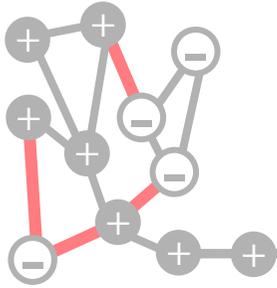


See the Tree through the Lines: The Shazoo Algorithm



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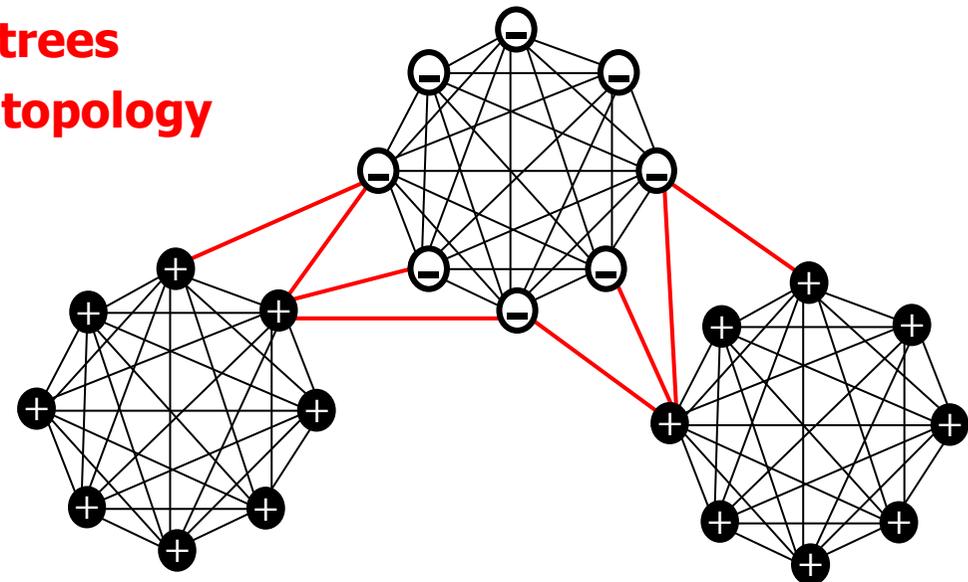
- **Learning on graphs/trees domains:** hyperlinked webpages, social networks, co-author networks, biological networks, ...
- **Our learning problem: node classification** of weighted, connected and undirected **trees (and graphs)** based only on **graph topology**

- We focus on **binary labeling**

- **Bias: strongly connected nodes** \rightarrow **same label**

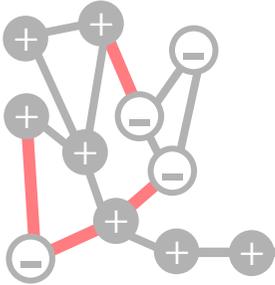
\oplus — \ominus = **cut edge**

weight of cut-edges is **small**



Learning protocol

The Shazoo algorithm



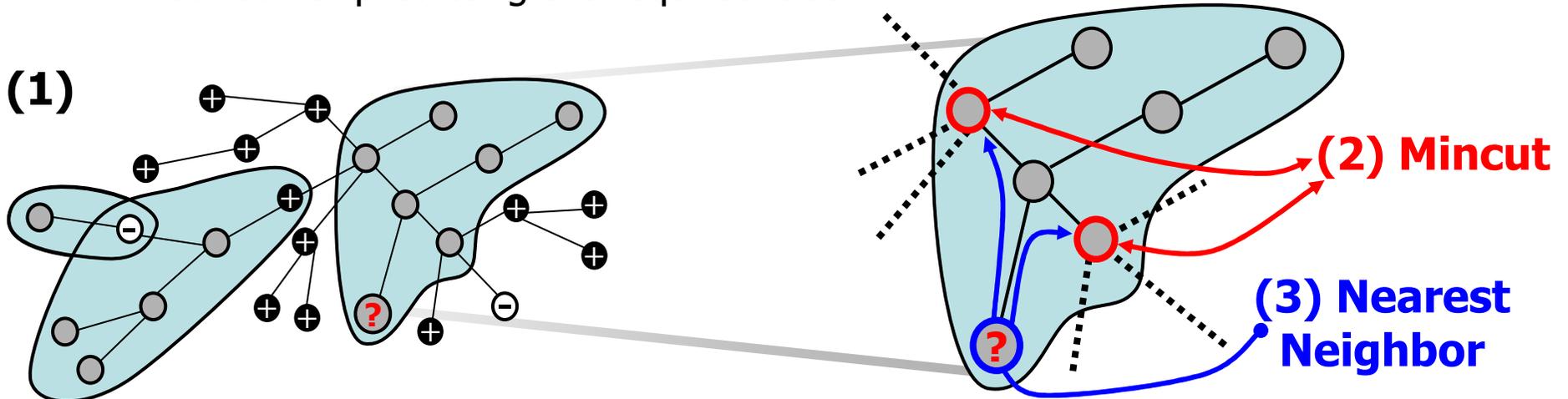
On-line learning protocol: Vertices are issued one by one in an arbitrary order v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n

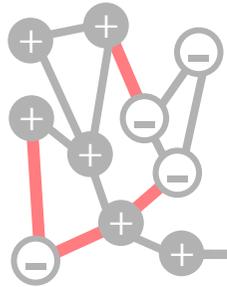
At each time step t :

- learner **predicts** the label of v_t
- learner **observes** the label of v_t

Goal: few prediction mistakes

- **The Shazoo algorithm: input = weighted trees T**
(if the input is a graph G we can run Shazoo on a **spanning tree** T of G)
- **Shazoo (1) partitions** T into components (satisfying some properties), **(2) uses mincut** for estimating the labels of the component **border** vertices, **(3) uses a NN method** for predicting the required label





Analysis, implementation

computational complexity and experiments

Accuracy: **mistake bound** of Shazoo is **optimal** (up to log factors)

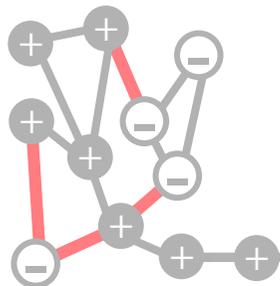
Implementation: **simple and fast recursive method** (based on sum-product algorithm) for using the mincut strategy

Time complexity:

- **On line protocol:** Worst case time per prediction: **$O(\#vertices)$**
- **Batch protocol** (vertices are split into training and test sets) :
Worst case time for predicting **all** labels of the test set: **$O(\#vertices)$**

Space complexity: **Linear in $\#vertices$**

Experimental results: **Shazoo outperforms** most of its competitors (e.g Label Propagation) on all our experiments on real-world datasets



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Shazoo

- Accuracy analysis: **optimal mistake bound**
- Scalability: **very fast**
- **Easy** to implement
- **Works well in practice** on real world datasets
- Easily extendible to **multiclass** prediction