

CS-E4075 - Special Course in Machine Learning, Data Science and Artificial Intelligence
D: Signed graphs: spectral theory and applications

Introduction to signed graphs

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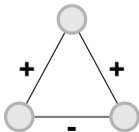
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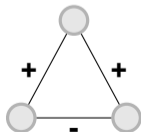


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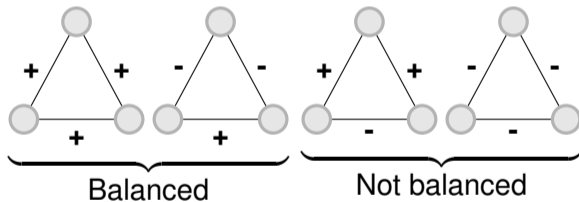
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Motivation: **balance** in social networks.

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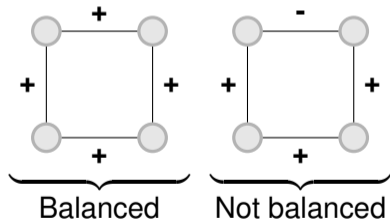


The four possible non-isomorphic signed triangles.

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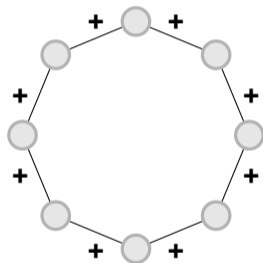
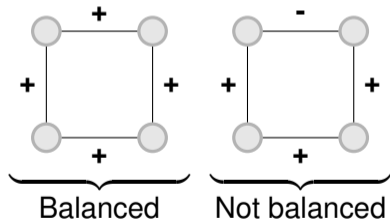
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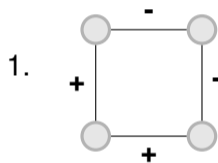
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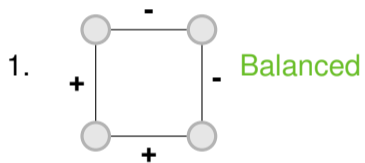
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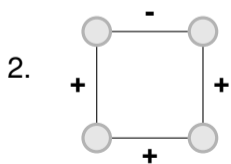
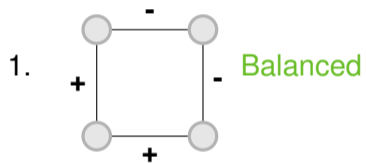
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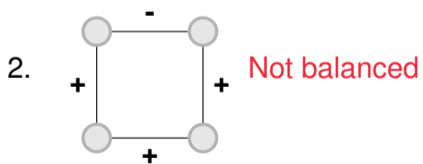
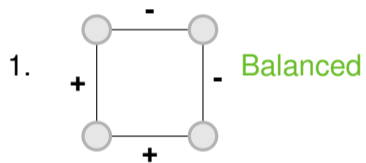
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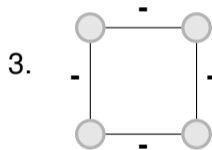
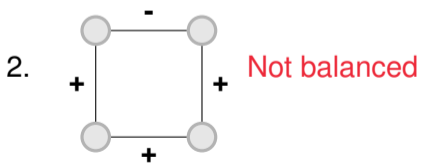
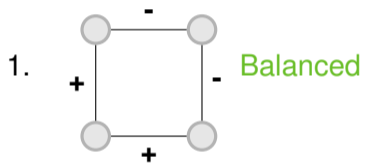
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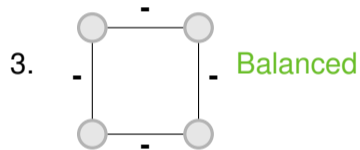
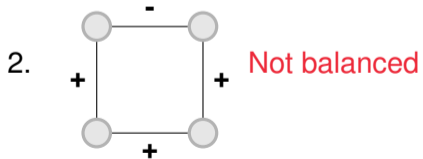
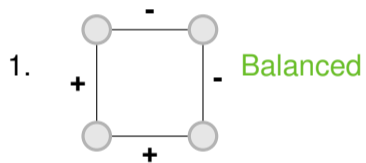
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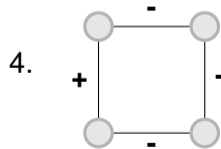
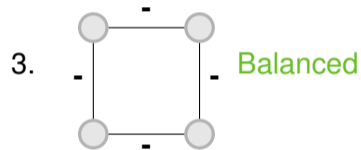
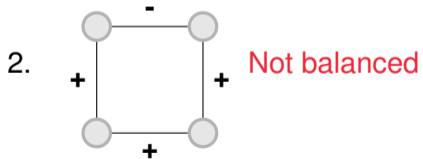
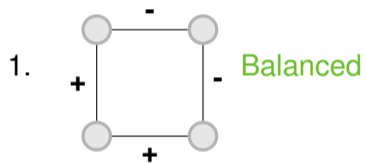
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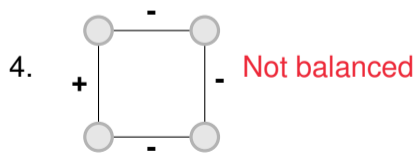
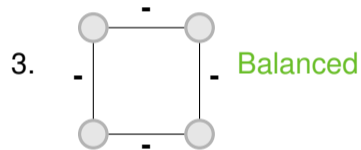
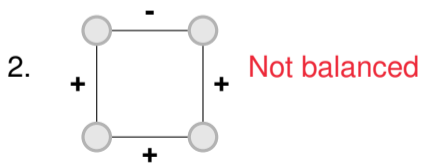
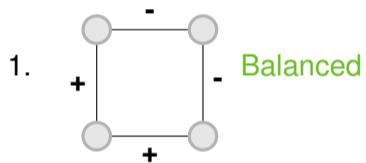
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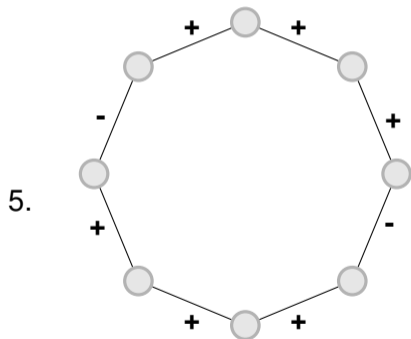
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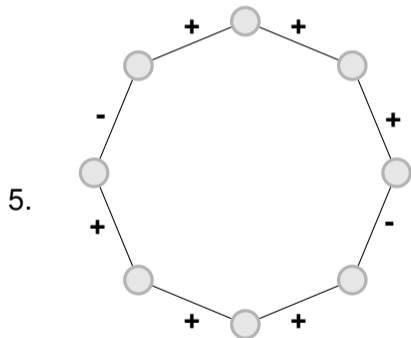
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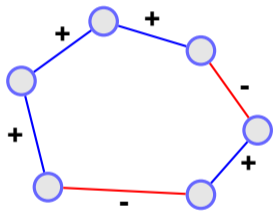


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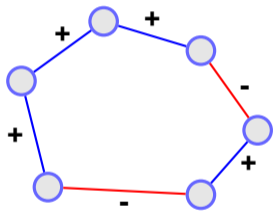


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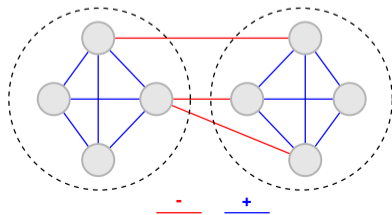
A graph is balanced if it contains no unbalanced (negative) cycles.

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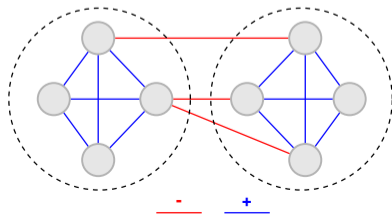


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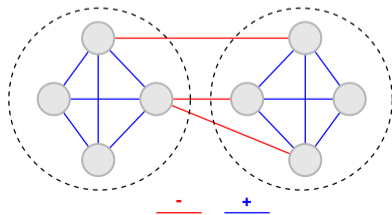


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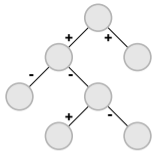
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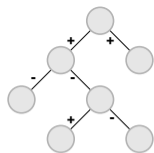
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- ▶ All paths between any pair u, v have the same sign.



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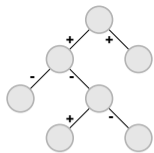


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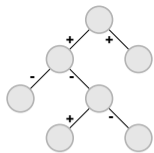


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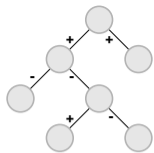
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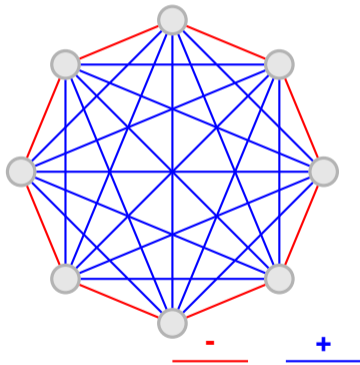
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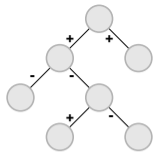


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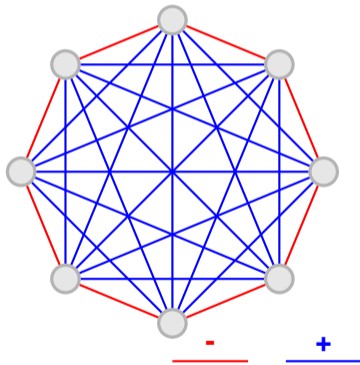
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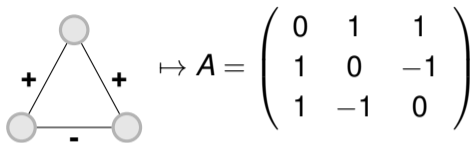


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Spectral implications of negative weights

Signed graphs: spectral theory

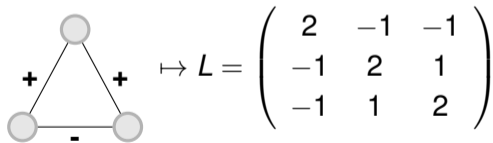
Signed adjacency matrix: $A = A_{E^+} - A_{E^-}$

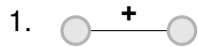


Signed Laplacian: $L = D - A$.

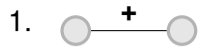
Degree matrix:

$$\bar{D}_{ij} = \begin{cases} d_i = \sum_k |A_{ik}| & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$





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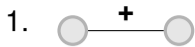
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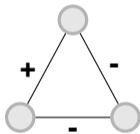


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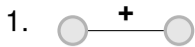


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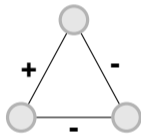


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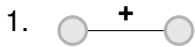


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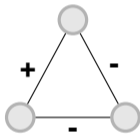


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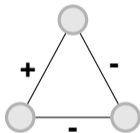


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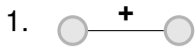


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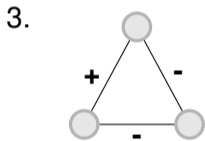
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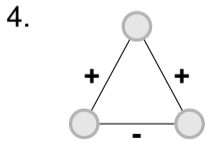
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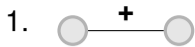
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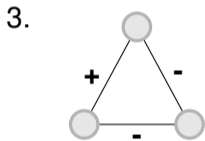
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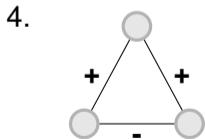
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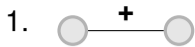
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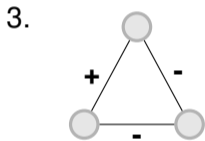
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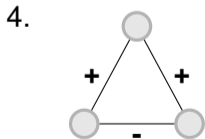
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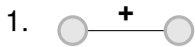
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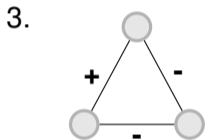
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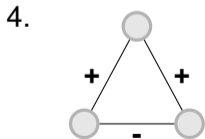
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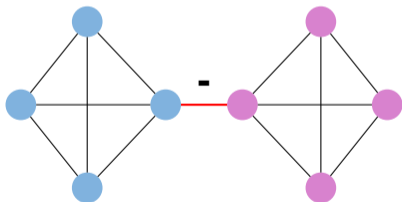


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Signed graphs: spectral theory

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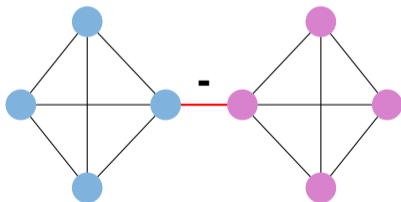


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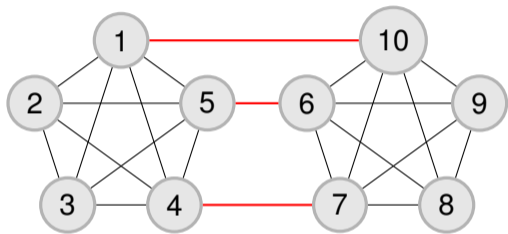
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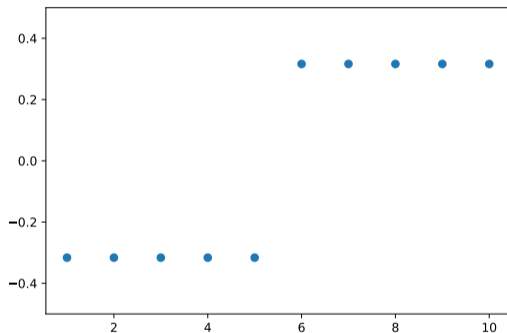
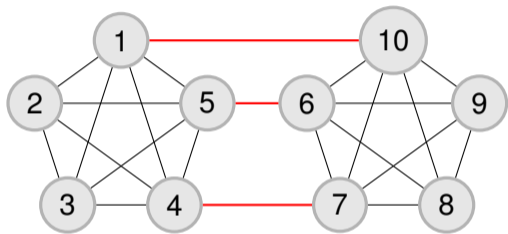
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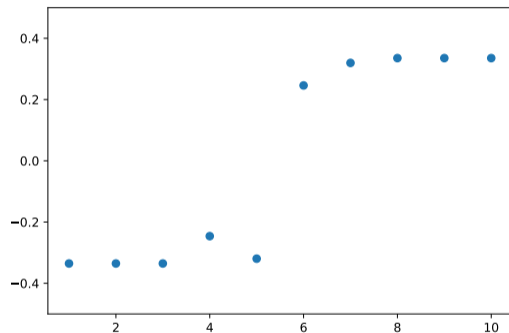
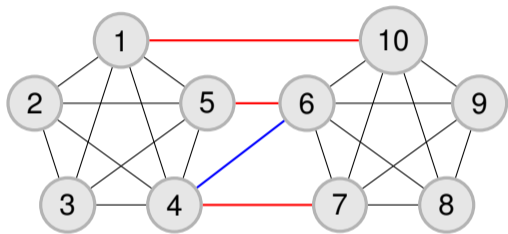
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$$v_1 = (-0.316, -0.316, -0.316, -0.316, -0.316, 0.316, 0.316, 0.316, 0.316, 0.316)$$

$$\lambda_1 = 0$$

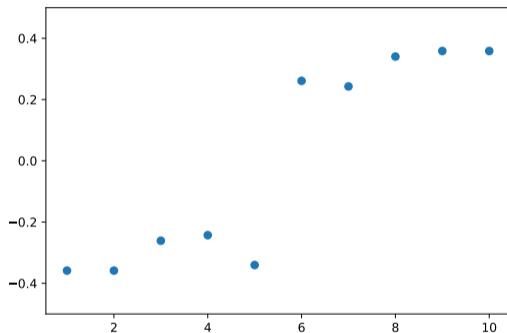
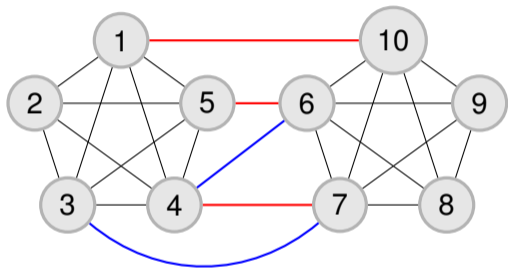
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$$v_1 = (-0.335, -0.335, -0.335, -0.246, -0.32, 0.246, 0.32, 0.335, 0.335, 0.335)$$

$$\lambda_1 \approx 0.313$$

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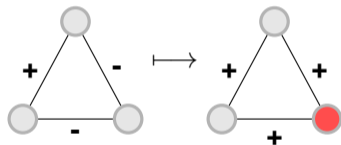


$v_1 =$
 $(-0.359, -0.359, -0.261, -0.243, -0.34, 0.261, 0.243, 0.34, 0.359, 0.359)$
 $\lambda_1 \approx 0.645$

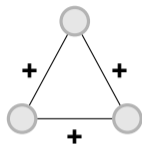
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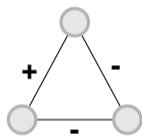
Switch $S \subset V$: flip signs of edges between S and $V \setminus S$.



The spectrum of both A and L is invariant w.r.t. switching.

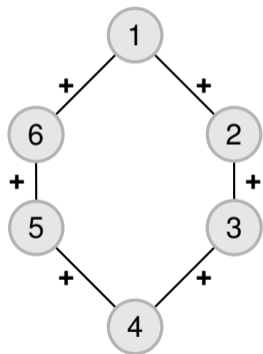


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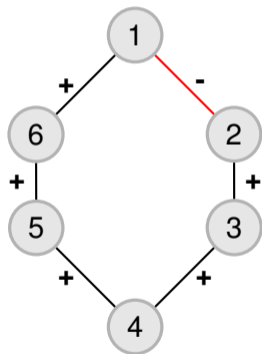
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▶ Spectrum: (0, 1, 1, 3, 3, 4)

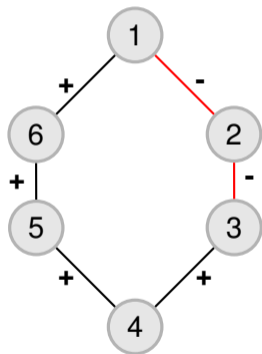


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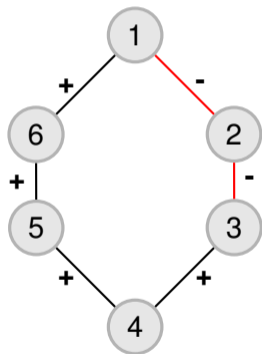
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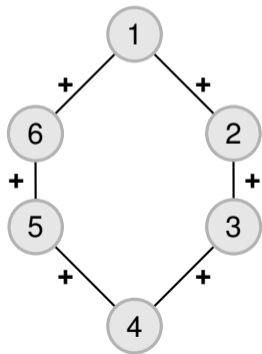


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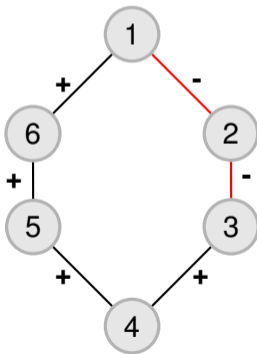
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Other spectral characterizations of balance

1. Spectrum (A or L) of $G =$ spectrum of $|G|$ (**underlying** graph).
2. **Switching equivalent** to all-positive.



$\text{switch}_{\{v_2\}}$



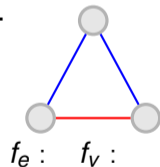
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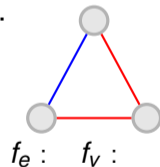
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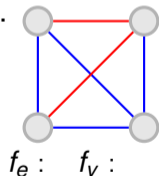
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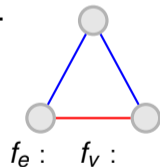


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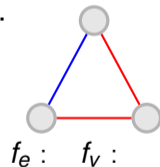
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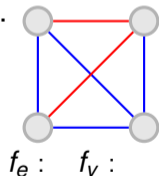
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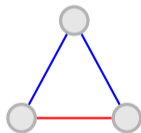


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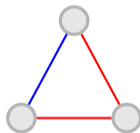
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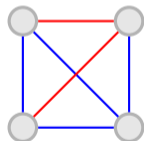
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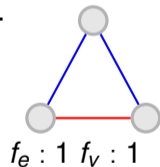
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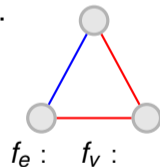
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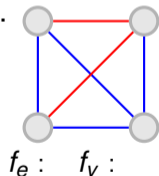
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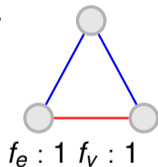


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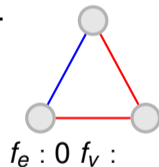
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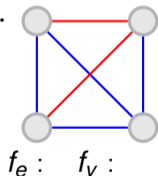
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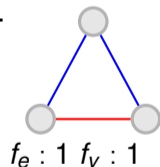


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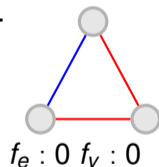
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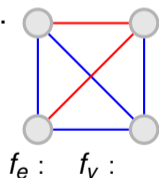
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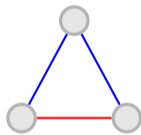


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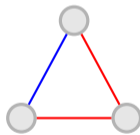
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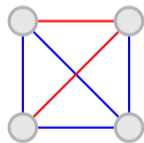
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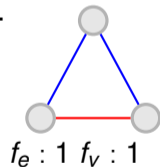
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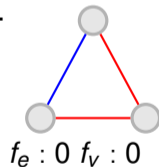
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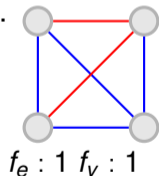
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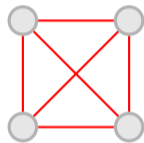
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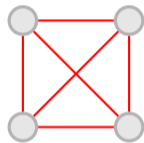


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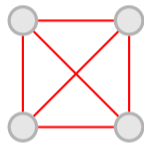
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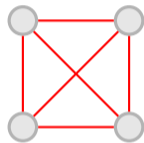
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Finding the edge frustration is NP-hard (MAXCUT).

Spectral frustration inequalities

The spectral connection

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Try $\mathbf{1}_{\pm}^T L \mathbf{1}_{\pm}$, where $\mathbf{1}_{\pm}$ = partition indicator.

Spectral graph theory

Take-aways from this lecture:

- ▶ Balance theory.
- ▶ Characterizations of balance.
- ▶ Spectral characterizations of balance.
- ▶ Fiedler vector in signed graphs.
- ▶ Switching.
- ▶ Frustration.