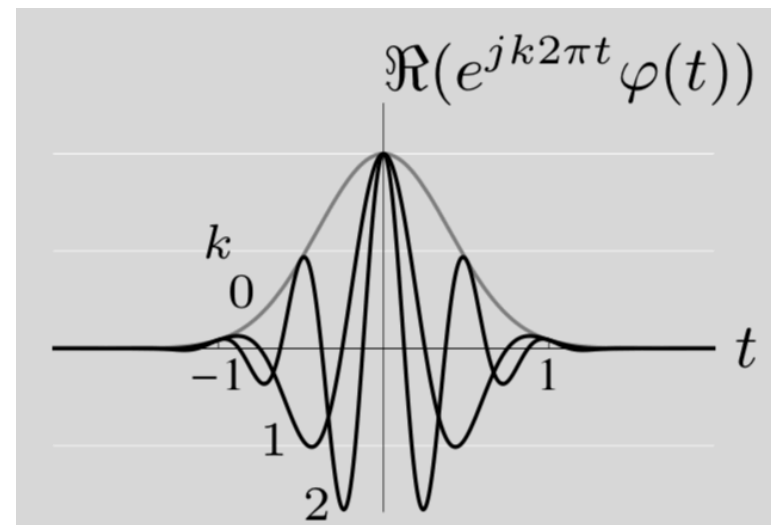
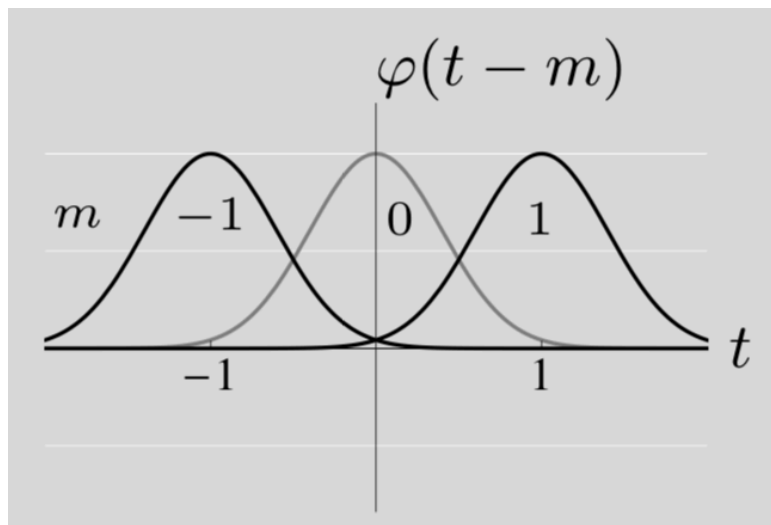
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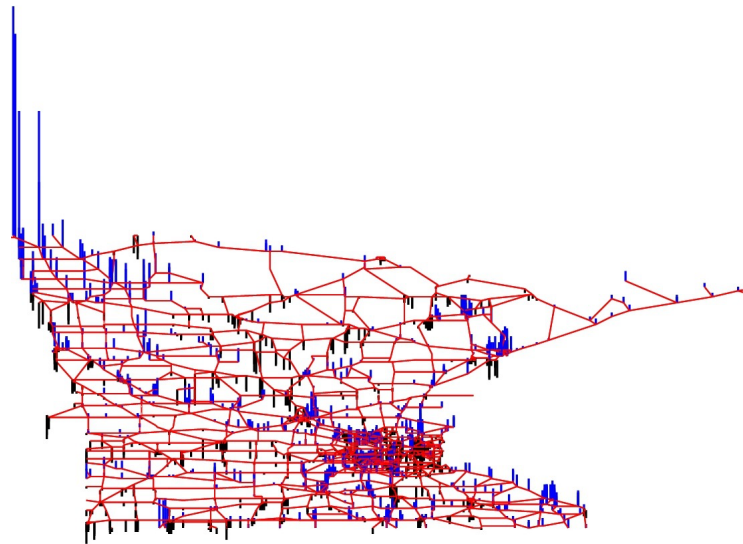
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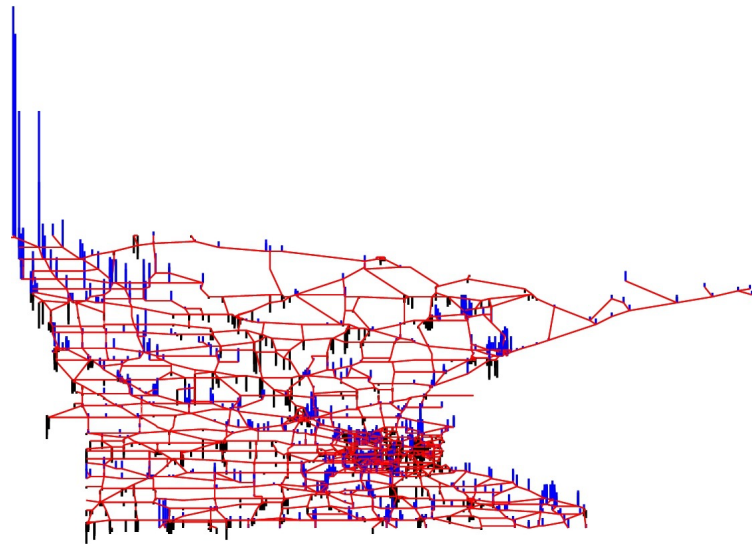
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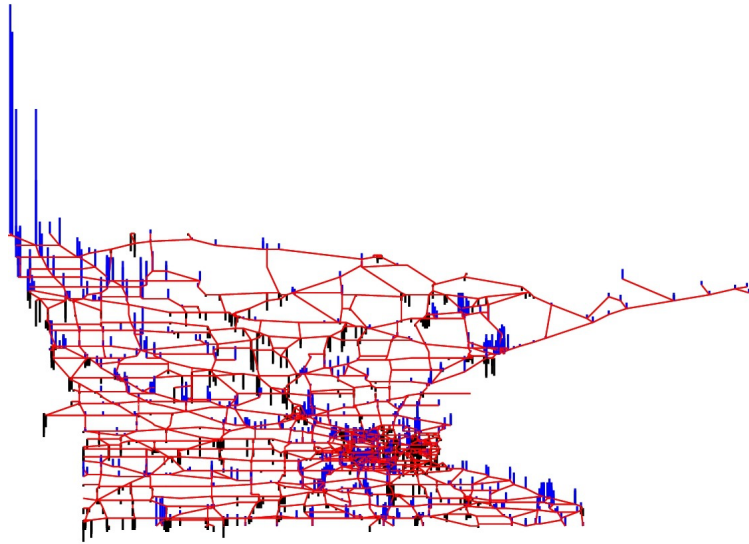
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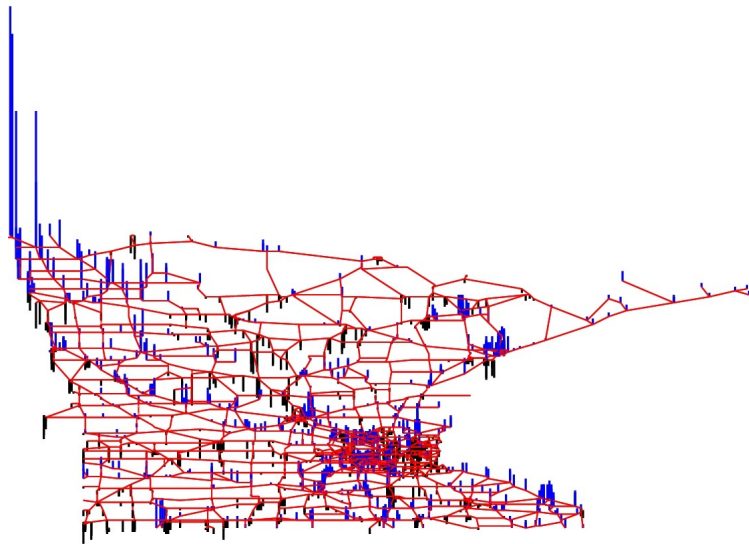


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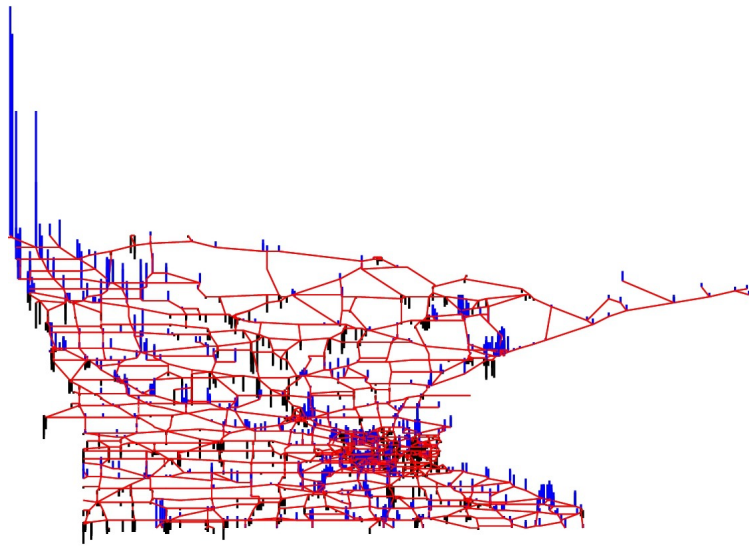
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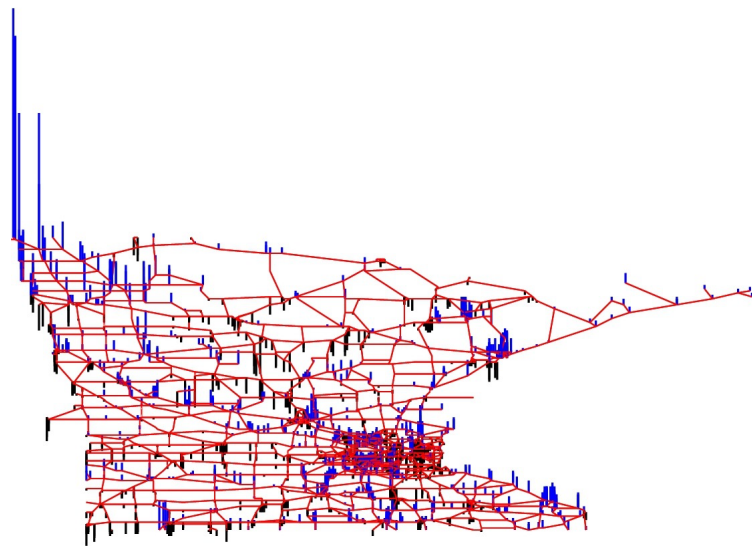
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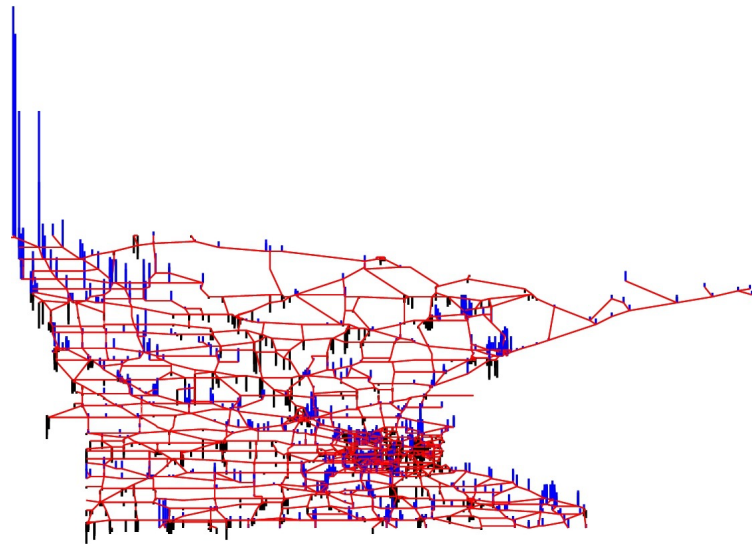


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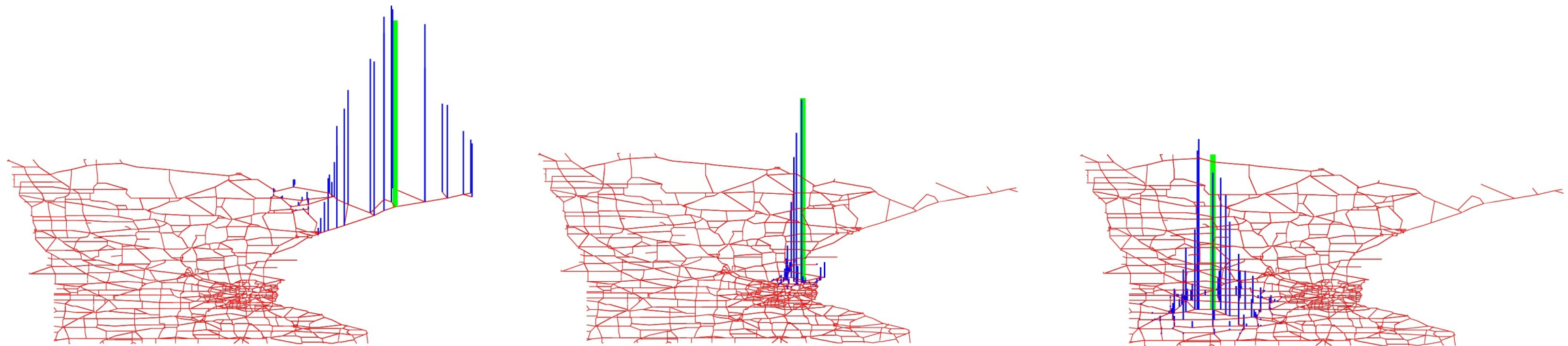
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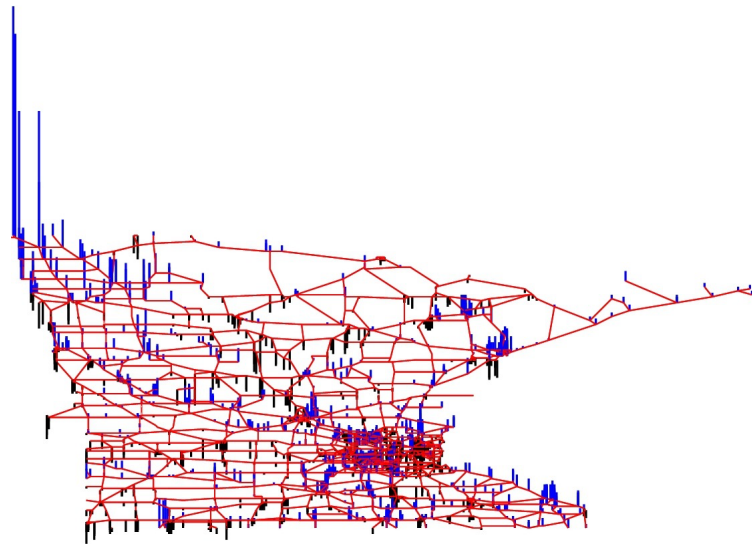
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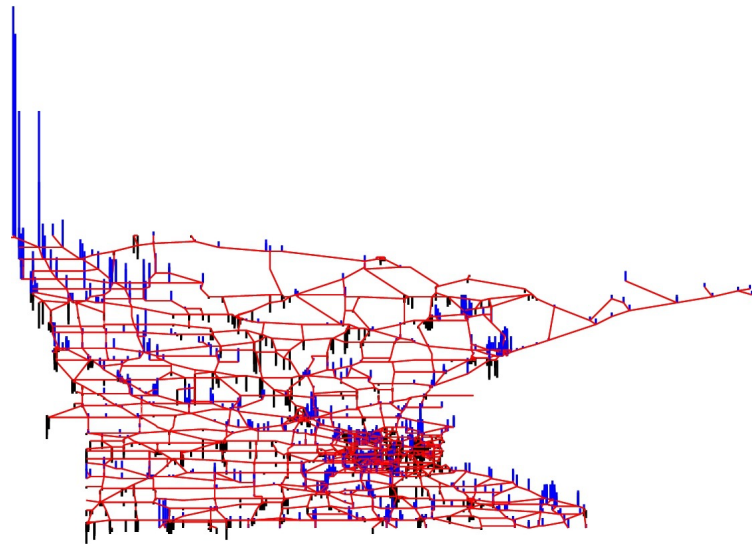
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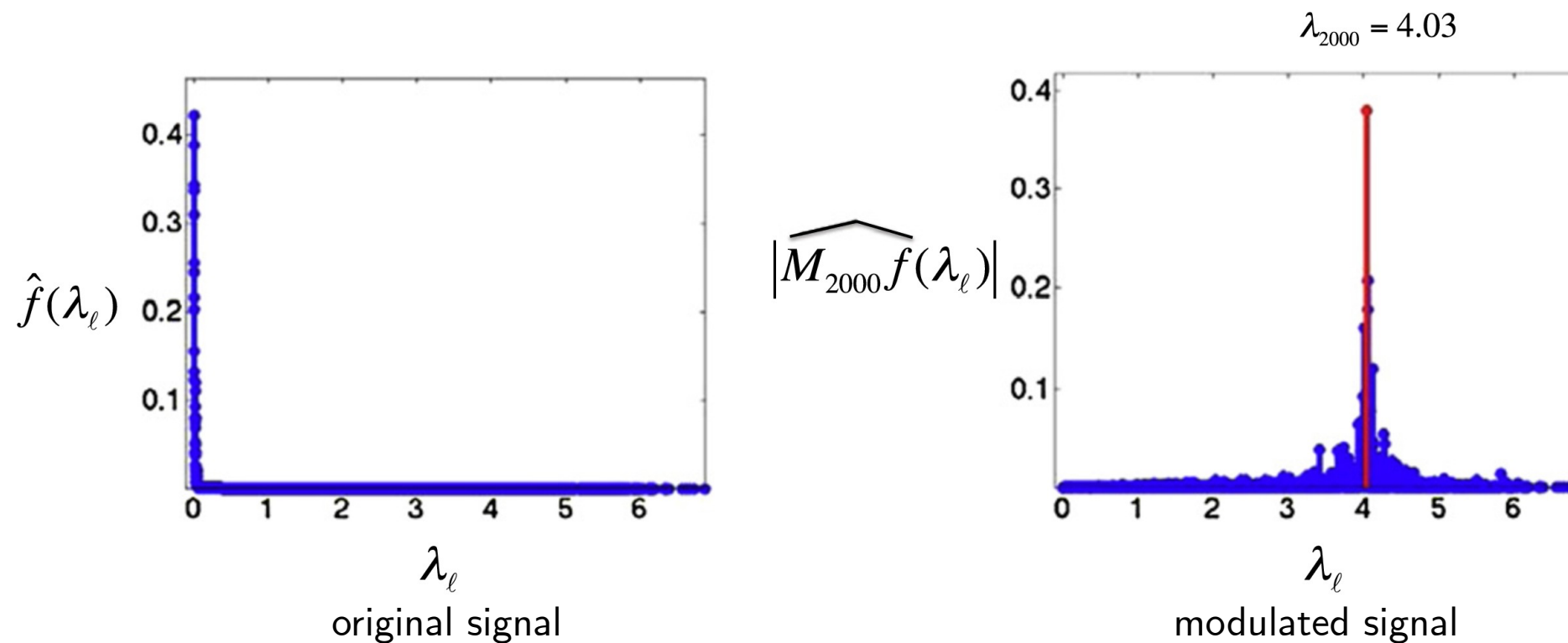
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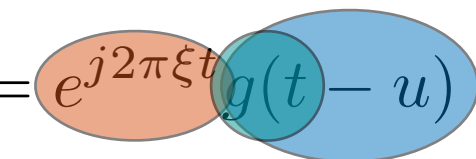
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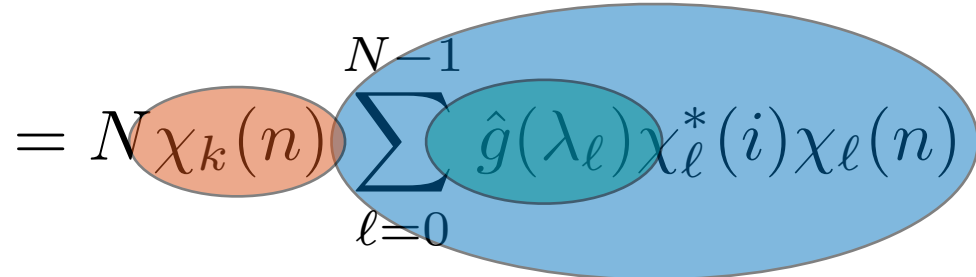
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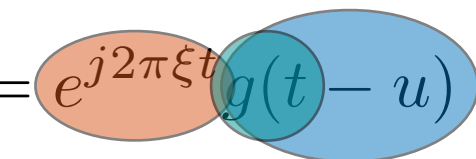
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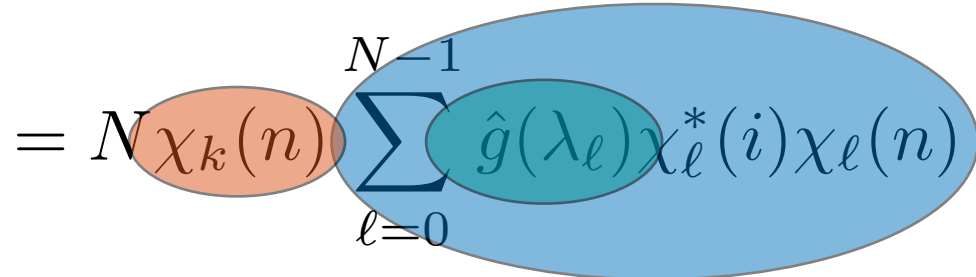
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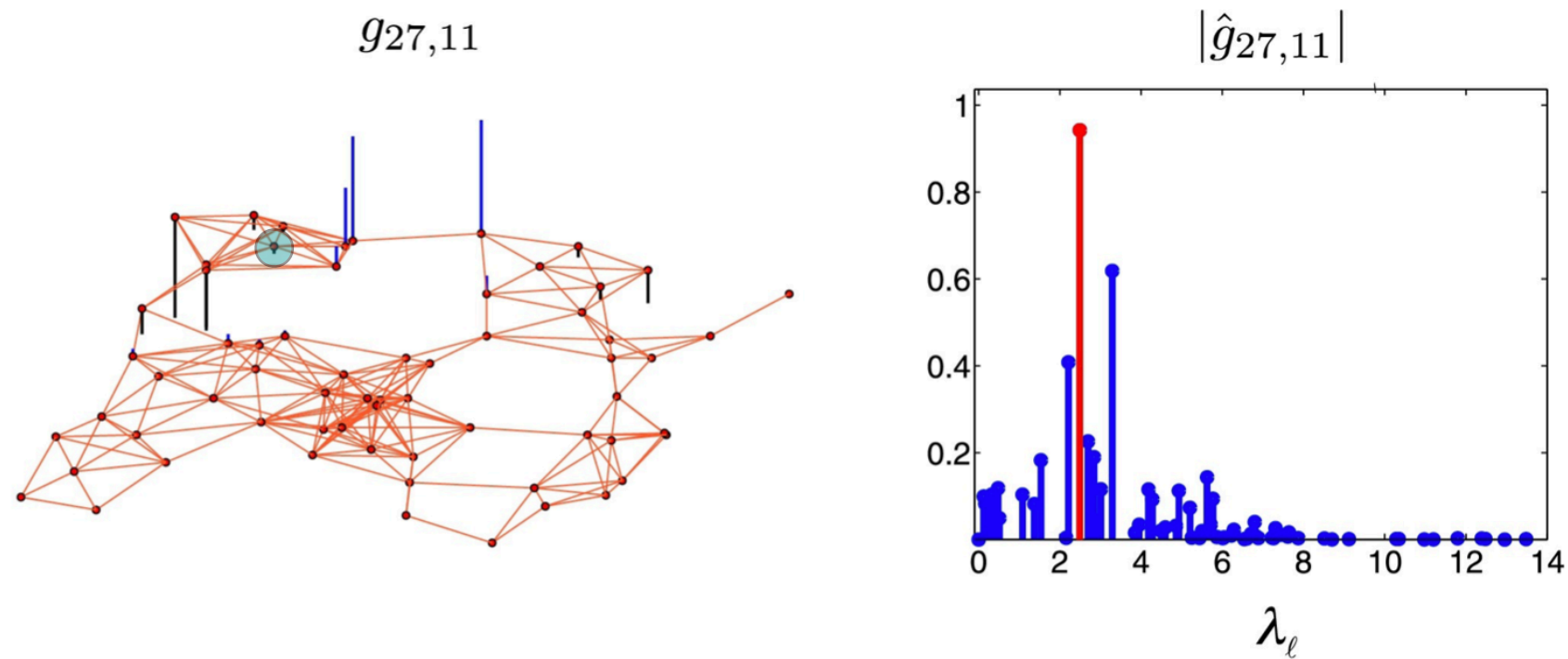
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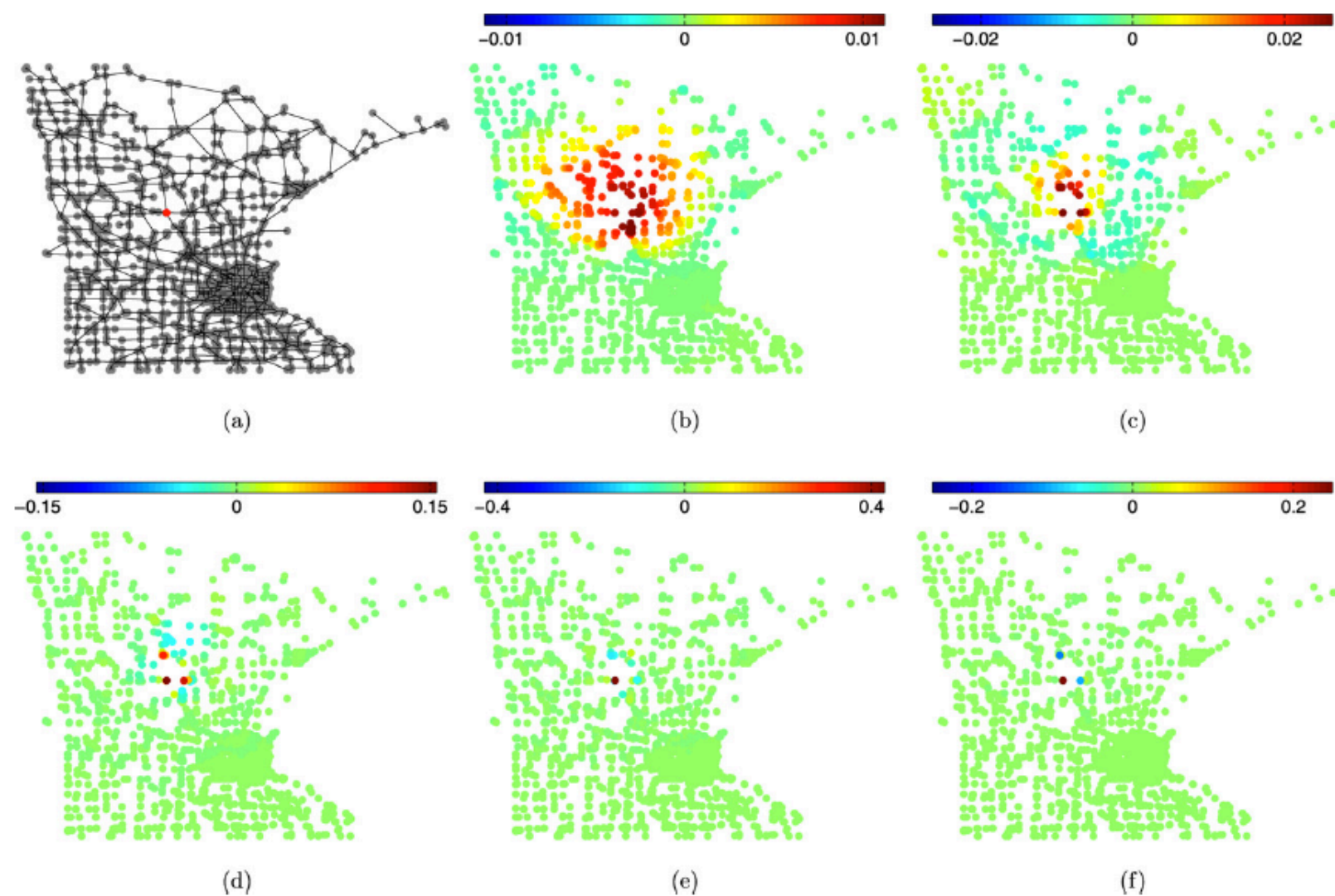


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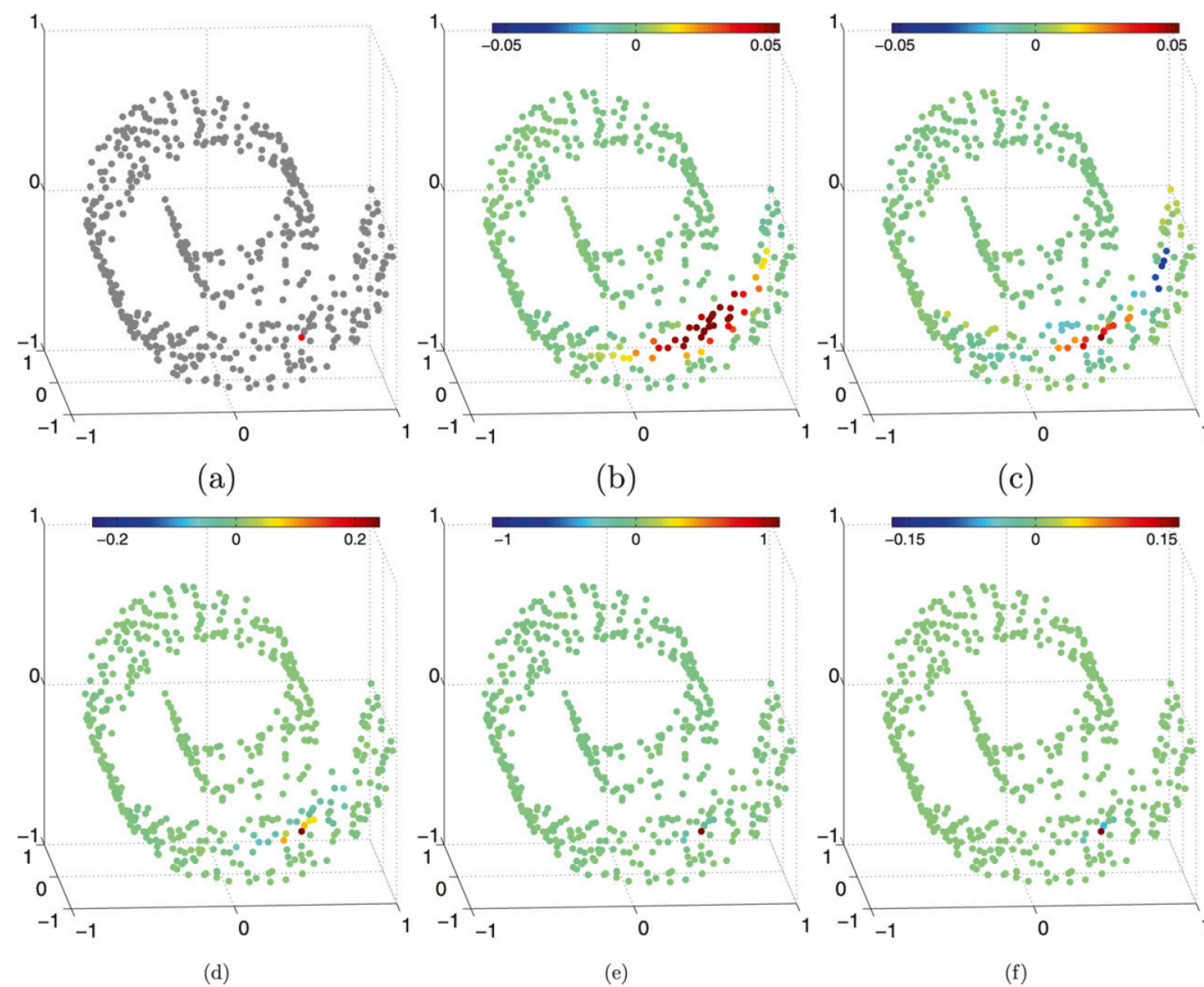


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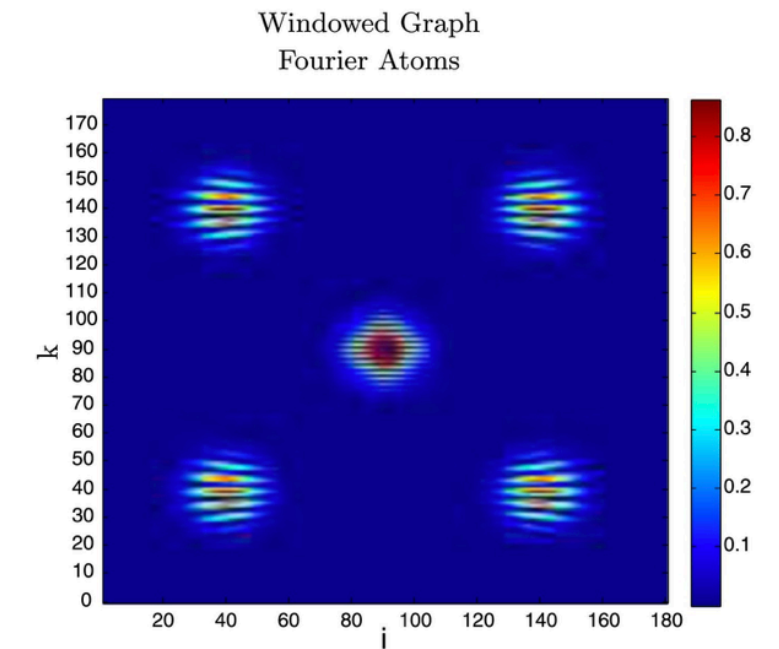
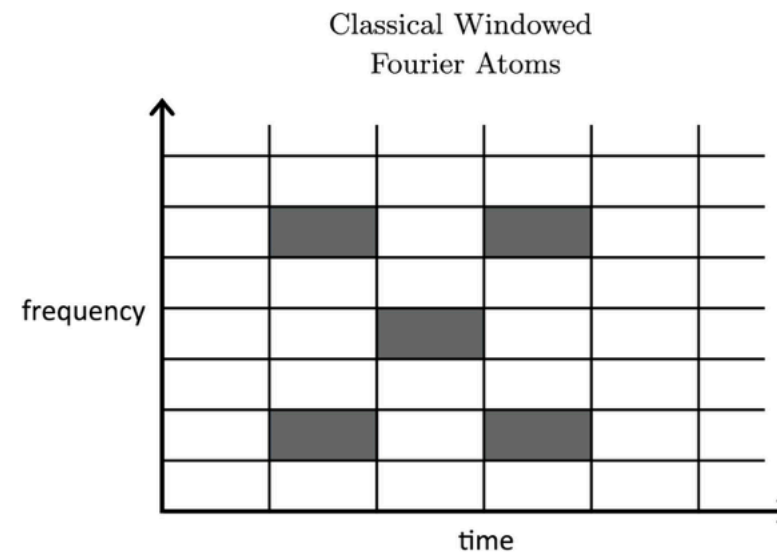
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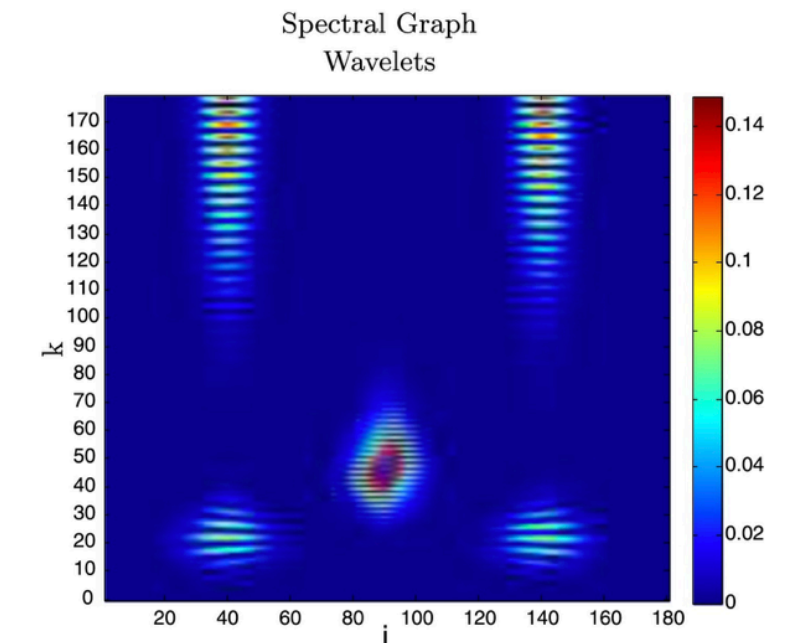
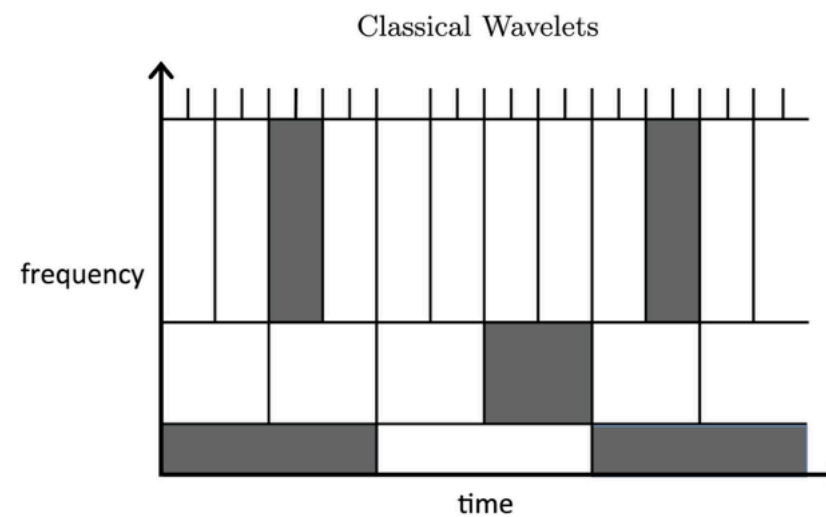
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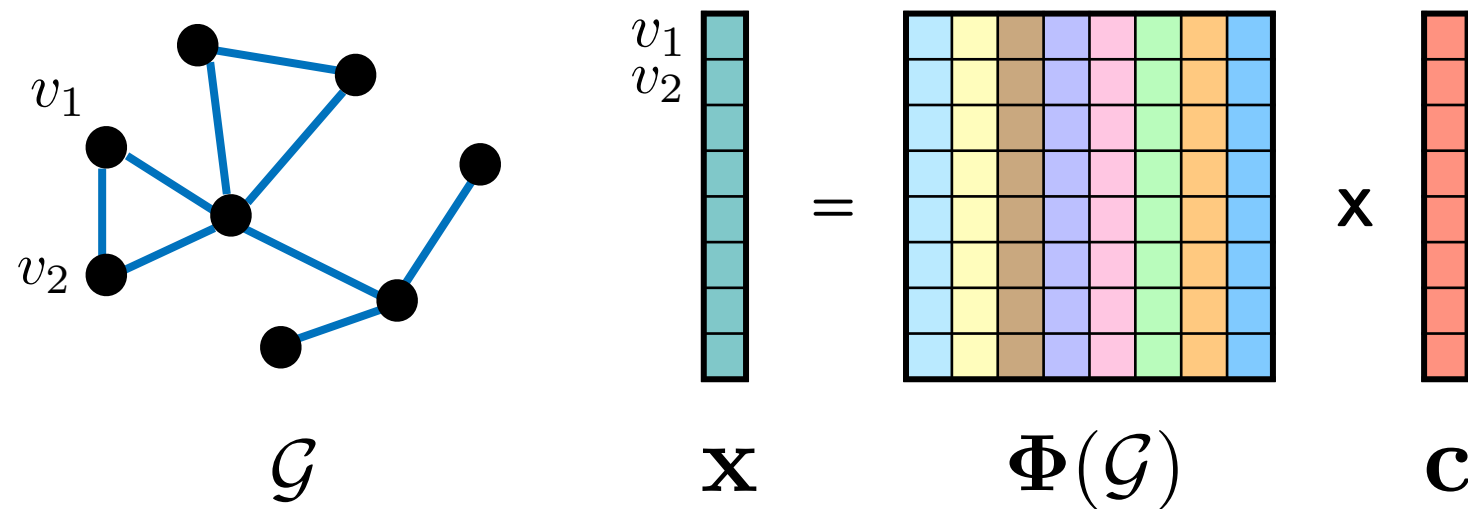
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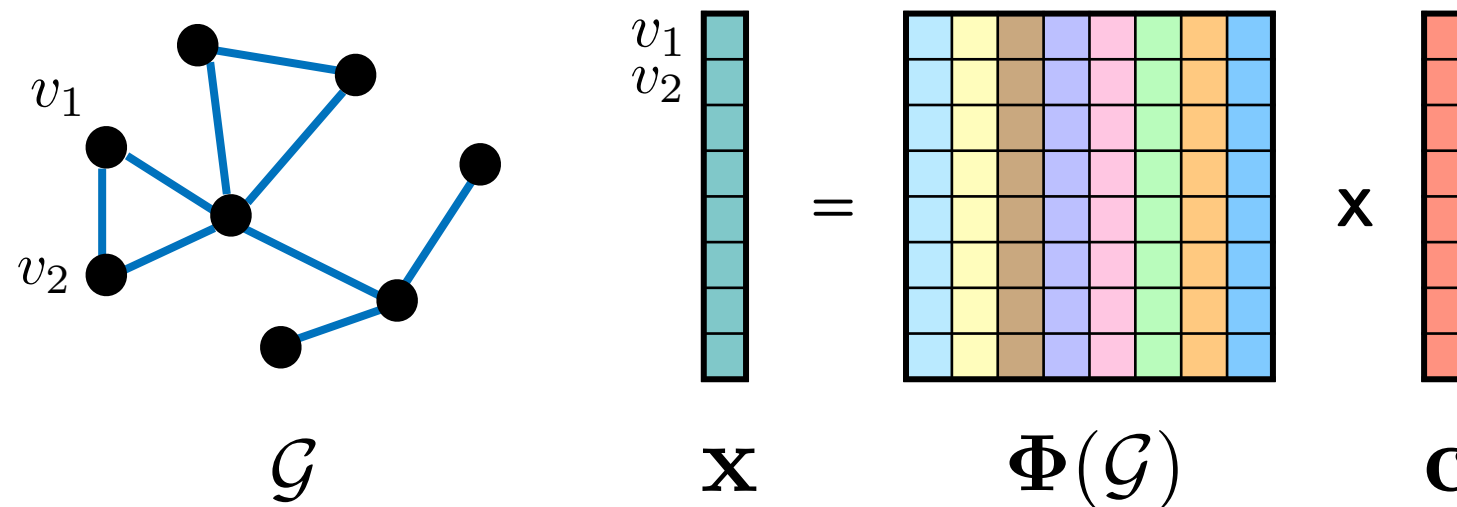


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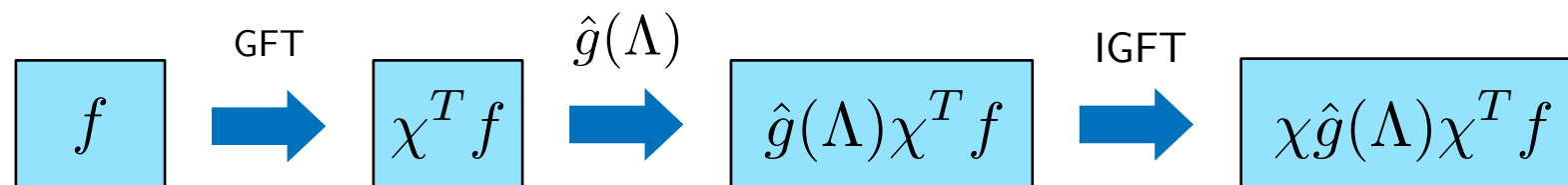
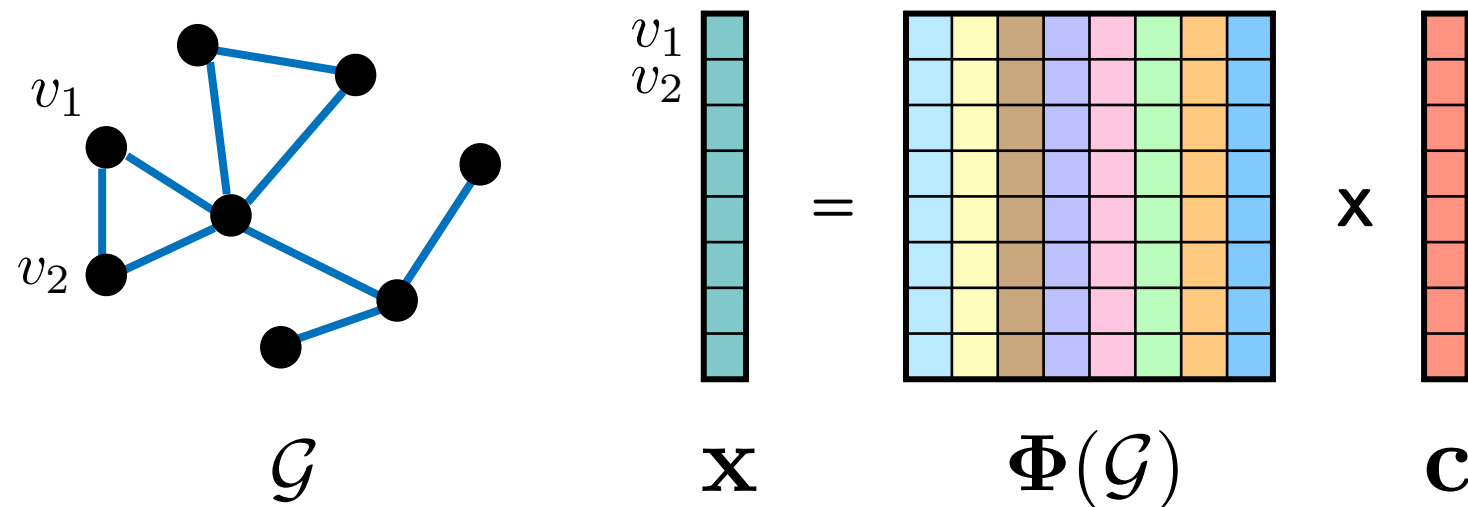
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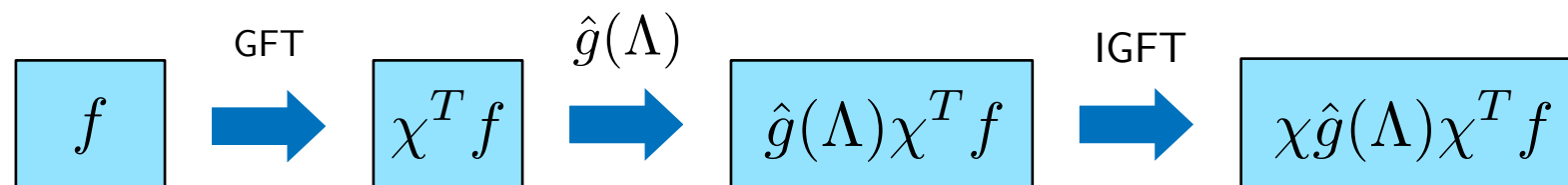
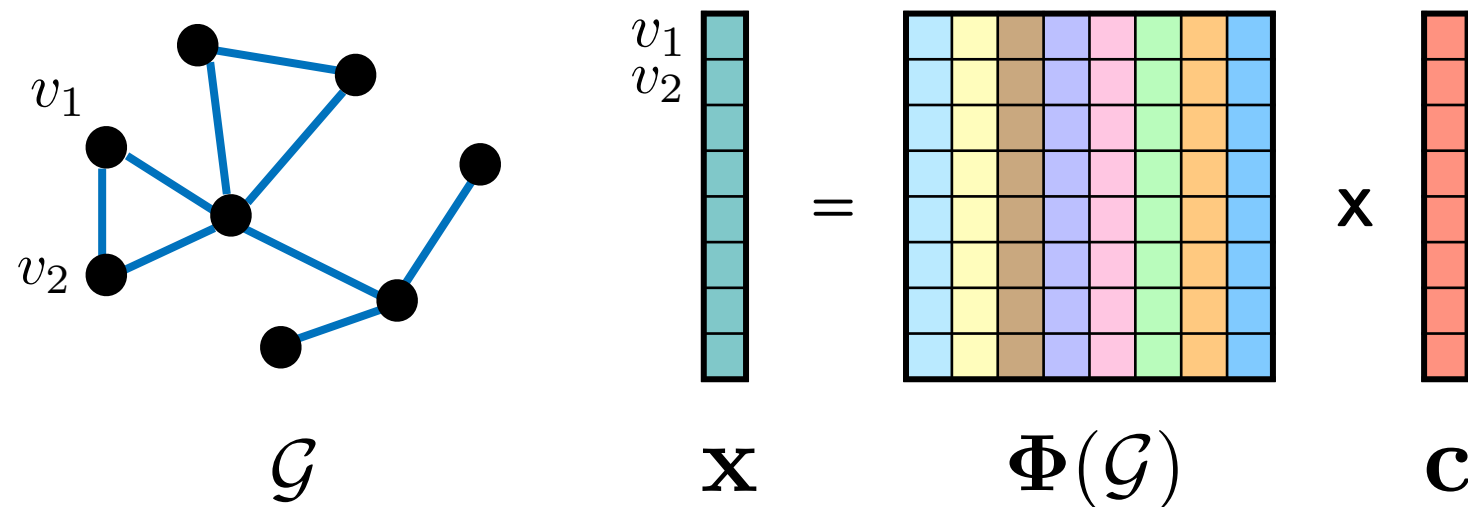
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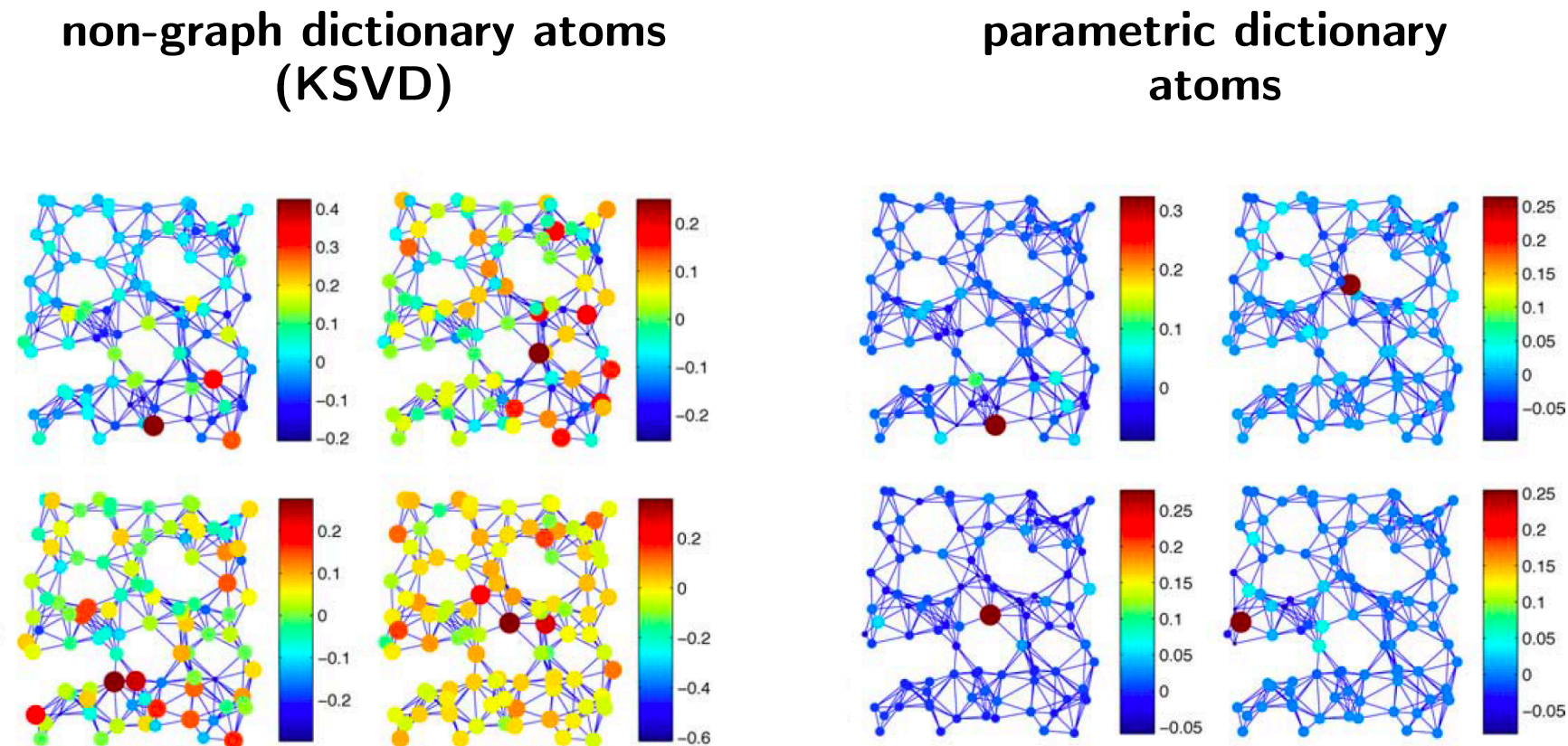
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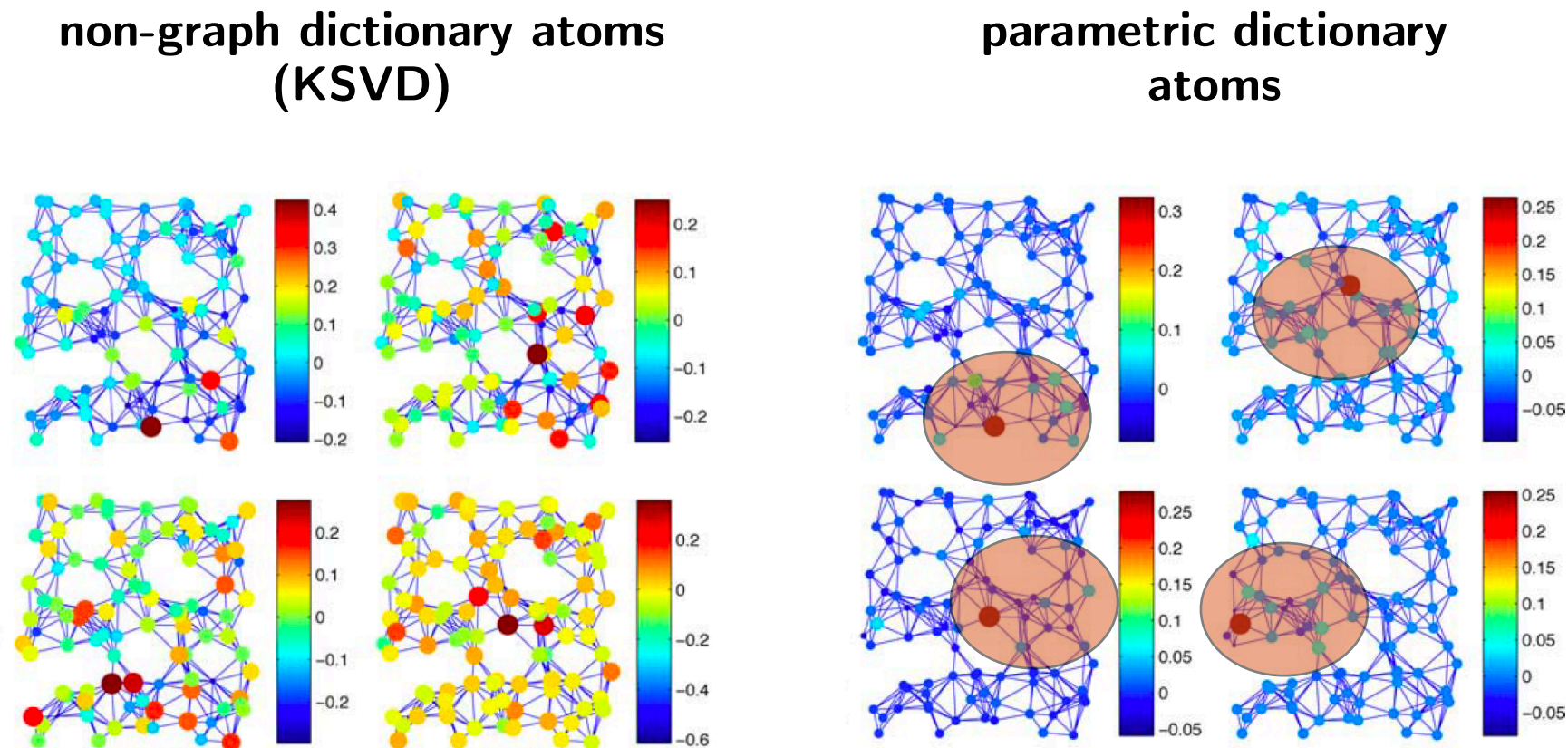
- **sparse approximation:** fixing D and solve for C
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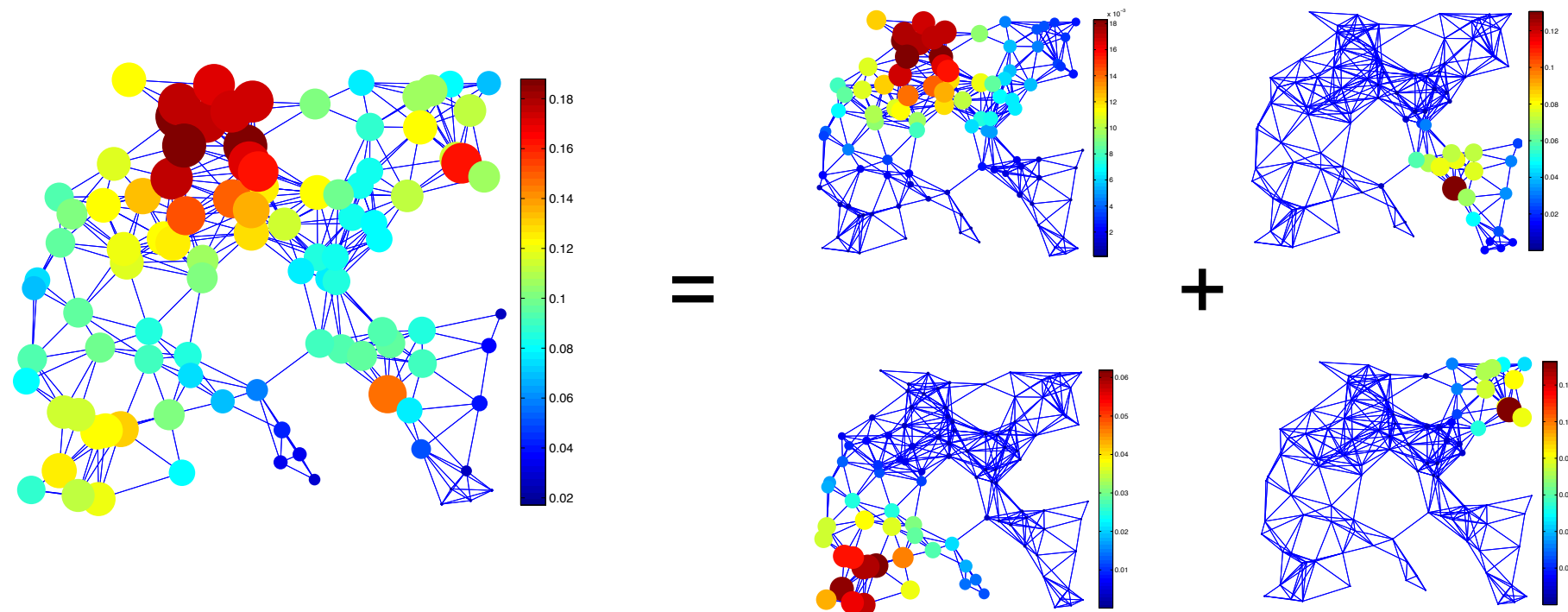
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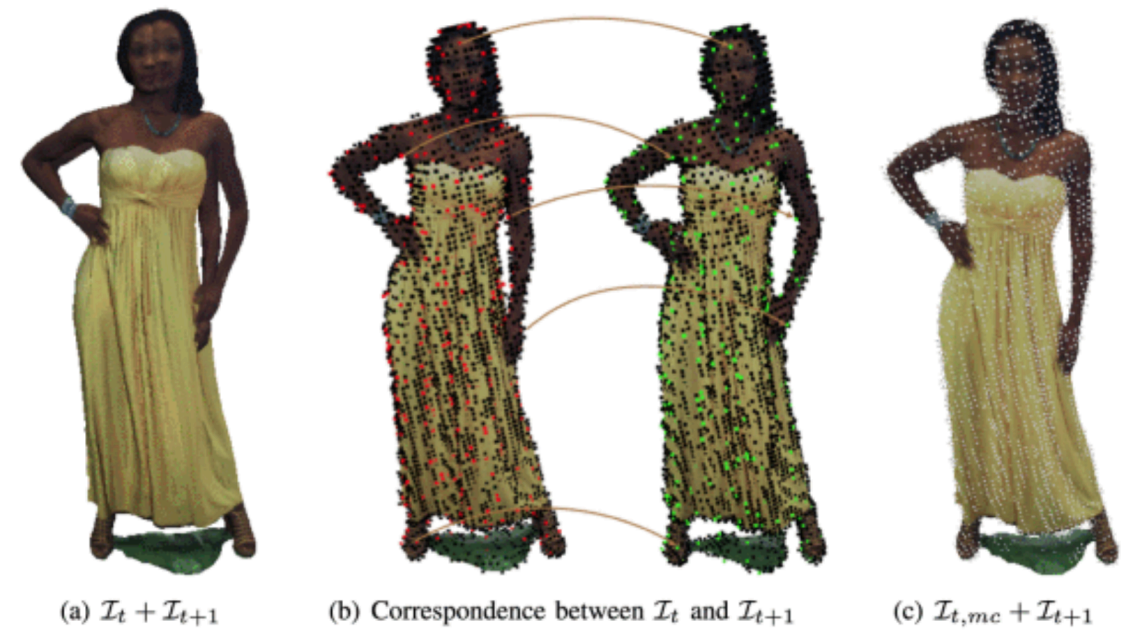
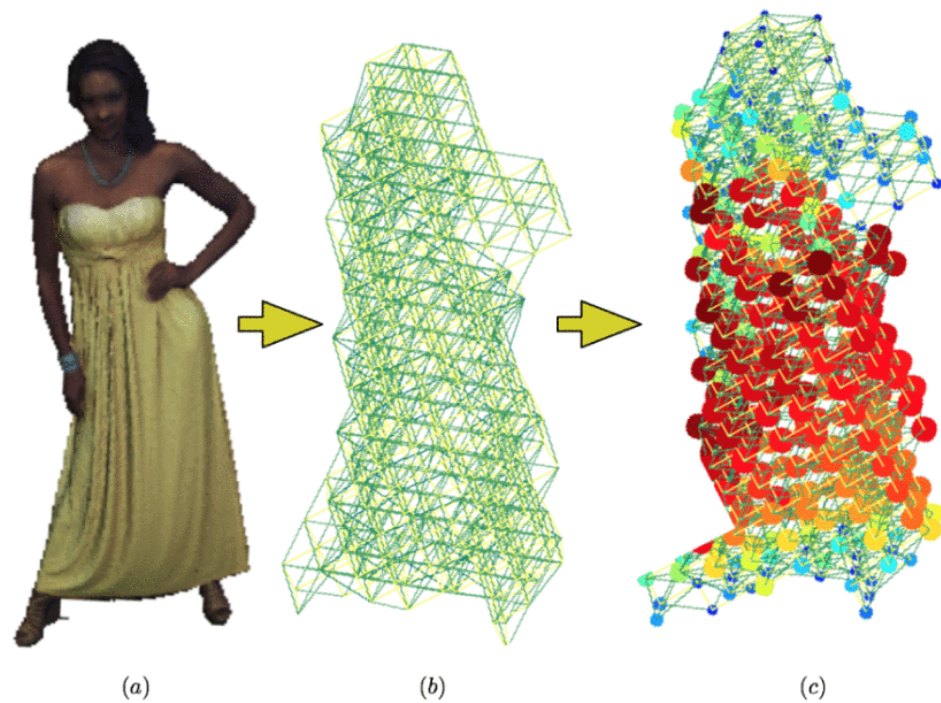
Graph dictionary design - Summary

- Analytical vs trained graph dictionaries
 - mathematical modelling of data on graphs
 - adaptation to data on graphs
- Both approaches focus on design or learning of the kernel function
 - shift, modulation, scaling, learning-based
- This lecture has focused on Laplacian spectrum based designs
 - other possibilities exist (e.g., purely vertex-domain designs)
- Connection with other fields
 - representation learning on graphs (e.g., node embedding)
 - deep learning on graphs

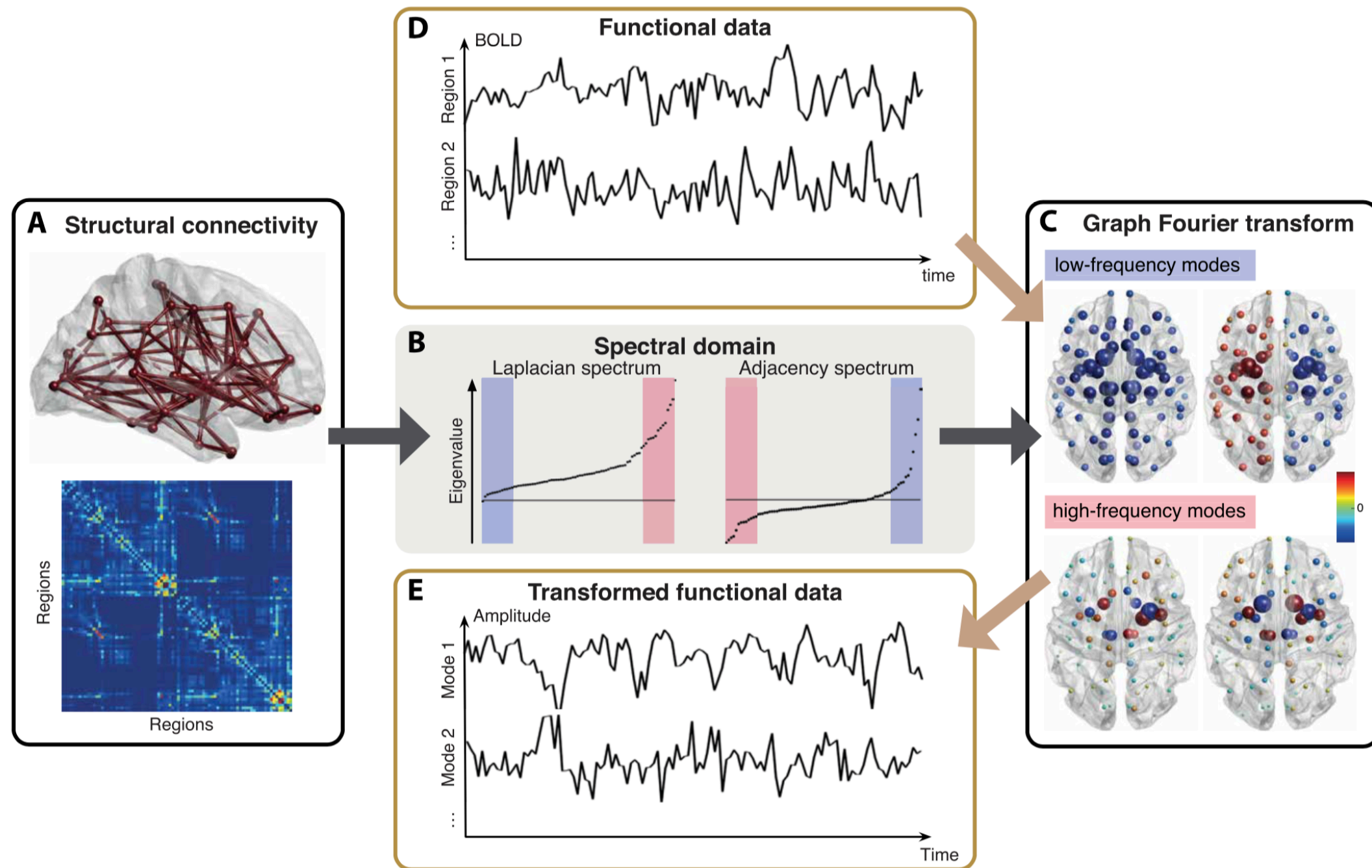
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- Graph spectral filtering: Basic tools of GSP
- Representation of graph signals
- Applications

Application I: 3D point cloud analysis

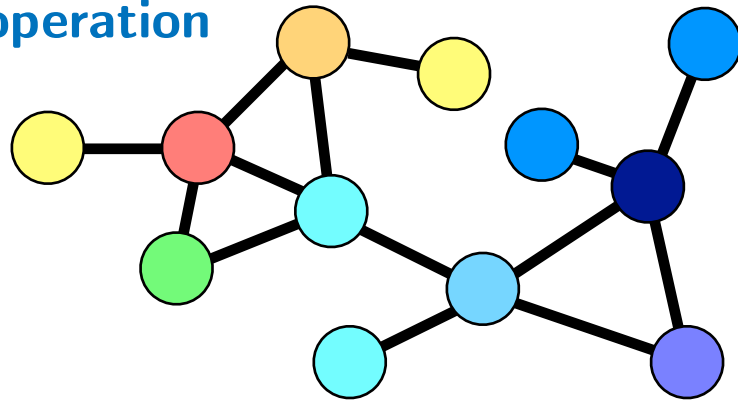


Application II: Neuroscience

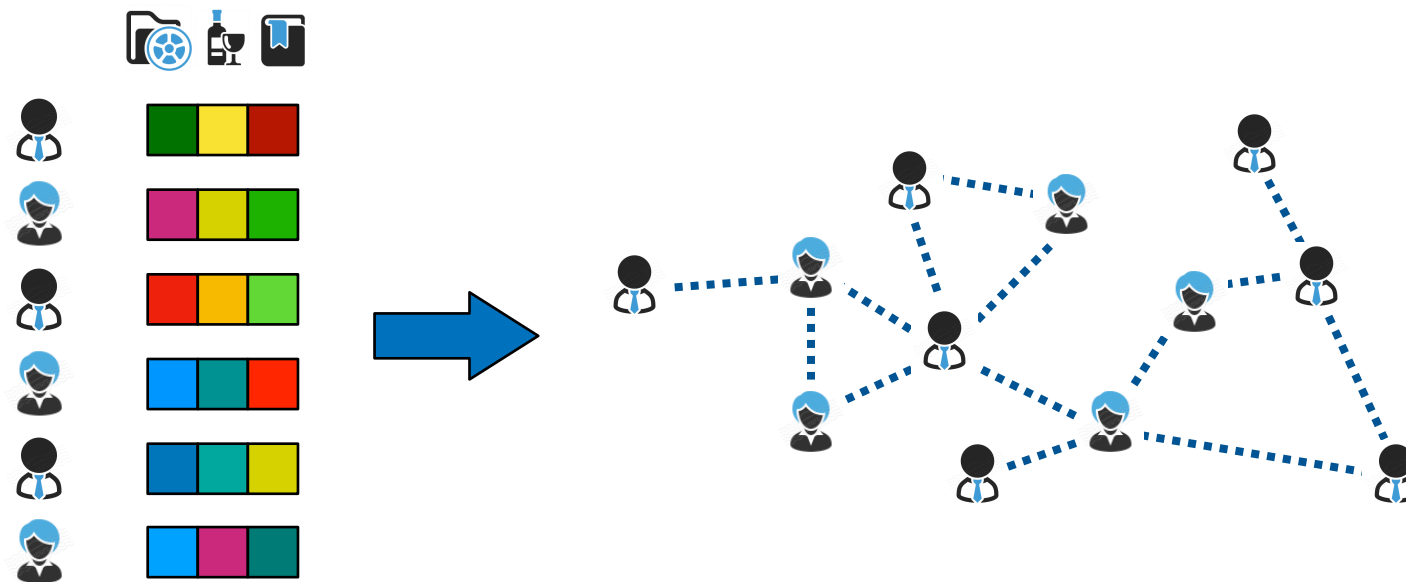
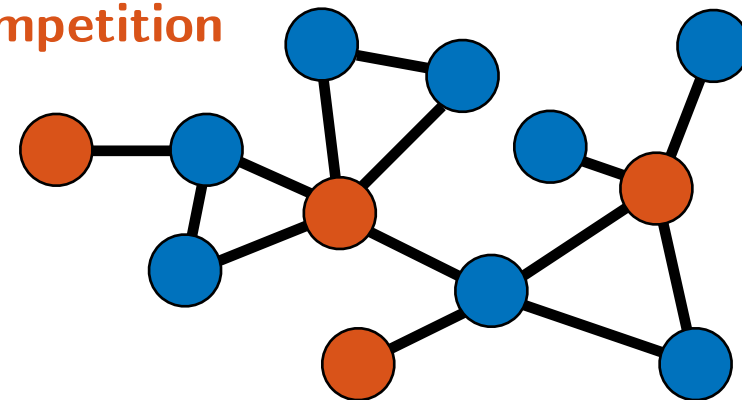


Application III: Inferring strategic relations

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competition



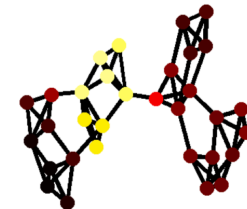
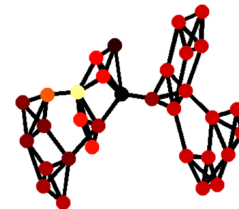
infer strategic relations from equilibrium actions

Application IV: Community detection

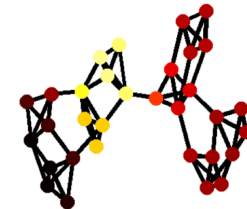
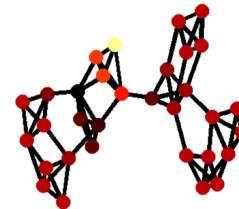
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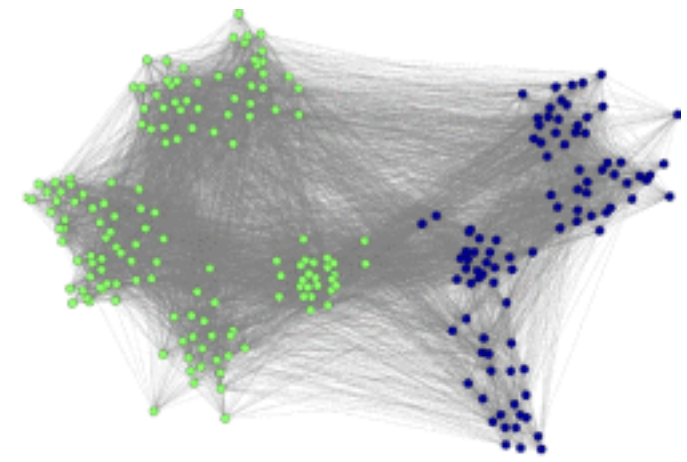
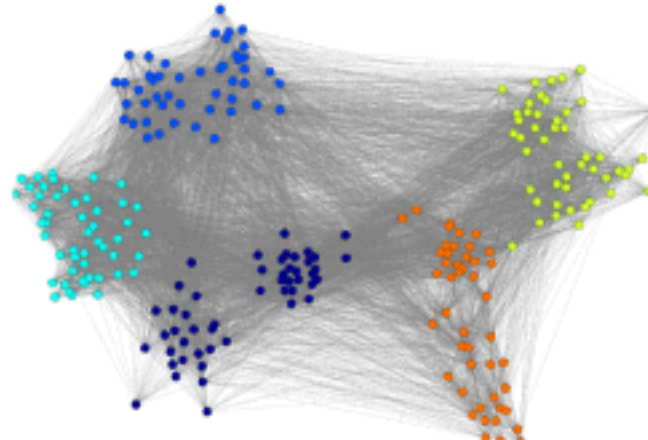
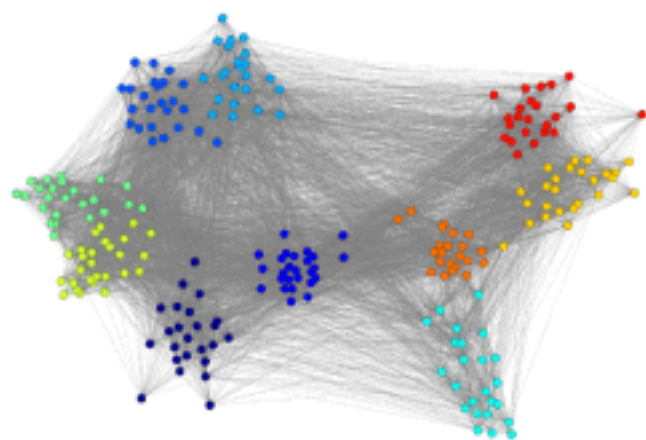
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small scale

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Promising directions in GSP

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 - incorporating underlying physical processes
 - probabilistic modelling on graphs
 - how to handle temporal dynamics?
- Graph construction
 - how to infer graph topology given observed data?
- Implementation issues
 - fast graph Fourier transform
 - distributed processing
- Connection with other fields
 - complex networks and systems
 - deep learning on graphs
 - Bayesian modelling

