

Graphs

1 Graph Operators

Definition 1.1. Let \mathcal{G} be a graph where \mathcal{V} are its vertexes and \mathcal{E} are its edges, let $f, g : L^2(\mathcal{V})$ and $F, G \in L^2(\mathcal{E})$ be real valued functions, we define $\langle f, g \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{V})} := \sum_{\mathcal{V}} a_i f_i g_i$, $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\langle F, G \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{E})} := \sum_{\mathcal{E}} w_{ij} F_{ij} G_{ij}$, $w_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$.

Definition 1.2. Graph gradient and divergence

Let $f \in L^2(\mathcal{V})$ and $F \in L^2(\mathcal{E})$ we define $\text{grad} : L^2(\mathcal{V}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathcal{E})$ and $\text{div} : L^2(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathcal{V})$, such that $(\text{grad} f)_{ij} = f_i - f_j$ and $(\text{div} F)_i = \frac{1}{a_i} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V} : (i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} w_{ij} F_{ij}$.

Proposition 1.1. Let $f \in L^2(\mathcal{V})$ and $F \in L^2(\mathcal{E}) : F_{ij} = -F_{ji}$ then $\langle f, \text{div} F \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{V})} = \langle \text{grad} f, F \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{E})}$, i.e. $\text{div} F^\dagger = \text{grad}$.

Proof. $\sum_{\mathcal{V}} a_i f_i (\text{div} F)_i = \sum_{\mathcal{E}} w_{ij} F_{ij} (f_i - f_j) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V} : (i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} w_{ij} F_{ij} f_i$ thus $a_i (\text{div} F)_i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V} : (i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} w_{ij} F_{ij}$. \square

Theorem 1.2. Gauss theorem

Let $F \in L^2(\mathcal{E}) : F_{ij} = -F_{ji}$, let $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{V}$ then if $a_i = w_{ij} = 1$ we have $\sum_{\mathcal{A}} (\text{div} F)_i = \sum_{\partial_+^0 \mathcal{A}} F_{ij}$.

Proof. First of all we recall $\partial_+^0 \mathcal{A} = \{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}, i \in \mathcal{A}, j \in \mathcal{V} \setminus \mathcal{A}\}$, then we see that $\sum_{\mathcal{A}} (\text{div} F)_i = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V} : (i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} F_{ij} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V} \setminus \mathcal{A} : (i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} F_{ij} + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A} : (i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} F_{ij} = \sum_{\partial_+^0 \mathcal{A}} F_{ij} + \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{A}^2} \text{adj}(\mathcal{A})_{ij} F_{ij}$ where since $\text{adj}(\mathcal{A})_{ij} = \text{adj}(\mathcal{A})_{ji}$ we have by renaming dummy indexes $\text{adj}(\mathcal{A})_{ij} F_{ij} = -\text{adj}(\mathcal{A})_{ij} F_{ij} = 0$. \square

Definition 1.3. Graph laplacian

Let $f \in L^2(\mathcal{V})$ we have that $\langle \text{grad} f, \text{grad} f \rangle = \langle \text{div}(\text{grad} f), f \rangle =: \langle \Delta f, f \rangle = \langle f, \Delta f \rangle$, where $\Delta : L^2(\mathcal{V}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathcal{V})$ is the Laplacian.