

Graph Signal Processing: Fundamentals and Applications to Diffusion Processes

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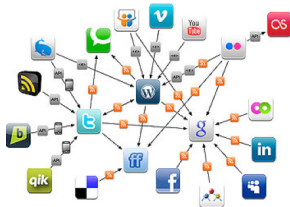
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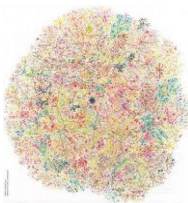
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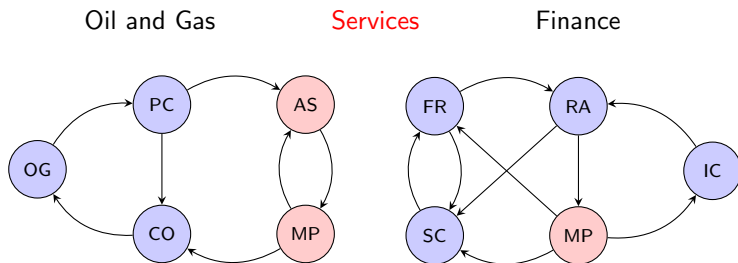
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- ▶ **Desiderata:** Process, analyze and learn from **network data** [Kolaczyk'09]
- ▶ **Network as graph** $G = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$: encode pairwise relationships
- ▶ Interest here not in G itself, but in **data** associated with **nodes** in \mathcal{V}
⇒ Object of study is a **graph signal** \mathbf{x}
- ▶ **Q:** Graph signals common and interesting as networks are?

Network of economic sectors of the United States

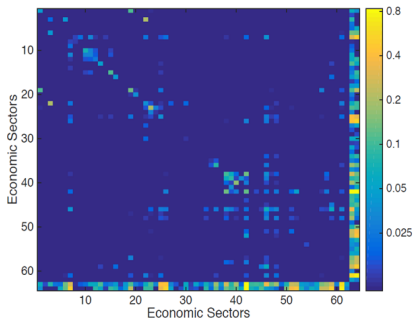
- ▶ Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce
- ▶ \mathcal{E} = Output of sector i is an input to sector j (62 sectors in \mathcal{V})



- ▶ Oil extraction (OG), Petroleum and coal products (PC), Construction (CO)
- ▶ Administrative services (AS), **Professional services (MP)**
- ▶ Credit intermediation (FR), Securities (SC), Real state (RA), Insurance (IC)
- ▶ Only interactions stronger than a threshold are shown

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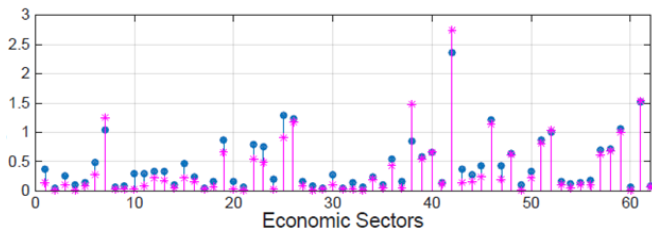


- ▶ A few sectors have widespread strong influence (services, finance, energy)
- ▶ Some sectors have strong indirect influences (oil)
- ▶ The heavy last row is final consumption

- ▶ This is an interesting network \Rightarrow Signals on this graph are as well

Disaggregated GDP of the United States

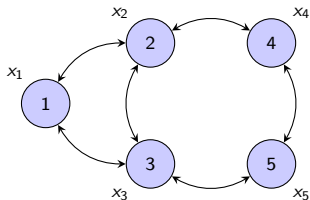
- ▶ Signal x = output per sector = disaggregated GDP
 - ⇒ Network structure used to, e.g., reduce GDP estimation noise



- ▶ Signal is **as interesting as the network itself**. Arguably more
 - ▶ Same is true on brain connectivity and fMRI brain signals, ...
 - ▶ Gene regulatory networks and gene expression levels, ...
 - ▶ Online social networks and information cascades, ...
 - ▶ Alignment of customer preferences and product ratings, ...

Graph signal processing

- ▶ **Graph SP**: broaden classical SP to graph signals [Shuman et al.'13]
⇒ **Our view**: **GSP** well suited to study network (diffusion) processes



- ▶ **As.:** Signal properties related to **topology** of G (locality, smoothness)
⇒ Algorithms that fruitfully **leverage this relational structure**
- ▶ **Q:** Why do we expect the graph structure to be useful in processing \mathbf{x} ?

Importance of signal structure in time

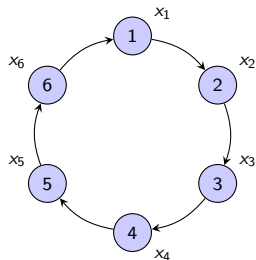
- ▶ Signal and Information Processing **is about exploiting signal structure**

- ▶ Discrete time described by cyclic graph

⇒ Time n follows time $n - 1$

⇒ Signal value x_n similar to x_{n-1}

- ▶ Formalized with the notion of frequency



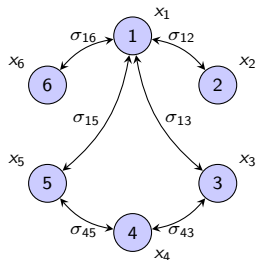
- ▶ Cyclic structure ⇒ Fourier transform ⇒ $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{F}^H \mathbf{x}$ $\left(F_{kn} = \frac{e^{j2\pi kn/N}}{\sqrt{N}} \right)$

- ▶ Fourier transform ⇒ **Projection on eigenvector space of cycle**

Covariances and principal components

- ▶ Random signal with mean $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}] = 0$ and covariance $\mathbf{C}_x = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^H]$
⇒ Eigenvector decomposition $\mathbf{C}_x = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^H$

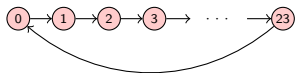
- ▶ Covariance matrix \mathbf{C}_x is a graph
⇒ Not a very good graph, but still
- ▶ Precision matrix \mathbf{C}_x^{-1} a common graph too
⇒ Conditional dependencies of Gaussian \mathbf{x}



- ▶ Covariance matrix structure ⇒ Principal components (PCA) ⇒ $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{V}^H \mathbf{x}$
- ▶ PCA transform ⇒ Projection on eigenvector space of (inverse) covariance
- ▶ Q: Can we extend these principles to general graphs and signals?

- ▶ Formally, a graph G (or a network) is a triplet $(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, W)$
- ▶ $\mathcal{V} = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ is a finite set of N nodes or vertices
- ▶ $\mathcal{E} \subseteq \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}$ is a set of edges defined as ordered pairs (n, m)
 - ▶ Write $\mathcal{N}(n) = \{m \in \mathcal{V} : (m, n) \in \mathcal{E}\}$ as the in-neighbors of n
- ▶ $W : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a map from the set of edges to scalar values w_{nm}
 - ▶ Represents the level of relationship from n to m
 - ▶ Often weights are strictly positive, $W : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{++}$
- ▶ Unweighted graphs $\Rightarrow w_{nm} \in \{0, 1\}$, for all $(n, m) \in \mathcal{E}$
- ▶ Undirected graphs $\Rightarrow (n, m) \in \mathcal{E}$ if and only if $(m, n) \in \mathcal{E}$ and $w_{nm} = w_{mn}$, for all $(n, m) \in \mathcal{E}$

Graphs – examples

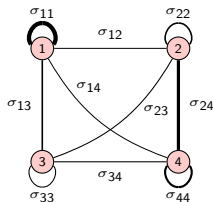
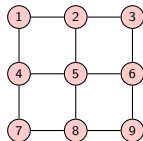


- ▶ **Unweighted** and **directed** graphs (e.g., time)

- ▶ $\mathcal{V} = \{0, 1, \dots, 23\}$
- ▶ $\mathcal{E} = \{(0, 1), (1, 2), \dots, (22, 23), (23, 0)\}$
- ▶ $W : (n, m) \mapsto 1$, for all $(n, m) \in \mathcal{E}$

- ▶ **Unweighted** and **undirected** graphs (e.g., image)

- ▶ $\mathcal{V} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 9\}$
- ▶ $\mathcal{E} = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), \dots, (8, 9), (1, 4), \dots, (6, 9)\}$
- ▶ $W : (n, m) \mapsto 1$, for all $(n, m) \in \mathcal{E}$



- ▶ **Weighted** and **undirected** graphs (e.g., covariance)

- ▶ $\mathcal{V} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- ▶ $\mathcal{E} = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), \dots, (4, 4)\} = \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}$
- ▶ $W : (n, m) \mapsto \sigma_{nm} = \sigma_{mn}$, for all (n, m)

Adjacency matrix

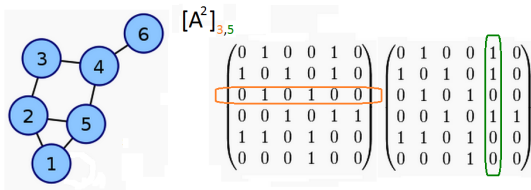
- ▶ **Algebraic graph theory**: matrices associated with a graph G
 - ⇒ Adjacency **A** and Laplacian **L** matrices
 - ⇒ **Spectral graph theory**: properties of G using spectrum of **A** or **L**
- ▶ Given $G = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, W)$, the **adjacency matrix** $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ is

$$A_{nm} = \begin{cases} w_{nm}, & \text{if } (n, m) \in \mathcal{E} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Matrix representation incorporating all information about G
 - ⇒ For **unweighted** graphs, positive entries represent connected pairs
 - ⇒ For **weighted** graphs, also denote proximities between pairs

Degree and k -hop neighbors

- ▶ If G is **unweighted** and **undirected**, the **degree** of node i is $|\mathcal{N}(i)|$
 - ⇒ In **directed** graphs, have **out-degree** and an **in-degree**
- ▶ Using the adjacency matrix in the **undirected** case
 - ⇒ For node i : $\text{deg}(i) = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} A_{ij} = \sum_j A_{ij}$
 - ⇒ For all N nodes: $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{1} \rightarrow$ Degree matrix: $\mathbf{D} := \text{diag}(\mathbf{d})$
- ▶ **Q**: Can this be extended to k -hop neighbors? \rightarrow Powers of \mathbf{A}
 - ⇒ $[\mathbf{A}^k]_{ij}$ non-zero only if there exists a path of length k from i to j
 - ⇒ Support of \mathbf{A}^k : pairs that can be reached in k hops



Laplacian of a graph

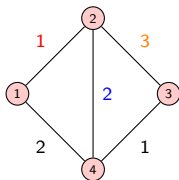
- ▶ Given undirected G with \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{D} , the Laplacian matrix $\mathbf{L} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ is

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A}$$

⇒ Equivalently, \mathbf{L} can be defined element-wise as

$$L_{ij} = \begin{cases} \deg(i), & \text{if } i = j \\ -w_{ij}, & \text{if } (i, j) \in \mathcal{E} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Normalized Laplacian: $\mathcal{L} = \mathbf{D}^{-1/2} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{D}^{-1/2}$ (we will focus on \mathbf{L})



$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 & -2 \\ -1 & 6 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & -3 & 4 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Spectral properties of the Laplacian

- ▶ Denote by λ_i and \mathbf{v}_i the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of \mathbf{L}

- ▶ \mathbf{L} is **positive semi-definite**

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} w_{ij} (x_i - x_j)^2 \geq 0, \text{ for all } \mathbf{x}$$

\Rightarrow All eigenvalues are nonnegative, i.e. $\lambda_i \geq 0$ for all i

- ▶ A constant vector $\mathbf{1}$ is an **eigenvector** of \mathbf{L} with **eigenvalue 0**

$$[\mathbf{L}\mathbf{1}]_i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} w_{ij} (1 - 1) = 0$$

\Rightarrow Thus, $\lambda_1 = 0$ and $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1/\sqrt{N}) \mathbf{1}$

- ▶ In connected graphs, it holds that $\lambda_i > 0$ for $i = 2, \dots, N$

\Rightarrow Multiplicity $\{\lambda = 0\}$ = number of connected components

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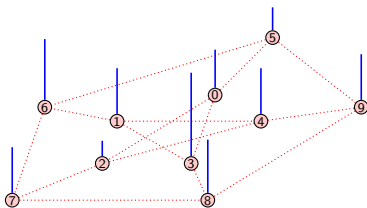
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Graph signals

- ▶ Consider graph $G = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, W)$. **Graph signals** are mappings $x : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 - ⇒ Defined on the **vertices** of the **graph** (data tied to nodes)
- Ex:** Opinion profile, buffer congestion levels, neural activity, epidemic
- ▶ May be represented as a vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$
 - ⇒ x_n denotes the signal value at the n -th vertex in \mathcal{V}
 - ⇒ Implicit ordering of vertices (same as in **A** or **L**)

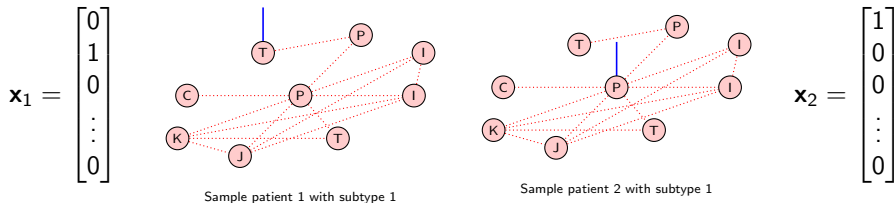


$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 \\ 0.7 \\ 0.3 \\ \vdots \\ 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ Data associated with links of G ⇒ Use **line graph** of G

Graph signals – Genetic profiles

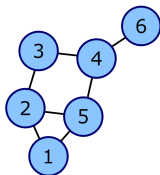
- ▶ Graphs representing **gene-gene interactions**
 - ⇒ Each node denotes a single gene (loosely speaking)
 - ⇒ **Connected** if their coded proteins participate in same metabolism
- ▶ Genetic profiles for each patient can be considered as a **graph signal**
 - ⇒ **Signal on each node** is 1 if mutated and 0 otherwise



- ▶ To understand a graph signal, the structure of G must be considered

Graph-shift operator

- ▶ To understand and analyze \mathbf{x} , useful to account for G 's structure
- ▶ Associated with G is the **graph-shift** operator $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$
 $\Rightarrow S_{ij} = 0$ for $i \neq j$ and $(i, j) \notin \mathcal{E}$ (captures local structure in G)
- ▶ \mathbf{S} can take **nonzero** values in the **edges** of G or in its **diagonal**

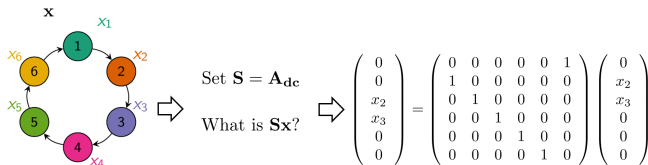


$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & 0 & 0 & S_{15} & 0 \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} & 0 & S_{25} & 0 \\ 0 & S_{23} & S_{33} & S_{34} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & S_{43} & S_{44} & S_{45} & S_{46} \\ S_{51} & S_{52} & 0 & S_{54} & S_{55} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{64} & 0 & S_{66} \end{pmatrix}$$

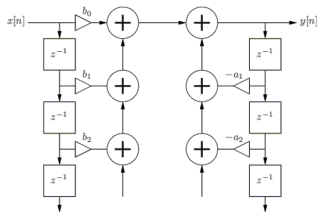
- ▶ **Ex:** Adjacency \mathbf{A} , degree \mathbf{D} , and Laplacian $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A}$ matrices

Relevance of the graph-shift operator

- **Q:** Why is **S** called shift? **A:** Resemblance to time shifts



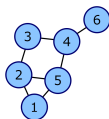
- **S** will be building block for **GSP algorithms** (More soon)
 ⇒ Same is true in the time domain (filters and delay)



Local structure of graph-shift operator

\mathbf{S} represents a *linear transformation* that can be *computed locally* at the nodes of the graph. More rigorously, if \mathbf{y} is defined as $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}$, then node i can compute y_i if it has access to x_j at $j \in \mathcal{N}(i)$.

- Straightforward because $[\mathbf{S}]_{ij} \neq 0$ only if $i = j$ or $(j, i) \in \mathcal{E}$



$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \\ y_5 \\ y_6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & 0 & 0 & S_{15} & 0 \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} & 0 & S_{25} & 0 \\ 0 & S_{32} & S_{33} & S_{34} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & S_{43} & S_{44} & S_{45} & S_{46} \\ S_{51} & S_{52} & 0 & S_{54} & S_{55} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{64} & 0 & S_{66} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \end{pmatrix}$$

- What if $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{S}^2\mathbf{x}$?

⇒ Like powers of \mathbf{A} : neighborhoods

⇒ y_i found using values within 2-hops

$$[\mathbf{S}^2]_{3,5} = S_{3,2}S_{2,5} + S_{3,4}S_{4,5}$$

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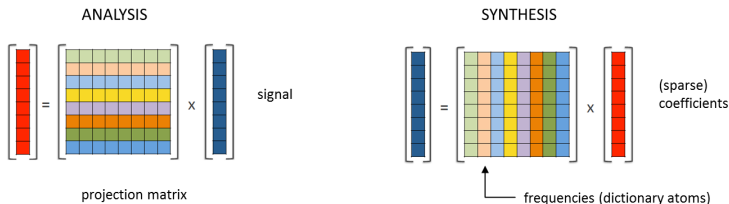
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Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)

- ▶ Let \mathbf{x} be a temporal signal, its DFT is $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{F}^H \mathbf{x}$, with $F_{kn} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{+j \frac{2\pi}{N} kn}$
 - ⇒ Equivalent description, provides insights
 - ⇒ Oftentimes, more parsimonious (bandlimited)
 - ⇒ Facilitates the design of SP algorithms: e.g., filters
- ▶ Many other transformations (orthogonal dictionaries) exist



- ▶ **Q:** What transformation is suitable for graph signals?

Graph Fourier Transform (GFT)

- ▶ Useful transformation? \Rightarrow \mathbf{S} involved in generation/description of \mathbf{x}
 \Rightarrow Let $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^{-1}$ be the shift associated with G

- ▶ The Graph Fourier Transform (GFT) of \mathbf{x} is defined as

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{x}$$

- ▶ While the inverse GFT (iGFT) of $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ is defined as

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{V}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$$

\Rightarrow Eigenvectors $\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_N]$ are the frequency basis (atoms)

- ▶ Additional structure

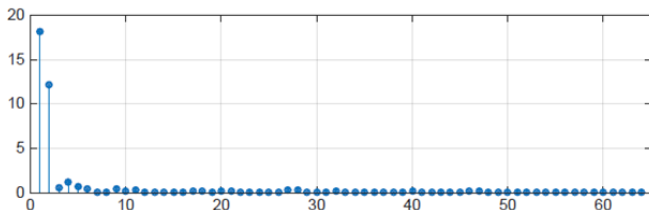
\Rightarrow If \mathbf{S} is normal, then $\mathbf{V}^{-1} = \mathbf{V}^H$ and $\tilde{x}_k = \mathbf{v}_k^H \mathbf{x} = \langle \mathbf{v}_k, \mathbf{x} \rangle$

\Rightarrow Parseval holds, $\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = \|\tilde{\mathbf{x}}\|^2$

- ▶ GFT \Rightarrow Projection on eigenvector space of shift operator \mathbf{S}

Is this a reasonable transform?

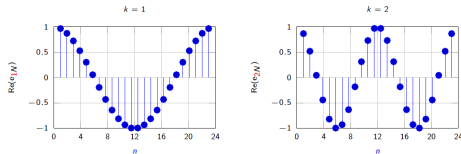
- ▶ Particularized to cyclic graphs \Rightarrow GFT \equiv Fourier transform
- ▶ Particularized to covariance matrices \Rightarrow GFT \equiv PCA transform
- ▶ But really, this is an **empirical question**. GFT of disaggregated GDP



- ▶ GFT transform characterized by a few coefficients
 - \Rightarrow Notion of **bandlimitedness**: $\mathbf{x} = \sum_{k=1}^K \tilde{x}_k \mathbf{v}_k$
 - \Rightarrow Sampling, compression, filtering, pattern recognition

Eigenvalues as frequencies

- ▶ Columns of \mathbf{V} are the frequency atoms: $\mathbf{x} = \sum_k \tilde{x}_k \mathbf{v}_k$
- ▶ Q: What about the eigenvalues $\lambda_k = \Lambda_{kk}$
 - ⇒ When $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}_{dc}$, we get $\lambda_k = e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}k}$
 - ⇒ λ_k can be viewed as frequencies!!
- ▶ In time, well-defined relation between frequency and variation
 - ⇒ Higher k ⇒ higher oscillations
 - ⇒ Bounds on total-variation: $TV(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_n (x_n - x_{n-1})^2$



- ▶ Q: Does this carry over for graph signals?
 - ⇒ No in general, but if $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{L}$ there are interpretations for λ_k
 - ⇒ $\{\lambda_k\}_{k=1}^N$ will be very important when analyzing graph filters

Interpretation of the Laplacian

- ▶ Consider a graph G , let \mathbf{x} be a signal on G , and set $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{L}$
 - ⇒ $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}$ is now $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} \Rightarrow y_i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} w_{ij}(x_i - x_j)$
 - ⇒ j -th term is large if x_j is **very different** from neighboring x_i
 - ⇒ y_i **measures difference of x_i relative to its neighborhood**

- ▶ We can also define the **quadratic form** $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}$

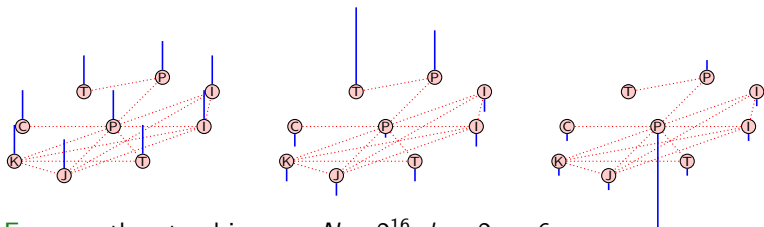
$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} w_{ij}(x_i - x_j)^2$$

- ⇒ $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L}\mathbf{x}$ **quantifies the (aggregated) local variation of signal \mathbf{x}**
- ⇒ Natural measure of signal smoothness w.r.t. G

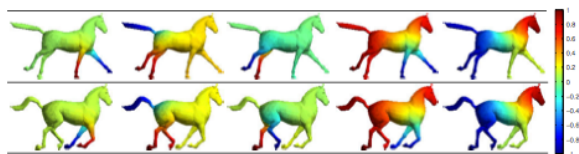
- ▶ **Q:** Interpretation of frequencies $\{\lambda_k\}_{k=1}^N$ when $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{L}$?
 - ⇒ If $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}_k$, we get $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} = \lambda_k \Rightarrow$ local variation of \mathbf{v}_k
 - ⇒ Frequencies account for local variation, they can be ordered
 - ⇒ Eigenvector associated with eigenvalue 0 is constant

Frequencies of the Laplacian

- ▶ Laplacian eigenvalue λ_k accounts for the local variation of \mathbf{v}_k
⇒ Let us plot some of the eigenvectors of \mathbf{L} (also graph signals)
- ▶ Ex: gene network, $N=10$, $k=1$, $k=2$, $k=9$



- ▶ Ex: smooth natural images, $N = 2^{16}$, $k = 2, \dots, 6$

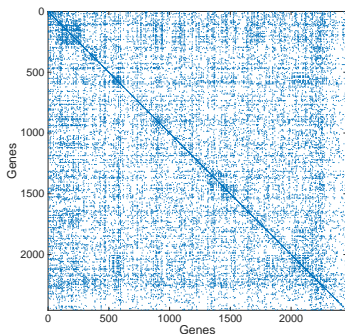


Application: Cancer subtype classification

- ▶ Patients diagnosed with same disease exhibit **different behaviors**
- ▶ Each patient has a **genetic profile** describing gene mutations
- ▶ Would be beneficial to infer **phenotypes** from **genotypes**
 - ⇒ Targeted treatments, more suitable suggestions, etc.
- ▶ Traditional approaches consider **different genes** to be independent
 - ⇒ Not ideal, as different genes may **affect same metabolism**
- ▶ Alternatively, consider **genetic network**
 - ⇒ Genetic profiles become **graph signals** on genetic network
 - ⇒ We will see how this consideration improves subtype classification

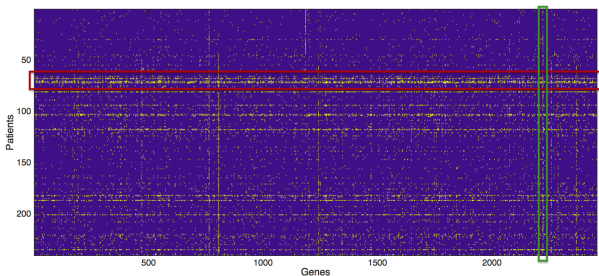
Genetic network

- ▶ **Undirected** and **unweighted gene-to-gene** interaction graph
 - ▶ 2458 **nodes** are **genes** in human DNA related to breast cancer
 - ▶ An **edge** between two **genes** represents **interaction**
 - ⇒ Coded proteins participate in the **same metabolic process**
- ▶ **Adjacency** matrix of the **gene-interaction** network



Genetic profiles

- ▶ **Genetic profile** of 240 women with **breast cancer**
 - ⇒ 44 with **serous** subtype and 196 with **endometrioid** subtype
 - ⇒ Patient i has an associated profile $\mathbf{x}_i \in \{0, 1\}^{2458}$
- ▶ **Mutations** are very varied across patients
 - ⇒ Some **patients** present a lot of mutations
 - ⇒ Some **genes** are consistently mutated across patients



- ▶ **Q:** Can we use **genetic profiles** to **classify** patients across **subtypes**?

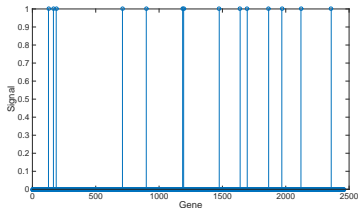
Improving k -nearest neighbor classification

- ▶ Distance between **genetic profiles** $\Rightarrow d(i, j) = \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|_2$
 $\Rightarrow N$ -fold cross-validation error from k -NN classification

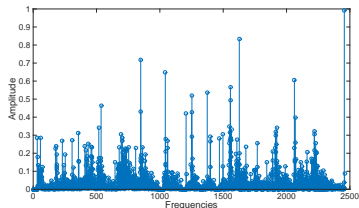
$$k = 3 \Rightarrow 13.3\%, \quad k = 5 \Rightarrow 12.9\%, \quad k = 7 \Rightarrow 14.6\%$$

- ▶ **Q:** Can we do any better using **graph signal processing**?
- ▶ Each **genetic profile** \mathbf{x}_i is a **graph signal** on the **genetic network**
 \Rightarrow Look at the **frequency components** $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i$ using the **GFT**
 \Rightarrow Use as shift operator **S** the **Laplacian** of the genetic network

Example of signal \mathbf{x}_i



Frequency representation $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i$

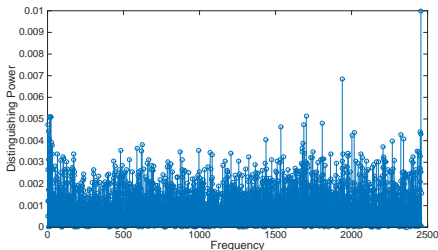


Distinguishing Power

- ▶ Define the **distinguishing power** of frequency \mathbf{v}_k as

$$DP(\mathbf{v}_k) = \left| \frac{\sum_{i:y_i=1} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i(k)}{\sum_i \mathbf{1}\{y_i = 1\}} - \frac{\sum_{i:y_i=2} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i(k)}{\sum_i \mathbf{1}\{y_i = 2\}} \right| / \sum_i |\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i(k)|,$$

- ▶ Normalized difference between the mean **GFT** coefficient for \mathbf{v}_k
⇒ Among **patients** with **serous** and **endometrioid** subtypes
- ▶ **Distinguishing power** is not equal across **frequencies**



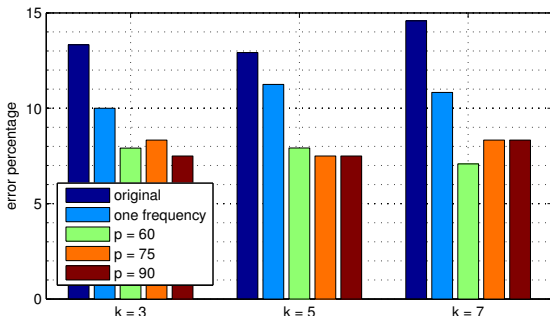
- ▶ The distinguishing power defined is one of many proper heuristics

Increasing accuracy by selecting the best frequencies

- ▶ Keep information in frequencies with higher distinguishing power
⇒ Filter, i.e., multiply $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i$ by $\text{diag}(\tilde{\mathbf{h}}^p)$ where

$$[\tilde{\mathbf{h}}^p]_k = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } DP(\mathbf{v}_k) \geq p\text{-th percentile of } DP \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Then perform inverse GFT to get the graph signal $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i$



Graph filters and network processes

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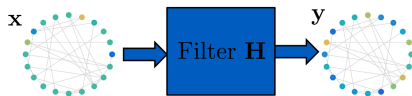
Concluding remarks

Linear (shift-invariant) graph filter

- ▶ A graph filter $H : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$ is a map between graph signals

Focus on linear filters

⇒ map represented by an $N \times N$ matrix



DEF1: Polynomial in \mathbf{S} of degree L , with coeff. $\mathbf{h} = [h_0, \dots, h_L]^T$

$$\mathbf{H} := h_0 \mathbf{S}^0 + h_1 \mathbf{S}^1 + \dots + h_L \mathbf{S}^L = \sum_{l=0}^L h_l \mathbf{S}^l \quad [\text{Sandryhaila13}]$$

DEF2: Orthogonal operator in the frequency domain

$$\mathbf{H} := \mathbf{V} \text{diag}(\tilde{\mathbf{h}}) \mathbf{V}^{-1}, \quad \tilde{h}_k = g(\lambda_k)$$

- ▶ With $[\Psi]_{k,l} := \lambda_k^{l-1}$, we have $\tilde{\mathbf{h}} = \Psi \mathbf{h} \Rightarrow$ Defs can be rendered equivalent
⇒ More on this later, now focus on DEF1

Graph filters as linear network operators

- ▶ DEF1 says $\mathbf{H} = \sum_{l=0}^L h_l \mathbf{S}^l$
- ▶ Suppose \mathbf{H} acts on a graph signal \mathbf{x} to generate $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}$
 - ⇒ If we define $\mathbf{x}^{(l)} := \mathbf{S}^l \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x}^{(l-1)}$

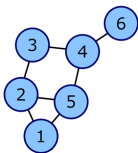
$$\mathbf{y} = \sum_{l=0}^L h_l \mathbf{x}^{(l)}$$

\mathbf{y} is a linear combination of successive shifted versions of \mathbf{x}

- ▶ After introducing \mathbf{S} , we stressed that $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}$ can be computed locally
 - ⇒ $\mathbf{x}^{(l)}$ can be found locally if $\mathbf{x}^{(l-1)}$ is known
 - ⇒ The output of the filter can be found in L local steps
- ▶ A graph filter represents a linear transformation that
 - ⇒ Accounts for local structure of the graph
 - ⇒ Can be implemented distributedly in L steps
 - ⇒ Only requires info in L -neighborhood [Shuman13, Sandhyala14]

An example of a graph filter

► $\mathbf{x} = [-1, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T$, $\mathbf{h} = [1, 1, 0.5]^T$, $\mathbf{y} = (\sum_{l=0}^L h_l \mathbf{S}) \mathbf{x} = \sum_{l=0}^L h_l \mathbf{x}^{(l)}$



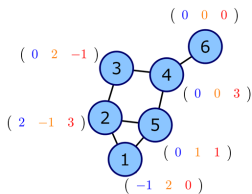
$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \sum_{l=0}^L h_l \mathbf{S}^l \mathbf{x} = \sum_{l=0}^L h_l \mathbf{x}^{(l)}$$



$$\mathbf{y} = h_0 \mathbf{x}^{(0)} + h_1 \mathbf{x}^{(1)} + h_2 \mathbf{x}^{(2)}$$

Given $\mathbf{x} = [-1, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T$ and $\mathbf{h} = [1, 1, 0.5]^T \Rightarrow$ Find $\{\mathbf{x}^{(0)}, \mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)}\} \Rightarrow$ Find \mathbf{y}



$$\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = 1\mathbf{x}^{(0)} + 1\mathbf{x}^{(1)} + 0.5\mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.0 \\ 2.5 \\ 1.5 \\ 1.5 \\ 1.5 \\ 0.0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Frequency response of a graph filter

- ▶ Recalling that $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^{-1}$, we may write

$$\mathbf{H} = \sum_{l=0}^L h_l \mathbf{S}^l = \sum_{l=0}^L h_l \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}^l \mathbf{V}^{-1} = \mathbf{V} \left(\sum_{l=0}^L h_l \mathbf{\Lambda}^l \right) \mathbf{V}^{-1}$$

- ▶ The application $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}$ of filter \mathbf{H} to \mathbf{x} can be split into three parts
 - ⇒ \mathbf{V}^{-1} takes signal \mathbf{x} to the graph frequency domain $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$
 - ⇒ $\tilde{\mathbf{H}} := \sum_{l=0}^L h_l \mathbf{\Lambda}^l$ modifies the frequency coefficients to obtain $\tilde{\mathbf{y}}$
 - ⇒ \mathbf{V} brings the signal $\tilde{\mathbf{y}}$ back to the graph domain \mathbf{y}
- ▶ Since $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}$ is diagonal, define $\tilde{\mathbf{H}} =: \text{diag}(\tilde{\mathbf{h}})$
 - ⇒ $\tilde{\mathbf{h}}$ is the **frequency response** of the filter \mathbf{H}
 - ⇒ Output at frequency k depends only on input at frequency k

$$\tilde{y}_k = \tilde{h}_k \tilde{x}_k$$

Frequency response and filter coefficients

- ▶ Relation between $\tilde{\mathbf{h}}$ and \mathbf{h} in a more friendly manner?
 - ⇒ Since $\tilde{\mathbf{h}} = \text{diag}(\sum_{l=0}^L h_l \Lambda^l)$, we have that $\tilde{h}_k = \sum_{l=0}^L h_l \lambda_k^l$
 - ⇒ Define the Vandermonde matrix Ψ as

$$\Psi := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \lambda_1 & \dots & \lambda_1^L \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & \lambda_N & \dots & \lambda_N^L \end{pmatrix}$$

Frequency response of a graph filter

If \mathbf{h} are the coefficients of a graph filter, its frequency response is

$$\tilde{\mathbf{h}} = \Psi \mathbf{h}$$

- ▶ Given a desired $\tilde{\mathbf{h}}$, we can find the coefficients \mathbf{h} as

$$\mathbf{h} = \Psi^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{h}}$$

⇒ Since Ψ is Vandermonde, invertible as long as $\lambda_k \neq \lambda_{k'}$ for $k \neq k'$

More on the frequency response

- ▶ Since $\mathbf{h} = \Psi^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{h}} \Rightarrow$ If all $\{\lambda_k\}_{k=1}^N$ distinct, then
 \Rightarrow Any $\tilde{\mathbf{h}}$ can be implemented with at most $L+1 = N$ coefficients
- ▶ Since $\mathbf{h} = \Psi \tilde{\mathbf{h}} \Rightarrow$ If $\lambda_k = \lambda_{k'}$, then
 \Rightarrow The corresponding frequency response will be the same $\tilde{h}_k = \tilde{h}_{k'}$
- ▶ For the particular case when $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}_{dc}$, we have that $\lambda_k = e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}(k-1)}$

$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & e^{-j\frac{2\pi(1)(1)}{N}} & \dots & e^{-j\frac{2\pi(1)(N-1)}{N}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & e^{-j\frac{2\pi(N-1)(1)}{N}} & \dots & e^{-j\frac{2\pi(N-1)(N-1)}{N}} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{F}^H$$

\Rightarrow The frequency response is the DFT of the impulse response

$$\tilde{\mathbf{h}} = \mathbf{F}^H \mathbf{h}$$

Frequency response for graph signals and filters

- ▶ Suppose that we have a signal \mathbf{x} and filter coefficients \mathbf{h}
- ▶ For time signals, it holds that the output \mathbf{y} is

$$\tilde{\mathbf{y}} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{F}^H \mathbf{h}) \mathbf{F}^H \mathbf{x}$$

- ▶ For graph signals, the output \mathbf{y} in the frequency domain is

$$\tilde{\mathbf{y}} = \text{diag}(\Psi \mathbf{h}) \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{x}$$

- ▶ The **GFT for filters** is different from the **GFT for signals**
 - ⇒ Symmetry is lost, but both depend on spectrum of \mathbf{S}
 - ⇒ Many of the properties are not true for graphs
 - ⇒ Several options to generalize operations

System identification and impulse response

- ▶ Suppose that our goal is to find \mathbf{h} given \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y}
⇒ Using the previous expressions

$$\mathbf{h} = \Psi^{-1} \text{diag}^{-1}(\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{x})\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{y}$$

- ▶ In time, if we set $\mathbf{x} = [1, 0, \dots, 0]^T = \mathbf{e}_1$ (i.e., $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{1}$), we have
⇒ $\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{F} \text{diag}^{-1}(\mathbf{1})\mathbf{F}^H \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y} \rightarrow \mathbf{h}$ is the impulse response

- ▶ In the graph domain

- ▶ If we set $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{e}_i$, then $\mathbf{h} = \Psi^{-1} \text{diag}^{-1}(\tilde{\mathbf{e}}_i)\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{y}$, where
⇒ $\tilde{\mathbf{e}}_i := \mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{e}_i \equiv$ how strongly node i expresses each of the freqs.
⇒ Problem if $\tilde{\mathbf{e}}_i$ has zero entries
- ▶ Alternatively we can get $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{1}$ by setting $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{1}$ and then
⇒ $\mathbf{h} = \Psi^{-1} \text{diag}^{-1}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{y} = \Psi^{-1}\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{y}$

Implementing graph filters: frequency or space

- ▶ Frequency or space?

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{V} \text{diag}(\tilde{\mathbf{h}}) \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{x} \quad \text{vs.} \quad \mathbf{y} = \sum_{l=0}^L h_l \mathbf{S}^l \mathbf{x}$$

- ▶ **In space**: leverage the fact that $\mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}$ can be computed locally
 - ⇒ Signal \mathbf{x} is percolated L times to find $\{\mathbf{x}^{(l)}\}_{l=0}^L$
 - ⇒ Every node finds its own y_i by computing $\sum_{l=0}^L h_l [\mathbf{x}^{(l)}]_i$
- ▶ **Frequency implementation** useful for processing if, e.g.,
 - ⇒ Filter bandlimited and eigenvectors easy to find
 - ⇒ Low complexity [Anis16, Tremblay16]
- ▶ Space definition **useful for modeling**
 - ⇒ Diffusion, percolation, opinion formation, ... (more on this soon)
- ▶ More on **filter design**
 - ⇒ Chebyshev polyn. [Shuman12]; AR-MA [Isufi-Leus15]; Node-var. [Segarra15]; Time-var. [Isufi-Leus16]; Median filters [Segarra16]

Linear network processes via graph filters

- ▶ Consider a **linear** dynamics of the form

$$\mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{x}_{t-1} = \alpha \mathbf{J} \mathbf{x}_{t-1} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_t = (\mathbf{I} - \alpha \mathbf{J}) \mathbf{x}_{t-1}$$

- ▶ If \mathbf{x} is **network process** $\Rightarrow [\mathbf{x}_t]_i$ depends only on $[\mathbf{x}_{t-1}]_j, j \in \mathcal{N}(i)$



$$[\mathbf{S}]_{ij} = [\mathbf{J}]_{ij} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_t = (\mathbf{I} - \alpha \mathbf{S}) \mathbf{x}_{t-1} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_t = (\mathbf{I} - \alpha \mathbf{S})^t \mathbf{x}_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{x}_0, \text{ with } \mathbf{H} \text{ a polynomial of } \mathbf{S} \Rightarrow \text{linear graph filter}$$

- ▶ If the system has **memory** \Rightarrow output weighted sum of previous exchanges (opinion dynamics) \Rightarrow still a **polynomial of \mathbf{S}**

$$\mathbf{y} = \sum_{t=0}^T \beta^t \mathbf{x}_t \Rightarrow \mathbf{y} = \sum_{t=0}^T (\beta \mathbf{I} - \beta \alpha \mathbf{S})^t \mathbf{x}_0$$

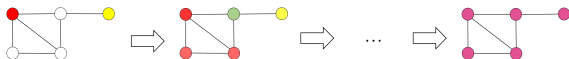
- ▶ Everything holds true if α_t or β_t are time varying

Diffusion dynamics and AR (IIR) filters

- ▶ Before finite-time dynamics (FIR filters)
- ▶ Consider now a **diffusion dynamics** $\mathbf{x}_t = \alpha \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \mathbf{w}$

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \alpha^t \mathbf{S}^t \mathbf{x}_0 + \sum_{t'=0}^{t-1} \alpha^{t-t'} \mathbf{S}^{t-t'} \mathbf{w}$$

⇒ When $t \rightarrow \infty$: $\mathbf{x}_\infty = (\mathbf{I} - \alpha \mathbf{S})^{-1} \mathbf{w} \Rightarrow$ AR graph filter



- ▶ Higher orders [Isufi-Leus16]
 - ⇒ M successive diffusion dynamics ⇒ AR of order M
 - ⇒ Process is the sum of M parallel diffusions ⇒ ARMA order M

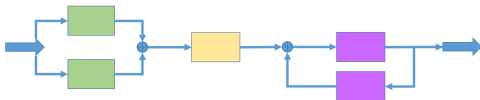
$$\mathbf{x}_\infty = \prod_{m=1}^M (\mathbf{I} - \alpha_m \mathbf{S})^{-1} \mathbf{w} \quad \mathbf{x}_\infty = \sum_{m=1}^M (\mathbf{I} - \alpha_m \mathbf{S})^{-1} \mathbf{w}$$

General linear network processes

- ▶ Combinations of all the previous are possible

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{H}_t^a(\mathbf{S})\mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \mathbf{H}_t^b(\mathbf{S})\mathbf{w} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{H}_t^A(\mathbf{S})\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{H}_t^B(\mathbf{S})\mathbf{w}$$

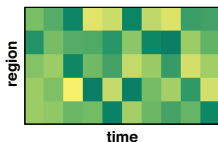
⇒ $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}_t$, sequential/parallel application, linear combination



- ⇒ Expands range of processes that can be modeled via GSP
- ⇒ Coefficients can change according to some control inputs
- ▶ A number of linear processes can be modeled using graph filters
 - ⇒ Theoretical GSP results can be applied to distributed networking
 - ⇒ Deconvolution, filtering, system id, ...
 - ⇒ Beyond linearity possible too (more at the end of the talk)
- ▶ Links with control theory (of networks and complex systems)
 - ⇒ Controllability, observability

Application: Explaining human learning rates

- ▶ Why do some people **learn faster** than others?
 - ⇒ Can we answer this by looking at their **brain activity**?
- ▶ **Brain activity** during **learning** of a motor skill in **112 cortical regions**
 - ⇒ **fMRI** while learning a piano pattern for **20 individuals**
- ▶ Pattern is repeated, reducing the time needed for execution
 - ⇒ **Learning rate** = rate of **decrease in execution time**
- ▶ Define a **functional brain graph**
 - ⇒ Based on **correlated activity**
- ▶ **fMRI** outputs a **series of graph signals**
 - ⇒ $\mathbf{x}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{112}$ describing brain states
- ▶ Does **brain state variability** correlate with **learning**?



Measuring brain state variability

- ▶ We propose **three** different **measures** capturing different time scales
⇒ Changes in **micro**, **meso**, and **macro** scales
- ▶ **Micro**: **instantaneous changes** higher than a threshold α

$$m_1(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{1} \left\{ \frac{\|\mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}(t-1)\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}(t)\|_2} > \alpha \right\}$$

- ▶ **Meso**: Cluster brain states and count the **changes in clusters**

$$m_2(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{1} \{ \mathbf{c}(t) \neq \mathbf{c}(t-1) \}$$

⇒ where $\mathbf{c}(t)$ is the cluster to which $\mathbf{x}(t)$ belongs.

- ▶ **Macro**: **Sample entropy**. Measure of complexity of time series

$$m_3(\mathbf{x}) = -\log \left(\frac{\sum_t \sum_{s \neq t} \mathbf{1} \{ \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_3(t) - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_3(s)\|_\infty > \alpha \}}{\sum_t \sum_{s \neq t} \mathbf{1} \{ \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2(t) - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2(s)\|_\infty > \alpha \}} \right)$$

⇒ Where $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_r(t) = [\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{x}(t+1), \dots, \mathbf{x}(t+r-1)]$

Diffusion as low-pass filtering

- ▶ We **diffuse** each time signal $\mathbf{x}(t)$ across the brain graph

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{diff}}(t) = (\mathbf{I} + \beta \mathbf{L})^{-1} \mathbf{x}(t)$$

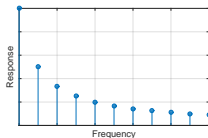
⇒ where **Laplacian** $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^{-1}$ and β represents the diffusion rate

- ▶ Analyzing **diffusion** in the frequency domain

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{\text{diff}}(t) = (\mathbf{I} + \beta \mathbf{\Lambda})^{-1} \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{x}(t) = \text{diag}(\tilde{\mathbf{h}}) \tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t)$$

⇒ where $\tilde{h}_i = 1/(1 + \beta \lambda_i)$

- ▶ **Diffusion** acts as **low-pass filtering**
- ▶ **High freq.** components are **attenuated**
- ▶ β controls the level of attenuation



Computing correlation for three signals

- ▶ **Variability** measures consider the **order** of brain signal activity
- ▶ As a **control**, we include in our analysis a **null signal** time series \mathbf{x}_{null}

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{null}}(t) = \mathbf{x}_{\text{diff}}(\pi_t)$$

⇒ where π_t is a random **permutation** of the time indices

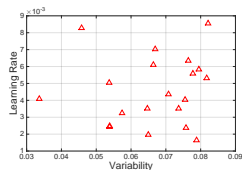
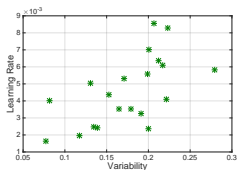
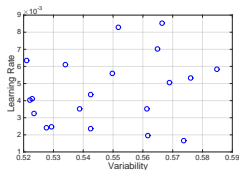
- ▶ Correlation between **variability** (m_1 , m_2 , and m_3) and **learning**?
- ▶ We consider **three** time series of brain activity
 - ⇒ The **original** fMRI data \mathbf{x}
 - ⇒ The **filtered** data \mathbf{x}_{diff}
 - ⇒ The **null** signal \mathbf{x}_{null}

Low-pass filtering reveals correlation

- ▶ Correlation coeff. between **learning rate** and **brain state variability**

	Original	Filtered	Null
m_1	0.211	0.568	0.182
m_2	0.226	0.611	0.174
m_3	0.114	0.382	0.113

- ▶ **Correlation** is clear when the signal is **filtered**
 - ⇒ Result for **original** signal similar to **null** signal
- ▶ Scatter plots for **original**, **filtered**, and **null** signals (m_2 variability)



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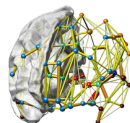
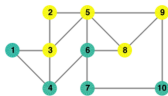
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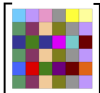
- ▶ Design graph filters to approximate desired network operators
- ▶ Sampling bandlimited graph signals
- ▶ Blind graph filter identification
 - ⇒ Infer diffusion coefficients from observed output
- ▶ Network topology inference
 - ⇒ Infer shift from collection of network diffused signals



- ▶ Many more (not covered, glad to discuss or redirect):
 - ⇒ Statistical GSP, stationarity and spectral estimation
 - ⇒ Filter banks
 - ⇒ Windowing, convolution, duality...
 - ⇒ Nonlinear GSP

Distributed network operators

- ▶ Design **graph filters** to implement a given **linear transformation**
 - ⇒ Implementation is **distributed** by construction
 - ⇒ Conditions for **perfect** and **approximate** implementation
 - ⇒ [Shuman11], [Sandryhaila14], [Safavi15], [Chen15]
- ▶ Given a **linear transformation** \mathbf{B} , find the **filter coefficients** \mathbf{h} s. t.

$$\mathbf{B} = \sum_{l=0}^{L-1} h_l \mathbf{S}^l$$


- ▶ Graph-shift operator \mathbf{S} is given
 - ⇒ Well-suited for cases where \mathbf{S} is a **network process**
 - ⇒ E.g., diffusion in a social network
 - ⇒ Agents exchange information and weigh info observed
 - ⇒ Choosing \mathbf{h} ⇒ **fixing the weights**

Conditions for perfect implementation

Perfect implementation of linear graph operators [Segarra15]

The **linear transformation B** can be implemented using a **graph filter H** if the following conditions hold true:

- i) Matrices **B** and **S** are simultaneously diagonalizable.
- ii) If $\lambda_{k_1} = \lambda_{k_2}$, then $\gamma_{k_1} = \gamma_{k_2}$; and $L \geq \# \{\lambda_k\}_{k=1}^N$ distinct.

- ▶ i) \Rightarrow frequency basis of **B** and **S** the same \Rightarrow necessary
- ▶ ii) \Rightarrow two equal freqs. in **S** must be equal in **B** \Rightarrow necessary

- ▶ **Restrictive** conditions but **not impossible** to satisfy \Rightarrow **Consensus** $\mathbf{B}_{\text{con}} = \mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^T$ favors i) and ii) because it is **rank-one**

In time:
i) \Leftrightarrow **B**
circulant



- ▶ If satisfied: $\mathbf{h}^* = \Psi^{-1}\boldsymbol{\gamma}$, where $\boldsymbol{\gamma} = [\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_N]^T$ are eigvals. of **B**

Approximate design

- ▶ When **perfect** reconstruction is **infeasible** \Rightarrow minimize **error metric**
 - \Rightarrow Design $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}$ to resemble $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}$ (or \mathbf{H} to resemble \mathbf{B})
 - \Rightarrow Minimizing $\|(\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{B})\mathbf{R}_x(\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{B})^T\|_z$ (with $\mathbf{R}_x = \mathbf{I}$ if unknown)
- ▶ MSE coefficients: $\mathbf{h}^* = \Theta_{\mathbf{R}_x}^\dagger \mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{R}_x} = (\Theta_{\mathbf{R}_x}^T \Theta_{\mathbf{R}_x})^{-1} \Theta_{\mathbf{R}_x}^T \mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{R}_x}$
 - \Rightarrow with $\Theta_{\mathbf{R}_x} := [\text{vec}(\mathbf{I}\mathbf{R}_x^{1/2}), \dots, \text{vec}(\mathbf{S}^{L-1}\mathbf{R}_x^{1/2})]$, $\mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{R}_x} := \text{vec}(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{R}_x^{1/2})$
- ▶ Worst-case error coefficients:

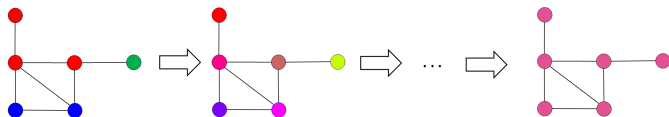
$$\begin{aligned} \{\mathbf{h}^*, s^*\} &= \underset{\{\mathbf{h}, s\}}{\text{argmin}} \quad s \\ \text{s. to} \quad &\left[\begin{array}{c} s\mathbf{I} \\ (\mathbf{V}\text{diag}(\Psi\mathbf{h})\mathbf{V}^{-1} - \mathbf{B})^T \\ \mathbf{V}\text{diag}(\Psi\mathbf{h})\mathbf{V}^{-1} - \mathbf{B} \\ s\mathbf{R}_x^{-1} \end{array} \right] \succeq 0. \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Additional assumptions can be incorporated

Consensus and rank-1 transformations

Consensus

- ▶ Local implementation of the consensus operator $\mathbf{B}_{\text{con}} = \mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^T/N$



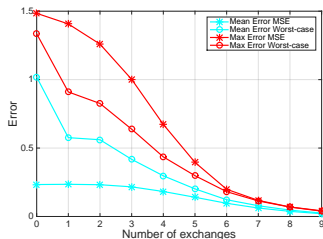
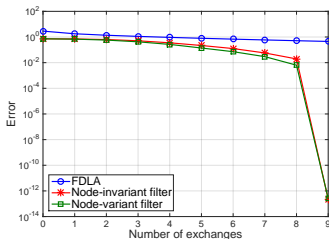
Proposition [Segarra16]

If \mathcal{G} is connected and the desired operator \mathbf{B}_{rk1} is rank one, then there exists an \mathbf{S} such that \mathbf{B}_{rk1} can be written as a graph filter $\sum_{l=0}^{N-1} h_l \mathbf{S}^l$.

- ▶ Constructive proof, for consensus $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{L}$
- ▶ Consensus is achieved in finite time [Sandryhaila-Kar-Moura14]
- ▶ Key: \mathbf{B} low-rank (repeated eigenvalues) \Rightarrow well-suited for approx.
- ▶ We compare the performance of: 1) Asymptotic fastest distributed linear averaging (FDLA), 2) Graph filter approx.

Finite-time consensus

- ▶ Define the graph-shift operator $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{W}$
 - ⇒ Where $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{W}^k = \mathbf{B}_{\text{con}}$ with fastest convergence
- ▶ Plot average errors across the 100 graphs with 10 nodes
- ▶ Compare **worst-case** and **mean error** design (50 nodes)



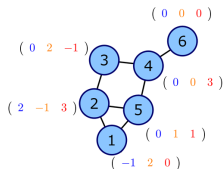
- ▶ Smaller error than FDLA for intermediate K
 - ⇒ When $K = N - 1 = 9$, **perfect recovery**
- ▶ The price to pay is that $\{\lambda_k\}_{k=1}^N$ need to be **known**
- ▶ Consistent performance of **mean error** and **worst case** designs

Node-variant graph filters: definition

- ▶ A generalization of graph filters [Segarra16]:

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{nv}} := \sum_{l=0}^{L-1} \text{diag}(\mathbf{h}^{(l)}) \mathbf{S}^l$$

⇒ When $\mathbf{h}^{(l)} = h_l \mathbf{1} \Rightarrow$ regular (node-invariant) filter



$$\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = h^{(0)}\mathbf{x}^{(0)} + h^{(1)}\mathbf{x}^{(1)} + h^{(2)}\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$$

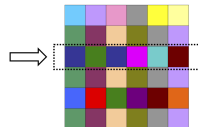
$$y_i = h_i^{(0)}x_i^{(0)} + h_i^{(1)}x_i^{(1)} + h_i^{(2)}x_i^{(2)}$$

- ▶ In general, when \mathbf{H}_{nv} is applied to a signal \mathbf{x}
 - ⇒ Each node applies different weights to the shifted signals $\mathbf{S}^l \mathbf{x}$
 - ⇒ More flexible and still distributed, not shift-invariant

Node-variant graph filters: frequency response

- ▶ Collect the coefficients of node i in \mathbf{h}_i , such that $[\mathbf{h}_i]_l = [\mathbf{h}^{(l)}]_i$
- ▶ Focus on the filter output at node i , $\mathbf{e}_i^T \mathbf{H}_{\text{nv}} \mathbf{x}$

$$\boldsymbol{\eta}_i^T = \mathbf{e}_i^T \mathbf{H}_{\text{nv}} = \sum_{l=0}^{L-1} [\mathbf{h}_i]_l \mathbf{e}_i^T \mathbf{V} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^l \mathbf{V}^{-1}$$



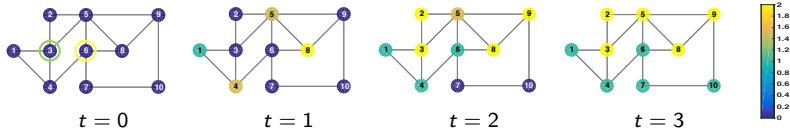
- ▶ Defining $\mathbf{u}_i := \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{e}_i$

$$\boldsymbol{\eta}_i^T = \mathbf{u}_i^T \left(\sum_{l=0}^{L-1} [\mathbf{h}_i]_l \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^l \right) \mathbf{V}^{-1} = \mathbf{u}_i^T \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\Psi} \mathbf{h}_i) \mathbf{V}^{-1}$$

- ▶ The output of the filter at node i , $\boldsymbol{\eta}_i^T \mathbf{x}$ is the **inner product** of
 - $\Rightarrow \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{x} \Rightarrow$ the **frequency representation** of the input, and
 - $\Rightarrow \mathbf{u}_i \Rightarrow$ how **strongly** the **frequencies** are **expressed** by node i
 - \Rightarrow **Modulated** by $\boldsymbol{\Psi} \mathbf{h}_i \Rightarrow$ **Frequency response** associated to i

Perfect reconstruction with node-variant filters

- ▶ **Node-variant filters** can implement a large class of transformations
 - ⇒ Pick $\mathbf{h}^{(l)}$ for $l = 0, \dots, L - 1$ so that $\mathbf{B} = \sum_{l=0}^{L-1} \text{diag}(\mathbf{h}^{(l)}) \mathbf{S}'$
 - ⇒ TH: Always possible if \mathbf{V} non-zero and $\{\lambda_k\}$ distinct
- ▶ Application in distributed processing: analog network coding
 - ⇒ \mathbf{B} is a binary matrix (input-output pairs)
- ▶ Example: G undirected, with $N = 10$, $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}$, sources 3 and 6
 - ⇒ Node 3 tx to 1, 4, 6, 7, and 10; node 6 to the remaining ones
 - ⇒ Node invariant unable to implement \mathbf{B}



Sampling bandlimited graph signals

Motivation and preliminaries

Part I: Fundamentals

- Graph signals and the shift operator
- Graph Fourier Transform (GFT)
- Graph filters and network processes

Part II: Applications

- Filter design for network operators
- Sampling graph signals
- Blind identification of graph filters
- Network topology inference

Concluding remarks

Motivation and preliminaries

- ▶ **Sampling** and **interpolation** are cornerstone problems in **classical SP**
 - ⇒ How recover a signal using only a few observations?
 - ⇒ Need to limit the degrees of freedom: **subspace**, smoothness
- ▶ **Graph signals**: sampling thoroughly investigated
 - ⇒ **Most works** assume only **a few values are observed**
 - ⇒ [Anis14, Chen15, Tsitsvero15, Puy15, Wang15]
- ▶ **Alternative approach** [Marques16, Segarra16]
 - ⇒ GSP is well-suited for **distributed networking**
 - ⇒ Incorporate **local graph structure** into the observation model
 - ⇒ Recover signal using distributed **local** graph operators



Sampling bandlimited graph signals: Overview

- ▶ **Sampling** is likely to be most important **inverse problem**

⇒ How to find $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ using $P < N$ observations?

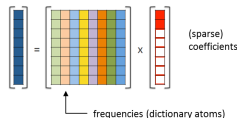
- ▶ Our focus on **bandlimited** signals, but other models possible

⇒ $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{x}$ sparse

⇒ $\mathbf{x} = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \tilde{x}_k \mathbf{v}_k$, with $|\mathcal{K}| = K < N$

⇒ **S** involved in generation of \mathbf{x}

⇒ Agnostic to the particular form of **S**



- ▶ Two sampling schemes were introduced in the literature

⇒ **Selection** [Anis14, Chen15, Tsitsvero15, Puy15, Wang15]

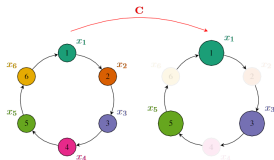
⇒ **Aggregation** [Segarra15], [Marques15]

⇒ **Hybrid** scheme combining both ⇒ **Space-shift** sampling

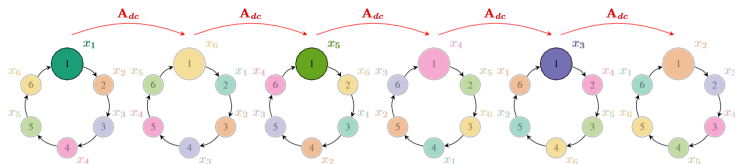
- ▶ More involved, theoretical benefits, practical benefits in distr. setups

Revisiting sampling in time

- ▶ There are **two** ways of interpreting **sampling** of **time signals**
- ▶ We can either **freeze** the signal and **sample** values at **different times**



- ▶ We can fix a point (**present**) and **sample** the **evolution** of the signal



- ▶ Both strategies **coincide** for **time** signals but **not** for **general graphs**
⇒ Give rise to **selection** and **aggregation** sampling

Selection sampling: Definition

- ▶ Intuitive generalization to graph signals
 - ⇒ $\mathbf{C} \in \{0, 1\}^{P \times N}$ (matrix P rows of \mathbf{I}_N)
 - ⇒ Sampled signal is $\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}$



- ▶ Goal: recover \mathbf{x} based on $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$
 - ⇒ Assume that the support of \mathcal{K} is known (w.l.o.g. $\mathcal{K} = \{k\}_{k=1}^K$)
 - ⇒ Since $\tilde{x}_k = 0$ for $k > K$, define $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_K := [\tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_K]^T = \mathbf{E}_K^T \tilde{\mathbf{x}}$



- ▶ Approach: use $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ to find $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_K$, and then recover \mathbf{x} as

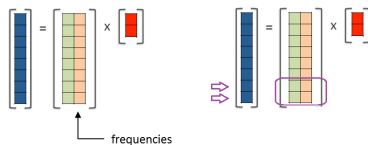
$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{E}_K \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_K) = (\mathbf{V}\mathbf{E}_K) \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_K = \mathbf{V}_K \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_K$$

Selection sampling: Recovery

- ▶ Number of samples $P \geq K$

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{V}_K \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_K$$

$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{V}_K)$ submatrix of \mathbf{V}



Recovery of selection sampling

If $\text{rank}(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{V}_K) \geq K$, \mathbf{x} can be recovered from the P values in $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ as

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{V}_K \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_K = \mathbf{V}_K (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{V}_K)^\dagger \bar{\mathbf{x}}$$

- ▶ With $P = K$, hard to check invertibility (by inspection)
 - \Rightarrow Columns of $\mathbf{V}_K (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{V}_K)^{-1}$ are the interpolators
- ▶ In time ($\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}_{dc}$), if the samples in \mathbf{C} are equally spaced
 - $\Rightarrow (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{V}_K)$ is Vandermonde (DFT) and $\mathbf{V}_K (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{V}_K)^{-1}$ are sincs

Aggregation sampling: Definition

- ▶ Idea: incorporating \mathbf{S} to the sampling procedure
⇒ Reduces to classical sampling for time signals
- ▶ Consider shifted (aggregated) signals $\mathbf{y}^{(l)} = \mathbf{S}^l \mathbf{x}$
⇒ $\mathbf{y}^{(l)} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{y}^{(l-1)}$ ⇒ found sequentially with only local exchanges
- ▶ Form $\mathbf{y}_i = [y_i^{(0)}, y_i^{(1)}, \dots, y_i^{(N-1)}]^T$ (obtained locally by node i)



- ▶ The sampled signal is

$$\bar{\mathbf{y}}_i = \mathbf{C} \mathbf{y}_i$$

- ▶ Goal: recover \mathbf{x} based on $\bar{\mathbf{y}}_i$

Aggregation sampling: Recovery

- ▶ Goal: recover \mathbf{x} based on $\bar{\mathbf{y}}_i \Rightarrow$ Same approach than before
 \Rightarrow Use $\bar{\mathbf{y}}_i$ to find $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_K$, and then recover \mathbf{x} as $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{V}_K \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_K$
- ▶ Define $\bar{\mathbf{u}}_i := \mathbf{V}_K^T \mathbf{e}_i$ and recall $\Psi_{kl} = \lambda_k^{l-1}$

Recovery of aggregation sampling

Signal \mathbf{x} can be recovered from the first K samples in $\bar{\mathbf{y}}_i$ as

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{V}_K \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_K = \mathbf{V}_K \text{diag}^{-1}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_i) (\mathbf{C} \Psi^T \mathbf{E}_K)^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{y}}_i$$

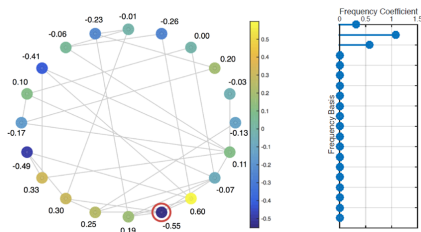
provided that $[\bar{\mathbf{u}}_i]_k \neq 0$ and all $\{\lambda_k\}_{k=1}^K$ are distinct.

- ▶ If $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{E}_K^T$, node i can recover \mathbf{x} with info from $K - 1$ hops!
 - \Rightarrow Node i has to be able to capture frequencies in \mathcal{K}
 - \Rightarrow The frequencies have to distinguishable
- ▶ **Bandlimited signals:** Signals that can be well estimated locally

Aggregation and selection sampling: Example

- ▶ In time ($\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}_{dc}$), selection and aggregation are equivalent
⇒ Differences for a more general graph?

- ▶ Erdős-Rényi
 $p = 0.2$, $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}$,
 $K = 3$,
non-smooth



- ▶ First 3 observations at node 4: $\mathbf{y}_4 = [0.55, 1.27, 2.94]^T$
⇒ $[\mathbf{y}_4]_1 = x_4 = -0.55$, $[\mathbf{y}_4]_2 = x_2 + x_3 + x_5 + x_6 + x_7 = 1.27$
⇒ For this example, any node guarantees recovery
⇒ Selection sampling fails if, e.g., $\{1, 3, 4\}$

Sampling: Discussion and extensions

- ▶ Discussion on aggregation sampling
 - ⇒ Observation matrix: **diagonal times Vandermonde**
 - ⇒ Very appropriate in **distributed scenarios**
 - ⇒ Different nodes will lead to different performance (soon)
 - ⇒ Types of signals that are actually bandlimited (role of **S**)
- ▶ Three **extensions**:
 - ⇒ Sampling in the presence of **noise**
 - ⇒ **Unknown** frequency **support**
 - ⇒ Space-shift sampling (**hybrid**)

- ▶ Linear observation model: $\bar{\mathbf{z}}_i = \mathbf{C}\Psi_i\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_K + \mathbf{C}\mathbf{w}_i$ and $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{V}_K\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_K$
- ▶ BLUE interpolation (Ψ_i either selection or aggregation)

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_K^{(i)} = [\Psi_i^H \mathbf{C}^H (\bar{\mathbf{R}}_w^{(i)})^{-1} \mathbf{C} \Psi_i]^{-1} \Psi_i^H \mathbf{C}^H (\bar{\mathbf{R}}_w^{(i)})^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{z}}_i$$

⇒ If $P = K$, then $\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)} = \mathbf{V}_K (\mathbf{C}\Psi_i)^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{z}}_i$

- ▶ Error covariances ($\mathbf{R}_e^{(i)}, \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_e^{(i)}$) in closed form ⇒ Noise covariances?
⇒ Colored, different models: white noise in \mathbf{z}_i , in \mathbf{x} , or in $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_K$

- ▶ Metric to optimize?

⇒ $\text{trace}(\mathbf{R}_e^{(i)})$, $\lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{R}_e^{(i)})$, $\log \det(\tilde{\mathbf{R}}_e^{(i)})$, $\left[\text{trace} \left(\tilde{\mathbf{R}}_e^{(i)-1} \right) \right]^{-1}$

- ▶ Select i and \mathbf{C} to min. error ⇒ Depends on metric and noise [Marques16]

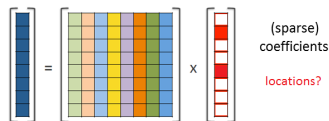
Unknown frequency support

- ▶ Falls into the class of sparse reconstruction: **observation matrix?**

⇒ Selec. ⇒ **submatrix of unitary** \mathbf{V}_K

⇒ Aggr. ⇒ **Vander. \times diag**

$[\mathbf{u}_i]_k \neq 0$ and $\lambda_k \neq \lambda_{k'}$ ⇒ full-spark



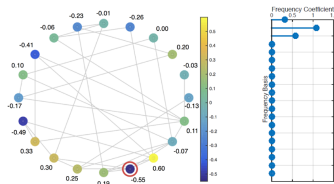
- ▶ **Joint recovery and support identification** (noiseless)

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^* &:= \arg \min_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \|\tilde{\mathbf{x}}\|_0 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}_i = \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\Psi}_i \tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \end{aligned}$$

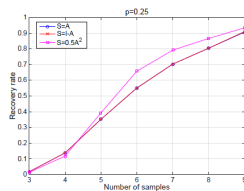
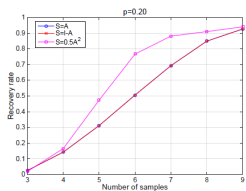
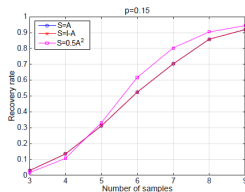
- ▶ If full spark $\Rightarrow P = 2K$ samples suffice
 - ⇒ Different relaxations are possible
 - ⇒ Conditioning will depend on $\boldsymbol{\Psi}_i$ (e.g., how different $\{\lambda_k\}$ are)
- ▶ Noisy case: sampling nodes critical

Recovery with unknown support: Example

- ▶ Erdős-Rényi
 $p = 0.15, 0.20, 0.25,$
 $K = 3,$ non-smooth



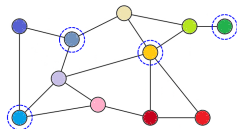
- ▶ Three different shifts: \mathbf{A} , $(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})$ and $\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{A}^2$



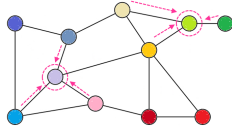
Space-shift sampling

- ▶ Space-shift sampling (hybrid) \Rightarrow Multiple nodes and multiple shifts

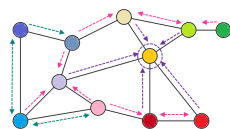
Selection: 4 nodes, 1 sample



Space-shift: 2 nodes, 2 samples



Aggregat.: 1 node, 4 samples



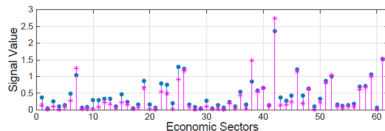
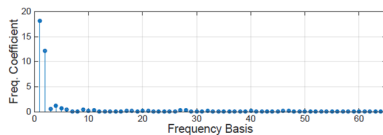
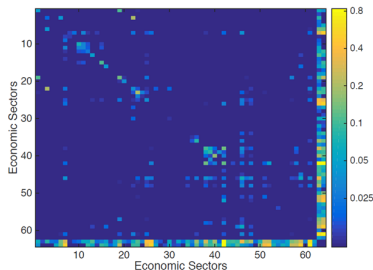
- ▶ Section and aggregation sampling as particular cases
- ▶ With $\bar{\mathbf{U}} := [\text{diag}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_1), \dots, \text{diag}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_N)]^T$, the sampled signal is

$$\bar{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{C} \left(\mathbf{I} \otimes (\boldsymbol{\Psi}^T \mathbf{E}_K) \right) \bar{\mathbf{U}} \bar{\mathbf{x}}_K + \mathbf{C} \bar{\mathbf{w}}$$

- ▶ As before, BLUE and error covariance in close-form
- ▶ Optimizing sample selection more challenging
- ▶ More structured schemes easier: e.g., message passing
 \Rightarrow Node i knows $y_j^{(l)}$ \Rightarrow node i knows $y_j^{(l')}$ for all $j \in \mathcal{N}_i$ and $l' < l$

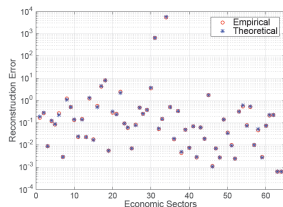
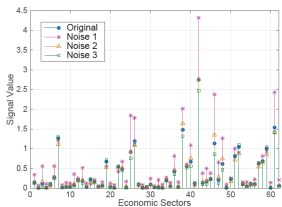
Sampling the US economy

- ▶ 62 economic sectors in USA + 2 artificial sectors
 - ⇒ Graph: average flows in 2007-2010, $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}$
 - ⇒ Signal \mathbf{x} : production in 2011
 - ⇒ \mathbf{x} is approximately bandlimited with $K = 4$



Sampling the US economy: Results

- ▶ Setup 1: we add different types of noise
 - ⇒ Error depends on sampling node: better if more connected



- ▶ Setup 2: we try different shift-space strategies

Sampling strategy				Min. error	Median error
$[\mathbf{x}]_i$	$[\mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}]_i$	$[\mathbf{S}^2\mathbf{x}]_i$	$[\mathbf{S}^3\mathbf{x}]_i$.0035	.019
$[\mathbf{x}]_i$	$[\mathbf{x}]_j$	$[\mathbf{x}]_k$	$[\mathbf{x}]_l$.0039	4.2
$[\mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}]_i$	$[\mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}]_j$	$[\mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}]_k$	$[\mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}]_l$.0035	.030
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More on sampling graph signals

- ▶ **Beyond bandlimitedness**
 - ⇒ Smooth signals [Chen15]
 - ⇒ Parsimonious in kernelized domain [Romero-Giannakis16]
- ▶ Strategies to **select the sampling nodes**
 - ⇒ Random (sketching) [Varma15]
 - ⇒ Optimal reconstruction [Marques16, Chepuri-Leus16]
 - ⇒ Designed based on posterior task [Gama16]
- ▶ And more...
 - ⇒ **Low-complexity** implementations [Tremblay16, Anis16]
 - ⇒ **Local** implementations [Wang14, Segarra15]
 - ⇒ Unknown spectral decomposition [Anis16]

Blind identification of graph filters

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Diffusion processes as graph filter outputs

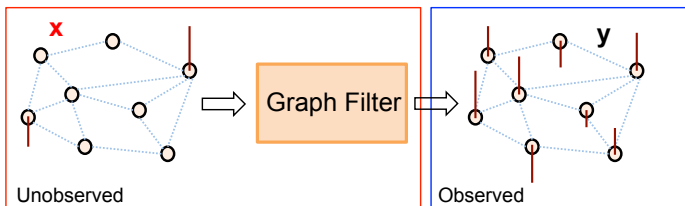
- ▶ **Q:** Upon observing a graph signal \mathbf{y} , how was this signal generated?
- ▶ Postulate the following generative model
 - ⇒ An originally **sparse** signal $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^{(0)}$
 - ⇒ **Diffused** via **linear** graph **dynamics** $\mathbf{S} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}^{(l)} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}^{(l-1)}$
 - ⇒ Observed \mathbf{y} is a linear combination of the diffused signals $\mathbf{x}^{(l)}$

$$\mathbf{y} = \sum_{l=0}^L h_l \mathbf{x}^{(l)} = \sum_{l=0}^L h_l \mathbf{S}^l \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}$$

- ▶ **Model:** Observed network process as output of a graph filter
 - ⇒ View few elements in $\text{supp}(\mathbf{x}) =: \{i : x_i \neq 0\}$ as **seeds**

Motivation and problem statement

- ▶ **Ex:** Global opinion/belief profile formed by spreading a rumor
 - ⇒ What was the rumor? Who started it?
 - ⇒ How do people weigh in peers' opinions to form their own?



- ▶ **Problem:** Blind identification of graph filters with sparse inputs
- ▶ **Q:** Given \mathbf{S} , can we find \mathbf{x} and the combination weights \mathbf{h} from $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}$?
 - ⇒ Extends classical blind deconvolution to graphs

Blind graph filter identification

- ▶ Leverage frequency response of graph filters ($\mathbf{U} := \mathbf{V}^{-1}$)

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} \Rightarrow \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{V}\text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\Psi}\mathbf{h})\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}$$

$\Rightarrow \mathbf{y}$ is a **bilinear** function of the unknowns \mathbf{h} and \mathbf{x}

- ▶ Problem is **ill-posed** $\Rightarrow (L + 1) + N$ unknowns and N observations
 \Rightarrow **As.:** \mathbf{x} is S -sparse i.e., $\|\mathbf{x}\|_0 := |\text{supp}(\mathbf{x})| \leq S$
- ▶ **Blind graph filter identification** \Rightarrow Non-convex feasibility problem

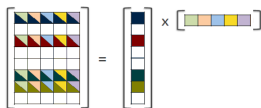
$$\text{find } \{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{x}\}, \quad \text{s. to } \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{V}\text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\Psi}\mathbf{h})\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}, \quad \|\mathbf{x}\|_0 \leq S$$

“Lifting” the bilinear inverse problem

- ▶ **Key observation:** Use the Khatri-Rao product \odot to write \mathbf{y} as

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{V}(\boldsymbol{\Psi}^T \odot \mathbf{U}^T)^T \text{vec}(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{h}^T)$$

- ▶ Reveals \mathbf{y} is a **linear** combination of the entries of $\mathbf{Z} := \mathbf{x}\mathbf{h}^T$



- ▶ \mathbf{Z} is of rank-1 and row-sparse \Rightarrow Linear matrix inverse problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{Z}} \text{rank}(\mathbf{Z}), \quad \text{s. to } \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{V}(\boldsymbol{\Psi}^T \odot \mathbf{U}^T)^T \text{vec}(\mathbf{Z}), \quad \|\mathbf{Z}\|_{2,0} \leq S$$

\Rightarrow Pseudo-norm $\|\mathbf{Z}\|_{2,0}$ counts the nonzero rows of \mathbf{Z}

\Rightarrow Matrix “lifting” for blind deconvolution [Ahmed et al'14]

- ▶ Rank minimization s. to row-cardinality constraint is NP-hard. **Relax!**

Algorithmic approach via convex relaxation

- ▶ **Key property:** ℓ_1 -norm minimization promotes **sparsity** [Tibshirani'94]
 - ▶ Nuclear norm $\|\mathbf{Z}\|_* := \sum_i \sigma_i(\mathbf{Z})$ a convex proxy of rank [Fazel'01]
 - ▶ $\ell_{2,1}$ norm $\|\mathbf{Z}\|_{2,1} := \sum_i \|\mathbf{z}_i^T\|_2$ surrogate of $\|\mathbf{Z}\|_{2,0}$ [Yuan-Lin'06]

- ▶ **Convex** relaxation

$$\min_{\mathbf{Z}} \|\mathbf{Z}\|_* + \alpha \|\mathbf{Z}\|_{2,1}, \quad \text{s. to } \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{V}(\boldsymbol{\Psi}^T \odot \mathbf{U}^T)^T \text{vec}(\mathbf{Z})$$

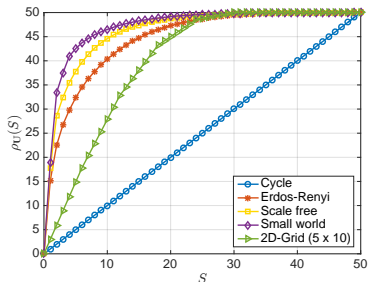
⇒ Scalable algorithm using method of multipliers

- ▶ Refine estimates $\{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{x}\}$ via iteratively-reweighted optimization
 - ⇒ Weights $\alpha_i(k) = (\|\mathbf{z}_i(k)^T\|_2 + \delta)^{-1}$ per row i , per iteration k
- ▶ **Noisy and partial observations** ⇒ Adjust constraints
 - ▶ Noise in \mathbf{y} : $\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{V}(\boldsymbol{\Psi}^T \odot \mathbf{U}^T)^T \text{vec}(\mathbf{Z})\| \leq \varepsilon$
 - ▶ Sampling via selection matrix \mathbf{C} : $\mathbf{y}_C = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{V}(\boldsymbol{\Psi}^T \odot \mathbf{U}^T)^T \text{vec}(\mathbf{Z})$

Exact recovery guarantees

- ▶ **Exact recovery** \Rightarrow Success of the convex relaxation
 - ▶ Random model on the graph structure [Ling-Stromher'15]
 - ▶ Probabilistic guarantees depend on **graph spectrum**

$$P_{\text{rec}} \geq 1 - N^{-O(\rho_U^{-1}(s))}, \quad \rho_U(S) := \max_{I \in \{1, \dots, N\}} \max_{\Omega \in \Omega_S^N} \|\mathbf{u}_I, \Omega\|_2^2$$

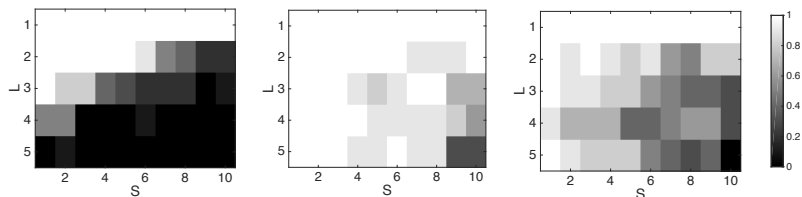


- ▶ Blind deconvolution (in time) most favorable graph setting

Details in arXiv:1604.07234v1 [cs.IT]

Numerical tests: Recovery rates

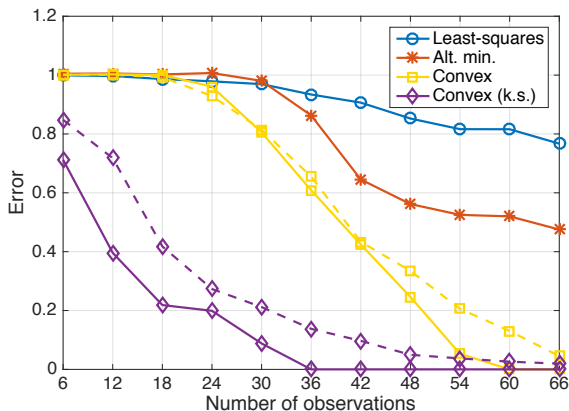
- ▶ **Recovery rates** over an (L, S) grid and 20 trials
 - ▶ Successful recovery when $\|\mathbf{x}^*(\mathbf{h}^*)^T - \mathbf{x}\mathbf{h}^T\|_F < 10^{-3}$
- ▶ ER (left), ER reweighted $\ell_{2,1}$ (center), brain reweighted $\ell_{2,1}$ (right)



- ▶ **Exact recovery over non-trivial (L, S) region**
 - ⇒ Reweighted optimization markedly improves performance
 - ⇒ Encouraging results even for real-world graphs

Numerical tests: Brain graph

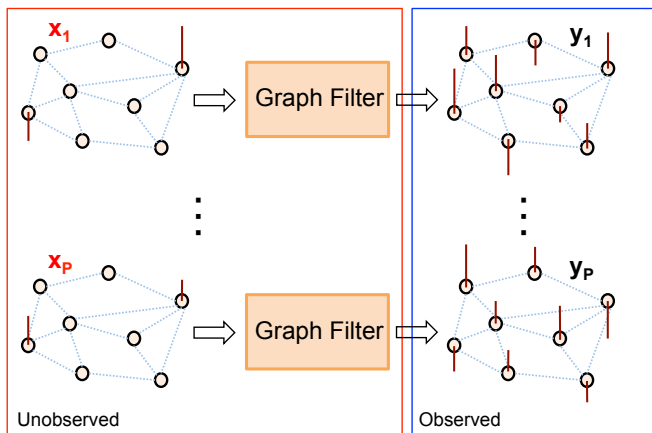
- ▶ Human brain graph with $N = 66$ regions, $L = 3$ and $S = 3$



- ▶ Proposed method also outperforms alternating-minimization solver
 - ⇒ Unknown $\text{supp}(\mathbf{x}) \approx$ Need twice as many observations
 - ⇒ Stable to Gaussian noise in \mathbf{y} ($\sigma^2 = 0.01$)

Multiple output signals

- Suppose we have access to P output signals $\{\mathbf{y}_p\}_{p=1}^P$



- Goal:** Identify **common** filter \mathbf{H} fed by multiple unobserved inputs \mathbf{x}_p

Formulation

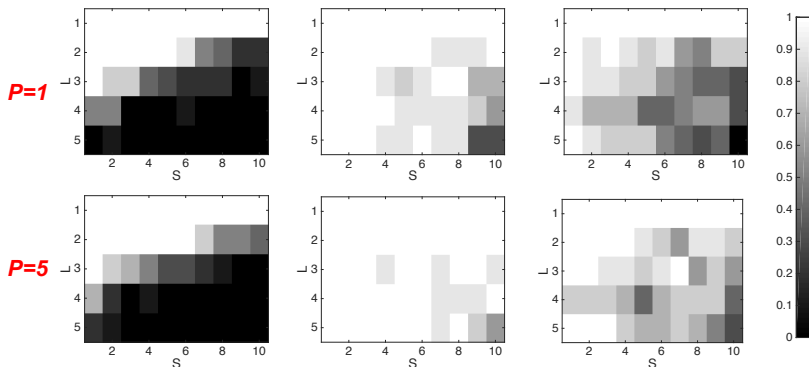
- ▶ **As.:** $\{\mathbf{x}_p\}_{p=1}^P$ are S -sparse with **common support**
- ▶ Concatenate outputs $\bar{\mathbf{y}} := [\mathbf{y}_1^T, \dots, \mathbf{y}_P^T]^T$ and inputs $\bar{\mathbf{x}} := [\mathbf{x}_1^T, \dots, \mathbf{x}_P^T]^T$
- ▶ Unknown rank-one matrices $\mathbf{Z}_p := \mathbf{x}_p \mathbf{h}^T$. Stack them
 - ⇒ Vertically in **rank one** $\bar{\mathbf{Z}}_v := [\mathbf{Z}_1^T, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_P^T]^T = \bar{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{h}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{NP \times L}$
 - ⇒ Horizontally in **row sparse** $\bar{\mathbf{Z}}_h := [\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_P] \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times PL}$
- ▶ **Convex** formulation

$$\min_{\{\mathbf{Z}_p\}_{p=1}^P} \|\bar{\mathbf{Z}}_v\|_* + \tau \|\bar{\mathbf{Z}}_h\|_{2,1}, \quad \text{s. to } \bar{\mathbf{y}} = \left(\mathbf{I}_P \otimes \left(\mathbf{V} (\boldsymbol{\Psi}^T \odot \mathbf{U}^T)^T \right) \right) \text{vec}(\bar{\mathbf{Z}}_h)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Relax (As.): } \|\bar{\mathbf{Z}}_h\|_{2,1} \leftrightarrow \|\bar{\mathbf{Z}}_v\|_{2,1} = \sum_{p=1}^P \|\mathbf{Z}_p\|_{2,1}$$

Numerical tests: Multiple signals, recovery rates

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- ▶ Leveraging multiple output signals aids the blind identification task

Blind ID: Takeaways

- ▶ Extended blind deconvolution of space/time signals to graphs
 - ⇒ **Key:** model **diffusion process** as output of graph filter
- ▶ **Rank** and **sparsity minimization** subject to model constraints
 - ⇒ “Lifting” and convex relaxation yield efficient algorithms
- ▶ **Exact recovery** conditions ⇒ Success of the convex relaxation
 - ⇒ Probabilistic guarantees that depend on the **graph spectrum**
- ▶ Consideration of **multiple** sparse inputs aids recovery
- ▶ **Envisioned application domains**
 - (a) Opinion formation in social networks
 - (b) Identify sources of epileptic seizure
 - (c) Trace “patient zero” for an epidemic outbreak
- ▶ Unknown shift **S** ⇒ **Network topology inference**

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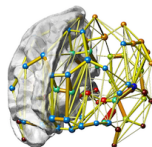
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Motivation and context

- ▶ Network **topology inference** from nodal observations
 - ⇒ Approaches use **Pearson correlations** to construct graphs
 - ⇒ Partial correlations and conditional dependence
- ▶ Paramount importance in neuroscience
 - ⇒ Functional net inferred from activity
- ▶ Most GSP works assume that **S** (hence the graph) is known
 - ⇒ Analyze how the characteristics of **S** affect signals and filters
- ▶ We take the reverse path
 - ⇒ How to use **GSP to infer the graph topology?**
 - ⇒ [Dong15, Mei15, Pavez16, Padeloup16]



Generating structure of a diffusion process

- ▶ Signal \mathbf{x} is the response of a linear diffusion process to a white input

$$\mathbf{x} = \alpha_0 \prod_{l=1}^{\infty} (\mathbf{I} - \alpha_l \mathbf{S}) \mathbf{w} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \beta_l \mathbf{S}^l \mathbf{w}$$

⇒ Common generative model. Heat diffusion if α_k constant

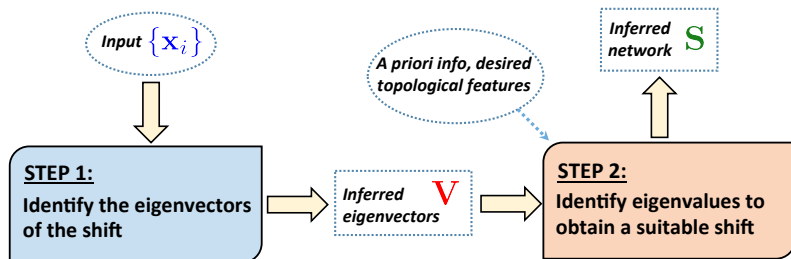
- ▶ We say the graph shift \mathbf{S} explains the structure of signal \mathbf{x}
- ▶ It follows from Cayley Hamilton that we can write diffusion as

$$\mathbf{x} = \left(\sum_{l=0}^{N-1} h_l \mathbf{S}^l \right) \mathbf{w} := \mathbf{H} \mathbf{w}$$

⇒ \mathbf{H} diagonalized by the eigenvectors of the shift operator

Our approach for topology inference

- ▶ We propose a **two-step approach** for graph topology identification



- ▶ Beyond diffusion \Rightarrow alternative sources for **spectral templates** V

STEP 1: Obtaining the eigenvectors

- ▶ The covariance matrix of the signal \mathbf{x} is

$$\mathbf{C}_x = \mathbb{E} \left[\left(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{w})^H \right) \right] = \mathbf{H} \mathbb{E} \left[(\mathbf{w}\mathbf{w}^H) \right] \mathbf{H}^H = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^H$$

- ▶ Since \mathbf{H} is diagonalized by \mathbf{V} , so is the covariance \mathbf{C}_x

$$\mathbf{C}_x = \mathbf{V} \left| \sum_{l=0}^{L-1} h_l \Lambda^l \right|^2 \mathbf{V}^H = \mathbf{V} \text{diag}(|\tilde{\mathbf{h}}|^2) \mathbf{V}^H$$

- ▶ Any shift with eigenvectors \mathbf{V} can explain \mathbf{x}
⇒ G and its specific eigenvalues have been obscured by diffusion

Observations

- (a) There are many shifts that can explain a signal \mathbf{x}
- (b) Identifying the shift \mathbf{S} is just a matter of identifying the eigenvalues
- (c) In correlation methods the eigenvalues are kept unchanged
- (d) In precision methods the eigenvalues are inverted

Other sources of spectral templates

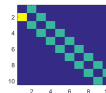
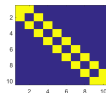
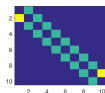
1) Implementation of linear network operators

- ▶ Goal: distributed implementation of **linear operator B** via graph filter
 - ⇒ **B** and **S** sharing **V** is beneficial for implementation
 - ▶ Given a **pre-specified B**
 - ⇒ Use its eigenvectors as spectral templates to generate a shift **S**
 - ⇒ The goal here not to identify a shift, but to design one
- Ex.: consensus ⇒ Laplacian of the smallest connected graph

2) Relationship between nodes of a signal

- ▶ Particular transforms **T** are known to work well on specific data
 - ⇒ Such transform assumes an implicit relation among data ⇒ **S**
 - ⇒ Identification of that relation can provide insights $\mathbf{V}^H = \mathbf{T}$

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STEP 2: Obtaining the eigenvalues

- ▶ We can use extra knowledge/assumptions to choose one graph
⇒ Of all graphs, select one that is **optimal** in some sense

$$\mathbf{S}^* := \underset{\mathbf{S}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}}{\operatorname{argmin}} f(\mathbf{S}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) \quad \text{s. to} \quad \mathbf{S} = \sum_{k=1}^N \lambda_k \mathbf{v}_k \mathbf{v}_k^H, \quad \mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{S} \quad (1)$$

- ▶ Set \mathcal{S} contains all admissible scaled **adjacency** matrices

$$\mathcal{S} := \{\mathbf{S} \mid S_{ij} \geq 0, \mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{M}^N, S_{ii} = 0, \sum_j S_{1j} = 1\}$$

⇒ Can accommodate **Laplacian** matrices as well

- ▶ Problem is convex if we select a convex objective $f(\mathbf{S}, \boldsymbol{\lambda})$
⇒ **Minimum energy** ($f(\mathbf{S}) = \|\mathbf{S}\|_F$), **Fast mixing** ($f(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = -\lambda_2$)

Size of the feasibility set

- ▶ The feasibility set in (1) is generally small
 - ⇒ Define $\mathbf{W} := \mathbf{V} \odot \mathbf{V}$ where \odot is the Khatri-Rao product
 - ⇒ Denote by \mathcal{D} the index set such that $\text{vec}(\mathbf{S})_{\mathcal{D}} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{S})$

Assume that (1) is feasible, then it holds that $\text{rank}(\mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{D}}) \leq N - 1$.
If $\text{rank}(\mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{D}}) = N - 1$, then the feasible set of (1) is a **singleton**.

- ▶ **Convex feasibility set** ⇒ Search for the optimal solution may be easy
- ▶ Simulations will show that $\text{rank}(\mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{D}}) = N - 1$ arises in practice

Sparse recovery

- ▶ Whenever the feasibility set of (1) is non-trivial
⇒ $f(\mathbf{S}, \lambda)$ determines the features of the recovered graph

Ex: Identify the **sparsest shift** \mathbf{S}_0^* that explains observed signal structure
⇒ Set the cost $f(\mathbf{S}, \lambda) = \|\mathbf{S}\|_0$

- ▶ Problem is not convex, but can **relax to ℓ_1 norm** minimization

$$\mathbf{S}_1^* := \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{S}, \lambda} \|\mathbf{S}\|_1 \quad \text{s. to} \quad \mathbf{S} = \sum_{k=1}^N \lambda_k \mathbf{v}_k \mathbf{v}_k^H, \quad \mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{S}$$

- ▶ Does the solution \mathbf{S}_1^* coincide with the ℓ_0 solution \mathbf{S}_0^* ?

Recovery guarantee

- ▶ Denoting by \mathbf{m}_i^T the i -th row of $\mathbf{M} := (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^\dagger)_{\mathcal{D}^c}$
 - ⇒ Construct $\mathbf{R} := [\mathbf{m}_2 - \mathbf{m}_1, \dots, \mathbf{m}_{N-1} - \mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_N, \dots, \mathbf{m}_{|\mathcal{D}^c|}]^T$
 - ⇒ Denote by \mathcal{K} the indices of the support of $\mathbf{s}_0^* = \text{vec}(\mathbf{S}_0^*)$

\mathbf{S}_1^* and \mathbf{S}_0^* coincide if the two following conditions are satisfied:

- 1) $\text{rank}(\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{K}}) = |\mathcal{K}|$; and
- 2) There exists a constant $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\psi_{\mathbf{R}} := \|\mathbf{I}_{\mathcal{K}^c}(\delta^{-2}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}^T + \mathbf{I}_{\mathcal{K}^c}^T\mathbf{I}_{\mathcal{K}^c})^{-1}\mathbf{I}_{\mathcal{K}}^T\|_{\infty} < 1.$$

- ▶ Cond. 1) ensures uniqueness of solution \mathbf{S}_1^*
- ▶ Cond. 2) guarantees existence of a dual certificate for ℓ_0 optimality

Noisy and incomplete spectral templates

- ▶ We might have access to $\hat{\mathbf{V}}$, a **noisy version** of the spectral templates
⇒ With $d(\cdot, \cdot)$ denoting a (convex) **distance** between matrices

$$\min_{\{\mathbf{S}, \lambda, \hat{\mathbf{S}}\}} \|\mathbf{S}\|_1 \quad \text{s. to} \quad \hat{\mathbf{S}} = \sum_{k=1}^N \lambda_k \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k^T, \quad \mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{S}, \quad d(\mathbf{S}, \hat{\mathbf{S}}) \leq \epsilon$$

- ▶ Recovery result similar to the noiseless case can be derived
⇒ Conditions under which we are guaranteed $d(\mathbf{S}^*, \mathbf{S}_0^*) \leq C\epsilon$

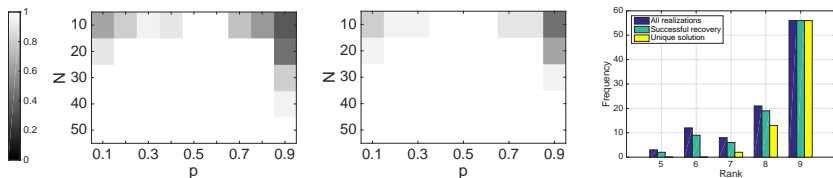
- ▶ Partial access to \mathbf{V} ⇒ Only K known eigenvectors $[\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_K]$

$$\min_{\{\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{S}_{\bar{K}}, \lambda\}} \|\mathbf{S}\|_1 \quad \text{s. to} \quad \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}_{\bar{K}} + \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k \mathbf{v}_k \mathbf{v}_k^T, \quad \mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{S}, \quad \mathbf{S}_{\bar{K}} \mathbf{v}_k = \mathbf{0}$$

- ▶ Incomplete and noisy scenarios can be combined

Topology inference in random graphs

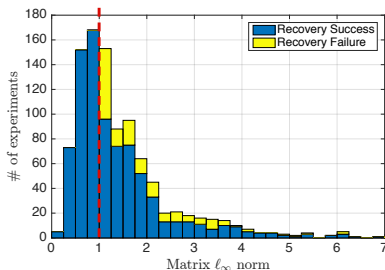
- ▶ Erdős-Rényi graphs of varying size $N \in \{10, 20, \dots, 50\}$
 - ⇒ Edge probabilities $p \in \{0.1, 0.2, \dots, 0.9\}$
- ▶ Recovery rates for adjacency (left) and normalized Laplacian (mid)



- ▶ Recovery is easier for intermediate values of p
- ▶ Rate of recovery related to the $\text{rank}(\mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{D}})$ (histogram $N=10, p=0.2$)
 - ⇒ When rank is $N - 1$, recovery is guaranteed
 - ⇒ As rank decreases, there is a detrimental effect on recovery

Sparse recovery guarantee

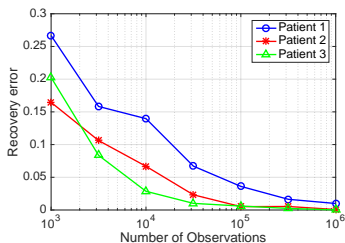
- ▶ Generate 1000 ER random graphs ($N = 20$, $p = 0.1$) such that
 - ⇒ Feasible set is not a singleton
 - ⇒ Cond. 1) in sparse recovery theorem is satisfied
- ▶ Noiseless case: ℓ_1 norm guarantees recovery as long as $\psi_{\mathbf{R}} < 1$



- ▶ Condition is sufficient but **not necessary**
 - ⇒ **Tightest** possible bound on this matrix norm

Inferring brain graphs from noisy templates

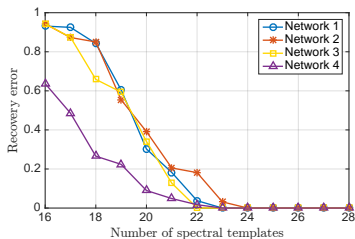
- ▶ Identification of structural **brain graphs** $N = 66$
- ▶ Test recovery for **noisy** spectral templates $\hat{\mathbf{V}}$
 - ⇒ Obtained from sample covariances of diffused signals



- ▶ Recovery error decreases with increasing number of **observed signals**
 - ⇒ More **reliable** estimate of the covariance ⇒ **Less noisy** $\hat{\mathbf{V}}$
- ▶ Brain of patient 1 is consistently the hardest to identify
 - ⇒ Robustness for identification in noisy scenarios
- ▶ **Traditional methods** like graphical lasso **fail** to recover \mathbf{S}

Inferring social graphs from incomplete templates

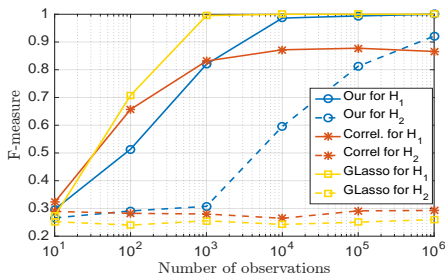
- ▶ Identification of multiple social networks $N = 32$
 - ⇒ Defined on the same node set of students from Ljubljana
- ▶ Test recovery for **incomplete** spectral templates $\hat{\mathbf{V}} = [\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_K]$
 - ⇒ Obtained from a low-pass diffusion process
 - ⇒ **Repeated** eigenvalues in \mathbf{C}_x introduce **rotation ambiguity** in \mathbf{V}



- ▶ Recovery error decreases with increasing nr. of **spectral templates**
 - ⇒ Performance improvement is sharp and precipitous

Performance comparisons

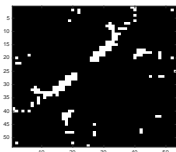
- ▶ Comparison with **graphical lasso** and **sparse correlation** methods
 - ▶ Evaluated on 100 realizations of ER graphs with $N = 20$ and $\rho = 0.2$



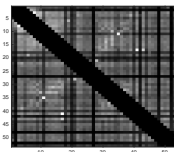
- ▶ Graphical lasso **implicitly assumes a filter $\mathbf{H}_1 = (\rho\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{S})^{-1/2}$**
 - ⇒ For this filter spectral templates work, but not as well (MLE)
- ▶ For **general diffusion filters \mathbf{H}_2** spectral templates still work fine

Inferring direct relations

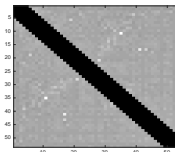
- ▶ Our method can be used to **sparsify a given network**
- ▶ Keep direct and important edges or relations
 - ⇒ **Discard indirect relations** that can be explained by direct ones
- ▶ Use **eigenvectors \hat{V} of given network** as noisy templates
- ▶ Infer **contact between amino-acid residues** in BPT1 BOVIN
 - ⇒ Use mutual information of amino-acid covariation as input



Ground truth



Mutual info.



Network deconv.



Our approach

- ▶ Network deconvolution assumes a specific filter model [Feizi13]
 - ⇒ We achieve better performance by being agnostic to this

Topology ID: Takeaways

- ▶ Network **topology inference** cornerstone problem in Network Science
 - ▶ Most GSP works analyze how \mathbf{S} affect signals and filters
 - ▶ Here, reverse path: How to use **GSP to infer the graph topology?**
- ▶ Our GSP approach to network **topology inference**
 - ⇒ **Two step** approach: i) Obtain \mathbf{V} ; ii) Estimate \mathbf{S} given \mathbf{V}
- ▶ How to obtain the spectral templates \mathbf{V}
 - ⇒ Based on **covariance of diffused signals**
 - ⇒ Other sources too: net operators, data transforms
- ▶ Infer \mathbf{S} via **convex optimization**
 - ⇒ Objectives promotes desirable properties
 - ⇒ Constraints encode structure a priori info and structure
 - ⇒ Formulations for **perfect and imperfect templates**
 - ⇒ **Sparse recovery** results for both adjacency and Laplacian

Wrapping up

Motivation and preliminaries

Part I: Fundamentals

- Graph signals and the shift operator
- Graph Fourier Transform (GFT)
- Graph filters and network processes

Part II: Applications

- Filter design for network operators
- Sampling graph signals
- Blind identification of graph filters
- Network topology inference

Concluding remarks

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- ▶ **Network science** and big data pose new challenges
 - ⇒ **GSP** can contribute to **solve** some of those challenges
 - ⇒ Well suited for **network (diffusion) processes**
- ▶ **Central elements in GSP: graph-shift operator** and Fourier transform
- ▶ **Graph filters**: operate graph signals
 - ⇒ **Polynomials** of the shift operator that can be implemented **locally**
- ▶ **Network diffusion/percolations** processes via **graph filters**
 - ⇒ Successive/parallel combination of **local linear dynamics**
 - ⇒ Possibly time-varying diffusion coefficients
 - ⇒ Accurate to model certain setups
 - ⇒ GSP yields insights on how those processes behave

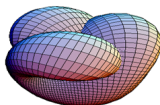
Concluding remarks

- ▶ **GSP results** can be applied to solve practical problems
 - ⇒ Filter design (**design of distributed operators**)
 - ⇒ Sampling, interpolation (**network control**)
 - ⇒ Blind deconvolution (**source ID**), shift design (**network topology ID**)

Interpolate a brain signal
from local observations



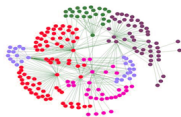
Compress a signal in
an irregular domain



Localize the
source of a rumor



Smooth an observed
network profile



Predict the evolution of a
network process



Infer the topology where
the signals reside

- ▶ **First step to challenging problems:** social nets, brain signals
- ▶ Motivates **further research:**
 - ⇒ Statistical modeling
 - ⇒ Space-time variation
 - ⇒ Changing topologies
 - ⇒ Nonlinear approaches
 - ⇒ Local, reduced-complexity algorithms
- ▶ **Thanks!**
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