

# Laplacian

1. differentiable manifold: locally similar enough <sup>to a linear space</sup> manifold to allow calculus.
2. Laplacian  $L: C^\infty(M) \rightarrow C^\infty(M)$  <sup>unknown manifold.</sup>  
spectrum  $\text{spec}(L) = \{\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k, \dots\} \rightarrow \infty$
3. Given  $\text{spec}(L)$ , we can infer  $M$ : its dim, volume and its total scalar curvature.
4. Data:  $\{x_i\}$ ,  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^N$ , submanifold:  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^N$
5. Eigen functions of  $L$  on  $M$  can be used to define lower dim embeddings.
6. Idea: ① Model  $M$  by  $G=(V, E)$ , close data points are connected.  
② Construct graph Laplacian  $L$  on  $G$   
③ Compute  $\text{spec}(L)$  and corresponding eigen functions.  
④ Construct an embedding  $F: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  for  $m < N$ .
7. Spectral Theorem: There exists an orthogonal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  consisting of eigen vectors of  $A$ , and eigen values are real
8. Min (max) imizing Property:  
$$\underset{\|f\|=1}{\text{argmax}} \langle Af, f \rangle = f_n / f_0 \text{ when asked minimization.}$$

9.  $W = w_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if node } i \text{ and } j \text{ connected.} \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$   $D = d_{ii} = \text{degree of node } i.$

$$L \triangleq D - W$$

10. generalized eigen value problem:  $Lf = \lambda Df$ , or  $D^{-1}Lf = \lambda f$ .

11. eigen vector  $y := f_1 = (0, -3, 1, 2)$  coordinates for  $y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4$

12. Alg. ①. Construct  $G = (V, E)$ . (You can connect the points within a sphere, or connect  $n$  nearest)

② Choose Weights for edge  $\rightarrow w_{ij} = 1$   
 $\rightarrow w_{ij} = \exp\left\{-\frac{\|x_i - x_j\|^2}{t}\right\}$

③ Solve  $Lf = \lambda Df$ , where  $D_{ii} = \sum_{j=1}^K w_{ij}$ ,  $L = D - W$

④  $f_0, f_1, \dots, f_{k-1}$  be the eigen vectors, then.

$$F(i) \triangleq (f_1(i), \dots, f_m(i))$$

The  $i$ th point's coordinate is the  $i$ th element of  $f_1, \dots, f_m$ .

13. Why does it work?

Objective: Construct an embedding  $F: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ :  $Y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1^T \\ \vdots \\ y_k^T \end{pmatrix} \in M_{k \times m}(\mathbb{R})$   
 $\min \sum_{i,j=1}^K \|y_i - y_j\|^2 w_{ij}$ , or  $\min \text{tr}(Y^T L Y)$ . ★

$\Rightarrow$  Problem reduced to find

$$\underset{\text{tr}(Y^T D Y = I)}{\text{argmin}} \text{tr}(Y^T L Y) \Rightarrow \underset{\text{tr}(Z^T Z = I)}{\text{argmin}} \text{tr}(Z^T D^{-1/2} L D^{-1/2} Z)$$

$\Rightarrow$  find minimum non-zero eigen values of  $D^{-1/2} L D^{-1/2} f = f \lambda$  or  $Lf = Df \lambda$ . generalized eigen value problem.

Prove:  $\min \sum_{i,j=1}^k \|Y_i - Y_j\|^2 W_{ij}$  equals to  $\min \text{tr}(Y^T L Y)$

$$\min \text{left} = \min \sum_{i,j=1}^k (\|Y_i\|^2 + \|Y_j\|^2 - 2 Y_i^T Y_j) W_{ij}$$

$$= \min \left[ \sum_{i,j=1}^k (-2 Y_i^T Y_j) W_{ij} + 2 \times \sum_{i,j=1}^k \|Y_i\|^2 W_{ij} \right]$$

$$= \min \left[ \sum_{i,j=1}^k (-2 Y_i^T Y_j) W_{ij} + \sum_{i=1}^k \|Y_i\|^2 D_{ii} \right]$$

$$\min \text{right} = \min \text{tr} \left( (Y_1 \dots Y_k) \begin{bmatrix} L_{11} & \dots & L_{1k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ L_{k1} & \dots & L_{kk} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Y_1^T \\ \vdots \\ Y_k^T \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \min \text{tr} \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^k Y_i L_{ij} Y_j^T \right)$$

$$= \min \sum_{i,j=1}^k \text{tr}(Y_i L_{ij} Y_j^T)$$

$$= \min \sum_{i,j=1}^k L_{ij} \text{tr}(Y_i^T Y_j)$$

$$= \min \sum_{i,j=1}^k L_{ij} Y_i^T Y_j$$

$$= \min \sum_{i,j=1}^k (D_{ij} Y_i^T Y_j - W_{ij} Y_i^T Y_j)$$

$$= \min \left[ \sum_{i,j=1}^k -W_{ij} Y_i^T Y_j + \sum_{i=1}^k D_{ii} \|Y_i\|^2 \right]$$

$$\therefore \min \text{left} \Leftrightarrow \min \text{right} \quad \square$$



## Complement

1. The Laplacian for  $(M, g)$  Riemann Manifold.

$$\Delta = - \sum_{i,j=1}^n g^{ij} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} + \text{lower order terms.}$$

2. Spectral Theorem.

$\Delta$  is symmetric with respect to the inner product in  $C_c^\infty(M)$

$$(f, g)_{L^2} = (g, f)_{L^2} = \int_M f(x) g(x) dx$$

if  $M$  is compact, there exists an orthogonal basis of  $L^2(M)$  consisting of eigen vectors of  $\Delta$ , each eigen value is real.

3. Let  $(M, g)$  be a compact Riemann manifold.  $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

① For close  $x, z$ .

$$|f(x) - f(z)| \leq \text{dist}_M(x, z) \|\nabla f\| + o(\text{dist}_M(x, z))$$

② Preserve locality? minimizing the upper bound  $\Rightarrow$

$$\argmin_{\|f\|_{L^2(M)}=1} \int_M \|\nabla f\|^2 dx \quad (1)$$

③ By Stokes Theorem.

$$\int_M \|\nabla f\|^2 dx = \int_M (\Delta f) f dx = (\Delta f, f)_{L^2}.$$

$(1)$  must be the eigen vector of Laplacian.