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Applications of Graph Spectra

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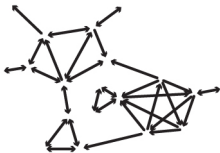
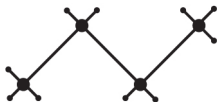
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Three Challenges

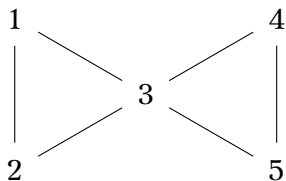


- 1 Can we ensure structures don't collapse in high winds?
- 2 Can we predict and characterize absorption spectra molecules?
- 3 How can we build networks without bottlenecks?

Graph Theory

A Graph G is a structure comprised of Vertices & Edges.

■ *Things & Connections between them*

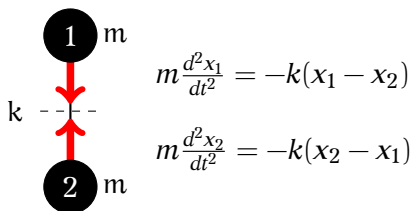


$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} V &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} \\ E &= \{12, 13, 23, 34, 35, 45\} \end{aligned}$$

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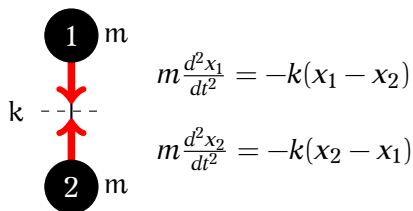
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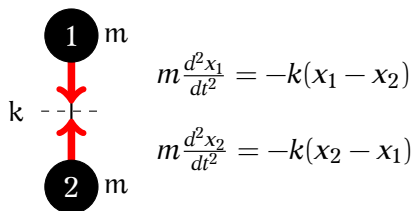


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Solutions

The Discrete Laplacian

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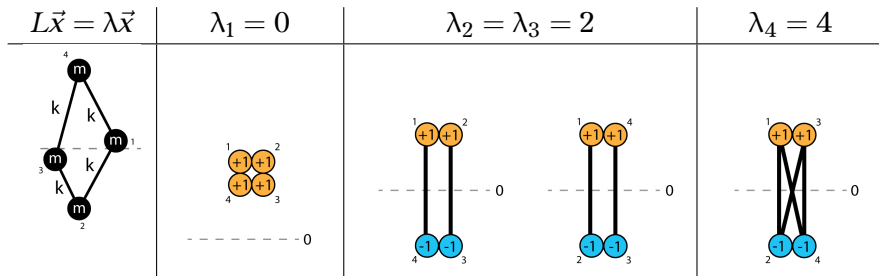
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- λ is called an eigenvalue in the spectrum of L .
- System has a resonant frequency of $\sqrt{\lambda}$.
- Units $[\lambda] = [k/m] = N/(m \cdot kg) = 1/s^2 = \text{Hz}^2$

4-cycle Vibrational Modes

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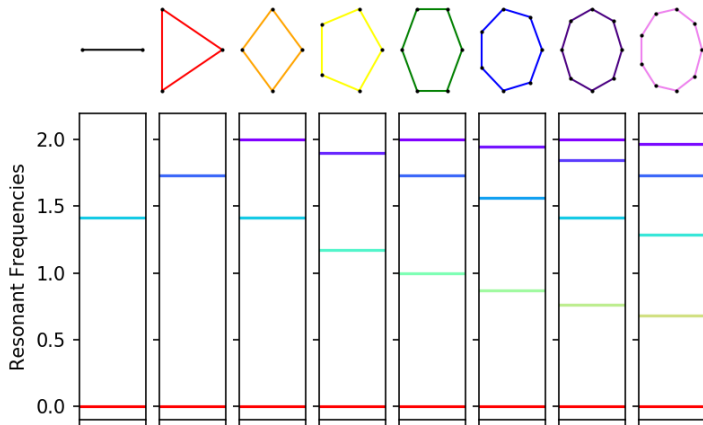
$$\text{If } \frac{k}{m} = 1 \text{ then } L = \begin{bmatrix} +2 & -1 & +0 & -1 \\ -1 & +2 & -1 & +0 \\ +0 & -1 & +2 & -1 \\ -1 & +0 & -1 & +2 \end{bmatrix}$$



More springs per unit mass \iff higher frequency mode

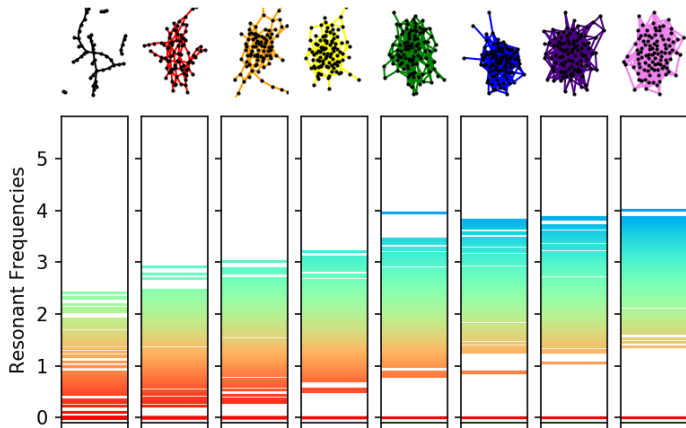
Cycle Graphs

Spectra



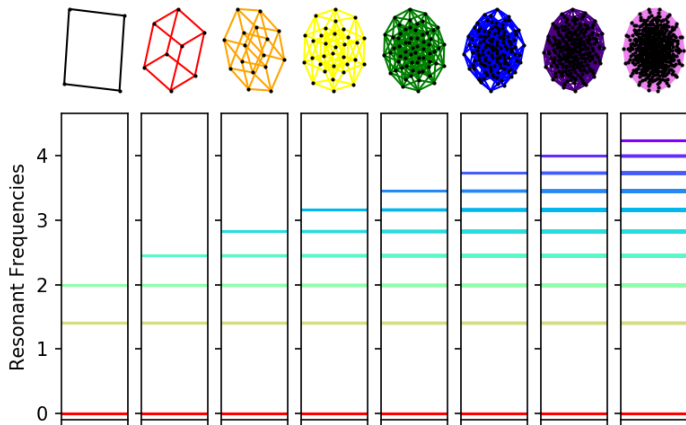
Random Graphs

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Hypercube Graphs

Spectra



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