

# Graph

A graph can be defined as an ordered pair

$$G = (V, E)$$

$V$  is a set of vertices (nodes, points)

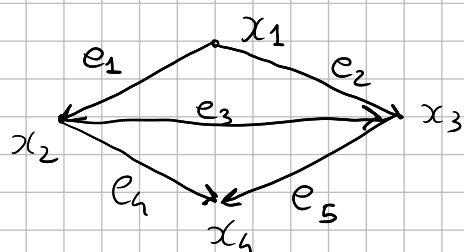
$E = \{(x, y) : x, y \in V \text{ and } x \neq y\}$  a set of edges which are unordered pair of vertices

$G$  is an unordered graph

If we consider the edges ordered  $(x, y) \quad x \rightarrow y$

$G$  is a directed graph

The incidence matrix of an ordered graph with  $n$  nodes and  $m$  edges :  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$



$$A = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ e_3 \\ e_4 \\ e_5 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$B^{(u)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

L Laplacian matrix of ordered/unordered graph

$$L = A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = D - B^{(u)}$$

$D$ : diagonal degree matrix

degree: number of edges connecting each node

$B^{(u)}$ : connectivity matrix

unordered graph, no self loops

$$B^{(u)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

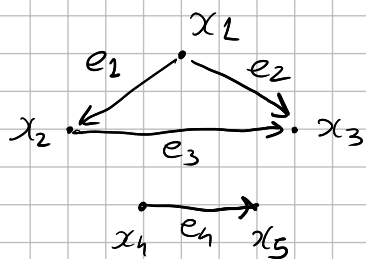
Connectivity matrix for the unordered graph

$$\mathbf{1} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\mathbf{1} = (1, 1, 1, \dots, 1)^T$$

$$\mathbf{1} \in \ker(A)$$

$$A\mathbf{1} = 0$$



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & x_5 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ e_3 \\ e_4 \end{matrix}$$

$$\ker(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

The vectors generating the  $\ker(A)$  are also in the  $\ker(L)$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$L = A^T A$$

$$A^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$$

$$x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$x_0 \in \ker(A)$$

$$Ax_0 = 0_{\mathbb{R}^m} \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$Lx_0 = A^T A x_0 = A^T 0_{\mathbb{R}^m} = 0_{\mathbb{R}^n}$$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{5 \times 4}$$

(the first  $A$  introduced)

$$\dim(\ker(A)) = 1$$

$$\dim(\text{Im}(A)) = 4 - 1 = 3 = \text{rank}(A)$$

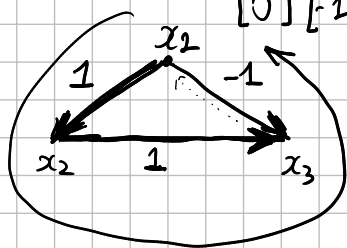
$$\text{rank}(A^T) = 3$$

$$\dim(\ker(A^T)) = 5 - \text{rank}(A^T) = 5 - 3 = 2$$

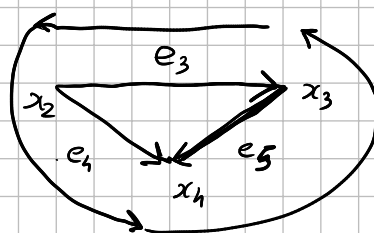
$$\ker(A^T) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$A^T \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 5} = \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

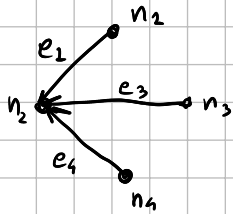


$A^T$  is the Kirchhoff matrix representing the currents balance at the nodes

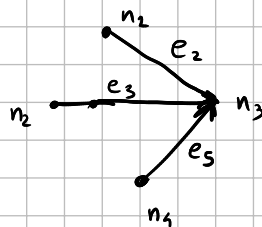
The  $\ker(A^T)$  are the current flows self balanced

The number of independent rows of  $A^T$  is the number of trees covering the graph

1  
0  
-1  
-1  
0



0  
1  
1  
0  
-2



## Euler equation

Number of nodes - Number of edges + Number of loops = 1

$$4 - 5 + 2 = 1$$

## Laplacian matrix

1) L symmetric positive semidefinite

$$L = A^T A \quad [\text{symmetric}]$$

$\mathbf{1} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda = 0$  [semi-definite]

2) The multiplicity of the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 0$  is the number of connected components of the graph

## Similarity graph

Given a set of points  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and a similarity notion  $S_{ij} > 0$  between all pairs of data points  $x_i$  and  $x_j$ .

The intuitive idea of clustering is to divide the data points into several groups such that the points in the same group are similar.

## Weighted graph

$w_{ij}$  weight for the edge connecting  $x_i$  and  $x_j$

$$w_{ij} = 0$$

$x_i$  is not connected to  $x_j$

degree of a vertex  $x_i \in V$

$$d_i = \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}$$

$$D = \text{diag}(d)$$

Let  $A \subset V$   $A$  is a subset of nodes in  $V$

$$\bar{A} = V \setminus A$$

complement of  $A$

$f = \mathbb{1}_A$  vector of 1 for the components  $S_i$  such that  $x_i \in A$  and  $f_i = 0$  if not.

$\mathbb{1}_A$  is the indicator vector of  $A$

$|A|$  number of vertices in  $A$

$$\text{Vol}(A) = \sum_{i \in I_A} d_i$$

$$I_A = \{i \in [1, \dots, n] : x_i \in A\}$$

A possible similarity function can be

$$S_{ij} = S(x_i, x_j) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x_i - x_j\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

This similarity function is defining a fully connected graph

$k$ -nearest neighbour graph

In the connectivity matrix we keep only the  $k$  largest weights in each row

Symmetric connectivity  $\begin{cases} \text{or} & S_{ij} = \max\{S_{ij}, S_{ji}\} \\ \text{and} & S_{ij} = \min\{S_{ij}, S_{ji}\} \end{cases}$

$$L = D - W$$

symmetric positive semi-definite matrix

Properties

1) For any vector  $f \in \mathbb{R}^n$  we have

$$f^T L f = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n w_{ij} (f_i - f_j)^2$$

2)  $L$  is symmetric and positive semi-definite

3) The smallest eigenvalue of  $L$  is  $\lambda = 0$ , the corresponding eigenvector is the constant vector  $\mathbb{1}_n$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \quad f^T L f &= f^T (D - W) f = f^T D f - f^T W f = \sum_{i=1}^n d_{ii} f_i^2 - \sum_{i,j=1}^n w_{ij} f_i f_j \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n d_{ii} f_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n d_{ii} f_i^2 - 2 \sum_{i,j=1}^n w_{ij} f_i f_j \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n d_{ii} f_i^2 - 2 \sum_{i,j=1}^n w_{ij} f_i f_j + \sum_{j=1}^n d_{jj} f_j^2 \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n w_{ij} f_i^2 - 2 \sum_{i,j=1}^n w_{ij} f_i f_j + \sum_{i,j=1}^n w_{ij} f_j^2 \right) \quad d_{ii} = \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n w_{ij} (f_i^2 - 2 f_i f_j + f_j^2) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n w_{ij} (f_i - f_j)^2 \geq 0
\end{aligned}$$

2)  $D, W$  symmetric  $L: f^T L f \geq 0$

3)  $f = \mathbf{1}_V$  eigenvector of  $L$  corresponding to  $\lambda = 0$

The indicator vectors of the connected components are eigenvectors of  $\lambda = 0$

$f^T L f = 0$   $f$  is the eigenvector of  $\lambda = 0$

$$R_2(f) = \frac{f^T L f}{f^T f} \quad \nabla R_2(f) = \frac{2}{f^T f} [L f - R_2(f) f]$$

$$\nabla R_2(f) = 0 \quad L f = R_2(f) f = \lambda_3 f$$

$$\frac{\partial f^T L f}{\partial f_i} = e_i^T L f + f^T L e_i = 2 e_i^T L f$$

$$\nabla (f^T L f) = 2 L f \quad L f = 0 \quad L f = 0 f$$

$f^T L f$  is a  $C^\infty$  function of  $f$

$f$  is a minimum point if  $\nabla (f^T L f) = 0 \quad L f = 0$

## Spectral clustering

Similarity function  $\Rightarrow W$  symmetric connectivity matrix of the graph  
 $W \Rightarrow D$

$$L = D - W$$

Compute the  $M$  smallest eigenvalues / eigenvectors

$$U_m \quad m = 1, \dots, M$$

Let  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times M}$  the matrix with columns  $U_m \quad m = 1, \dots, M$

For  $i = 1, \dots, n$  let  $y_i = U(i, :)$   $y_i \in \mathbb{R}^M$

Cluster the points  $y_i$   $i=1, \dots, n$  with the  $k$ -means algorithm in  $k$  clusters

$C_1, \dots, C_k$

$C_j$  is a set of points in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$A_j$  of points in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  corresponding to the clusters  $C_j$

$A_j$   $j=1, \dots, k$  is one of my clusters defined by the spectral clustering

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$$L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$L_{\tilde{n}} = U^T L U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$$