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## Assignment 10

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### Exercise 1

- a.) We have to prove that  $\lambda_n \leq 2$ . From the Rayleigh principle we know that  $\lambda_n = \max_v v^T L v$ , where  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is normalized, meaning that it has length = 1. Because  $L$  is a normalized Laplacian, we get the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned} v^T L v &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \left( \frac{v_i}{\sqrt{d_i}} - \frac{v_j}{\sqrt{d_j}} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \left( \left( \frac{v_i}{\sqrt{d_i}} \right)^2 - 2 \frac{v_i}{\sqrt{d_i}} \frac{v_j}{\sqrt{d_j}} + \left( \frac{v_j}{\sqrt{d_j}} \right)^2 \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \left( \frac{v_i^2}{d_i} - 2 \frac{v_i v_j}{\sqrt{d_i d_j}} + \frac{v_j^2}{d_j} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \frac{v_i^2}{d_i} - \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \frac{v_i v_j}{\sqrt{d_i d_j}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \frac{v_j^2}{d_j} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \right) \frac{v_i^2}{d_i} - \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \frac{v_i v_j}{\sqrt{d_i d_j}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2 - \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \frac{v_i v_j}{\sqrt{d_i d_j}} = 1 - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{a_{ij}}{\sqrt{d_i d_j}} v_i v_j. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $v$  is normalized, the following relations hold:  $-1 \leq v \leq 1$  and  $-1 \leq v_i v_j \leq 1$ . We can now assume that  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{a_{ij}}{\sqrt{d_i d_j}} \leq 1$ , since the sum of the adjacency entries is divided by other sums of the same value. By multiplying  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{a_{ij}}{\sqrt{d_i d_j}}$  with some number  $v_i v_j$  between -1 and 1, we would still get a number between -1 and 1, leading to  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{a_{ij}}{\sqrt{d_i d_j}} v_i v_j \geq -1$ . With all those relations, we can now conclude that:

$$\lambda_n = \max_v v^T L v = \max_v 1 - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{a_{ij}}{\sqrt{d_i d_j}} v_i v_j \leq 1 - (-1) = 2.$$

- b.) If  $G$  is a complete graph on  $n$  vertices, we have  $A = 1 - I$ , which is a matrix that has 1 in every entry, except on the diagonal. Then  $D = \text{diag}(n-1, \dots, n-1)$ , which leads to  $D - A$  being  $(n-1)$  on the diagonal and -1 everywhere else. If we multiply  $D^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  on the left and on the right, we divide each entry by  $(n-1)$ , which leads to  $L$  being 1 on the diagonal and  $\frac{-1}{n-1}$  everywhere else.

If we set the eigenvector  $v_1$  to  $(1, \dots, 1)$ , we get  $L v_1 = 0 v_1$

c.)

d.)

### Exercise 2

see code.

### Exercise 3