

# Convolutional Neural Networks on Graphs with Fast Localized Spectral Filtering

## A Discussion

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# Introduction

- **CNNs**: state-of-the art on image, speech, video recognition tasks
  - (Shared) Filters are translation invariant
  - # Parameters independent of input size
  - Local dependencies dominate
- **Limitation**: Convolution, pooling defined only for regular grids
  - Not defined for irregular/non-Euclidean domains
- **Contribution**: Define convolution, pooling on graphs
  - User data on social networks
  - Gene data on biological regulatory networks
  - Log data on telecommunication networks
  - Text documents on word embeddings

# Convolutional Neural Networks on Graphs with Fast Localized Spectral Filtering

- **Convolutional Neural Networks on Graphs**
  - Define convolution and pooling operations on graphs
- **Fast:** same complexity as CNNs
  - Linear computational complexity
  - Constant learning complexity
- **Localized Spectral Filtering**
  - Ideas from spectral graph theory
  - Filters provable to be strictly localized in a ball of radius  $K$

# Proposed Technique

- 1 Design of localized convolutional filters on graphs
- 2 Graph coarsening
  - Group similar vertices together
  - Build condensed, smaller graphs through these groups
- 3 Pooling operation
  - Trade spatial details for higher filter details

# Notations

- **Input**: An undirected, connected, weighted  $G = (V, E, W)$ 
  - **Signal**  $x : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  regarded as  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- **Graph Laplacian**:  $L = I_n - D^{-\frac{1}{2}} W D^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  where  $D = \text{diag}(\sum_j W_{ij})$ 
  - Non-negative eigenvalues  $\{\lambda_l\}_{l=0}^{n-1}$
  - Orthonormal (Fourier) basis  $\{u_l\}_{l=0}^{n-1}$
  - Diagonalization  $L = U \Lambda U^T$
- **GFT**:  $\hat{x} = U^T x$ 
  - Inverse,  $x = U \hat{x}$

# Spectral Filtering of Graph Signals

- **Convolution operator:**  $a * b = U \left( (U^T a) \odot (U^T b) \right)$ 
  - Defined on fourier domain rather than vertex domain

- **Filtering:** A signal  $x$  is filtered by  $g_\theta$  as

$$y = g_\theta(L)x = g_\theta(U\Lambda U^T)x = Ug_\theta(\Lambda)U^T x$$

- Could use a non-parametric filter i.e.  $g_\theta(\Lambda) = \text{diag}(\theta)$ . But
  - Not localized in space
  - Learning complexitiy is  $O(n)$

# Polynomial Parametrization for Localized Filters

- Polynomial Filter:

$$g_{\theta}(\Lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \theta_k \Lambda^k$$

$$\theta \in \mathbb{R}^K$$

- <sup>1</sup>If minimum # edges between  $i$  and  $j$  is  $> K$  then  $(L^K)_{i,j} = 0$ 
  - Filters are  $K$ -localized
- Learning complexity is  $O(K)$  where  $K$  is support size of filter
  - Same as classical CNNs

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<sup>1</sup>Hammond et. al, Wavelets on Graphs via Spectral Graph Theory, Applied and Computational Harmonic Analysis 2011

# Recursive Formulation for Fast Filtering

- Multiplication with  $U$  in  $y = Ug_\theta(\Lambda)U^T x$  costs  $O(n^2)$  operations
- **Solution:** Exploit sparsity of  $L$ 
  - **Idea:** Compute polynomial recursively from  $L$
  - Use Chebyshev expansion
  - $T_k(x) = 2xT_{k-1}(x) - T_{k-2}(x)$  with  $T_0 = 1$  and  $T_1 = x$

$$g_\theta(\Lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \theta_k T_k(\tilde{\Lambda})$$

- $\tilde{\Lambda} = 2\Lambda/\lambda_{\max} - I_n$
- Entire filtering takes  $O(K|E|)$  operations
- Linear in  $|E|$



# Learning Filters

- Use mini-batch GD ( $S$  samples in each batch)
  - $j$ -th feature of sample  $s$  is

$$y_{s,j} = \sum_{i=1}^{F_{in}} g_{\theta_{i,j}}(L) x_{s,i}$$

- Backprop requires

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta_{i,j}} = \sum_{s=1}^S T_k(\tilde{L}) \frac{\partial J}{\partial y_{s,j}}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial x_{s,i}} = \sum_{j=1}^{F_{out}} g_{\theta_{i,j}}(L) \frac{\partial J}{\partial y_{s,j}}$$

- Requires  $O(K|E|F_{in}F_{out}S)$  operations

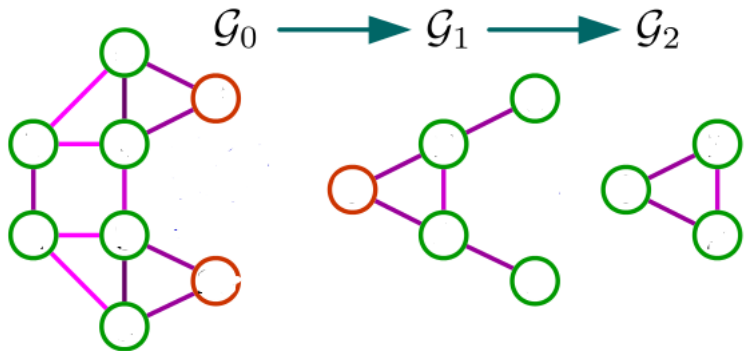
# Graph Coarsening

- Pooling requires meaningful neighbourhoods on graphs
  - Cluster similar vertices together
  - But graph clustering is NP-hard
- Graclus graph clustering software
  - Uses a greedy algorithm
  - Pick an unmarked  $i$  and match with one of its unmarked neighbours  $j$  that maximizes normalized cut

$$W_{ij} \left( \frac{1}{d_i} + \frac{1}{d_j} \right)$$

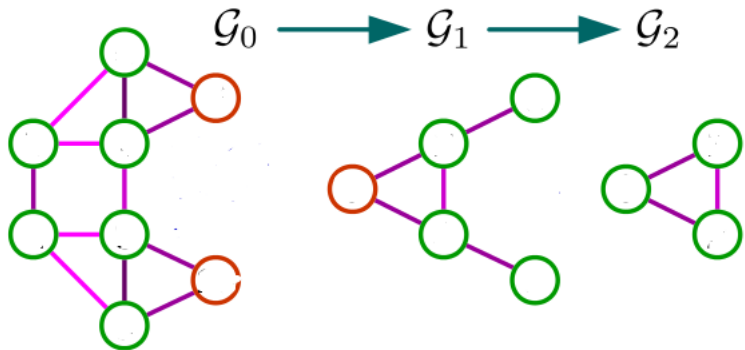
- Repeat until all nodes explored
- Divides # nodes by approximately 2 (there may exist a few singletons, non-matched nodes)

# Graph Coarsening: Example



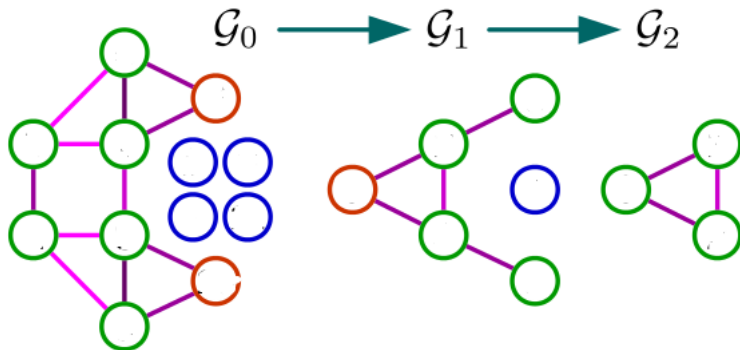
Graculus produces  $\mathcal{G}_1$  and  $\mathcal{G}_2$  on  $\mathcal{G}_0$  as input

# Max Pooling: Example



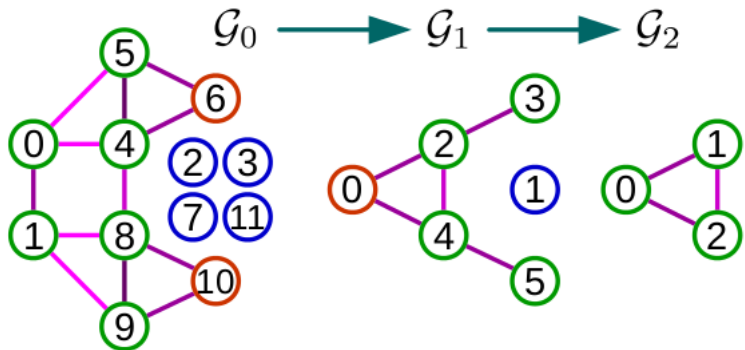
Suppose max pooling of size 4 needs to be carried out (Note:  $x \in \mathbb{R}^8$ )

# Max Pooling: Example



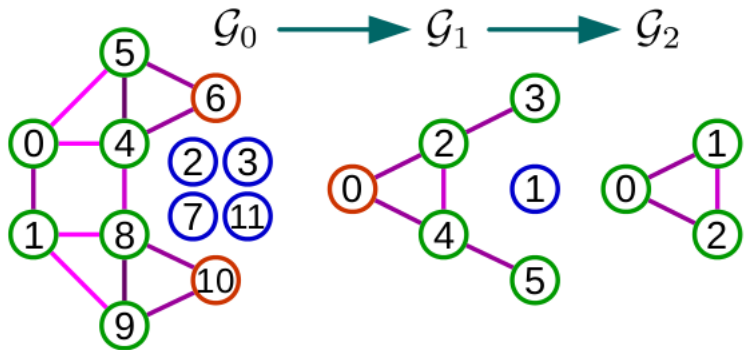
Add fake nodes to pair with singleton nodes

# Max Pooling: Example



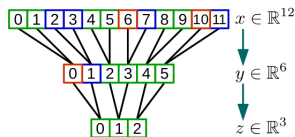
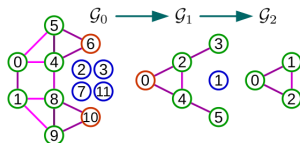
Nodes in  $V_2$ : ordered arbitrarily, nodes in  $V_1$ ,  $V_0$ : ordered consequently

# Max Pooling: Example



Observation: Node  $k$  has  $2k$  and  $2k + 1$  as children

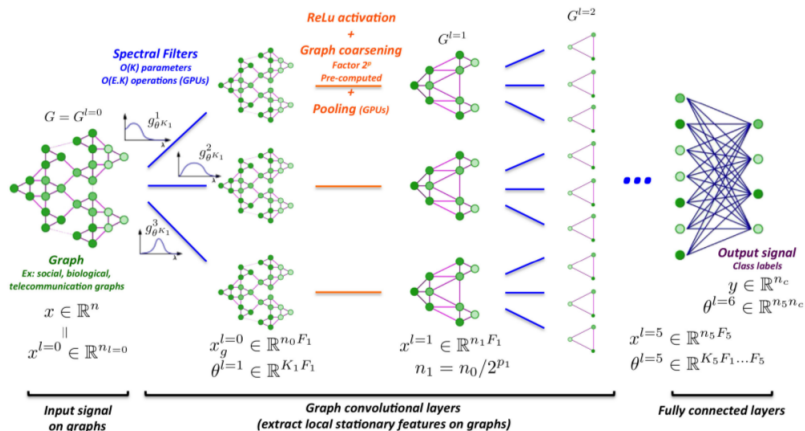
# Max Pooling: Example



- $z = \left( \max(x_0, x_1), \max(x_4, x_5, x_6), \max(x_8, x_9, x_{10}) \right) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ 
  - $x_2, x_3, x_7, x_{11}$  are set to a neutral value
  - Analogous to pooling a regular 1D signal
  - Very efficient, satisfies parallel architectures such as GPUs as memory accesses are local



# Architecture



# Experiments: MNIST as a Sanity Check

- Construct an 8-NN graph
  - 70000 digits on 2D grid becomes graph with 976 ( $28^2 + 192$ ) nodes
  - Weights of  $k$ -NN similarity graph are

$$W_{ij} = \exp\left(-\frac{\|z_i - z_j\|_2^2}{\sigma^2}\right)$$

$z_i$  is 2D coordinate of pixel  $i$

Model	Architecture	Accuracy
Classical CNN	C32-P4-C64-P4-FC512	99.33
Proposed graph CNN	GC32-P4-GC64-P4-FC512	99.14

- $Ck$ : Convolutional layer  $k$  feature maps
- $GCk$ : Graph convolutional layer  $k$  feature maps
- $FCk$ : Fully connected layer  $k$  hidden units
- $Pk$ : Pooling layer size, stride  $k$

# Text Categorization on 20NEWS

- To demonstrate versatility of model to work with unstructured data
  - Extract 10k most common words from 93k+ unique words
  - Represent doc  $x$  by bag-of-words model (normalized across words)
  - Construct a 16-NN graph with  $W_{ij} = \exp(-\frac{\|z_i - z_j\|_2^2}{\sigma^2})$  where  $z_i$  is word2vec embedding of word  $i$

Model	Accuracy
Linear SVM	65.90
Multinomial Naive Bayes	68.51
Softmax	66.28
FC2500	64.64
FC2500-FC500	65.76
GC32	68.26

- All models trained 20 epochs by Adam optimizer (initial learning rate = 0.001)
- Support of GC32 is  $K = 5$
- Proposed model does not outperform multinomial Bayes but defeats FC networks which require much more parameters

# Comparison of Spectral Filters

- The first formulation<sup>2</sup> of graph CNN defined filter as  $g_{\theta}(\Lambda) = B\theta$  where  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times K}$  is cubic B-spline basis

Dataset	Architecture	Accuracy		
		Non-Param	Spline	Chebyshev
MNIST	GC10	95.75	97.26	97.48
MNIST	GC32-P4-GC64-P4-FC512	96.28	97.15	99.14

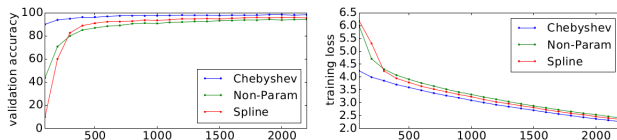
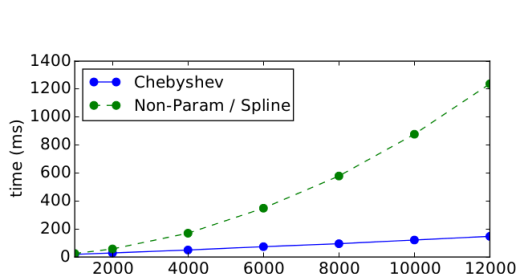


Figure 4: Plots of validation accuracy and training loss for the first 2000 iterations on MNIST.

<sup>2</sup>Bruna et. al, Spectral Networks and Deep Locally Connected Networks on Graphs [17/19](#)

# Comparison of Computational Efficiency



- $O(n)$  vs.  $O(n^2)$
- Measured runtime is total training time divided by #gradient steps

Figure 3: Time to process a mini-batch of  $S = 100$  20NEWS documents w.r.t. the number of words  $n$ .

Model	Architecture	Time (ms)		
		CPU	GPU	Speedup
Classical CNN	C32-P4-C64-P4-FC512	210	31	6.77x
Proposed graph CNN	GC32-P4-GC64-P4-FC512	1600	200	8.00x

Table 4: Time to process a mini-batch of  $S = 100$  MNIST images.

# Conclusion

- Introduced mathematical and computational foundations of efficient generalization of CNNs on graphs
- Introduced model whose computational complexity linear with dimensionality of data
- Experiments have shown ability of model to extract local, stationary features through convolutional layers