

# CSI5180. Machine Learning for Bioinformatics Applications

Learning **Graphs**

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# Preamble

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A **graph** is a fundamental data structure with a great number of applications, both in computer science and the life sciences. In this lecture, we consider machine learning algorithms where graphs are playing a central role.

### General objective :

- ✦ Discuss the applications of **frequent subgraph mining** in bioinformatics

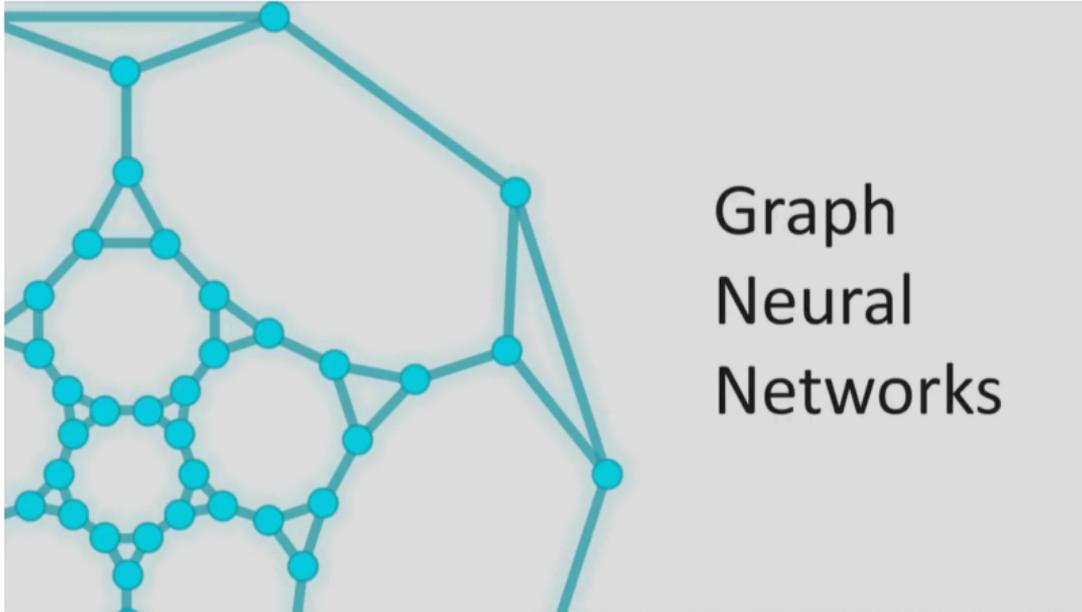
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- ❖ **Explain** the two main paradigms, single graph vs multiple graphs

## Reading:

- ❖ Aida Mrzic, Pieter Meysman, Wout Bittremieux, Pieter Moris, Boris Cule, Bart Goethals, and Kris Laukens. Grasping frequent subgraph mining for bioinformatics applications. *BioData Min* **11**:20, 2018.
- ❖ Peng Zhang and Yuval Itan. Biological network approaches and applications in rare disease studies. *Genes* **10**: 2019.
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  - ❖ § 6, 7 and 8.

# Graph neural networks by Alexander Gaunt



<https://youtu.be/cWIeTMklzNg>

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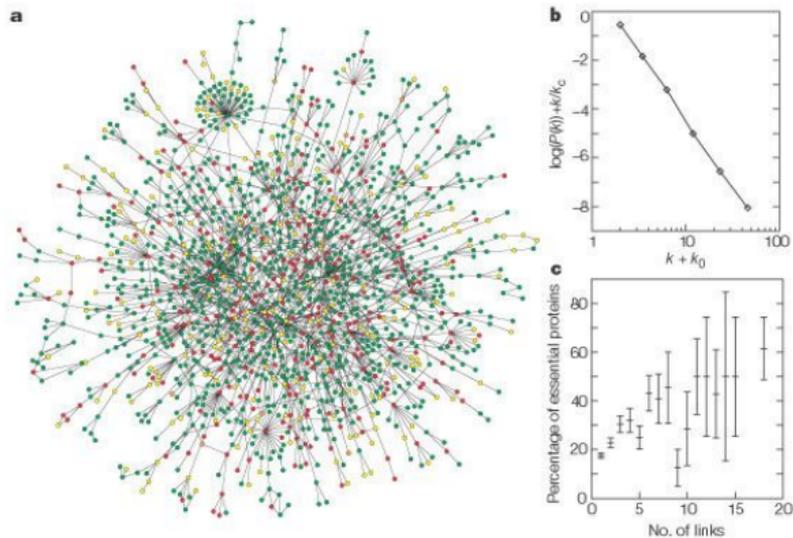
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# Introduction

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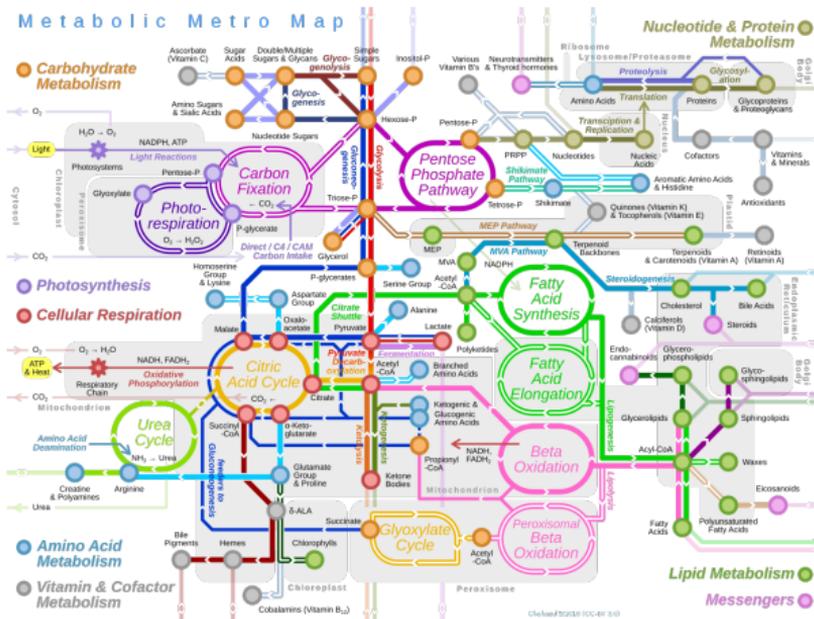
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- ❖ Biological Pathways
- ❖ Protein-Protein Interactions (PPI)
- ❖ RNA-RNA Interaction (RRI)
- ❖ RNA secondary structure (tree, dual graph)
- ❖ Molecular graph (connectivity of molecules)
  - ❖ PubChem from NIH has 90 million entries
- ❖ Genome assembly
- ❖ Ontologies

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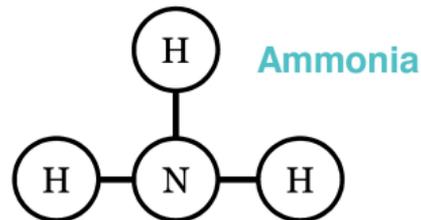
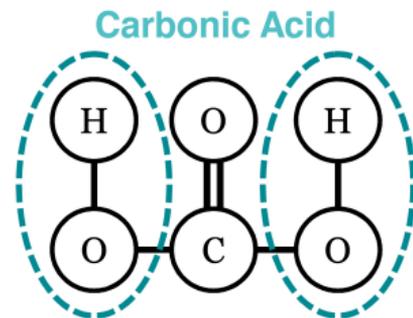
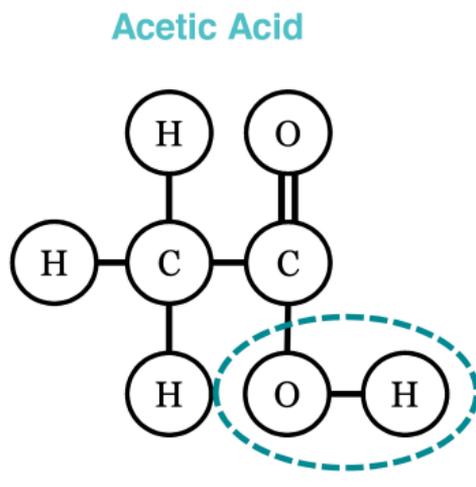
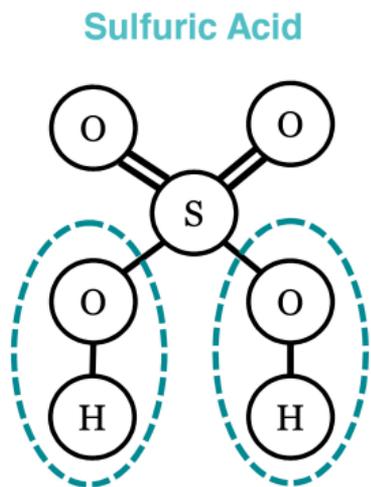
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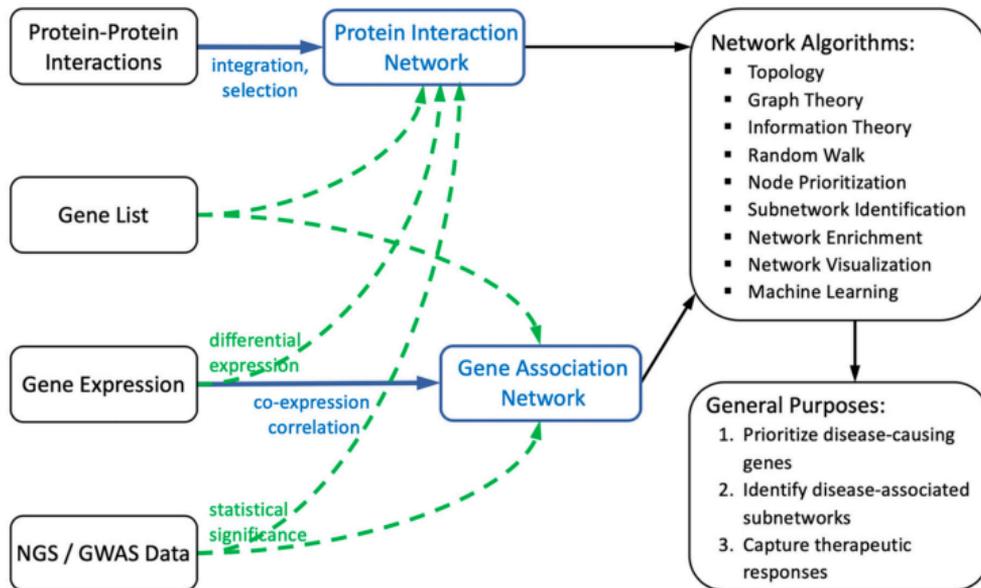
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O-H present in  $\frac{3}{4}$  inputs  $\rightarrow$  frequent if support  $\leq 3$



Source: [Samatova et al., 2013]

# Biological networks and rare disease

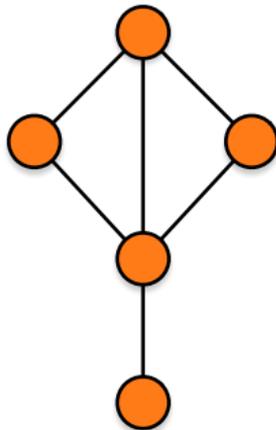
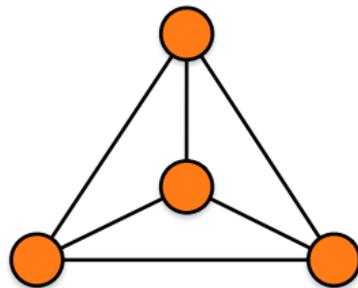


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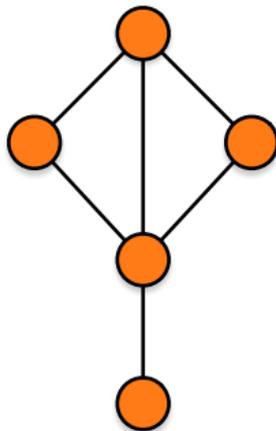
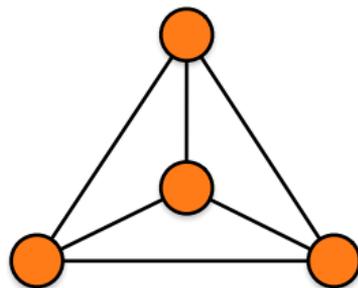
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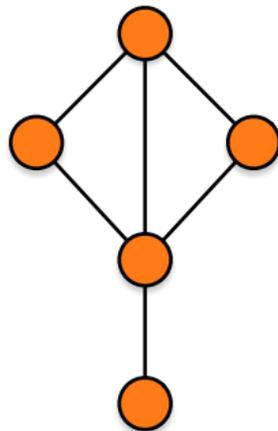
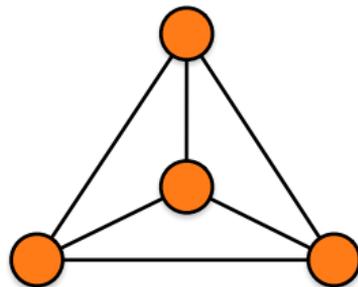
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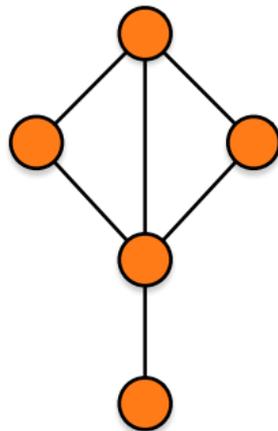
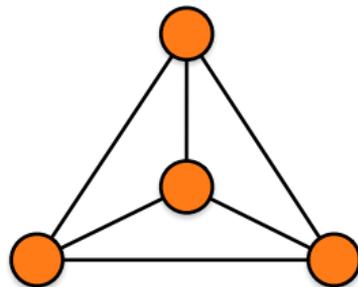
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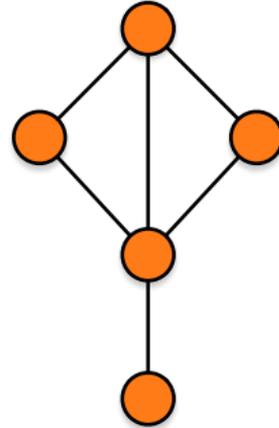
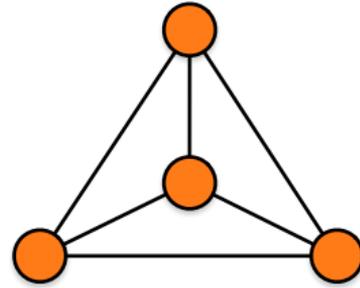
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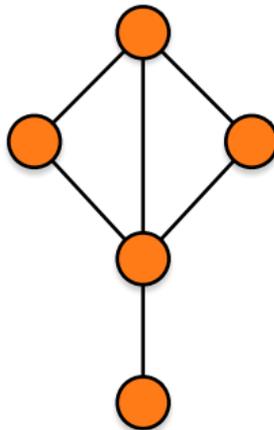
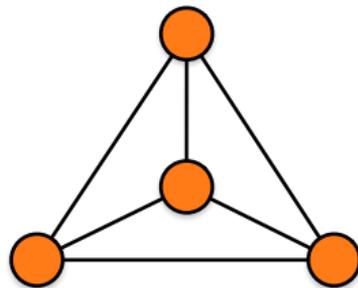
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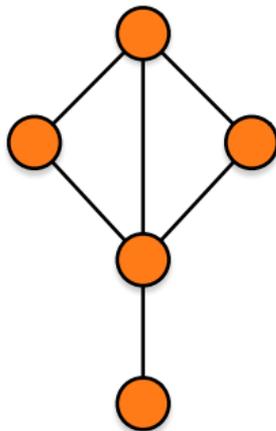
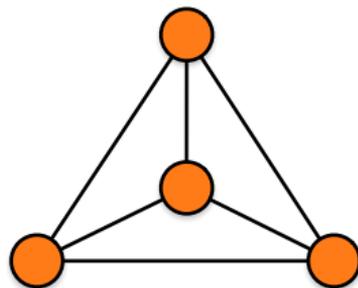
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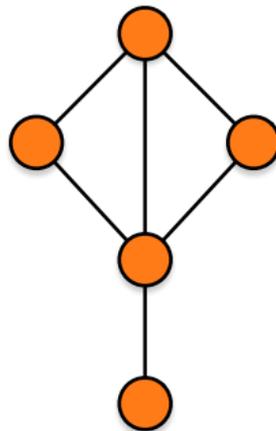
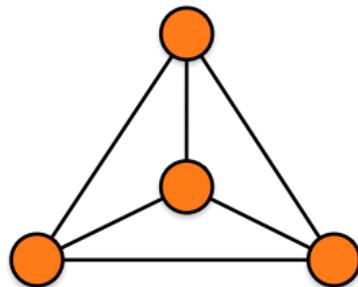
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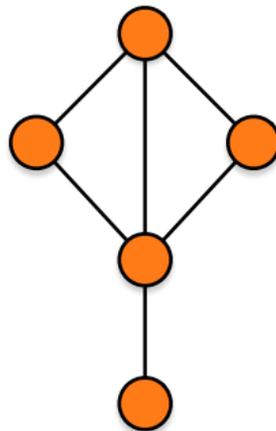
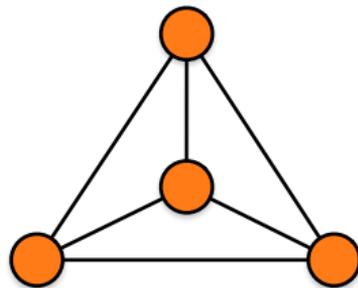
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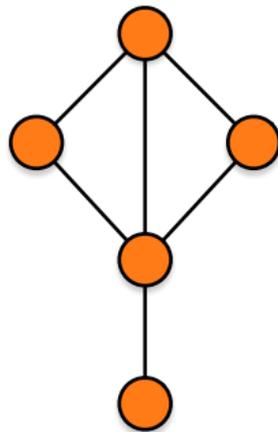
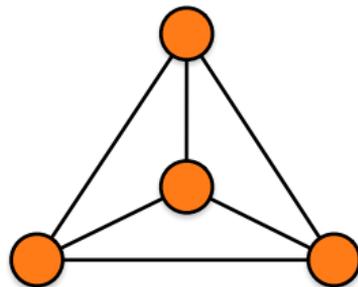
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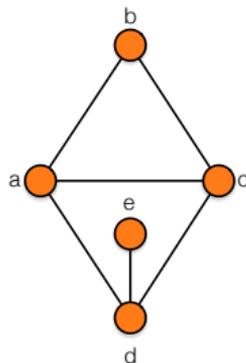
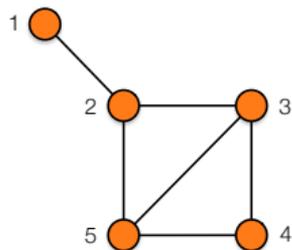
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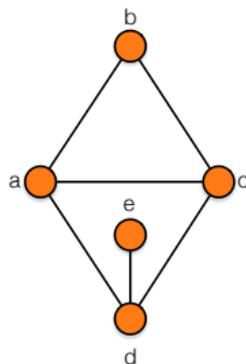
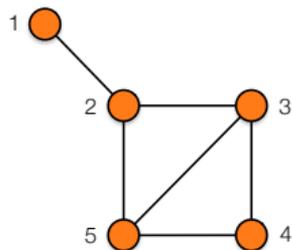
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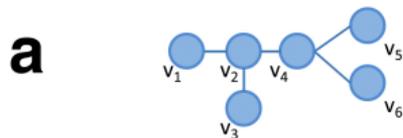
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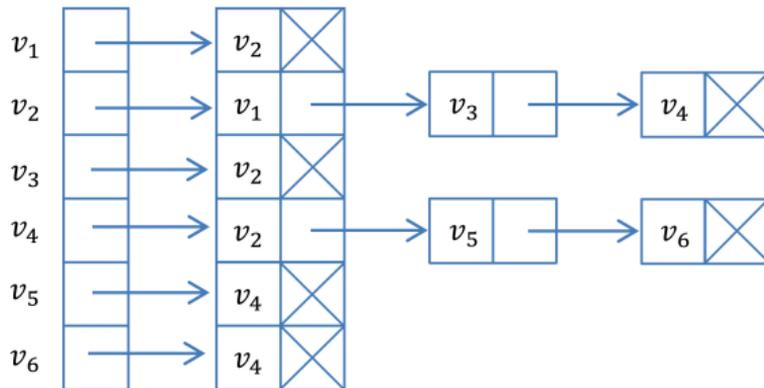
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- ❖ The overarching theme is searching for **frequently occurring interesting subgraphs**.

# Frequent subgraph mining

- ❖ **Input:** a **graph** ( $G$ ) or **set of graphs** ( $\mathcal{G}$ ).
- ❖ **Output:** **subgraphs** with good **support**.

$$\mathcal{F} = \{g \mid g \text{ is a subgraph of } G \text{ or } \mathcal{G}; \text{support}(g) \geq \text{minimum support}\}$$

- ❖ Where **support** is a **problem specific** measure:
  - ❖ **Count** is larger than some threshold  $s$ .
  - ❖ **Statistical enrichment** compared to some background distribution.

# Algorithms

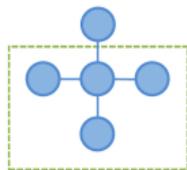
# Frequent subgraph mining (high level)

1. **Enumerate** candidates
2. **Filter** the list
3. **Count** the number of occurrences
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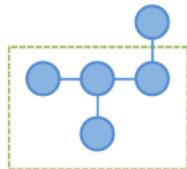
**Counting** the number of occurrences is computationally demanding!

# Join node- or edge-based enumeration

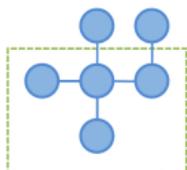
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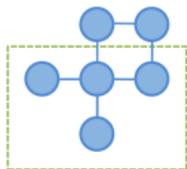
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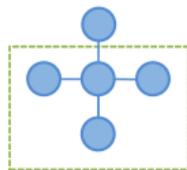


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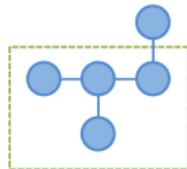


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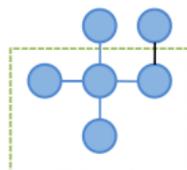
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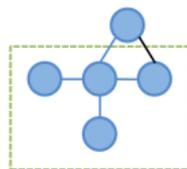
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**Source:** [Mrzic et al., 2018] Figure 4

# Pruning

- ❖ The candidate enumeration algorithms are joining subgraphs are are frequent <sup>1</sup>.
  - ❖ The *a priori* principle says that **a graph cannot be more frequent than any of its subgraphs.**

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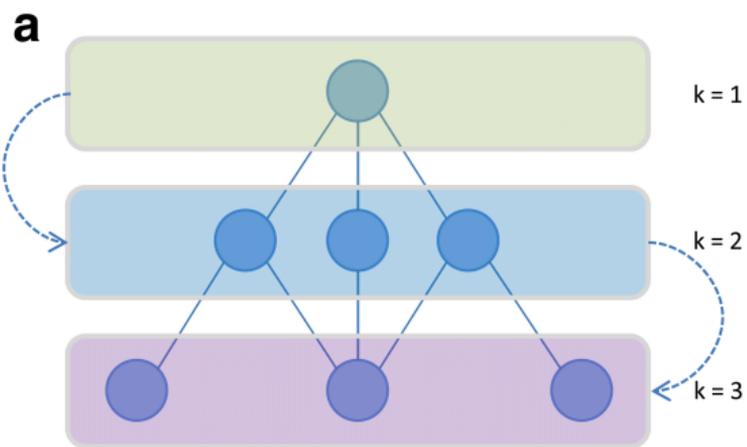
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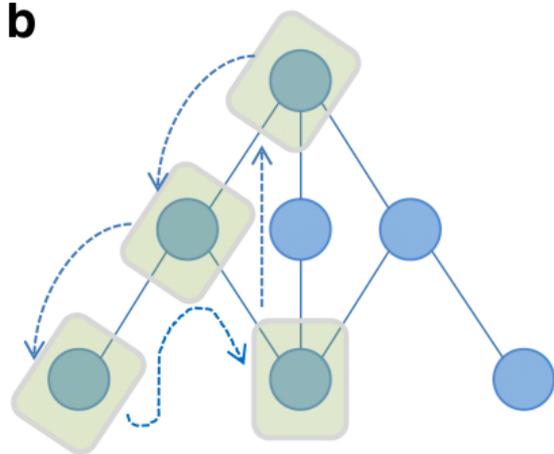
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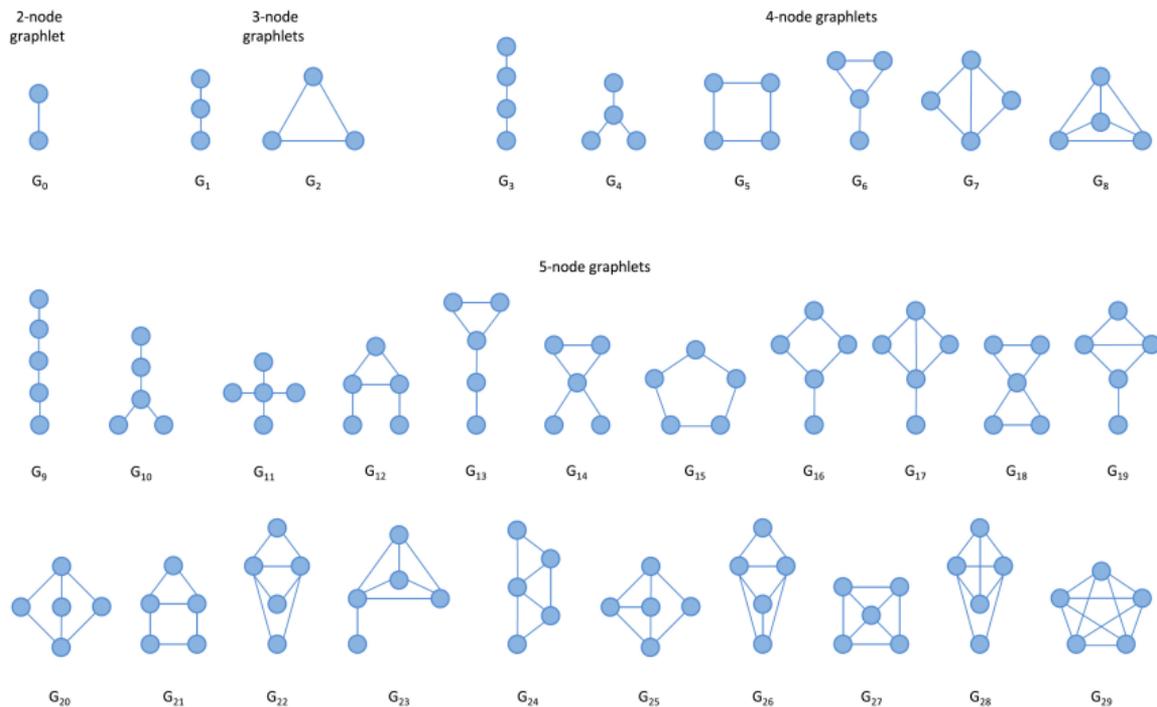


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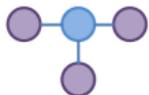
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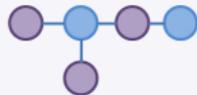
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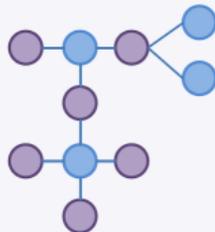
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*Graph database D*

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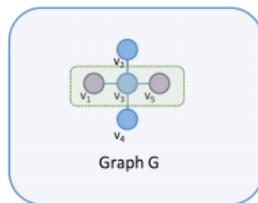
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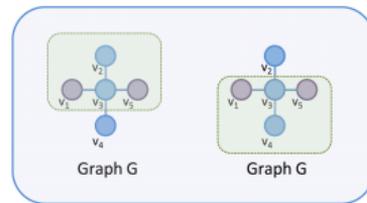
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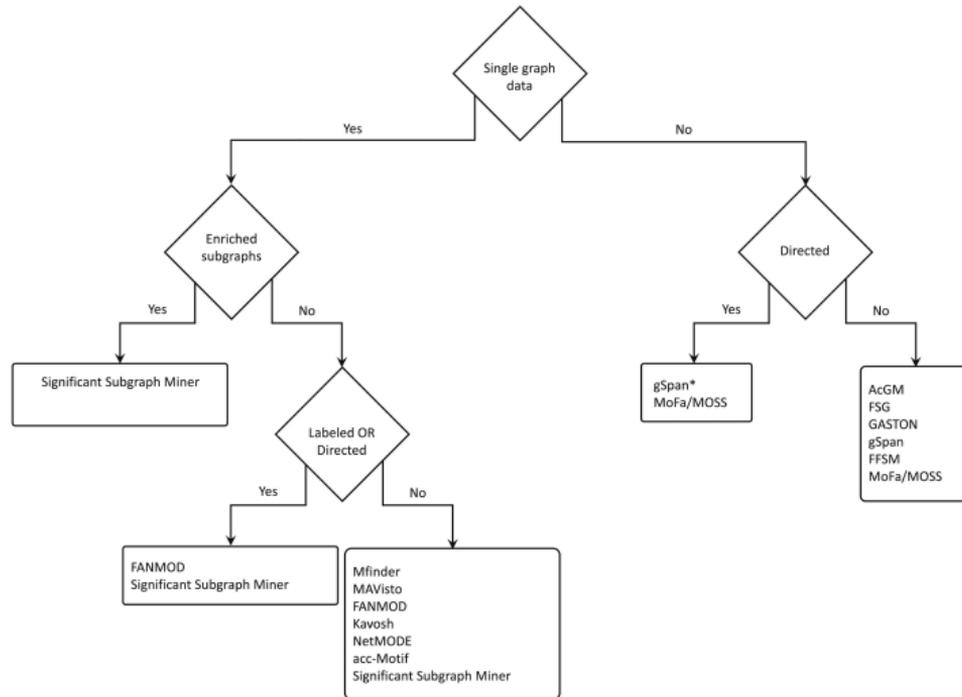
$\text{support}(g_1) = 1$



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# Existing approaches



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# Next module

## ❖ **Ensemble Learning**

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