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APPLICATION: GRAPH PARTITIONING

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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:

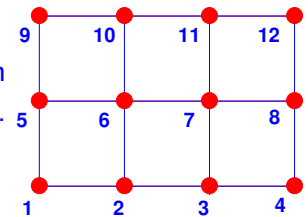
$$L = D - W$$

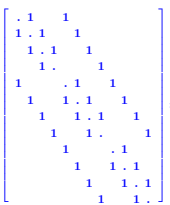
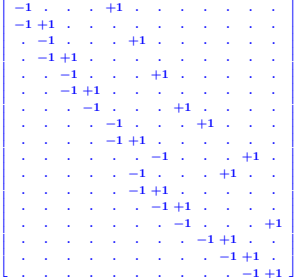
- Gershgorin’s theorem  $\rightarrow L$  is positive semidefinite

- 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 =  $W =$   ; Incidence matrix =  $N =$  


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

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## A few properties of graph Laplacians

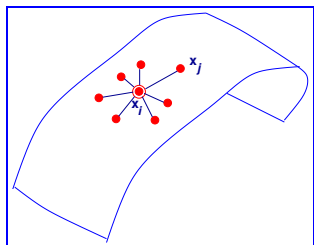
 What is the difference with the discretization of the Laplace operator in 2-D for case when mesh is the same as this graph?

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## A few properties of graph Laplacians



Strong relation between  $x^T L x$  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  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  :

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

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

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

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**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 ( $\pm 1$ ) 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

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➤ 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 -

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

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

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## 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

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## 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 :

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

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## 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  $L$ :

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-1.E-15 (.500000 .500000 .500000 .500000) ← 'null' vector
.585786 (-.27059 .653281 -.65328 .270598) ← 'Fiedler'
2.00000 (.500000 -.500000 -.500000 .500000) vector
3.41421 (.653281 .270598 -.270598 -.65328)
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## 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.

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## 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..

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## 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:
  - $(\delta/n)$  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.

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## 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:  $\sum_T \rho(T) = 1$
- $\delta$  is a 'damping' parameter close to 1 - e.g. 0.85
- Defines a (possibly huge) Hyperlink matrix  $H$  
$$h_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{|T_i|} & \text{if } i \text{ points to } j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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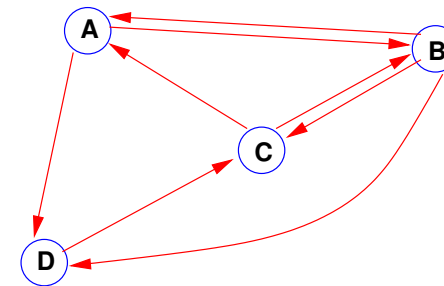
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## 4 Nodes

- 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?



	A	B	C	D
A		1/2		1/2
B	1/3		1/3	1/3
C	1/2	1/2		
D				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]

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### 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..

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

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### A few properties:

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

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

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.

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### 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>

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### Computation of Hubs and Authorities

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

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