



C S C I 5304

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COMPUTATIONAL ASPECTS OF MATRIX THEORY

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APPLICATION: GRAPH PARTITIONING

Graph Laplacians - Definition


- “Laplace-type” matrices associated with general undirected graphs – useful in many applications
- Given a graph $G = (V, E)$ define
 - A matrix W of weights w_{ij} for each edge
 - Assume $w_{ij} \geq 0$, $w_{ii} = 0$, and $w_{ij} = w_{ji} \forall (i, j)$
 - The diagonal matrix $D = \text{diag}(d_i)$ with $d_i = \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij}$
- Corresponding **graph Laplacian** of G is:

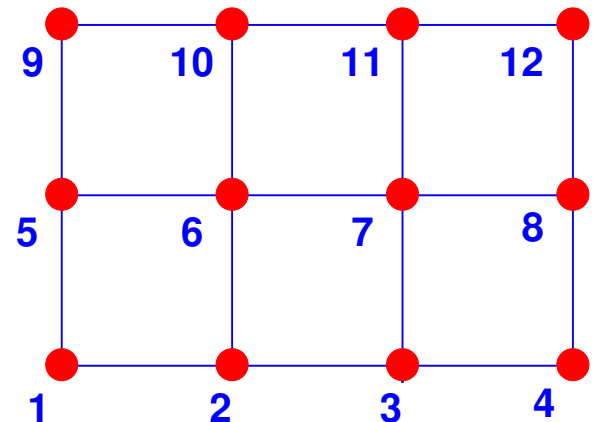
$$L = D - W$$


- Gershgorin's theorem $\rightarrow L$ is positive semidefinite

➤ Simplest case:

$$w_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (i, j) \in E \text{ \& } i \neq j \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad D = \text{diag} \left[d_i = \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij} \right]$$

 Define the graph Laplacian for the graph associated with the simple mesh shown next. [use the simple weights of 0 or 1]





Adjacency matrix = $W =$


$$\begin{bmatrix} \cdot & 1 & & & & & & & \\ 1 & \cdot & & & & & & & \\ & 1 & \cdot & & & & & & \\ & & 1 & \cdot & & & & & \\ & & & 1 & \cdot & & & & \\ 1 & & & & & \cdot & & & \\ & 1 & & & & & \cdot & & \\ & & 1 & & & & & \cdot & \\ & & & 1 & & & & & \cdot \\ & & & & 1 & & & & \\ & & & & & 1 & & & \\ & & & & & & 1 & & \\ & & & & & & & 1 & \\ & & & & & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

; Incidence matrix = $N =$

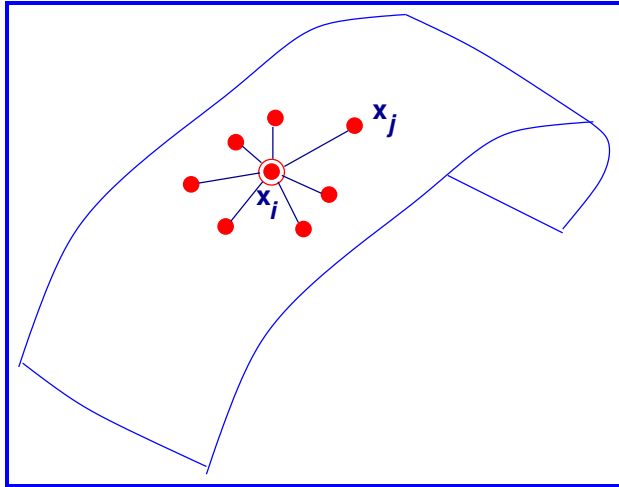
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; $L = D - W$
 $= N^T N$

A few properties of graph Laplacians

 What is the difference with the discretization of the Laplace operator in 2-D for case when mesh is the same as this graph?

A few properties of graph Laplacians



Strong relation between $x^T Lx$ and local distances between entries of x

► Let $L =$ any matrix s.t. $L = D - W$, with $D = \text{diag}(d_i)$ and

$$w_{ij} \geq 0, \quad d_i = \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij}$$

Property 1: for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

$$x^T Lx = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} |x_i - x_j|^2$$

Property 2: (generalization) for any $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$:

$$\text{Tr}[YLY^T] = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} \|y_i - y_j\|^2$$

Property 3: For the particular $L = I - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^\top$

$$XLX^\top = \bar{X}\bar{X}^\top == n \times \text{Covariance matrix}$$

Property 4: L is singular and admits the null vector $e = \text{ones}(n, 1)$

Property 5: (Graph partitioning) Consider situation when $w_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$. If x is a vector of signs (± 1) then

$$x^\top Lx = 4 \times (\text{'number of edge cuts'})$$

edge-cut = pair (i, j) with $x_i \neq x_j$

➤ Would like to minimize (Lx, x) subject to $x \in \{-1, 1\}^n$ and $e^\top x = 0$ [balanced sets]

➤ Will solve a relaxed form of this problem

➤ Consider any symmetric (real) matrix A with eigenvalues $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$ and eigenvectors u_1, \dots, u_n

➤ Recall that:
(Min reached for $x = u_1$)

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{(Ax, x)}{(x, x)} = \lambda_1$$

➤ In addition:
(Min reached for $x = u_2$)

$$\min_{x \perp u_1} \frac{(Ax, x)}{(x, x)} = \lambda_2$$

➤ For a graph Laplacian $u_1 = e =$ vector of all ones and

➤ ...vector u_2 is called the Fiedler vector. It solves a relaxed form of the problem -

$$\min_{x \in \{-1,1\}^n; e^T x = 0} \frac{(Lx, x)}{(x, x)} \quad \rightarrow \quad \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n; e^T x = 0} \frac{(Lx, x)}{(x, x)}$$

➤ Define $v = u_2$ then $lab = \text{sign}(v - \text{med}(v))$

Spectral Graph Partitioning

Idea:

- Partition graph in two using fiedler vectors
- Cut largest in two ..
- Repeat until number of desired partitions is reached
- Use the Lanczos algorithm to compute the Fiedler vector at each step

Application: Spectral Graph Partitioning

- Let N be the incidence matrix: $N_{ij} = \pm 1$ if i -th edge is incident on the j -th vertex.
- For example: $A \leftrightarrow C, D$, $B \leftrightarrow D$, $C \leftrightarrow A$, $D \leftrightarrow A, B$ (undirected graph):

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

yielding Laplacian = diagonal matrix of degrees – Adjacency matrix :

$$N^T N = L = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Normalized Graph Cuts

Mark a partitioning of the vertices: $n_- = 1, n_+ = 3$

$$v = [1, 1, 1, -3]^T / \sqrt{3 \cdot 1} = [n_-, n_-, n_-, -n_+]^T / \sqrt{n_- n_+}.$$

Then

$$\frac{v^T L v}{v^T v} = |\text{cut}| \cdot \left(\frac{1}{n_-} + \frac{1}{n_+} \right) \quad \text{and:}$$

$$v^T e = 0, \quad \text{where } e = [1, 1, 1, 1]^T = \text{eigenvector of } L.$$

➤ Approximately minimize this with an eigenvector of L :


-1.E-15 (.500000 .500000 .500000 .500000) ← 'null' vector

.585786 (-.27059 .653281 -.65328 .270598) ← 'Fiedler'

2.00000 (.500000 -.50000 -.50000 .500000) vector

3.41421 (.653281 .270598 -.27059 -.65328)

Analogy with Electrical Networks

- Let 1 amp current is applied between nodes 1 and n . Assume unit resistances on every link. What is the voltage drop?
 - Let v = vector of voltage levels at each node. Ohm's Law: $Nv = i$ = currents across every link. Kirchoff's Law: $N^T i = b$, where $b = (1, 0, \dots, 0, -1)^T$.
 - Solve $N^T N v = b$ for voltages. Use $L = N^T N$. Try $v = L^\dagger b$
-  Show $N^T N = L$ and $Lv = b$.
- Voltage drop from 1 to n is proportional to the average commute time for a random walk from 1 to n and back. This is a square of a metric distance between nodes.

Application: Google's Page rank

- Idea is to put order into the web by ranking pages by their importance..
- Install the google-toolbar on your laptop or computer

`http://toolbar.google.com/`

- Tells you how important a page is...
- Google uses this for searches..
- Updated regularly..
- Still a lot of mystery in what is in it..

Page-rank - explained

Main point: A page is important if it is pointed to by other important pages.

- Importance of your page (its **PageRank**) is determined by summing the page ranks of all pages which point to it.
- Weighting: If a page points to several other pages, then the weighting should be distributed proportionally.
- Imagine many tokens doing a random walk on this graph:
 - (δ/n) chance to follow one of the n links on a page,
 - $(1 - \delta)$ chance to jump to a random page.
 - What's the chance a token will land on each page?
- If `www.cs.umn.edu/~boley` points to 10 pages including yours, then you will get 1/10 of the credit of my page.

Page-Rank - definitions

If T_1, \dots, T_n point to page T_i then

$$\rho(T_i) = 1 - \delta + \delta \left[\frac{\rho(T_1)}{|T_1|} + \frac{\rho(T_2)}{|T_2|} + \dots + \frac{\rho(T_n)}{|T_n|} \right]$$

➤ $|T_j|$ = count of links going out of Page T_j . So the 'vote' $\rho(T_j)$ is spread evenly among $|T_j|$ links.

➤ Sum of all PageRanks == 1: $\sum_T \rho(T) = 1$

➤ δ is a 'damping' parameter close to 1 – e.g. 0.85

➤ Defines a (possibly huge) Hyperlink matrix H $\left| \begin{array}{l} h_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{|T_i|} & \text{if } i \text{ points to } j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{array} \right.$



4 Nodes

A points to B and D

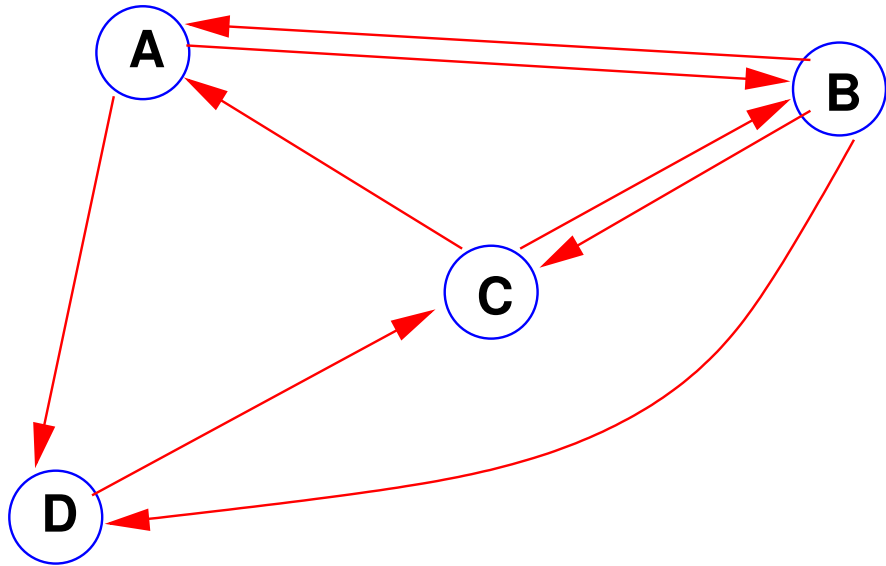
B points to A, C, and D

C points to A and B

D points to C

1) What is the H matrix?

2) the graph?



	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>
<i>A</i>		1/2		1/2
<i>B</i>	1/3		1/3	1/3
<i>C</i>	1/2	1/2		
<i>D</i>			1	

➤ Row- sums of H are = 1.

➤ Sum of all PageRanks will be one:

$$\sum_{\text{All-Pages } A} \rho(A) = 1.$$

➤ H is a stochastic matrix [actually it is forced to be by changing zero rows]

Algorithm (PageRank)

1. Select initial **row** vector v ($v \geq 0$)
2. For $i=1:\text{maxitr}$
- 3 $v := (1 - \delta)e^T + \delta vH$
4. end

 Do a few steps of this algorithm for previous example with $\delta = 0.85$.

➤ This is a row iteration..

$$\boxed{v} = \boxed{(1 - \delta)e^T} + \boxed{v} \cdot \boxed{\delta H}$$

A few properties:

- v will remain ≥ 0 . [combines non-negative vectors]
- More general iteration is of the form

$$v := v \underbrace{[(1 - \delta)E + \delta H]}_G \quad \text{with} \quad E = ez^T$$

where z is a probability vector $e^T z = 1$ [Ex. $z = \frac{1}{n}e$]

- A variant of the power method.
- e is a right-eigenvector of G associated with $\lambda = 1$. We are interested in the left eigenvector.

Kleinberg's Hubs and Authorities

- Idea is to put order into the web by ranking pages by their degree of Authority or "Hubness".
- An Authority is a page pointed to by many important pages.
 - Authority Weight = sum of Hub Weights from In-Links.
- A Hub is a page that points to many important pages:
 - Hub Weight = sum of Authority Weights from Out-Links.
- Source:

<http://www.cs.cornell.edu/home/kleinber/auth.pdf>

Computation of Hubs and Authorities

- Simplify computation by forcing sum of squares of weights to be 1.
- $\text{Auth}_j = \mathbf{x}_j = \sum_{i:(i,j) \in \text{Edges}} \text{Hub}_i.$
- $\text{Hub}_i = \mathbf{y}_i = \sum_{j:(i,j) \in \text{Edges}} \text{Auth}_j.$
- Let $A =$ Adjacency matrix: $a_{ij} = 1$ if $(i, j) \in \text{Edges}.$
- $\mathbf{y} = A\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} = A^T\mathbf{y}.$
- Iterate ... to leading eigenvectors of $A^T A$ & $AA^T.$
- Answer: Leading Singular Vectors!