

Sparsification

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Lecture 14



Semidefinite order \succ (symmetric matrices)

- $A \succ 0$ means $\lambda_i(A) \succ 0 \forall i$

- $A \preceq B$ means $B - A \succ 0$

- $A \succ 0 \Leftrightarrow x^T A x \succ 0 \forall x$

- $A \preceq B \Leftrightarrow x^T A x \leq x^T B x \forall x$

- $A \preceq B \Rightarrow \lambda_i(A) \leq \lambda_i(B) \forall i$ but not \Leftarrow

- $A \preceq B \Rightarrow C A C^T \preceq C B C^T$ for all C (not even square)
 \Leftrightarrow if C is invertible.

$$0 \leq A \leq B$$

"should \Rightarrow "

$$B^{-1} A \leq I$$

but not symmetric

but : $B^{1/2} = \sqrt{B}$ and $B^{+1/2} = \sqrt{B^T}$

Then $B^{+1/2} A B^{+1/2}$ is symmetric ?
same evals as $B^{-1} A$, so

- $0 \leq A \leq B \Rightarrow B^{+1/2} A B^{+1/2} \leq I$

• $0 \leq A \leq B$ and same nullspace $\Rightarrow B^+ \leq A^+$
(eg connected Laplacians)

Henceforth in this lecture, all matrices are connected Laplacians.

H is an ε -approximation of G

means $(1-\varepsilon)G \leq H \leq (1+\varepsilon)G$

A VERY POWERFUL STATEMENT.

① Eigenvalues are similar: for all i :

$$(1-\varepsilon)\lambda_i(G) \leq \lambda_i(H) \leq (1+\varepsilon)\lambda_i(G)$$

② Operation on a vector is similar:

$$\|G - H\| \leq \varepsilon \|G\|$$

$$\text{thus } \frac{\|Gx - Hx\|}{\|x\|} \leq \|G - H\|$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\|Gx - Hx\|}{\|x\| \|G\|} \leq \varepsilon$$

③ Solutions of linear systems are similar:

$$\frac{1}{1+\varepsilon} G^+ \leq H^+ \leq \frac{1}{1-\varepsilon} G^+ \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\|G^+ b - H^+ b\|}{\|G^+\| \|b\|} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{1-\varepsilon}$$

④ G and H are good preconditioners for each other

$$(1-\varepsilon)I \leq H^{+1/2} G H^{+1/2} \leq (1+\varepsilon)I$$

So the condition number of the preconditioned matrix:

$$\kappa_f = \frac{\lambda_n(H^{+1/2} G H^{+1/2})}{\lambda_2(H^{+1/2} G H^{+1/2})} = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$$

$\Rightarrow CG$ converges in $\mathcal{O}(1)$ iterations.

⑤ $R_{(a,b)}^{\text{eff}}$ is similar between all pairs of vertices:

(because $R_G^{\text{eff}} = (1_a - 1_b)^T G^+ (1_a - 1_b)$)

⑥ All cuts in the graph are similar.

If $A \subseteq V$ then $1_A^T G 1_A$

$= \sum_{a,b \in E} C(a,b) (1_A^{(a)} - 1_A^{(b)})^2 = \text{weight of cut between } A \text{ and } V-A.$

and $1_A^T G 1_A$ is close to $1_A^T H 1_A$.

"cut sparsifier"

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"spectral sparsifier"

Expander $\approx K_n$

"Random graphs" are ε -approx of $\frac{d}{n} K_n$

INTUITION: both EXP & K_n have "no structure"

This intuition suggests that dense graphs with "structure" shouldn't have sparse approx:

$$\begin{aligned} \# \text{graphs}(n \text{ vtxs}, m \text{ edges}) &: \binom{\binom{n}{2}}{m} \quad \text{say } n < m < \frac{n^2}{4} \\ &\approx \frac{(n^2/2)^m}{m!} \approx n^{2m} = \underline{2^{2m \log n}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now: if } m \sim \frac{n^2}{4} \quad \# = 2^{n^2 \log n / 2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } m \sim n &\quad \# = 2^{2n \log n} \rightarrow \text{much less!} \\ \text{if } m \sim n \log n &\quad \# = 2^{\log^2 n} \rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

SO THIS SHOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE.

WRONG !!!

All graphs have ε -approximations
with $O(n)$ edges.

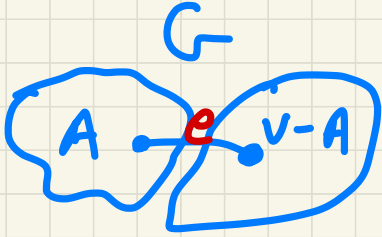
Ch 32: Gets $O(n \log n)$ edges
with a very simple random sampling
construction.

DEF: G a weighted Laplacian.
Weights $c(e) = c(a, b)$

The leverage score of edge $e = (a, b)$ is

$$l_e^{\text{DEF}} \equiv c(a, b) \cdot R_{(a, b)}^{\text{eff}} = \frac{R_{(a, b)}^{\text{eff}}}{r(a, b)}$$

$$= \frac{\text{effective resistance}}{\text{edge resistance}} \quad 0 \leq l_e \leq 1$$



$$l_e = 1$$

leverage
score

"importance" to resistive
network.

THM: If we choose a spanning tree T with probability proportional to the product of its edge weights, then for every edge e

$$\Pr[e \in T] = l_e$$

Implies $\sum_{e \in E} l_e = n - 1$

Sparsification: Given G , build $H \subseteq G$:

Pick edges at random with probability $p(a,b)$ of picking edge (a,b) .

Then $C_H(a,b) = C_G(a,b) / p(a,b)$.

$$\mathbb{E} H = \sum_{a,b \in E(G)} p(a,b) \frac{C(a,b)}{p(a,b)} L_{(a,b)} = G$$

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expectation
(or mean)

$$G = \sum_{a,b \in E} c(a,b) (1_a - 1_b) (1_a - 1_b)^T$$

$$= \sum_{a,b \in E} c(a,b) L_{(a,b)}$$

① $p(a,b)$ proportional to d_{ab} to get $n \ln n$ edges in H .
$$p(a,b) = \frac{\sum_i d_i^2}{3.5 \ln n}$$

KEY:

Matrix Chernoff bounds

showing whp

$$\lambda_i(H) \sim \lambda_i(\mathbb{E}(H)) = \lambda_i(G)$$