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HOMWORK 2 : A bit of GNN theory

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You have three weeks to do this homework: it must be return by Monday, November 4.

- You can do it by group of 2.
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- EXERCISE 1: INVARIANCE AND EQUIVARIANCE ON GRAPHS ( $\approx 2H$ ). -

For this exercise you need first too look at the slides of the course, specifically the part “A bit of group theory” and “Invariance and equivariance”. For  $n \in \llbracket N \rrbracket$  we note  $S_n = \{\sigma : \llbracket n \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket n \rrbracket : \sigma \text{ is a bijection}\}$  the permutation group of  $\llbracket n \rrbracket$ .

Let  $\Omega_1 = \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$  and consider the action of  $S_n$  on  $\Omega_1$  as  $\sigma \cdot \mathbf{X} = (X_{\sigma^{-1}(i),j})_{(i,j) \in \llbracket n \rrbracket \times \llbracket d \rrbracket}$  for  $\sigma \in S_n, \mathbf{X} \in \Omega_1$ . The action is simply permuting the rows of  $\mathbf{X}$ , that we denote by  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n)^\top$ . Let  $\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times p}$  be fixed, and  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ . We define the functions  $F : \mathbf{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{XW}$  and  $f : \mathbf{X} \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)$ .

- (i) Show that  $\sigma \cdot \mathbf{X}$  defines a left group action on  $\Omega_1$ .
- (ii) Show that  $F$  is  $S_n$ -equivariant, and  $f$  is  $S_n$ -invariant.

Now consider  $\Omega_2 = \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and the action of  $S_n$  on  $\Omega_2$  defined by  $\sigma \cdot \mathbf{A} = (A_{\sigma^{-1}(i),\sigma^{-1}(j)})_{(i,j) \in \llbracket n \rrbracket^2}$ . We consider the Laplacian function defined by  $\mathcal{L} : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \text{diag}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{1}) - \mathbf{A}$  where for a vector  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^\top$ ,  $\text{diag}(\mathbf{x})$  is the diagonal matrix with elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and  $\mathbf{1} = (1, \dots, 1)^\top$ .

- (iii) Show that  $\mathcal{L}$  is  $S_n$ -equivariant.
- (iv) What about the normalized graph Laplacian  $\mathcal{L}_N : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{I} - \text{diag}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{1})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{A} \text{diag}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{1})^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  ?
- (v) Let  $P[\mathcal{L}] = \sum_m c_m \mathcal{L}^m$  be a polynomial of  $\mathcal{L}$ , where  $\mathcal{L}^m$  is understood with respect to the composition of functions i.e.  $\mathcal{L}^m = \overbrace{\mathcal{L} \circ \dots \circ \mathcal{L}}^{m \text{ times}}$ . Show that  $P[\mathcal{L}]$  is  $S_n$ -equivariant.

Finally, consider  $\Omega_3 = \mathbb{R}^{n \times d} \times \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with the group action  $\sigma \cdot (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}) = ((X_{\sigma^{-1}(i),j})_{ij}, (A_{\sigma^{-1}(i),\sigma^{-1}(j)})_{ij})$ . Consider  $\Psi : \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$  a function that applies *independently on each row of the input matrix*.

- (vi) Show that  $F : (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}) \rightarrow \Psi(P[\mathcal{L}](\mathbf{A})\mathbf{XW})$  is  $S_n$ -equivariant.
- (vii) What about  $F : (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}) \rightarrow \Psi(P[\mathcal{L}_N](\mathbf{A})\mathbf{XW})$  ? In this case when the degree of the polynomial is equal to one, which GGN does it correspond to ?