



Graph Signal Processing - Part II: Processing and Analyzing Signals on Graphs



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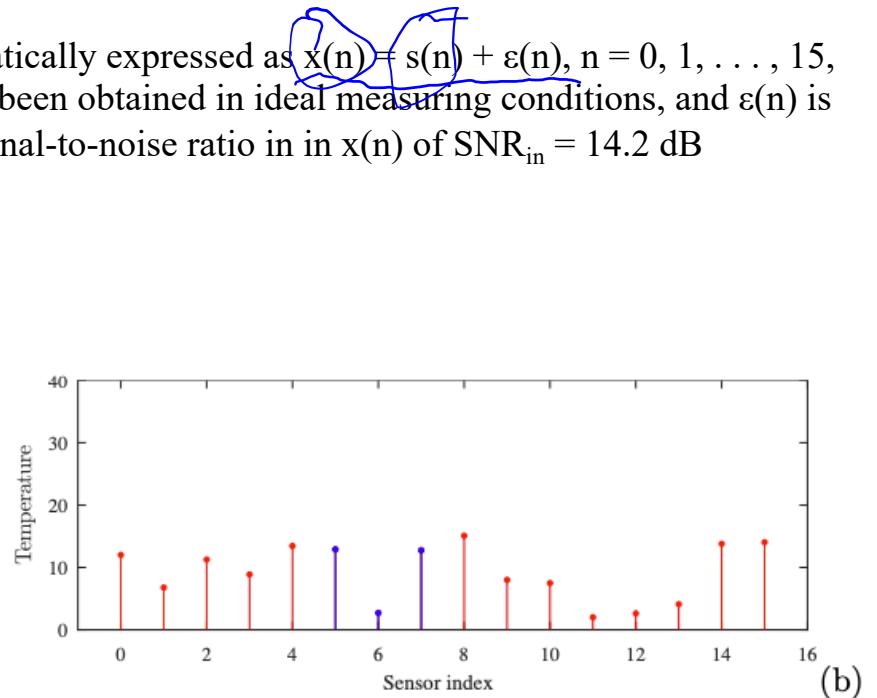
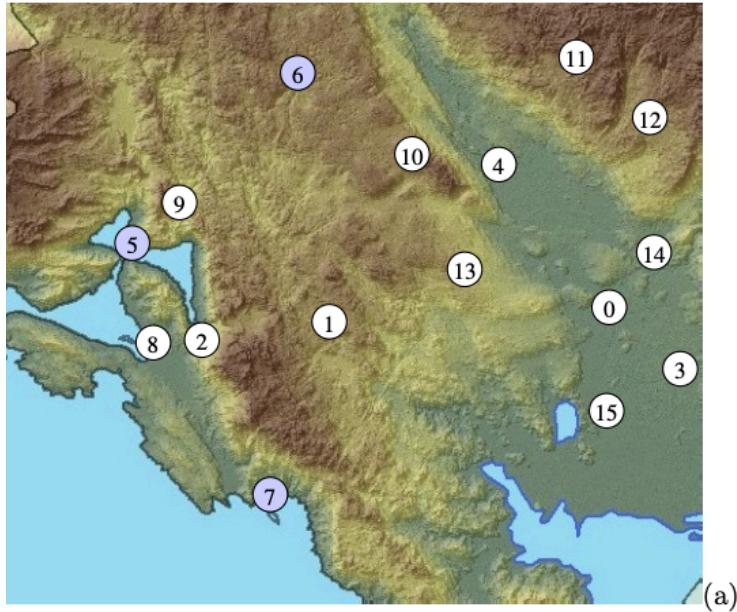
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Motivation: Case Study

Problem Setup

- Consider a multi-sensor setup for measuring a temperature field in a region of interest.
- The temperature sensing locations are chosen according to the significance of a particular geographic area to local users (with $N = 16$ sensing points in total, as shown in figure (a))
- The temperature field is denoted by $\{x(n)\}$, with n as the sensor index, while a snapshot of its values is given in figure (b).
- Each measured sensor signal can then be mathematically expressed as $x(n) = s(n) + \varepsilon(n)$, $n = 0, 1, \dots, 15$, where $s(n)$ is the true temperature that would have been obtained in ideal measuring conditions, and $\varepsilon(n)$ is the noise, where $\varepsilon(n) \in N(0, 4)$. This yields the signal-to-noise ratio in $x(n)$ of $SNR_{in} = 14.2$ dB



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Goal:

- Denoise and increase SNR
 - **5 dB to 10 dB**: is below the minimum level to establish a connection, due to the noise level being nearly indistinguishable from the desired signal (useful information).
 - **10 dB to 15 dB**: is the accepted minimum to establish an unreliable connection.
 - **15 dB to 25 dB**: is typically considered the minimally acceptable level to establish poor connectivity.
 - **25 dB to 40 dB**: is deemed to be good.
 - **41 dB or higher**: is considered to be excellent.

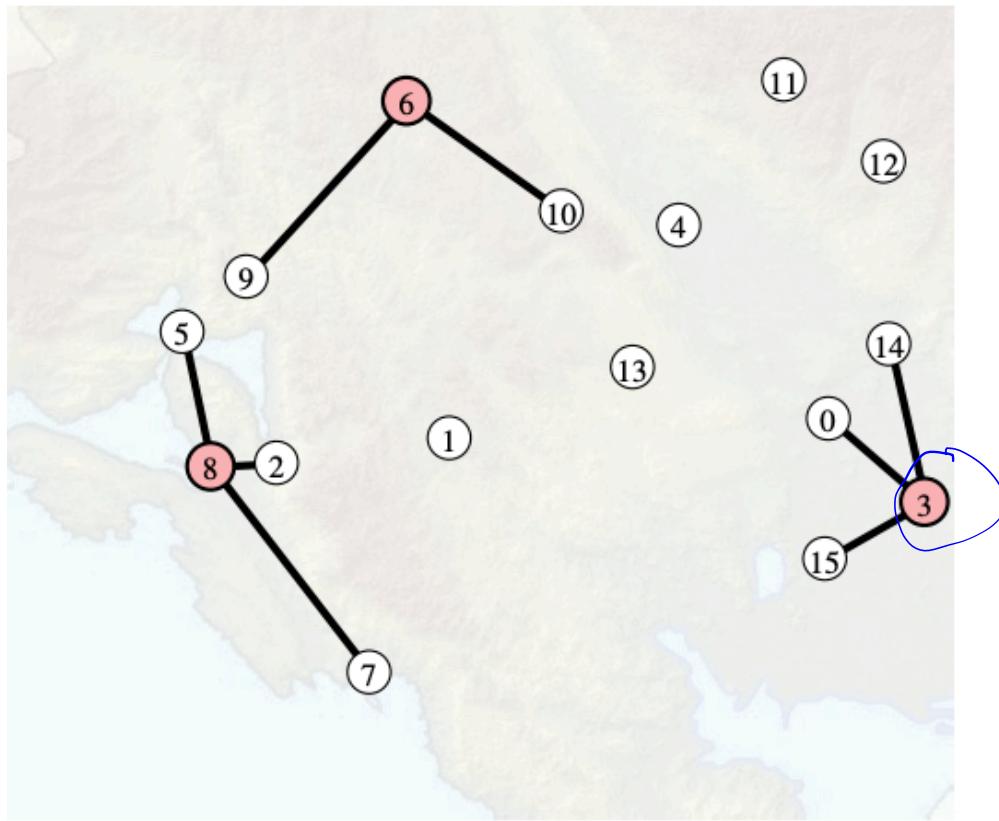
(<https://resourcespcb.cadence.com/blog/2020-what-is-signal-to-noise-ratio-and-how-to-calculate-it>)

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Noise Reduction Scheme:

- “Situation-Aware”: local signal average operator

$$\overbrace{\text{A}(n)}^{\text{local context}} \quad \underbrace{\text{B}(n)}_{\text{global context}}$$



Cumulative Temperature:

$$y(n) = \sum_{m \text{ at and around } n} x(m)$$

Example:

$n = 3$ (low land)

$n = 6$ (mountains)

$n = 8$ (coast)

$S(3)$

$$y(3) = x(3) + x(0) + x(14) + x(15)$$

$$y(6) = x(6) + x(9) + x(10)$$



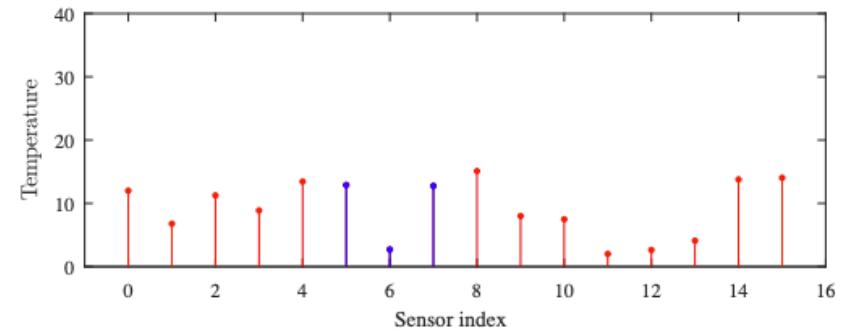
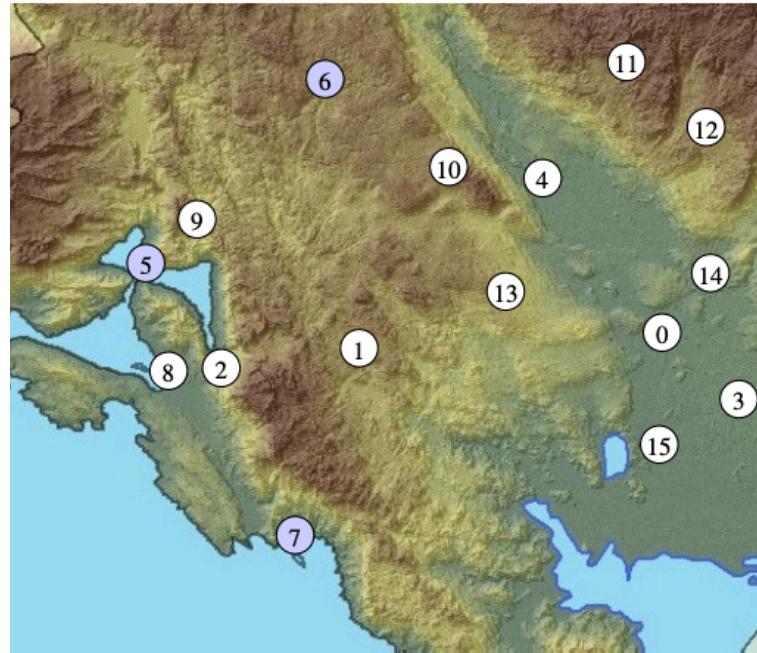
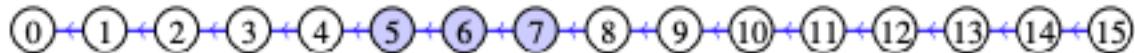
$$y = x + Ax$$

A is the *adjacency matrix*

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Classical Representation

- Linear structure



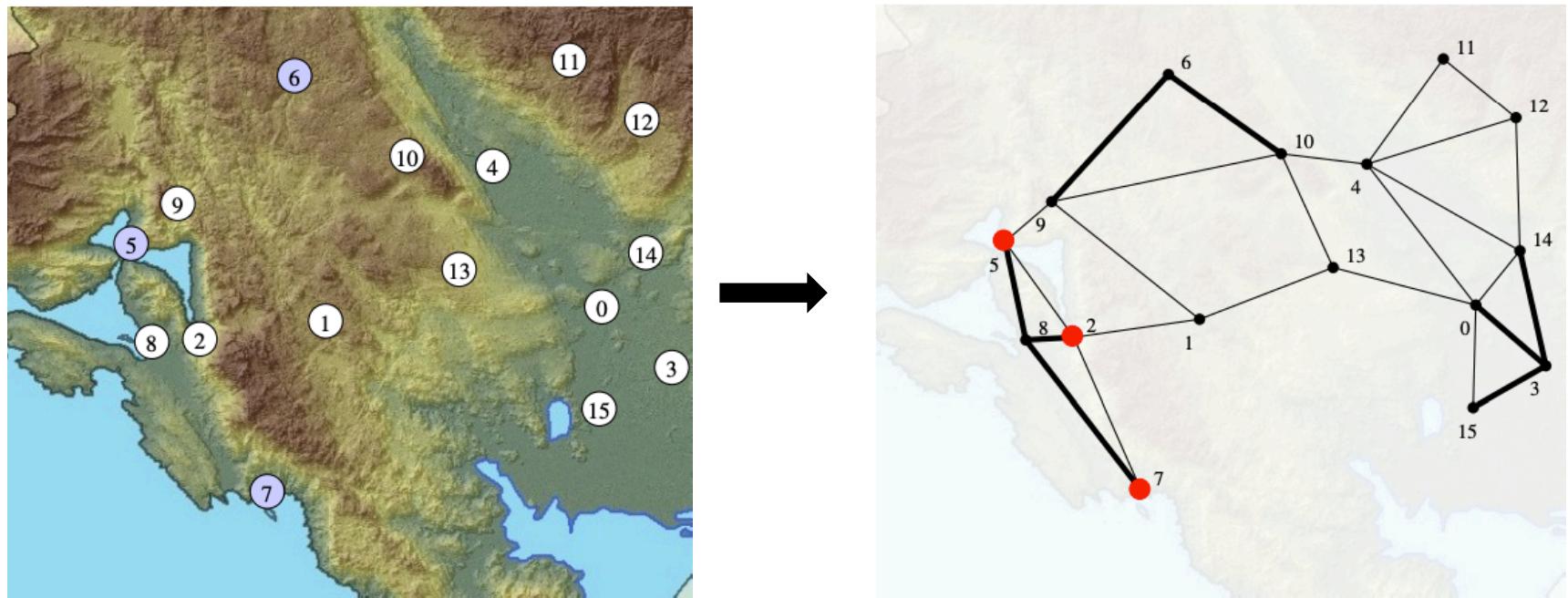
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Graph Representation:

- Construct a graph
 - Vertices: sensing points where the signal is measured
 - Edges: Vertex-to-vertex lines which indicate physically meaningful connectivity among the sensing points

We will use graph (rather than a standard vector of sensing points) to analyze and process data, since it exhibits both spatial and physical domain awareness

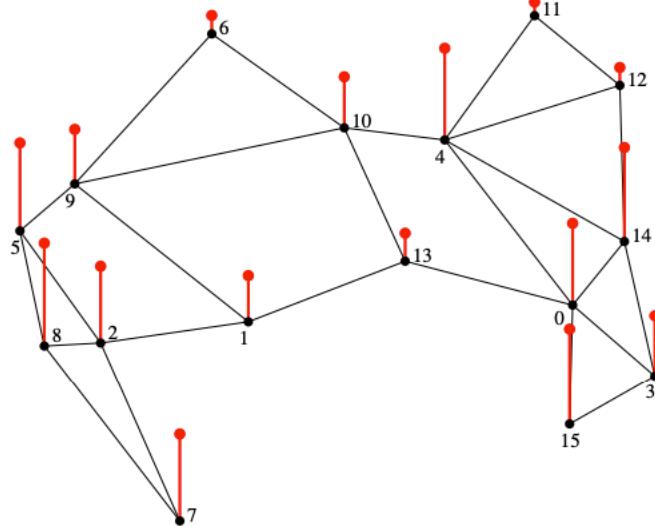
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Graph Representation:

- Signal on Graph
 - The measured temperatures are now interpreted as signal samples on graph
 - Similar to traditional signal processing, this new graph signal may have many realizations on the same graph and may comprise noise



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Graph Representation:

- System on Graph
 - $\underline{y = x + Ax}$ defines a simple system on a graph for local signal averaging
 - To model sensor relevance, we can also adapt a weighting scheme

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y(n) = x(n) + \sum_{m \neq n} W_{nm}x(m) \end{array} \right.$$

where W_{nm} are the elements of the weighting matrix, W

- Three ways to define graph edges and their corresponding weights (will be introduced in the next series of lectures)
 - Already physically well defined edges and weights
 - **Definition of edges and weights based on the geometry of vertex positions**
 - Data similarity based methods for learning the underlying graph topology

$$W_{mn} = e^{-\alpha r_{mn} - \beta h_{mn}}$$

where α and β are suitable constants.

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Graph Representation:

- System on Graph

- Weighted graph signal estimator

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}$$

- Normalized estimator: weighting coefficients sum to 1 for each $y(n)$

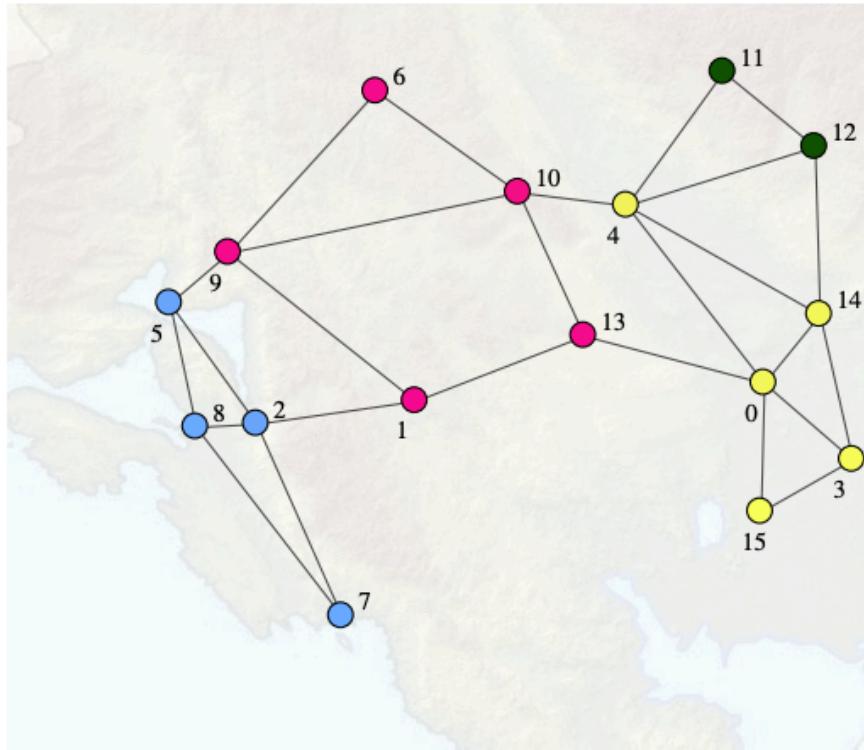
$$\mathbf{y} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x})$$

where D is the degree matrix, $D_{nn} = \sum_m W_{nm}$

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Graph Representation:

- Vertices Clustering

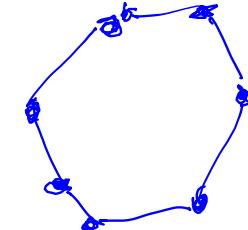


Signals and Systems on Graphs

- Basic Concepts:

- Signals on Graphs:

$$\mathbf{x} = [x(0), x(1), \dots, x(N-1)]^T$$



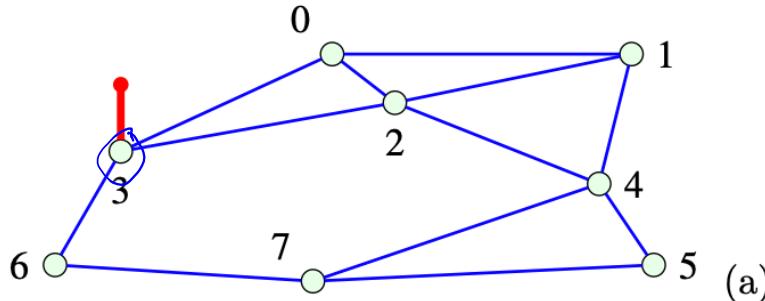
- Graph Signal Shift:

- Walk with length 1: $\mathbf{x}_1 = \underline{\mathbf{Ax}}$

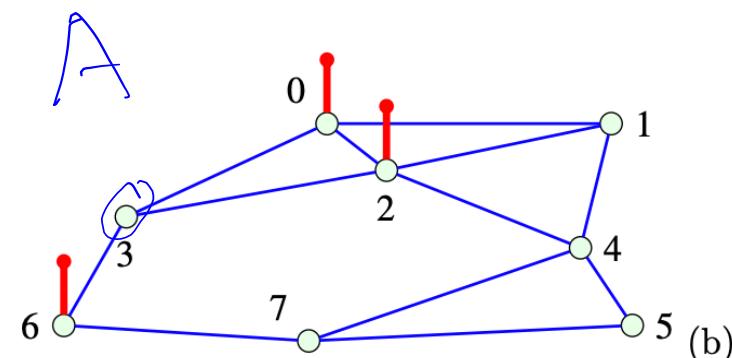
- Walk with length 2: $\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{Ax}_1 = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{Ax}) = \mathbf{A}^2 \mathbf{x}$

- Walk with length m: $\mathbf{x}_m = \mathbf{Ax}_{m-1} = \underline{\mathbf{A}^m \mathbf{x}}$

- Graph shift operator: a local operator that replaces a signal value at each node of a graph with a linear combinations of the signal values at the neighborhood of that value.



(a)



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Signals and Systems on Graphs

- Basic Concepts
 - Systems on Graphs with Shift Operator as Adjacency Matrix:

$$\mathbf{y} = h_0 \mathbf{A}^0 \mathbf{x} + h_1 \mathbf{A}^1 \mathbf{x} + \cdots + h_{M-1} \mathbf{A}^{M-1} \mathbf{x} = \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} h_m \mathbf{A}^m \mathbf{x}$$

where $\mathbf{A}^0 = \mathbf{I}$, by definition, and h_0, h_1, \dots, h_{M-1} are the system coefficients.

- Remark: a physically meaningful system order ($M - 1$) should be lower than the number of vertices N , that is, $M \leq N$
- General System of Graphs (in vertex domain):

$$\mathbf{y} = H(\mathbf{A})\mathbf{x}$$

where $H(\mathbf{A})$ is a vertex domain system (filter) function

- Linearity: $H(\mathbf{A})(a_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + a_2 \mathbf{x}_2) = a_1 \mathbf{y}_1 + a_2 \mathbf{y}_2$
- Shift Invariance: $H(\mathbf{A})[\mathbf{Ax}] = \mathbf{A}[H(\mathbf{A})\mathbf{x}] = \mathbf{Ay}$

Signals and Systems on Graphs

- Spectral Domain of the Adjacency Matrix
 - Graph discrete Fourier transform (GDFT)

$$A \approx J \Lambda V^T$$

where X denotes a vector of the GDFT coefficients, and U is a matrix whose columns represent the eigenvectors of the adjacency matrix

➤ For undirected graph: $U^{-1} = U^T$

$$\hat{x} \quad X(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) u_k(n)$$

- Inverse graph discrete Fourier transform (IGDFT)

$$\hat{x} = U X$$

$$x(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k) u_k(n)$$

Signals and Systems on Graphs

- System on a graph in the GDFT domain

$$\mathbf{y} = h_0 \mathbf{A}^0 \mathbf{x} + h_1 \mathbf{A}^1 \mathbf{x} + \cdots + h_{M-1} \mathbf{A}^{M-1} \mathbf{x} = \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} h_m \mathbf{A}^m \mathbf{x}$$

→ $\mathbf{y} = H(\mathbf{A})\mathbf{x} = (h_0 \mathbf{A}^0 + h_1 \mathbf{A}^1 + \cdots + h_{M-1} \mathbf{A}^{M-1})\mathbf{x}$

→ $\mathbf{y} = (h_0 \mathbf{U} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^0 \mathbf{U}^{-1} + h_1 \mathbf{U} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^1 \mathbf{U}^{-1} + \cdots + h_{M-1} \mathbf{U} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{M-1} \mathbf{U}^{-1})\mathbf{x}$
 $= \mathbf{U}(h_0 \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^0 + h_1 \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^1 + \cdots + h_{M-1} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{M-1})\mathbf{U}^{-1}\mathbf{x}$
 $= \mathbf{U} H(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}) \mathbf{U}^{-1} \mathbf{x}$

with $H(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}) = h_0 \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^0 + h_1 \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^1 + \cdots + h_{M-1} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{M-1}$

→ $\mathbf{U}^{-1} \mathbf{y} = H(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}) \mathbf{U}^{-1} \mathbf{x} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{Y} = H(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}) \mathbf{X}$

$Y(k) = (h_0 + h_1 \lambda_k + \cdots + h_{M-1} \lambda_k^{M-1}) X(k)$

The output graph signal in the vertex domain can then be calculated as
 GDFT of output signal \mathbf{y}

$$\mathbf{y} = H(\mathbf{A})\mathbf{x} = \text{IGDFT}\{H(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}) \mathbf{X}\}$$

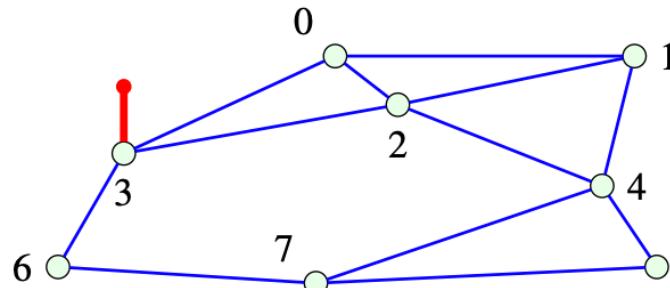
Transfer function of a system on a graph:

$$H(\lambda_k) = \frac{Y(k)}{X(k)} = h_0 + h_1 \lambda_k + \cdots + h_{M-1} \lambda_k^{M-1}$$

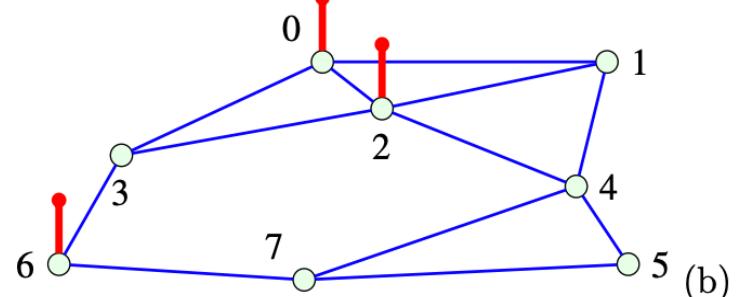
Signals and Systems on Graphs

- Graph signal filtering
 - Energy of a graph shifted signal

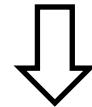
$$\|\mathbf{x}_1\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{Ax}\|_2^2$$



(a)



(b)



$$\text{In general } \|\mathbf{Ax}\|_2^2 \neq \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$$



$$\max\left\{\frac{\|\mathbf{Ax}\|_2^2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2}\right\} = \max\left\{\frac{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2}\right\} = \lambda_{\max}^2, \text{ where } \lambda_{\max} = \max_k |\lambda_k|, k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1.$$

Signals and Systems on Graphs

- Graph signal filtering

- Normalization of the Adjacency of Matrix

$$\mathbf{A}_{norm} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{max}} \mathbf{A} \implies \|\mathbf{A}_{norm} \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$$

- Spectral Ordering: low-varying and high-varying eigenvectors

- First graph difference

$$\Delta \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}_{norm} \mathbf{x}.$$

- Energy of signal change

$$E_{\Delta x} = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}_{norm} \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \left\| \mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{\lambda_{max}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \right\|_2^2$$

\downarrow

$$x = u$$
$$E_{\Delta u} = \left\| \mathbf{u} - \frac{1}{\lambda_{max}} \lambda \mathbf{u} \right\|_2^2 = \left| 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_{max}} \right|^2$$

max

two-norm total variation of a basis function/eigenvector.

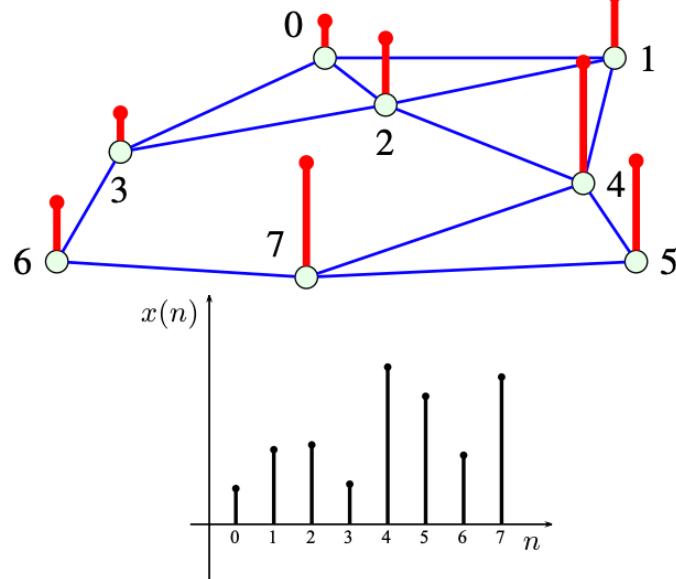
The eigenvectors corresponding to large λ_k correspond to the low-pass part of a graph signal

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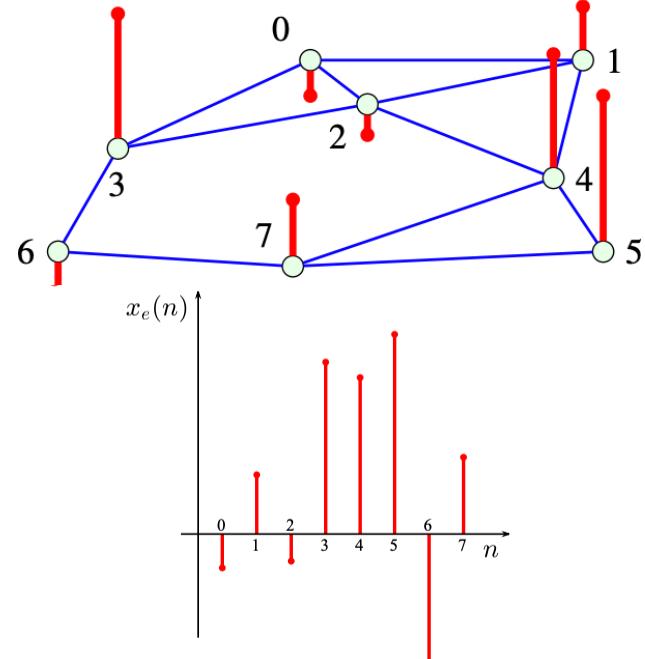
- Graph signal filtering
 - Ideal low-pass filter on a graph

$$f(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } \lambda > \lambda_c, \\ 0, & \text{for other } \lambda. \end{cases}$$

w/ off eigen value



(a) original signal, $\mathbf{x} = 3.2\mathbf{u}_7 + 2\mathbf{u}_6$



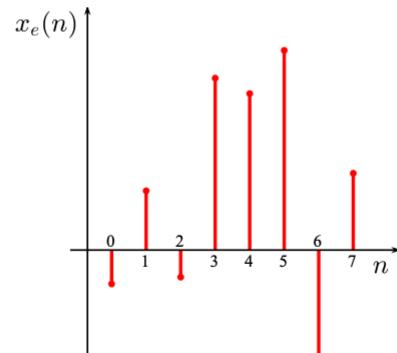
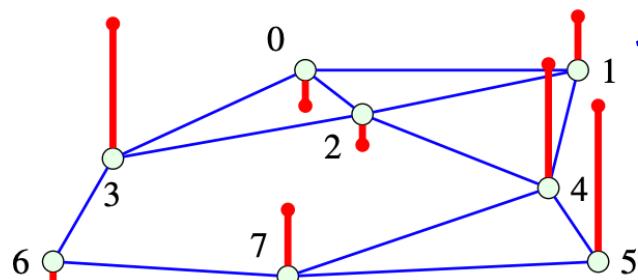
(b) noisy signal, $\mathbf{x}_e = \mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$

Signals and Systems on Graphs

$$\text{SNR}_{\text{in}} = 2.7 \text{dB}$$

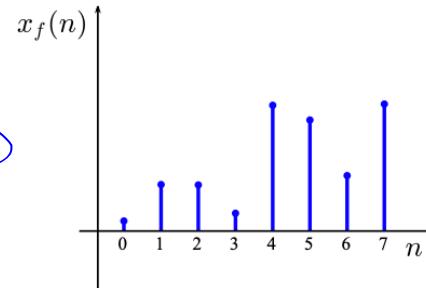
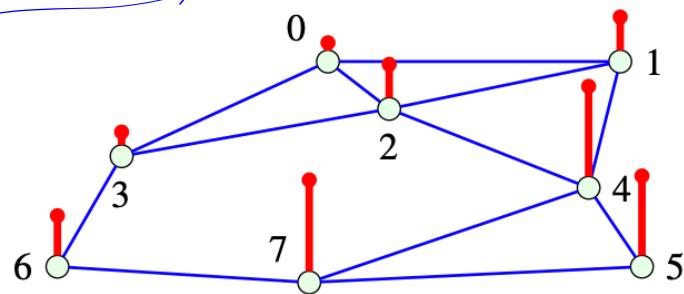
$$\text{SNR} = \frac{P_{\text{Signal}}}{P_{\text{noise}}}$$

$$\text{SNR}_{\text{in}} = 18.8 \text{dB}$$



(b) noisy signal $\mathbf{x}_e = \mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$



(c) filtered signal

$$\|S\|_2^2$$

$$\|S\|_2^2$$

$$\frac{\|S\|_2^2}{N \sigma^2}$$

of vertices

Signals and Systems on Graphs

- Spectral domain filter design

- Let $G(\Lambda)$ denote desired graph transfer function of a system defined on a graph. A system with this transfer function can be implemented either in the spectral domain or in the vertex domain
- Spectral domain implementation steps:

1. Calculate the GDFT of the input graph signal, $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}^{-1}\mathbf{x}$,
2. Multiply the GDFT of the input graph signal by the graph transfer function, $G(\Lambda)$, to obtain the output spectral form, $\mathbf{Y} = G(\Lambda)\mathbf{X}$, and
3. Calculate the output graph signal as the inverse GDFT of \mathbf{Y} in Step 2, that is, $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{Y}$.

- Computationally demanding for large graphs
- More convenient to implement the desired filter (or its close approximation) directly in the vertex domain

$$\mathbf{y} = [G(\Lambda)]\mathbf{x}$$

Signals and Systems on Graphs

- Spectral domain filter design

➤ Let $G(\Lambda)$ denote desired graph transfer function of a system defined on a graph. A system with this transfer function can be implemented either in the spectral domain or in the vertex domain

➤ Vertex domain implementation: find the coefficients (cf. standard impulse response) h_0, h_1, \dots, h_{M-1} in

$$\mathbf{y} = h_0 \mathbf{A}^0 \mathbf{x} + h_1 \mathbf{A}^1 \mathbf{x} + \dots + h_{M-1} \mathbf{A}^{M-1} \mathbf{x} = \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} h_m \mathbf{A}^m \mathbf{x}$$

such that their spectral representation, $H(\Lambda)$, is equal to the $G(\Lambda)$

i.e.

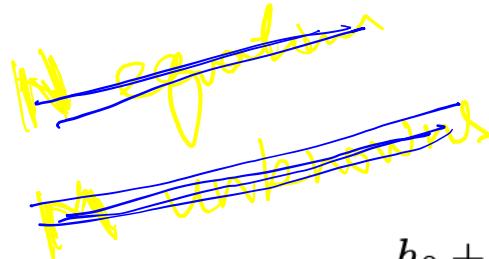
$$H(\lambda_k) = \frac{Y(k)}{X(k)} = h_0 + h_1 \lambda_k + \dots + h_{M-1} \lambda_k^{M-1} = G(\lambda_k)$$

for $k = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1$

Signals and Systems on Graphs

- Spectral domain filter design

➤ Vertex domain implementation (cont'd)



$$h_0 + h_1 \lambda_0^1 + \cdots + h_{M-1} \lambda_0^{M-1} = G(\lambda_0)$$

$$h_0 + h_1 \lambda_1^1 + \cdots + h_{M-1} \lambda_1^{M-1} = G(\lambda_1)$$

⋮

$$h_0 + h_1 \lambda_{N-1}^1 + \cdots + h_{M-1} \lambda_{N-1}^{M-1} = G(\lambda_{N-1})$$



$\mathbf{V}_\lambda \mathbf{h} = \mathbf{g}(1)$ with $\mathbf{g} = [G(\lambda_0), G(\lambda_1), \dots, G(\lambda_{N-1})]^T = \text{diag}(G(\Lambda))$

$$\mathbf{h} = [h_0, h_1, \dots, h_{M-1}]^T$$

monomial
base matrix

$$\mathbf{V}_\lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \lambda_0^1 & \cdots & \lambda_0^{M-1} \\ 1 & \lambda_1^1 & \cdots & \lambda_1^{M-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \lambda_{N-1}^1 & \cdots & \lambda_{N-1}^{M-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Signals and Systems on Graphs

- Spectral domain filter design
 - Vertex domain implementation (cont'd)

Solution of (1):

- Consider the case with N vertices and with all distinct eigenvalues of the adjacency
 - a) If the filter order, M , is such that $M = N$, then the solution to (1) is unique
 - b) If the filter order, M , is such that $M < N$, then the system in (1) is overdetermined. Therefore, the solution to (1) can only be obtained using least square approximation

$$\text{Vert } \nabla_{\lambda} h = g$$

Props

$$\pi_i (\lambda_i - \lambda_j) \\ 0 \leq i, j \leq M$$

orthogonal eigen

$$y = P_M(A)x$$
$$P_{M-1}(A)y = c_0 + c_1 A + \dots + c_m A^m$$
$$A^T = A(Ax)$$
$$A^m = A(A^{m-1}x)$$

λ^2
non-zero entries

Signals and Systems on Graphs

- Spectral domain filter design

- Vertex domain implementation (cont'd)

Solution of (1): $\tilde{A} \tilde{V} \tilde{x} \tilde{h} = \tilde{g}$

of unique
↑ X
 $N > N_m$

- If some of the eigenvalues are of a degree higher than one, the system in (1) can be reduced into a system of N_m linear equations
 - a) If the filter order, M , is such that $N_m < M \leq N$, the system in (1) is underdetermined, $(M - N_m)$ filter coefficients are free variables. The system has an infinite number of solutions
 - b) If the filter order is such that $M = N_m$, the solution to the system in (1) is unique
 - c) If the filter order is such that $M < N_m$, the system in (1) is overdetermined and the solution is obtained in the least squares sense

Signals and Systems on Graphs

- Spectral domain filter design

- Vertex domain implementation (cont'd)

- Exact Solution ($M = N$ or $M = N_m$)

$$\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{V}_\lambda^{-1} \mathbf{g}$$

- Least-squares solution ($M < N_m$)

We want to minimize

$$e = \|\mathbf{V}_\lambda \mathbf{h} - \mathbf{g}\|_2^2$$

polynomial approximation with Vandmonde matrix

From $\partial e / \partial \mathbf{h}^T = \mathbf{0}$ we then have

$$\hat{\mathbf{h}} = (\mathbf{V}_\lambda^T \mathbf{V}_\lambda)^{-1} \mathbf{V}_\lambda^T \mathbf{g} = \text{pinv}(\mathbf{V}_\lambda) \mathbf{g}$$

Since this solution may not satisfy $\mathbf{V}_\lambda \hat{\mathbf{h}} = \mathbf{g}$, the designed coefficient vector, $\hat{\mathbf{g}}$, obtained from

$$\mathbf{V}_\lambda \hat{\mathbf{h}} = \hat{\mathbf{g}}$$

in general, differs from the desired system coefficients, \mathbf{g}

Signals and Systems on Graphs

- Spectral domain filter design

- Polynomial approximation of the system on a graph transfer function:

- Why: Eigenanalysis is computationally expensive
 - How

$G(\lambda)$

- » Without loss of generality, it can be considered that the desired transfer function, $\mathbf{g} = [G(\lambda_0), G(\lambda_1), \dots, G(\lambda_{N-1})]^T$, consists of samples taken from a continuous function of λ within the interval $\lambda_{\min} \leq \lambda \leq \lambda_{\max}$, where λ_{\min} and λ_{\max} denote the minimum and maximum value of $\{\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{N-1}\}$. The system on graph uses only the values at discrete points $\lambda \in \{\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{N-1}\}$
 - » We find to find an approximating polynomial $P(\lambda)$, which has the smallest maximum absolute error from the desired function value, i.e. error at the points within $\lambda_{\min} \leq \lambda \leq \lambda_{\max}$, is bounded and sufficiently small => minmax approximation

$y = G(A)x$ Signals and Systems on Graphs

- Spectral domain filter design

$$f(x) = \cdot(x) \times \frac{A^n}{N_A \cdot n}$$

➤ Polynomial approximation of the system on a graph transfer function

(cont'd)

$$y = P_{M-1}(A)x$$

Chebyshev approximation

$$f = C_0 + C_1 A + C_2 A^2 + \dots$$

Chebyshev polynomial

$$G(A) \rightarrow P_{M-1}(z) = \frac{c_0}{2} + \sum_{m=1}^{M-1} c_m T_m(z)$$

Chebyshev polynomials

$$\begin{aligned} T_0(z) &= 1, \\ T_1(z) &= z, \\ T_2(z) &= 2z^2 - 1, \\ T_3(z) &= 4z^3 - 3z, \\ &\vdots \\ T_m(z) &= 2zT_{m-1}(z) - T_{m-2}(z), \end{aligned}$$

Chebyshev coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} c_m &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 G(z) T_m(z) \frac{dz}{\sqrt{1-z^2}} \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(m\theta) G(\cos(\theta)) d\theta. \end{aligned}$$

Normalized Input $z \in [-1, 1]$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \frac{2\lambda - (\lambda_{\max} + \lambda_{\min})}{\lambda_{\max} - \lambda_{\min}} \\ \lambda &= \frac{1}{2} (z(\lambda_{\max} - \lambda_{\min}) + \lambda_{\max} + \lambda_{\min}) \end{aligned}$$

Signals and Systems on Graphs

- Spectral Domain of the Laplacian Matrix

- Graph discrete Fourier transform (GDFT)

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}^{-1} \mathbf{x}$$

where \mathbf{X} denotes a vector of the GDFT coefficients, and \mathbf{U} is a matrix whose columns represent the eigenvectors of the Laplacian matrix

➤ For undirected graph: $\mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{U}^T$

Vector $\rightarrow X(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) u_k(n)$

- Inverse graph discrete Fourier transform (IGDFT)

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{X}$$

$$x(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k) u_k(n)$$

Signals and Systems on Graphs

- System on a graph in the GDFT domain

$$\mathbf{y} = h_0 \mathbf{L}^0 \mathbf{x} + h_1 \mathbf{L}^1 \mathbf{x} + \cdots + h_{M-1} \mathbf{L}^{M-1} \mathbf{x}$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} h_m \mathbf{L}^m \mathbf{x}.$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \bigcup \bigwedge \mathcal{V}$$

→ $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{Y} = \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} h_m \mathbf{L}^m \mathbf{x} = H(\mathbf{L}) \mathbf{x}$

$$= \mathbf{U} H(\mathbf{\Lambda}) \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{U} H(\mathbf{\Lambda}) \mathbf{X}$$

$$\text{with } H(\mathbf{\Lambda}) = \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} h_m \mathbf{\Lambda}^m$$

→ $\mathbf{Y} = H(\mathbf{\Lambda}) \mathbf{X}$ $Y(k) = (h_0 + h_1 \lambda_k + \cdots + h_{M-1} \lambda_k^{M-1}) X(k)$

Signals and Systems on Graphs

The n^{th} element of the output signal, $y = UH(\Lambda)U^T x$, of a system on a graph is given by

$$y(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} x(i) u_k(i) H(\lambda_k) u_k(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} x(i) h_n(i)$$

where $h_n(i) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} H(\lambda_k) u_k(n) u_k(i) = \mathcal{T}_n\{h(i)\}$ (graph impulse response)

Transfer function of a system on a graph:

$$H(\lambda_k) = h_0 + h_1 \lambda_k + \cdots + h_{M-1} \lambda_k^{M-1}$$

Signals and Systems on Graphs

- Graph signal filtering

- Spectral Ordering: low-varying and high-varying eigenvectors

- Second order finite difference on circular graph

$$y(n) = -u(n-1) + 2u(n) - u(n+1) = \lambda u = Lu$$

- Energy of signal change on circular graph

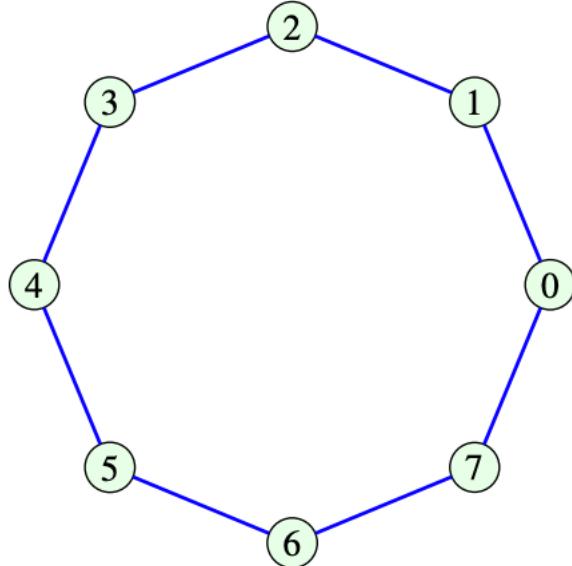
$$E_u = \sum_n \left[(u(n) - u(n-1))^2 + (u(n) - u(n+1))^2 \right] / 2.$$



$$E_u = u^T L u$$



$$\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{u} = \lambda \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u} = \lambda = E_u$$



Signals and Systems on Graphs

- Graph signal filtering
 - Spectral Ordering (cont'd)

$$\mathbf{u}_k^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{u}_k = \lambda_k = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} W_{nm} (u_k(n) - u_k(m))^2 \geq 0$$



a small $u_k^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{u}_k = \lambda_k$ corresponds to slow eigenvector variation $W_{nm}(u_k(n) - u_k(m))^2$ within the neighboring vertices

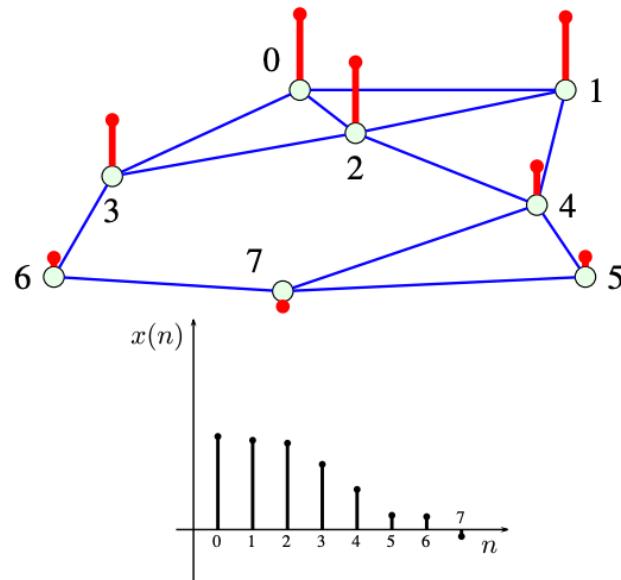


the eigenvectors corresponding to small λ_k correspond to the low-pass part of a graph signal i.e. smoother.

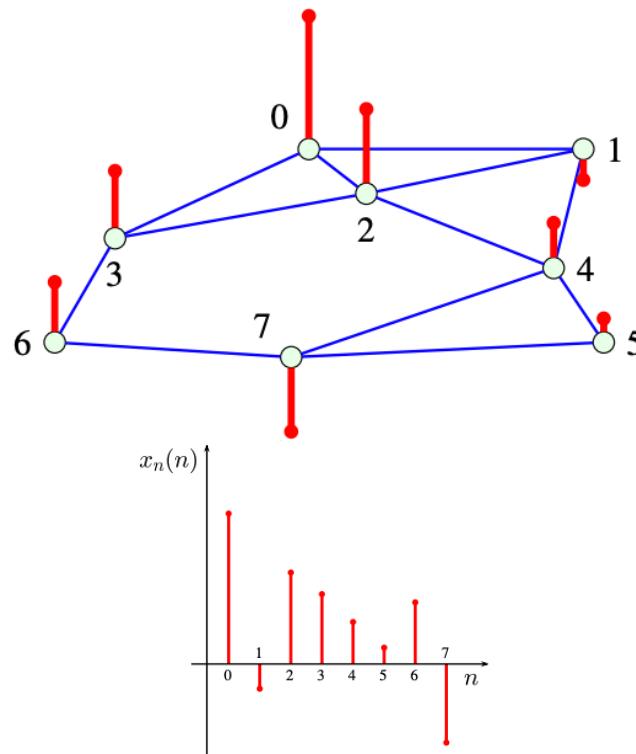
Signals and Systems on Graphs

- Graph signal filtering
 - Ideal low-pass filter on a graph

$$f(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } \lambda < \lambda_c \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



(a) original signal, $x = 2u_0 + 1.5u_1$

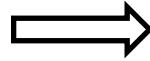
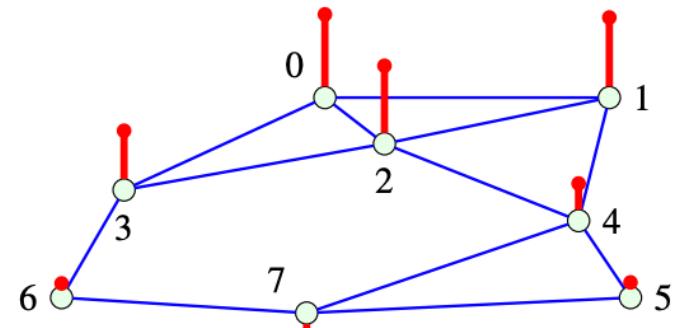
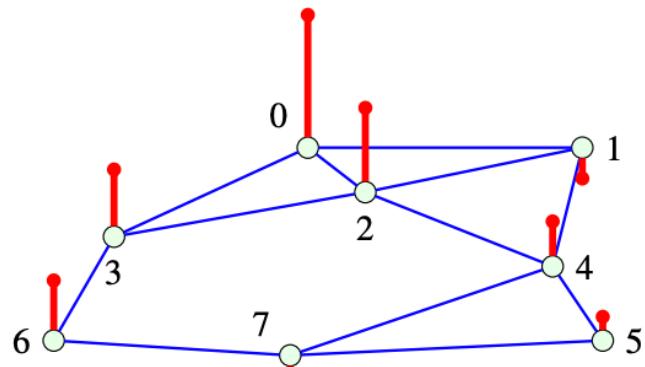


(b) noisy signal

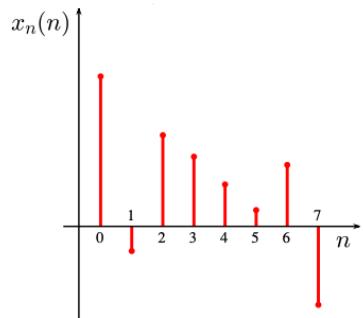
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$$\text{SNR}_{\text{in}} = -1.76 \text{ dB}$$

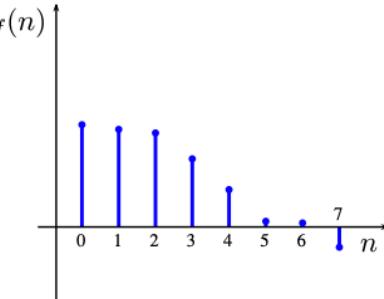
$$\text{SNR}_{\text{in}} = 21.29 \text{ dB}$$



$f(\lambda)$ with $\lambda_c = 0.25$



(b) noisy signal



(c) filtered signal

Signals and Systems on Graphs

- Convolution of signals on a graph
 - Definition: Consider two graph signals, $x(n)$ and $h(n)$. A generalized convolution operator for these two signals on a graph is defined as:

$$y(n) = x(n) * h(n)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} Y(k)u_k(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k)H(k)u_k(n)$$

$$\text{where } H(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h(n)u_k(n)$$

Based on the assumption that

$$Y(k) = X(k)H(k)$$

Signals and Systems on Graphs

- Shift on a graph
 - Consider the graph signal, $h(n)$, and the delta function located at a vertex m ,

$$\delta_m(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } m = n \\ 0, & \text{for } m \neq n \end{cases}$$

$$\text{GDFT: } \Delta(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \delta_m(n) u_k(n) = u_k(m)$$

- The shifted signal is obtained as a convolution of the original signal and an appropriately shifted delta function

$$h(n) * \delta_m(n) \text{ with GDFT } H(k)u_k(m)$$

$h_m(n)$: the shifted version of the graph signal, $h(n)$, “toward” a vertex m

$$h_m(n) = h(n) * \delta_m(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} H(k)u_k(m)u_k(n)$$

Signals and Systems on Graphs

- Shift on a graph

- Output signal

$$\begin{aligned}y(n) &= \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k)H(k)u_k(n) \\&= \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} x(m)u_k(m)H(k)u_k(n) \\&= \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} x(m)h_m(n) = x(n) * h(n),\end{aligned}$$

Where, $h_m(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} H(k)u_k(m)u_k(n) = T_m\{h(n)\}$

Signals and Systems on Graphs

- Optimal Denoising

- Problem: Consider a measurement, x , composed of a slow-varying graph signal, s , and a fast changing disturbance, ε : $x = s + \varepsilon$. The aim is to design a filter for disturbance suppression (denoising), the output is denoted by $y = H(x)$

- Solution:

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \|y - x\|_2^2 + \alpha y^T \mathbf{L} y$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial y^T} = y - x + 2\alpha \mathbf{L} y = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = (\mathbf{I} + 2\alpha \mathbf{L})^{-1} x.$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{Y} = (\mathbf{I} + 2\alpha \mathbf{\Lambda})^{-1} \mathbf{X}. \text{ (The Laplacian spectral domain form)}$$

$$H(\lambda_k) = \frac{1}{1 + 2\alpha \lambda_k} \quad \text{(graph filter transfer function)}$$

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Thank you

Next Time:

- Subsampling, Compressed Sensing, and Reconstruction
- Random Graph Signgals