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## Wiki-World: Implicit Translation via Graph Embeddings

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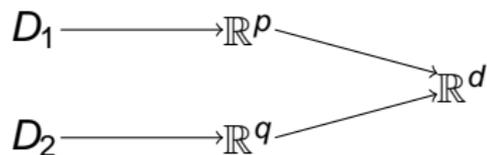


# Data Fusion

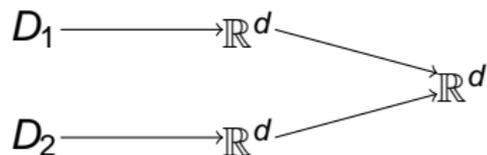
- ▶ Given data of different types (graphs, measurements, signals, . . .) we wish to perform inference using all the data.
- ▶ How do we combine information from two graphs? This will be the topic of this lecture.
- ▶ More generally, how do we:
  - ▶ combine information contained in a graph with other external information?
  - ▶ combine two (or more) very different types of information?
- ▶ These are fruitful areas of research.



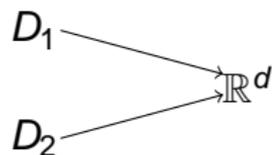
# Data Fusion Methods



Embed each independently  
then combine embeddings  
(simplest:  $\mathbb{R}^d = \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^q$ )



Embed into copies of a space  
then combine embeddings  
(eg: Procrustes)



Embed simultaneously  
(can we do this?)

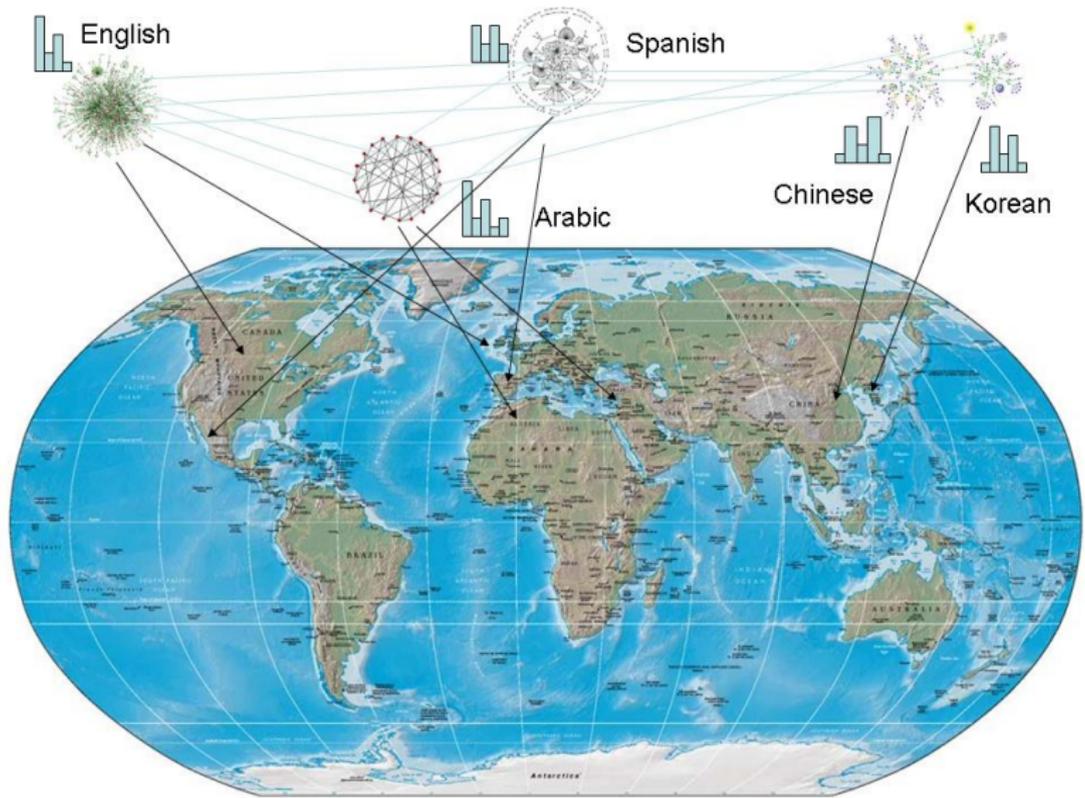


# Wikipediæ

- ▶ Wikipedia is an open-source Encyclopedia that is written by a large community of users (everyone who wants to, basically).
- ▶ There are versions in over 80 languages, with various amounts of content.
- ▶ The full data for the Wikipediæ are freely available for download.
- ▶ A Wikipedia article has one or more of:
  - ▶ Title.
  - ▶ Unique ID number.
  - ▶ Text – the content of the article.
  - ▶ Internal links – links to other (related?) articles.
  - ▶ External links – links to other content on the web or elsewhere.
  - ▶ Language links – links to “the same” page in other languages.



# Wiki-World



# Implicit Translation

- ▶ By **implicit translation** I mean the association of documents that “mean the same” or are on the same topic.
- ▶ This is not a word-level translation, nor is it meant to imply a real translation in any normal sense.
- ▶ The idea is to associate two documents that are on the same topic:
  - ▶ The Afrikaans article titled “Sterrekunde” should be matched with the one titled “Astronomy” in English.
  - ▶ We want to do this with no word-level dictionary available.
- ▶ Note that while these articles will likely not be direct translations of each other, they are in some sense translations of the “Astronomy” topic into the two languages.
- ▶ Further, they should be associated only if they do in fact discuss the same topics.



# Wiki-World as a Testbed for Implicit Translation

- ▶ Consider two Wikipedia, English and French:
  - ▶  $G_E$  and  $G_F$  the graphs within the each Wikipedia.
  - ▶  $L_E$  and  $L_F$  the lexicons in the two languages.
  - ▶  $H_E$  and  $H_F$  the language models of each article (word-count histograms).
  - ▶  $A_{E \leftrightarrow F}$  the associations between the languages.
- ▶ We can treat the given associations as ground truth, and use these to determine the quality of a given method for implicit translation.
- ▶ How do we perform the implicit translation?



# Implicit Translation via Embeddings

- ▶ The basic idea is as follows:
  - ▶ Embed the two sets of documents into the same space.
    - ▶ This may use the graphs, the text, or both.
    - ▶ We will focus primarily on the graphs in this talk.
  - ▶ Given any pair of documents, one from each language, determine their similarity in the space.
  - ▶ Similar pairs are associated.
- ▶ The key is the embedding: how should we embed these two graphs (two word-count histograms, . . .) into the same space?



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# Graphs

- ▶ A graph is a pair  $G = (V, E)$ ,  $V = [n]$ ,  $E \subset V \times V$ .
- ▶  $V$  are called vertices,  $E$  are edges, the pairs in  $E$  are unordered and distinct.
- ▶ If the edges are ordered pairs, the graph is a directed graph (digraph), and the edges point from the first element to the second.
- ▶ Write  $ij$  for  $\{i, j\} \in E$ .
- ▶ A graph can be presented in many ways. We'll consider:
  - ▶ An edge list:  $\{\{i_1, j_1\}, \dots, \}$ .
  - ▶ An adjacency matrix:  $A = (a_{ij})$ ,  $a_{ij} = I\{\{i, j\} \in E\}$ .
- ▶ The degree of a vertex  $v$  is the number of edges incident to it. For directed graphs there are out-degrees and in-degrees.



# Thoughts on Graph Embeddings

- ▶ What we want: to embed a graph into  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , say, so that vertices that are “close” are “close” in the space, and those that are “far” are “far”.
- ▶ For implicit translation, it is not enough to embed just one graph, we want to embed two.
- ▶ Worse, we want vertices that *should be* close to end up close.
- ▶ What can we do?
  - ▶ Embed each independently and use “Procrustes” to map them together?
  - ▶ Embed each independently and use something more clever.
  - ▶ Embed them simultaneously. How?
- ▶ Can we also use the lexicons somehow?



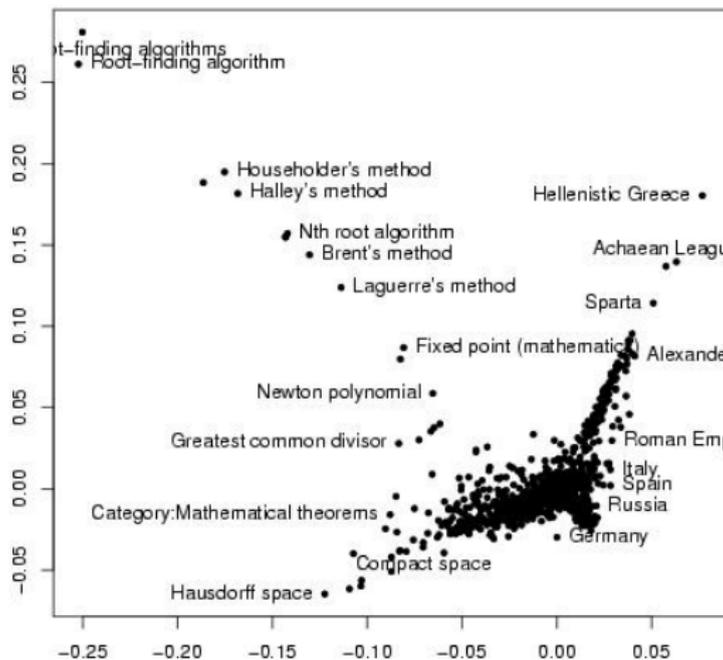
# Laplacian Eigenmaps

- ▶ Write  $L = D - A$  where  $D$  is the diagonal matrix of vertex degrees,  $A$  the adjacency matrix (of a graph).
- ▶ The spectrum of  $L$  provides one way to embed the graph:
  - ▶ Compute the  $d$  eigenvectors associated with the  $d$  smallest non-zero eigenvalues.
  - ▶ Use these as the coordinates of the embedded vertices (after scaling by the eigenvalues).



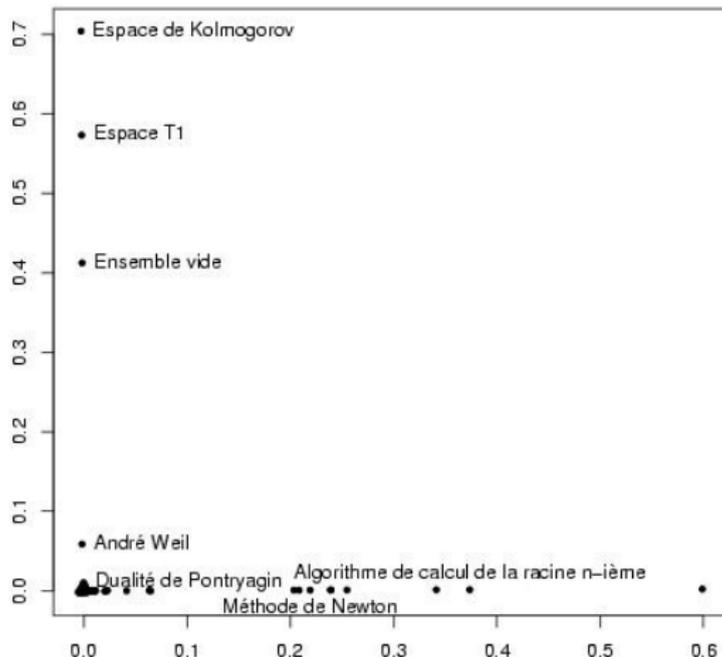
# Example Laplacian Eigenmap: Good News

- ▶ Documents within two links of “Algebraic Geometry” in the English Wikipedia.
- ▶ Laplacian Eigenmap:



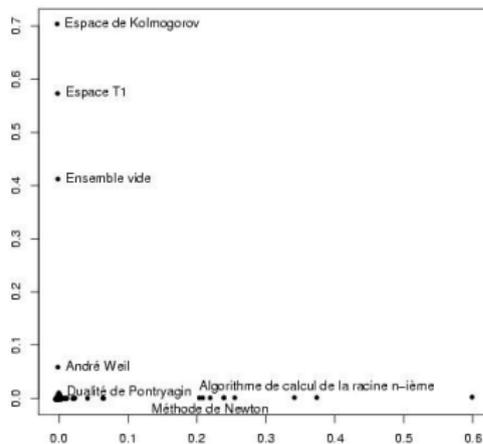
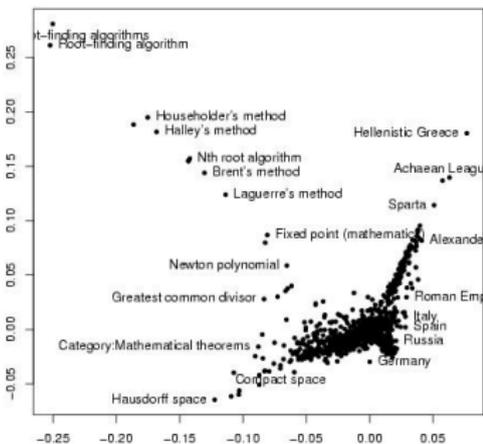
# Example Laplacian Eigenmap: Bad News

- ▶ French documents corresponding to the “Algebraic Geometry” subset from the English Wikipedia.
- ▶ Laplacian Eigenmap:



# More Care is Needed

- ▶ Note that one “arm” is algorithms, one is spaces.
- ▶ This is some evidence that the French projection is related to the English, but distorted.



# What Went Wrong?

- ▶ The French version is not connected. We are not being careful to account for this.
- ▶ We are not using any of the information we have about between-graph relationships.
- ▶ Small changes in the graph can produce large changes in the embedding.
- ▶ Procrustes can handle rotational ambiguity, but not distortions.



# Random Dot Product Graphs

- ▶ A simple model for random graphs that is sometimes useful in social network analysis.
- ▶ Each vertex  $i$  has associated a vector  $x_i$  in a “latent space”.
- ▶  $P[ij] = x_i'x_j$  with edges conditionally independent.
- ▶ For directed graphs, there are two vectors (an in-  $x$  and an out-  $y$ ) and

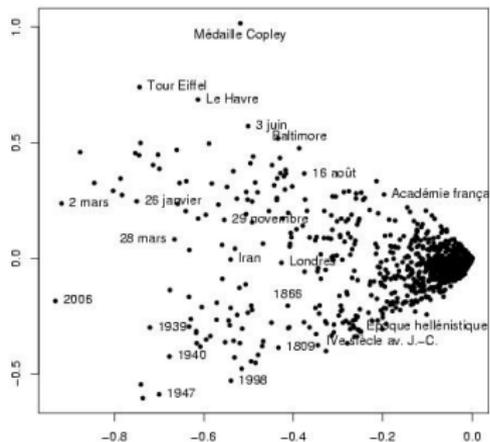
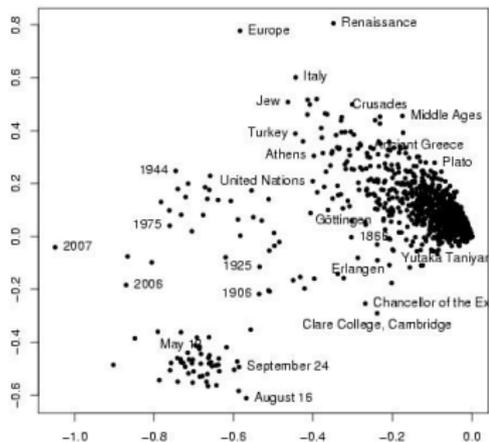
$$P[ij] = y_i'x_j$$

with edges conditionally independent.

- ▶ The vectors can be estimated from a graph using spectral analysis (least squares):
  - ▶ Let  $A' = A + D/(n - 1)$  be the adjacency matrix augmented on the diagonal by the “probability of an edge”.
  - ▶ Decompose  $A' = U\Lambda$  or  $A' = U\Lambda V'$  for directed graphs.
  - ▶ Scale  $U$  ( $V$ ) by  $\sqrt{\Lambda}$ :  $X = U\sqrt{\Lambda}$ ,  $Y = V\sqrt{\Lambda}$ .
- ▶ Embed as  $X$  or  $Y$  or  $(X, Y)$ .



# Better?



# How to Embed Both Simultaneously?

- ▶ Build an “uber-graph” combining both graphs:

$$A' = \begin{bmatrix} A_E & B \\ C & A_F \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ What should  $C$  and  $B$  contain?
  - ▶ If they are 0, the two graphs embed orthogonally and we can do nothing.
  - ▶ If they are  $I$  (we assume the 1-1 correspondence of the E and F graphs, ordered this way) we get nearly orthogonal embeddings, still useless.
  - ▶ What if

$$B = C' = \frac{1}{2}(A_E + A_F)?$$

- ▶ The latter works. Will still need to discuss how to add a new document for which we do not know the match in the other language.



# Random Projections

- ▶ It is well known that for many problems, one can obtain very good performance by simply choosing a random projection of high dimensional data.
- ▶ Is there a version of this for graphs? How can we choose a random projection of a graph into  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ?
  - ▶ Let  $Z \sim F$ , and for each vertex  $i$ , draw  $z_i$  from  $F$ .
  - ▶ Project  $v_i \rightarrow z_i \sum_{ij \in E} z_j$ .
- ▶ The multiplier by  $z_i$  is so that this extends to hypergraphs, and so that cliques don't go to identical values.
- ▶ Repeat this  $d$  times to get an embedding into  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .
- ▶ Note: this is fast, no spectral calculations, can be done on huge graphs.



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# Evaluation

- ▶ Compare the distribution of distances between pairs to those between non-paired documents.
- ▶ Compute the proportion of times the paired document is within the top  $k$  nearest documents.

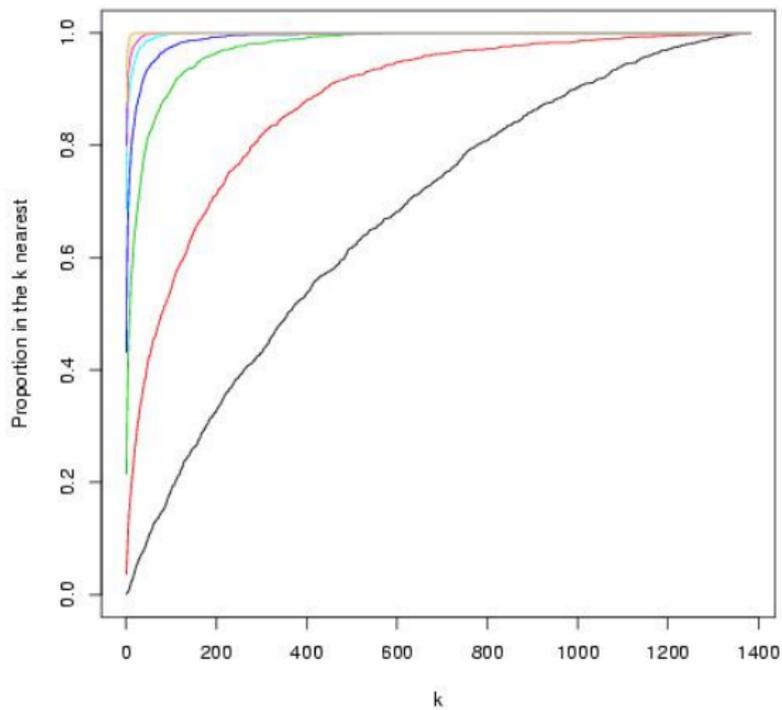


# Algebraic Geometry Subset

- ▶ The data:
  - ▶ All articles in the English Wikipedia within two steps of the article “Algebraic Geometry”.
  - ▶ Corresponding French articles.
- ▶ The English and French graphs each contain 1382 vertices.



# Algebraic Geometry $k$ Nearest



$d = 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, 100, 200.$

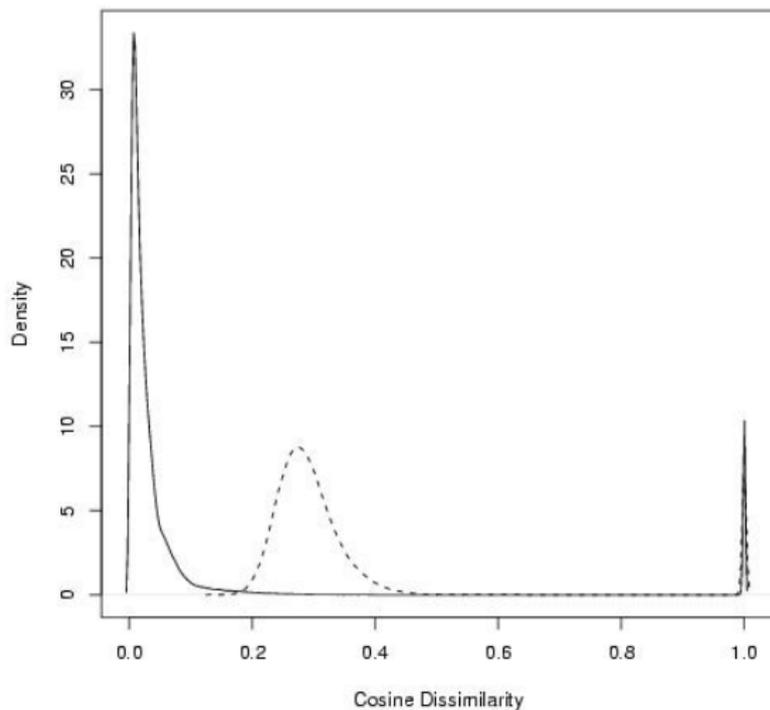


# Full English and French Data

- ▶ All articles in the English Wikipedia for which a corresponding article in French exists and vice versa.
- ▶ The English and French graphs each contain 425,671 vertices.



# Full English and French Data Distributions



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## Glorified WCH

- ▶ The text can be incorporated via a bag-of-words approach by counting the number of times each word in the lexicon occurs in each document.
- ▶ These can be scaled via TFIDF or Mutual Information or other methods.
- ▶ These can be used directly to project the data – same issue of picking  $B, C$ , only now the  $A_E, A_F$  are the GWCH.

$$A' = \begin{bmatrix} A_E & B \\ C & A_F \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ Fill in  $B$  and  $C$  by averaging:
  - ▶ Find “close” documents (either in TFIDF space, or via the graph).
  - ▶ Average the GWCH from the associated pairs in the target language.
- ▶ Alternatively, we can use similarities in the GWCH to weight the  $B, C$  in the graph projection.
- ▶ Finally, we can project separately and combine the two projections (future work).



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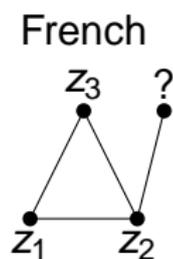
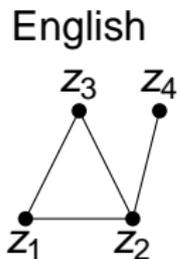
# Embedding New Vertices

- ▶ How do we embed new vertices for which we don't know the associations?
  - ▶ Use the known associations:
    - ▶ if  $e$  denotes an English node, and  $f$  a French
    - ▶ we can look at  $e_i$  such that  $ee_i$  is an edge in the English graph
    - ▶ map these to corresponding French  $f_i$
    - ▶ use these to “average” corresponding connections to fill in  $B$  and  $C$ .
- ▶ Use the GWCH to associate distances to the above, and do the same kind of “averaging” to fill in  $B$  and  $C$  entries.



# Embedding New Vertices: Random Embedding

- ▶ How do we embed new vertices for which we don't know the associations?
- ▶ We want  $v_2$  to go pretty much to the same place in English and French.



$$E : v_2 \mapsto z_2(z_1 + z_3 + z_4)$$

$$F : v_2 \mapsto z_2(z_1 + z_3 + ?)$$

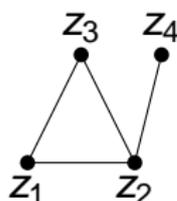
$$\therefore v_4 \mapsto z_4$$



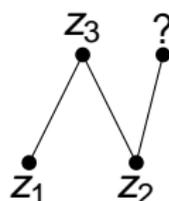
# Embedding New Vertices: Random Embedding

- ▶ How do we embed new vertices for which we don't know the associations?
- ▶ Solve an optimization problem mapping “pairs” as close as possible.

English



French



$$E : \quad v_2 \mapsto z_2(z_1 + z_3 + z_4)$$

$$F : \quad v_2 \mapsto z_2(z_3 + ?)$$

$$\therefore \quad v_4 \mapsto z_1 + z_4$$



# Conclusions

- ▶ Multi-lingual Wikipediæ provide a nice testbed for various types of disparate data fusion experiments.
- ▶ Graph embeddings can be used to embed multiple graphs on the same actors into the same space.
- ▶ Spectral and random projections both provide useful methodologies worth pursuing.
- ▶ Random projections can be used on essentially arbitrarily large graphs.



# Future Work

- ▶ Similar multi-lingual embedding using GWCH (language) ongoing.
- ▶ The optimization problem for random embedding of new vertices becomes much more complicated in real graphs. What is the “right” thing to do?
- ▶ Combine graph and GWCH.
- ▶ Can such embedding (where both documents and words are embedded) provide a start toward constructing dictionaries?
- ▶ Other approaches utilize dissimilarity matrices:
  - ▶ Convert the data into dissimilarity matrices.
  - ▶ Combine the dissimilarities.
  - ▶ Project.
- ▶ What are the properties of these different approaches, and when should one be used over another?

