

Graphs for data science and ML

Machine Learning for graphs and with graphs

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Graph Laplacian: An Analogy for a Graph FT

A fundamental analogy

On *any* graph, the **eigenvectors** χ_i of the Laplacian matrix L will be **considered as the Fourier modes**, and its eigenvalues λ_i the associated (squared) frequencies.

Hence, a Graph Fourier Transform is defined as:

$$\hat{x} = \chi^{\top} x$$

where $\boldsymbol{\chi} = (\boldsymbol{\chi}_0 | \boldsymbol{\chi}_1 | \dots | \boldsymbol{\chi}_{N-1}).$

- Two ingredients:
 - Fourier modes = Eigenvectors χ_i (with increasing oscillations)
 - Frequencies = The measures of variations of an eigenvector is linked to its eigenvalue:

$$\frac{||\nabla \boldsymbol{\chi}_i||^2}{||\boldsymbol{\chi}_i||^2} = \lambda_i$$

because: $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$

$$\sum_{\boldsymbol{x}=(i,j)\in E} A_{ij} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)^2 = \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x} \text{ is the Dirichlet norm}$$

LOW FREQUENCY:

HIGH FREQUENCY:









Graph Laplacian: An Analogy for a Graph FT

[Tremblay, Gonçalves, PB, 2017]



Figure 1: Two graph signals and their GFTs. Plots a) and b) represent respectively, a low-frequency and a high-frequency graph signal on the binary Karate club graph [21]. Plots c) and d) are their corresponding GFTs computed for three reference operators: L, L_n and L_d (equivalent to the GFT defined via the adjacency matrix).

Use GSP to process data which are on graphs, or which are the graphs!

(1) Filters on graphs

Example 1: Recovery of signals on graphs

• Denoising of a graph signal, when observing $y = x_0 + \epsilon$, formulated as an inverse problem:

$$x_* = \arg\min_{x} ||x - y||_2^2 + \gamma x^\top L x$$

because remember that : $x^{\top}Lx = \sum A_{ij}(x_i - x_j)^2$ $e=(i,j)\in E$

- Graph-Fourier coefficients: $\hat{x} = \chi^{\top} x$
- Solution: $\hat{X}_{*}(t) = \frac{\text{ivating}}{1 + \gamma \lambda_{i}} f(t) \text{Examples pass" filter)}$ argmin_f { $||f y||_{2}^{2} + \gamma f^{T} \mathcal{L} f$ }



[P. Vandergheynst, EPFL, 2013]

(1) Filters on graphs

Filtering

Definition of graph filtering

We define a linear filter \mathcal{H} by its function *h* in the Fourier domain. It is discrete and defined on the eigenvalues $\lambda_i \rightarrow h(\lambda_i)$.

$$\widehat{\mathcal{H}(x)} = \begin{pmatrix} h(\lambda_0) \, \hat{x}(0) \\ h(\lambda_1) \, \hat{x}(1) \\ h(\lambda_2) \, \hat{x}(2) \\ \dots \\ h(\lambda_{N-1}) \, \hat{x}(N-1) \end{pmatrix} = \widehat{\boldsymbol{H}} \, \hat{x} \text{ with } \widehat{\boldsymbol{H}} = \begin{pmatrix} h(\lambda_0) & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & h(\lambda_1) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & h(\lambda_2) & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & h(\lambda_{N-1}) \end{pmatrix}$$

In the node-space, the filtered signal $\mathcal{H}(x)$ can be written: $\mathcal{H}(x) = \chi \, \hat{H} \, \chi^\top x$ In term of calculus of operator on a graph, this reads $\mathcal{H}(x) = h(L) \cdot x$

- Alternative definition: operator **H** that commutes with the reference operator, here the Laplacian (yet could be some "shift", e.g. **A**)
- Parametric formulation: $h(L) = \sum_{k=0}^{K} h_k L^k$ (leads to ARMA filters; to distributed implementations)

(1) Filters on graphs

Example [Tremblay, Gonçalves, PB, 2017]



Figure 3: Illustration of graph filters: a denoising toy experiment. The input signal \mathbf{x} is a noisy version (additive Gaussian noise) of the low-frequency graph signal displayed in Fig. 1. We show here the filtering operation in the graph Fourier domain associated to $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{n}}$.

Diffusion on graphs

Functional calculus on graph

Objective: define the effect of function on graph data

We use the simple property that
$$\underline{L}^n XR = \lambda R XR$$

Then, for any polynomial function f , we have $f(\underline{L}) = \sum_{\lambda \in Sp} f(\lambda k) XR XR$
Using approximation theorem, it holds for any function. $= X f(\underline{\Lambda}) X^T$

Example: define a diffusive process on a graph

With the analogy:
$$f(u,t)$$
 is a differior if it follows $\boxed{\begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = -\frac{L}{2} \ f}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}} \\ \begin{array}{c} Applying the GFT : \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \ f \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial t}, t \right) = - \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} \ f \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial t}, t \right) \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} hence \ i \ of \ f \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial t}, t \right) = - \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} \ f \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial t}, t \right) = - \frac{d \lambda h}{dt} \ f \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial t}, t \right) = - \frac{d \lambda h}{dt} \ f \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial t}, t \right) = - \frac{d \lambda h}{dt} \ f \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial t}, t \right) \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \text{With for alculas : } \ f \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = e^{-\frac{d \lambda h}{dt}} \ f \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial t}, t \right) = - \frac{d \lambda h}{dt} \ f \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial t}, t \right) \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \text{Explicit expression : } \ f \left(u, t \right) = \frac{d \lambda h}{dt} \ f \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial t}, t \right) \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \text{This acts as a filter e th an } \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \text{He GFT of the initial condition } f_{0} \end{array} \end{array}$

Diffusion on graphs (2) - Illustration

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B. Ricaud et al. / C. R. Physique 20 (2019) 474-488



Fig. 1. Illustration of the heat diffusion over a 2-d manifold (top), and over a graph with communities (bottom), at different time τ . In both graphs, the heat spreads from node to node, following the edges. Top: the initial hot spot is a node located on the ear of the bunny. The Bunny graph is a discretization of a 2-d surface, with nodes connected to their nearest neighbours in 3 d. Bottom: The diffusion starts inside a community and quickly spreads within it.

[Ricaud et al., 2019]



- from [Hammond, Gur, Johnson, GlobalSIP 2013] "GRAPH DIFFUSION DISTANCE: A DIFFERENCE MEASURE FOR WEIGHTED GRAPHS BASED ON THE GRAPH LAPLACIAN EXPONENTIAL KERNEL" (Title way too long!)
- They define a Diffusion distance between graphs having the same number of nodes

$$\xi(A_1, A_2; t) = \sum_{i,j} ((\exp(-tL_1))_{i,j} - (\exp(-tL_2))_{i,j})^2$$
$$= ||\exp(-tL_1) - \exp(-tL_2)||_F^2$$
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$$d_{gdd}(A_1, A_2) = \max_t \sqrt{\xi(A_1, A_2; t)}.$$



Fig. 1. (a) Barbell graph, and single-edge perturbations, for N = 5, K = 2. (b) Plot of ratio $d_{gdd}(G^{N,2}, G_{br}^{N,2})/d_{gdd}(G^{N,2}, G_{cc}^{N,2})$ vs N. (c) Plot of $\xi(t)$ for $A_1 = G^{5,2}$, $A_2 = G_{cc}^{5,2}$, red dot indicates maximum, corresponding to $d_{gdd}(A_1, A_2)^2$. (d) Values of normalized edge deletion perturbation, on edges of $G^{5,2}$.

Graph Diffusion Wasserstein Distances & Application to Domain Adaptation for Graphs

From Amélie Barbe PhD thesis (12/2021) ; ECML-PKDD 2020 ;

GRETSI 2019 ; ICTAI 2021 ; GRETSI (2019) ; ICASSP 2022

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A parenthesis in advance – Optimal Transport: a generic tool to probe the geometry of probability measures

- Optimal Transport: an approach to compute a distance between 2 distributions, while finding the optimal coupling (or transport plan) between them
- Put forward in Data Science/Processing & ML since...
 - since ~2000 in image processing (Earth Mover Distance); well before in mathematics (cf. [Villani, 2003]); in the 70's for the Mallows distance in statistics,...
 - (see my completely ignored ICASSP paper of 2012: "Using Surrogates and Optimal Transport for Synthesis of Stationary Multivariate Series [...]") (Title way too long!)
- cf. "Computational Optimal Transport" G. Peyré & M. Cuturi, 2019

https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.00567v4

• cf. "A primer on Optimal Transport", Cuturi & Salomon, NIPS 2017 Tutorial

https://optimaltransport.github.io/slides/

(and other resources)

• cf. Titouan Vader's Lectures at the end of this course !

Optimal Transport: a generic tool to probe the geometry of probability measures



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Optimal Transport for distributions

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Optimal Transport for distributions

• **Optimal Transport:** Consider two finite sets $\mathbb{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^{|\mathbb{X}|} \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times |\mathbb{X}|}$ and \mathbb{X}' and two distributions on these

$$\mu = \sum_{\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{X}} a_i \delta_{\mathbf{x}_i} \text{ and } \nu = \sum_{\mathbf{x}'_i \in \mathbb{X}'} b_i \delta_{\mathbf{x}'_i} \text{ with } a_i \ge 0, \ b_i \ge 0 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^n a_i = 1, \sum_{i=1}^n b_i = 1$$

• Given a cost function \mathcal{C} : $\mathbb{R}^q \times \mathbb{R}^q \to \mathbb{R}_+$, one builds the 2-Wasserstein distance \mathcal{W}_2 as:

$$\mathscr{W}_{2}(\boldsymbol{\mu},\boldsymbol{\nu}) = \inf_{\pi_{i,j}\in\Pi_{a,b}} \left(\sum_{i,j=1}^{n,n'} \pi_{i,j} c(\mathbf{x}_{i},\mathbf{x}_{j}')^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

where $\Pi_{a,b}$ is the set of joint distributions on $\mathbb{X}\times\mathbb{X}'$

whose marginals are the distributions
$$\mu = \sum_{\mathbf{x}'_i \in \mathbb{X}'} \pi(\cdot, \mathbf{x}'_i)$$
 and $\nu = \sum_{\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{X}} \pi(\mathbf{x}_i, \cdot)$

Optimal Transport for Graphs

- For Graphs: one has to Associate a distribution to a graph
 - A first solution: rely on the the Weisfeiler-Lehman test
 - cf. [Togninalli et al., "Wasserstein Weisfeiler-Lehman graph kernels" NeurIPS 2019]



- A 2nd solution: Comparison through probabilistic models of graph signals
 - ["Graph Optimal Transport", H. Maretic et al. NeuRIPS 2019]
 - for a graph \mathscr{G} with Laplacian L, one considers: $x \sim \nu^{\mathscr{G}} = \mathscr{N}(0, L^{\dagger})$
 - then: compute the 2-Wasserstein distance between Gaussian signals
 - allows graph alignment, gives a structurally-meaningful graph distance,...

Optimal Transport for Graphs or Attributed Graphs

• A third solution: The Gromov-Wasserstein distance

- Mémoli, Found. Comp. Math. 2011; Peyré, Cuturi, Solomon, ICML 2016
- structures are compared through their pairwise distances
- cf. also N. Courty, R. Flamary, T. Vayer [PhD 2020]



• One can then **combine Attributes and Gromov-Wasserstein** characterisation of graphs "Fused Gromov-Wasserstein distance" [Vayer et al., ICML 2019]



Optimal Transport and Graph Signal Processing for Attributed Graphs

- We can leverage (combine) that: Optimal Transport ; Diffusion distance ; and Graph Signal Processing (i.e., process signals by L)
- We generalize the previous ideas, and we consider:
 - two graphs of sizes n and m and their associated Laplacians: \mathbf{L}^s and \mathbf{L}^t
 - the features of these *source* and *target* graphs: $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m imes r}; \mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{n imes r}$
 - a cost function between features: $M(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = [d(x_i, y_j)]$ for any

 $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}; \mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$

• the diffused features: $\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = \exp(-\tau^s \mathbf{L}^s) \cdot \mathbf{X}$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{Y}} = \exp(-\tau^t \mathbf{L}^t) \cdot \mathbf{Y}$



The Diffusion Wasserstein Distances for Attributed Graphs

• Then, we define it as:

$$\mathrm{DW}_p^p(\mu,\nu\mid\tau^s,\tau^t)=\min_{\gamma\in\Pi(a,b)}\langle\gamma,\tilde{M}^p\rangle.$$

- Theoretically, it has good properties:
 - it is a distance
 - we have bounds for small and large au



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• it's efficient to be computed, more than Fused GW



The Diffusion Wasserstein Distances for Attributed Graphs

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(a) Distributions before alignment.

 $\exp(-\tau^{s}\mathsf{L}^{s})$

 $X^t = \exp(-\tau^t L^t)$

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(b) Distributions after alignment.

 $\min_{\gamma\in\Pi(a,b)}\left\{\langle\gamma,\tilde{M}^{p}\rangle_{F}\right\}$

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 $DW_p^p(U^s, U^t)$

- Experimentally, it works well: the task for comparison is Domain Adaptation
 - by itself a cheap way for DA on Attr. Graphs

• can be combined with Fused GW, for an even better

DifFused GW distance, which has best perf. !

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DFGW FGW





from [Barbe et al., ECML-PKDD 2020]

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(1) Filters on graphs - sequel

- On board =
 - Various definitions of filters in graphs
 - Implementation of graph filters
 - Shift operators and frequencies

Simple Motivating Examples

• Tikhonov regularization for denoising: $\operatorname{argmin}_{f} \{ ||f - y||_{2}^{2} + \gamma f^{T} \mathcal{L} f \}$



Classical wavelets [Hammond et al., ACHA 2011]

The wavelet at scale *s* centered around *a* is given by:

$$\psi_{s,u}(t) = \frac{1}{s}\psi\left(\frac{t-u}{s}\right) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{\delta}_{u}(\omega)\hat{\psi}(s\omega) \exp^{i\omega t} d\omega$$

	Classical (continuous) world	Graph world
Real domain	t	node <i>a</i>
Fourier domain	ω	eigenvalues λ_i
Filter kernel	$\hat{\psi}(\omega)$	$h(\lambda_i) \Leftrightarrow oldsymbol{\hat{H}}$
Filter bank	$\hat{\psi}(m{s}\omega)$	$h(oldsymbol{s}\lambda_i) \Leftrightarrow oldsymbol{\hat{H}_s}$
Fourier modes	$\exp^{-i\omega t}$	eigenvectors χ_i
Fourier transf. of x	$\hat{x}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) \exp^{-i\omega t} dt$	$\hat{x} = \boldsymbol{\chi}^{ op} x$

In the graph world by analogy:

$$\psi_{m{s},m{a}} = oldsymbol{\chi} \, oldsymbol{\hat{h}}_{m{s}} \hat{\delta_a} = oldsymbol{\chi} \, oldsymbol{\hat{H}}_{m{s}} \, oldsymbol{\chi}^ op \delta$$

Generalized translations

[Shuman, Ricaud, Vandergheynst, 2014]

• Classical translation (continuous world)

$$(T_{\tau}g)(t) = g(t-\tau) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \hat{g}(\xi) e^{-i2\pi\tau\xi} e^{-i2\pi t\xi} d\xi$$

• Graph translations by fundamental analogy:

$$(T_n f)(a) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \hat{f}(i)\chi_i^*(n)\chi_i(a)$$

• Example on the Minnesota road networks



Simple Motivating Examples

• Tikhonov regularization for denoising: $\operatorname{argmin}_{f} \{ ||f - y||_{2}^{2} + \gamma f^{T} \mathcal{L} f \}$



• Wavelet denoising: $\operatorname{argmin}_{a} \left\{ ||f - W^*a||_2^2 + \gamma ||a||_{1,\mu} \right\}$



EPFL – Signal Processing Laboratory (LTS2) <u>http://lts2.epfl.ch</u>



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GraphWave (2018)

Learning Structural Node Embeddings via Diffusion Wavelets

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KDD '18, August 19–23, 2018, London, United Kingdom

- Use wavelets to have a multi-scale view of the neighbourhood of each node $\Psi_a = U \operatorname{Diag}(g_s(\lambda_1), \dots, g_s(\lambda_N)) U^T \delta_a$, (1)
- Then embed each node with the wavelet coefficients



Find multiscale communities in complex: with wavelets on graphs





- A means to find communities in networks ? Yes
- Some examples of social networks:

Zachary Karatee Club; Sociopatterns data (ISI Turin, CPT Marseille)



Find multiscale communities in complex : with wavelets on graphs

Filterbanks-based spectral graph clustering



- Similarity: $D_s(a, b) = 1 \frac{f_{s,a}^{\top} f_{s,b}}{||f_{s,a}||_2 ||f_{s,b}||_2}$.
- Classification using hierarchical agglomerative clustering with average-linkage
- (Not detailed): Add stochasticity in the measurement

$$\mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{s},\boldsymbol{a}} = \boldsymbol{r}^\top \mathbf{H}_{\boldsymbol{s}} \boldsymbol{\chi}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\delta}_{\boldsymbol{a}}$$

where $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times \eta}$ is i.i.d., centered, normal

- N. Tremblay and P. Borgnat, Graph Wavelets for Multiscale Community Mining, IEEE TSP, 62: 20, p. 5227, 2014

- N. Tremblay, G. Puy, P. Borgnat, R. Gribonval, P. Vandergheynst, ICASSP 2016

Find communities in complex : with wavelets on graphs

Multiscale community detection on networks

[Tremblay, Borgnat 2014]



between intersections in V. The corresponding OD matrix is \underline{T} of size $N_V \times N_V$

and magnetic loops, on links $l \in L$ produce N_L measures represented by the set $d_{\underline{q}}$ reak just for fun: more complex inverse problems on graphs—

Thus, the OD matrix estimation problem amounts to solving the following

inverse problem:

An Estimation $(\underline{I}, \underline{q})$ Argmin $(\mathcal{I}, \underline{I}) + \gamma_2 \mathcal{D}_2(\underline{q}, \underline{q})$ pairs of Bluetooth detectors with paths shorter than 300m). Link Dependent $(\mathcal{I}, \underline{q})$ Destination For the 6 and to 9 a.m. time interval, traffic has the following characteristics:

• LODMeestimation engineered as an inverse torolens representingumulated number of traffic counts is 3 252 172.

the relative belief in a prior knowledge of the OD matrix, $\underline{\tilde{T}}$ and the observed Bluetooth OD penetration rate, computed as per Equation (18), is $\hat{Q} \in \operatorname{Argmin} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \gamma_{TC} f_{TC}(\underline{Q}) + \gamma_{P} f_{P}(\underline{Q}) + \gamma_{C} f_{C}(\underline{Q}) + \gamma_{K} f_{K}(\underline{Q}) + \gamma_{TV} f_{TV}(\underline{Q}) \right\}$ Equation (18), is traffi<u>e</u> counts $\underline{\tilde{q}}$, respectively. The assignment function, F, relates $\underline{\Theta}$ flows ito

- Prior information available:
 - <u>B</u> trajectories that give sampled LOD counts
 - \overline{q} counts on roads (without OD information)
- The total number of Pehicles is unknown case study results

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Figure 3a illustrates the traffic count values for roads in \widetilde{L} during the morning

- peak hours, and Figure 3b presents, for one OD (Brisbane CBD to Moorooka),
- Comparison of traffic counts on roads:

• The Bluetooth LOD matrix



$$I_{TV}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{G}}}) = \sum_{i \sim \mathcal{N}_{i'}} \sum_{j,l} \omega_{ij'} |\mathbf{Q}_{ij} - \mathbf{Q}_{i'j}| + \sum_{j \sim \mathcal{N}_{j'}} \sum_{i,l} \omega_{jj'} |\mathbf{Q}_{ij} - \mathbf{Q}_{ij}|$$

where $\mathcal{N}_{i'}$ is the neighbourhood of i' and $\omega_{ii'} \ge 0$ are weights (e.g., taken as exp(-distance/ d_0))







Estimated here; more smooth!

Create graphs which describe data from classical methods, or statistical models, or considerations from GSP

Objective: capture similarities between data points $x_1, \ldots, x_N \mapsto y_1, \ldots, y_N$

- This is a standard $\stackrel{x_i \in \mathbb{R}^L}{\text{step}}$ in classification / clustering!
- Hence, several manners to code these similarities in a graph:

selecting k-nearest neighbours of each point with distance $d(x_i, x_j)$ OR

selecting all points in a neighbourhood $d(x_i, x_j) \leq \epsilon$

$$\mathbf{W}(i,j) = e^{-d(x_i,x_j)^2/t}$$

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Distance functions

- Given X_u and X_v, how far are they from one another ?
- Euclidean distance (or its square): $\sum_{n} (x_{nu} x_{nv})^2$
- ℓ_1 or Manhattan distance: $\sum_n |x_{nu} x_{nv}|$
- Mahalanobis distance: $\sqrt{\sum_n (x_{nu} x_{nv})^2 / \sigma_n^2}$ or more generally $\sqrt{(X_u X_v)^\top C^{-1} (X_u X_v)}$
- From correlations, e.g. 1 − X_u · X_v
- From kernels: K(X_u, X_v), with K a "kernel" eg. Gaussian one: exp(-(X_u X_v)²/2σ²)



Objective: keep strong similarities (only) between data points

Great a graph "connecting the dots", i.e. find edges to connect data points. Several possibilities:

Mininimal Spanning Tree: the tree with smallest sum of edge lengths connecting all nodes



 $x_1,\ldots,x_N\mapsto y_1,\ldots,y_N$

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 $d(x_i, x_j)$



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> The fully connected graph:

connect all nodes with all other nodes, but with a weight on each

edge, derived from some similarity function, going to 0 if distance goes to infinity

Example: Gaussian similarity function $s(x_i, x_j) = \exp(-\frac{\|x_i - x_j\|^2}{2\sigma^2})$

interest of the 3 previous solutions: **sparse graphs** !

for complete graph with similarity kernel: use thresholding to increase sparsity of the graph.

Examples



A Tutorial on Spectral Clustering, Ulrike von Luxburg,

Interlude: you know other methods!

2-a) model the local neighbourhood relationships between the data points

=> Just what we described

Interlude: you know other methods!

2-b) Create a graph that clusters (or classifies) data points A possible solution: **Hierarchical clustering**

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with two broad strategies: Agglomerative (a "bottom-up" approach) vs. Divisive (a "top-down" approach)

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Interlude: you know other methods!

2-b) Create a graph that clusters (or classifies) data points A possible solution: **Hierarchical clustering**

- Agglomerative clustering:
 - First merge very similar instances
 - Incrementally build larger clusters out of smaller clusters
- Algorithm:
 - Maintain a set of clusters
 - Initially, each instance in its own cluster
 - Repeat:
 - Pick the two closest clusters
 - Merge them into a new cluster
 - Stop when there's only one cluster left
- Produces not one clustering, but a family of clusterings represented by a dendrogram



Interlude: you know other methods!

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An issue involved in Agglomerative clustering

- How should we define "closest" for clusters with multiple elements?
- Many options:
 - Closest pair (single-link clustering)
 - Farthest pair (complete-link clustering)
 - Average of all pairs
- Different choices create different clustering behaviors





Closest pair (single-link clustering)



Farthest pair (complete-link clustering)



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Clustering Behavior



Interlude: you know other methods!

• 2-c) Learn a graph that captures things from the data



The general view

(some slides thanks to Bouchard, Breloy, Mian, Hippert-Ferrer)



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The general view of Graph learning

(some slides thanks to Bouchard, Breloy, Mian, Hippert-Ferrer)



Graph learning: with graphical model

An **edge** encodes the "*relationship*" between two **nodes**

We can consider a statistical definition of relationship [Dem72; Lau96]

"Connection in the graph = conditional dependence"

The **conditional dependence** $\neg(x_1 \perp x_2)$ holds if

$$P(x_1|x_2, \underbrace{x_3, \cdots, x_p}_{\mathbf{x}_{\perp}}) \neq P(x_1|\mathbf{x}_{\perp})$$

" x_2 adds information to \mathbf{x}_{\perp} in order to predict x_1 "



Graph learning: with graphical model





Graph learning: with graphical model



Holds for

- Gaussian model
- Most Elliptical distributions
- Semiparametric Gaussian copula aka "nonparanormal"



Key property of GGM: the precision matrix is 0 iif the partial correlation coefficient is 0

Graph learning: with graphical model

A Gaussian graphical model implies a sparse precision matrix $\Theta = \Sigma^{-1}$



=> probabilistic approaches for p(G|X)

Graphical Lasso (GLasso) \Leftrightarrow regularized MLE of Θ

 \longrightarrow Graph drawn from Θ 's support

Graph learning: with graphical model

Solution $\boldsymbol{\Theta}$ such that: $-\boldsymbol{\Theta}^{-1} + \mathbf{S} + \lambda \boldsymbol{\Gamma} = \mathbf{0}$,

where Γ is a matrix of element-wise signs of Θ , *i.e.*, $\Gamma_{ij} = \operatorname{sign}(\Theta_{ij})$ if $\Theta_{ij} \neq 0$, $\Gamma_{ij} \in [-1, 1]$ if $\Theta_{ij} = 0$

Positivity yields: $W_{ii} = S_{ii} + \lambda$, where $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{\Theta}^{-1}$

GLasso based on **block-coordinate method**:



$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{W}_{11} & \mathbf{W}_{12} \\ \mathbf{W}_{21} & W_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{11}^{-1} + \frac{\boldsymbol{\Theta}_{11}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{21} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{11}^{-1}}{\boldsymbol{\Theta}_{22} - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{21} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{11}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{12}} & -\frac{\boldsymbol{\Theta}_{11}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{12}}{\boldsymbol{\Theta}_{22} - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{21} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{11}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{12}} \\ -\frac{\boldsymbol{\Theta}_{21} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{11}^{-1}}{\boldsymbol{\Theta}_{22} - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{21} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{11}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{12}} & \frac{1}{\boldsymbol{\Theta}_{22} - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{21} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{11}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{12}} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Graph learning: with graphical model

For the considered block: $\mathbf{\Theta}_{11}^{-1}\mathbf{\Theta}_{12}W_{22} + \mathbf{S}_{12} + \lambda\mathbf{\Gamma}_{12} = \mathbf{0}$

Equivalent to: minimize $\frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^\top \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{11}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\alpha} + \boldsymbol{\alpha}^\top \mathbf{S}_{12} + \lambda \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_1$

Then: $\Theta_{12} = \alpha / W_{22}$ $\Theta_{22} = \frac{1}{W_{22}} + \Theta_{21} \Theta_{11}^{-1} \Theta_{12}$

From there:

- $\Theta_{11}^{-1} = \mathbf{W}_{11} \mathbf{W}_{12}\mathbf{W}_{21}/W_{22}$
- Update **W** through the block identity

Algorithm

- 1. Initialize $\mathbf{W} = \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{S}) + \lambda \mathbf{I}_p$
- While not convergence, cycle around the columns:

 a. Rearrange rows/columns so that target one is last
 b. Compute Θ⁻¹₁₁ = W₁₁ W₁₂W₂₁/W₂₂
 c. Solve minimize ½α^TΘ⁻¹₁₁α + α^TS₁₂ + λ||α||₁
 d. Update Θ₁₂ = α/W₂₂ and Θ₂₂ = ¼/W₂₂ + Θ₂₁Θ⁻¹₁₁Θ₁₂
 e. Update Θ and W from block identity, ensuring ΘW = I_p

 Output precision Θ and covariance W

Graph learning: with graphical model

EXAMPLE [Costard, 2014]: we generate 600 observations according to the GMM



Then, we use graphical lasso, with varying penalisation parameter



Next question is: How to choose λ ? (See Costard PhD thesis, and ask Titouan V. for more recent answer)

Graph learning: with GSP

- Connecting the dots: infer networks from GSP as in Segarra et al. (2017); Pasdeloup et al. (2018); Mateos et al. (2019)
- Learning of Laplacian or Adjacency matrices from a constraint of smoothness of the data, operator constraints, structural constraints, spectral constraints, as in (Kalofolias, 2016; Dong et al., 2016; Thanou et al., 2017; Egilmez et al., 2017; Dong et al., 2019),... (+ Apologies to all the missing references)







into 4 graphs:

Graph learning: with GSP

Smoothness of a graph signal measured by graph signal variation

$$\operatorname{GSV}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{q,\ell} A_{q,\ell} (x_q - x_\ell)^2 = \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x}$$

Total GSV for a **data matrix \mathbf{X}**

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x}_{i} = \mathrm{Tr}(\mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{X}) \propto \mathrm{Tr}(\mathbf{L} \mathbf{S}) \qquad \text{with } \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^{\top} / n$$

Could we **learn the graph** that yields the "smoothest" observation **X** ?

 $\underset{L \in \mathcal{L}}{\operatorname{minimize}} \quad \operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{L} \mathbf{X}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{trivial solution } \mathbf{L} = \mathbf{0}$

 \rightarrow **Solution 1**: design of fitting-penalties to get meaningful solutions

 \rightarrow **Solution 2**: Link the problem to gaussian graphical models

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A generic problem formulation



- Some works equivalently formalized the problem wrt ${\bf A}$
- Some works considered constraints instead of penalty f_+
- The construction and motivation for each terms evolved between 2016-2023

From Kalofolias 2016:

Promoting smoothness = graph sparsity

$$\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p} : \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|_2^2, \qquad \operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{L} \mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{Z}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{Z}\|_1$$
weighted ℓ -1 norm

$$\operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{X}) + \lambda \|\mathbf{A}\|_{1} = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{A} \odot (2\lambda \mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^{\top} + \mathbf{Z})\|_{2}$$

ightarrow Adding another sparsity term not necessarily useful

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 $\underset{\mathbf{A}\in\mathcal{A}}{\text{minimize}} \quad f(\mathbf{A}) + \|\mathbf{A}\odot\mathbf{Z}\|_1$

From Kalofolias 2016:

Example 1 – Gaussian kernel graph

 $f(\mathbf{A}) = \sigma^2 \sum_{ij} A_{ij} (\log(A_{ij}) - 1)$

Solution:

$$A_{ij} = \exp\left(-\frac{\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|_2^2}{\sigma^2}\right)$$

promotes graph density by penalizing big weights while allowing small ones

Example 2 $f(\mathbf{A}) = \alpha \|\mathbf{A}\|_{2}^{2} + \alpha \|\mathbf{A}\|_{2}^{2}$ $(= \alpha \|\mathbf{L}\|_{2}^{2}),$ subject to $\|\mathbf{A}\|_{1} = s$ [Don+16]

force degrees to be positive, do not prevent edges to be zero

Example 3
$$f(\mathbf{A}) = \frac{\beta}{2} \|\mathbf{A}\|_2^2 - \alpha \mathbf{1}^\top \log(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{1}), \quad \alpha > 0, \beta \ge 0$$
 [Kal16]
promotes graph density

Solve these **optimization problems** \rightarrow primal dual techniques from [KP15]

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(P-stat)
$$\min_{W \in \mathscr{W}} f(W) = \min_{W \in \mathscr{W}} \|W \circ Z\|_{\mathbf{1}} - \alpha \mathbf{1}^{\top} \log(W \mathbf{1}) + \beta \|W\|_{F}^{\mathbf{2}}.$$

Key quantity:

Given $Z_{ij} = ||x_i - x_j||^2$, the total **global variations** on the graph of $X \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times m}$ (having *m* components per node, e.g. 12 for a monthly signal spanning a year) are:

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{(i,j)\in V\times V} W_{ij} \|x_i - x_j\|^2 = \|W \circ Z\|_1$$

 $\mathcal{W} = \{ W \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}_+ \text{ s.t. } W = W^\top, \operatorname{diag}(W) = 0 \}: \text{ admissible set.}$

From Kalofolias 2016:



Graph learning: with GSP — development 1: Gaussian Markov Random Fields

Combine loss from graphical lasso and behaviour of the Laplacian of a graph:

From Elgimez, Pavel, Ortega, 2017

$$\begin{array}{c} \underset{\mathbf{L} \in \mathcal{L}}{\text{minimize}} & \operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{L} \ \mathbf{S}) - \log \det(\mathbf{L}) + \|\mathbf{L} \odot \mathbf{H}\|_{1} \\ \text{sample covariance matrix} & \text{symmetric regularization matrix} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \\ \ell \text{-1 norm penalty:} & \operatorname{Since} \forall i \neq j, \ L_{ij} \leq 0, \ L_{ii} > 0, \ \text{one can choose } \mathbf{H} \ \text{such that} \\ \|\mathbf{L} \odot \mathbf{H}\|_{1} = & \operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{L}\mathbf{H}) \\ & & \\$$

Graph learning: with GSP — development 2: Robust or Structured GL

From Hippert-Ferrer, ECML 2023



Code

https://github.com/ahippert/graphfactormodel

Graph learning: with GSP — development 2: Robust or Structured GL

From Hippert-Ferrer, ECML 2023





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Richiardi et al. (2013)



ctions apply



[G. Frusque, 2020]



Model of 4 signals with temporal synchrony





Corresponding functional connectivity in function of time samples



Recordings of iEEG for Epileptic treatment

Example of recording:

a multivariate signal...

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Graph learning: with GSP — development 3: time-series

The general idea: add a "smoothness" term in time, or "sparsity"



From Hallac et al., 2017

Figure 1: Three sensors with associated time series readings. Based on such data, we infer a time-varying network that reveals 1) the dependencies between the different sensors, and 2) when and how these dependencies change over time.

Kalofolias et al. (2017): a time-varying setting with smooth variations of the inferred graphs, thanks to a Tikhonov regularization term

$$\sum_{k=2}^T \|W_k - W_{k-1}\|_F^2$$

Yamada et al. (2019, 2020) temporal sparsity prior with l₁ norm better suited to sharp changes

(see Hallac et al. (2017); Jung et al. (2015) for graph-lasso)

Yamada et al. (2020): group lasso term (global changes at sparse time points) vs. fused lasso term (local change at sparse time points).

Graph learning: with GSP – development 3: time-series

Optimization problem for Dynamic graph learning: (P-dyn)

$$\min_{W_k \in \mathscr{W}} \sum_{k=1}^T f_k(W_k) + \eta \sum_{k=2}^T \|W_k - W_{k-1}\|_1,$$

with $f_k(W_k)$ as in (P-stat) with parameters α_k and β_k

Solution of the optimization problem:

Primal dual optimization algorithm as in Yamada et al. (2019, 2020) using the primal-dual splitting framework of Condat (2013).



Fig. 5. The visualization of the temporal variations in the time-varying graph learned from the dataset based on the graph that produces large fluctuations at few time slots.

From Yamada et al., 2020

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An example on dynamic point cloud



(a) Ground truth









From ramada et al., 2020

1600



1400

1200

1000

800





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End of the story (?)

Some topics we did not cover (even in G SP+ML):

- Sampling on graphs (of nodes ? of edges ? sampling theorem)
- Stochastic processes on graph and spectral estimation
- Design of filters, wavelets, filter banks,... vertex-frequency,...
- Graph simplification: coarsening, pooling, sparsification
- Applications to images, point clouds,...
- Higher-orders: Hypergraphs, Simplicial Complexes, Hodge Laplacian
- and topics I don't even know about...

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