

# HGNN Algorithm

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# 1 Preprocessing

**1.1** Given the node feature matrix  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times P}$  compute the adjacency matrix  $\mathbf{A}_0$  corresponding to the input graph  $\mathcal{G}_0(E, N)$  of  $E$  edges and  $N$  vertices by one of the following methods

**1.1.1 Correlations method:** Compute the correlation matrix  $\mathbf{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  from  $\mathbf{X}$ . Convert the correlation matrix  $\mathbf{R}$  into an adjacency matrix  $\mathbf{A}_0$  such that

$$a_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } r_{i,j} > \rho \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

where  $\rho$  represents a minimum correlation threshold to consider an edge  $e_{i,j}$  between nodes  $i$  and  $j$ .

**1.1.2 K-neighbors method: For all nodes  $i$**  - compute the distance from node  $i$  to all other nodes. Link node  $i$  to the first  $k$  nodes with smallest distances

**1.1.3 Precision method:**

**1.2** Construct the consensus hierarchy  $\mathcal{H}_0$  of the input graph  $\mathcal{G}_0$ .

**1.2.1 For  $i \in \{1 : n\}$  repetitions:** Using the Louvain Algorithm, construct a hierarchy  $\mathcal{H}^{(i)}$  which represents a stochastic partition of  $\mathcal{G}_0$  into a set of  $\ell - 1$  sub-graphs such that  $\mathcal{H}^{(i)} = \{\mathcal{S}_0, \mathcal{S}_1^{(i)}, \mathcal{S}^{(i)}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\ell-1}^{(i)}\}$  where  $\ell = |\mathcal{H}^{(i)}|$  is the number of layers in the hierarchy with  $\mathcal{S}_0 = \mathcal{G}_0$  representing the starting (or bottom) layer.

**1.2.2** Let  $M = \{m_i\}_{i=1}^n$  contain the number of super layers in all  $n$  hierarchies such that  $m_i = |\mathcal{H}^{(i)}| - 1$ . Next let  $\zeta \in \{1, 2, \dots, (\ell - 1)\}$  denote the set of possible numbers of super-layers for a given hierarchy. Compute the number of super-layers for the consensus hierarchy  $\mathcal{H}_0$  via popular vote:

$$m_0 = \arg \max_{\zeta} f(M) \quad \text{where} \quad f(M) = \frac{\sum_{i \in \zeta} I(M = i)}{n}$$

**1.2.3** Compute the number of communities in each super-layer of the consensus hierarchy  $\mathcal{H}_0$  by agglomerating the community assignments for a given layer across all  $n$  computed hierarchies from **step 1.2.1**.

**For all  $j \in \{1 : m_0\}$ :** agglomerate the community assignments for all  $i$  subgraphs  $\mathcal{S}_j$  corresponding to the  $j^{th}$  super layer in all  $i$  hierarchies.

**1.3** For each layer  $\mathcal{S}_j$  in  $\mathcal{H}_0$ , gather all edges connecting  $\mathcal{S}_j$  to its adjacent super-layer  $\mathcal{S}_{j+1}$ . These are the “**down-to-up**” edges. Let  $p_i^{(j)}$  represent the collection of edges which maps the path from node  $\eta_i$  in the bottom layer to the  $j^{th}$  super-layer. Then this path represents the message-passing channel by which the  $i^{th}$  node  $N_i$  can communicate with  $k^{th}$  super-level node  $N_k$  in the  $j^{th}$  super layer

**1.4** For each super

**1.5** Set up HC-GNN model

**1.6** Generate within-level community detection autoencoders

# 2 Training