

# Outline for LLG

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## 1 Introduction

- Estimating the mean of a collection of graphs is becoming important but the general element-wise MLE doesn't take advantage of the graph structure.
- SBM is a good model which captures the graph structure in reality.
- SBM as a RDPG is what we are going to consider.
- Under the model, we propose a new estimator based on ASE and prove theoretically that it is better than element-wise MLE.

## 2 Model

- Goal is to estimate the mean of a collection of unweighted simple graphs by observing their adjacency matrices with known vertex correspondence.
- Introduce problem setting, i.e. how  $M$  graphs are generated in the model.

### 2.1 Entry-Wise Least Squares Estimate

- MLE is the right thing to do under Independent Edge Graph Model, i.e. without taking graph structure into account.

### 2.2 Random Dot Product Graph

- Introduce Latent Positions Graph Model.
- RDPG is a special case of Latent Positions Graph Model.

### 2.3 Stochastic Block Model as a Random Dot Product Graph

- Intuition behind SBM.
- Formal definition of SBM.
- Consider SBM as RDPG in this paper.

## 2.4 Estimator $\hat{P}$ Based on Adjacency Spectral Embedding

- Introduce the new estimator based on ASE.
- Intuition why this should be better.

## 2.5 Performance Evaluation: Relative Efficiency

- Definition of RE.

# 3 Results

## 3.1 Theoretical Results

- $RE_{ij} = \frac{MSE(\hat{P}_{ij})}{MSE(\bar{A}_{ij})} \approx \frac{1/\rho_i + 1/\rho_j}{N}$
- $MSE(\hat{P}_{ij}) \approx \frac{(1/\rho_i + 1/\rho_j)P_{ij}(1-P_{ij})}{NM}$
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## 3.2 Validation with Simulations

- Consider a specific SBM.
- Figure shows that simulated RE agrees with theoretical values when changing  $N$ .
- Figure shows that simulated MSE agrees with theoretical values when changing  $\rho$ .

## 3.3 CoRR Brain Graphs: Cross-Validation

- Consider three datasets, JHU, desikan and CPAC200.
- Explain how we sample from the whole dataset.
- Figure shows the performance of  $\bar{A}$  and  $\hat{P}$  when embedding into different dimension.
- $\hat{P}$  outperforms  $\bar{A}$  when  $M$  is small.
- ZG and USVT are both doing good jobs in dimension selection, while the result is not very sensitive to the dimension selection.
- Simulation with  $P$  being the mean graph of the real data shows that  $\hat{P}$  still does a good job when the low rank assumption is violated.

# 4 Discussion

- Scheinerman's method is better than row sum divided by  $N-1$  in diagonal augmentation.

## **5 Methods**

### **5.1 Algorithm**

- Detailed description of the algorithm for our estimator  $\hat{P}$ .

### **5.2 Choosing Dimension**

- ZG.
- USVT.

### **5.3 Graph Diagonal Augmentation**

- Reason for diagonal augmentation.
- Introduce the iterative method developed by Scheinerman and Tucker.

### **5.4 Source Code**

### **5.5 Dataset Description**

Give detailed description of the data we are using.

### **5.6 Outline for the Proof of the Theorems**