

# Graph Kernels and Support Vector Machines for Pattern Recognition

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# Motivation

- A lot of data can be represented as graphs such as proteins or social networks
- Being able to compare them would be useful (classification, clustering)

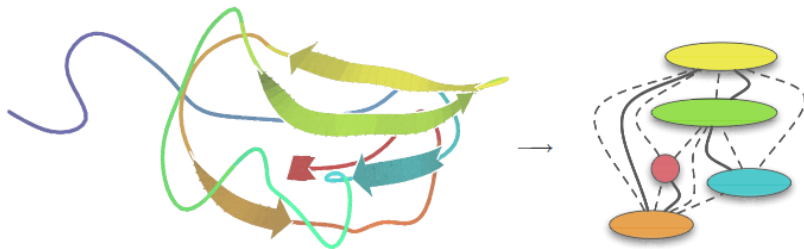


Figure 1: A fragment of a protein transformed into a graph[1]

# Current Methods

## Support Vector Machine

SVMs are models used in classification introduced about 25 years ago. They have several advantages

- Great accuracy
- Great capacity of generalization
- Allows the use of kernels in its dual form

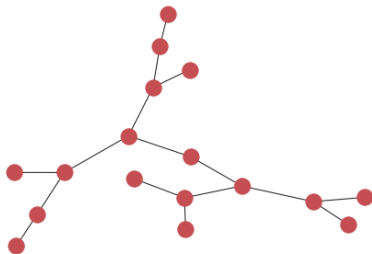
## Kernels

The kernel trick can replace the dot product while implicitly projecting data to a feature space and combine very well with the SVMs

- Computes data projection faster implicitly (ex. RBF kernel)
- Improve the accuracy of SVM by making linear separation easier

# Objective

- These methods are adapted to **vector data**
- Graphs and their adjacency matrices aren't and vectorizing implies a loss of information
- New types of kernels were discovered
- However, the complexity is a big problem, these kernels have to be accelerated



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# Background : graphs

## Definition

A graph[2] is a type of mathematical structure that represents connections between objects. It is more precisely an ordered pair  $G = (V, E)$  of two sets: vertices  $V$  (or nodes) and edges  $E$  that connect two vertices together.

$$E \subseteq \{(u, v) : (u, v) \in V^2\}$$

## Properties

- Undirected
- Labeled or not
- Degree
- Path and Cycle
- Connected
- Tree
- Subgraph
- Line Graph

# Background : Support Vector Machines

## Classification

Classification is the problem of finding the best function  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \longrightarrow \{0..k\}$  among a set of functions  $F$  while minimizing a risk function  $R$

$$f_{\star} = \operatorname{argmin}_f R(f)$$

where  $k$  is the number of classes of the problem and  $d$  the number of features of data

## Support Vector Machines

$$\gamma_i = \frac{y_i(\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{w} + w_0)}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$$

$$\min \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad y_i(\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{w} + w_0) \geq 1 \quad \forall i \in \{1..n\}$$



# Background : kernels

## Definition

In its dual form, the SVM problem only requires a dot product between the observations' vectors.

$$\max \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \mathbf{x}_i^\top \mathbf{x}_j$$

This means the vectors can be mapped to higher dimensions with a function  $\phi$ . Moreover, even the dot product itself can be replaced by a function  $\kappa$  without explicitly specifying the map  $\phi$  as long as the function is positive semi definite.

$$\kappa(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = e^{-\frac{\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

An example of kernel : the RBF kernel

# Graph Kernels

## Definition

Graph Kernels are a type of R-convolution kernels[3] applied to graphs, which are kernels that are based on decompositions of complex objects and comparisons of those decompositions.

- Random walks
- Graphlets
- Shortest paths, subtree

# Graphlets

## Definition

Let  $G$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs,  $\mathbf{f}_G$  and  $\mathbf{f}_{G_2}$  the frequency vectors of respectively  $G$  and  $G_2$ , then the kernel  $\kappa$  is defined as

$$\kappa(G, G_2) = \mathbf{f}_G^\top \mathbf{f}_{G_2}$$

- Complexity of computing  $\mathbf{f}_G$  is  $O(n^k)$

# Random Walks

## Random Walks

A random walk is a path obtained from a chosen vertex, randomly picking an edge to follow iteratively, until the trail reaches a certain length. Comparing common random walks between graphs is an acceptable metric.

## Product graph

It has been shown[4] that computing random walks on two separate graphs is equivalent to computing it on the product graph of the two. The product graph is computed using the Kronecker (or tensor) product  $\otimes$



Figure 3: A graph  $G_1$ , a graph  $G_2$  and the product graph  $G_1 \otimes G_2$

# Random Walk

## Product graph

- $W_{\times} = A_1 \otimes A_2$

- $W_{\times} = \sum_{l=1}^d A_1^{(l)} \otimes A_2^{(l)}$

## Kernel Definition

Let  $p_{\times}$  and  $q_{\times}$  be respectively the start and end probability of each node, and let  $W_{\times}$  be the adjacency matrix of the product graph of  $G$  and  $G'$ , and finally  $\mu(k)$  be a convergent function of  $k$ .

$$\kappa(G, G') = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mu(k) q_{\times}^{\top} W_{\times}^k p_{\times}$$

# Acceleration methods

## Inverse Kernel

A special case where  $\mu(k) = \lambda^k$  leads to the following kernel

$$\kappa(G_1, G_2) = q_{\times}^{\top} (I - \lambda W_{\times})^{-1} p_{\times}$$

- $O(kn^6)$  complexity
- Some methods will try to accelerate it

# Sylvester Equation

## Definition

Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be matrices of compatible shapes, then the Sylvester equation is

$$AX + XB = C$$

And the discrete-time Sylvester Equation is

$$AXB + C = X$$

Which can be generalized as

$$\sum_{i=0}^d A_i X B_i + C = X$$

# Conjugate Gradient

## Idea

- The idea is to make new gradient orthogonal to the former
- Convergence guaranteed in  $|V|$  steps to solve the following problem

$$(I - \lambda W_x)x = p_x \quad (1)$$

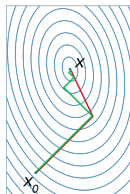


Figure 4: Conjugate gradient (red) compared to Gradient Descent (green)



# Fixed Point Iterations

## Definition

Fixed point iterations is a method of computing a fixed point of a function by applying repeatedly the following equation until  $\|x_{n+1} - x_n\| < \epsilon$  where  $\epsilon$  is the acceptable level of error.

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$$

Since this method requires the computation of  $W_{\times}$ , the kernel value can be computed for any type of labeling. For unlabeled graphs, the complexity is  $O(kn^3)$  and  $O(kdn^3)$  for labeled graphs, where  $d$  is the number of labels and  $k$  the number of iterations which can be estimated by

$$k = O\left(\frac{\ln \epsilon}{\ln \lambda + \ln |\xi|}\right)$$

# Spectral Decomposition

## Definition

- Eigendecomposition of the adjacency matrix
- Inverse becomes trivial to compute on diagonal matrix

$$\kappa(G_1, G_2) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mu(k) q_{\times}^{\top} (V_{\times} D_{\times} V_{\times}^{-1})^k p_{\times} = q_{\times}^{\top} V_{\times} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mu(k) D_{\times}^k \right) V_{\times}^{-1} p_{\times}$$

However the following property is given from the Kronecker product

$$A_1 \otimes A_2 = (V_1 D_1 V_1^{-1}) \otimes (V_2 D_2 V_2^{-1}) = (V_1 \otimes V_2) (D_1 \otimes D_2) (V_1 \otimes V_2)^{-1}$$

Taking advantage of that property

$$\kappa(G_1, G_2) = (q_1^{\top} V_1 \otimes q_2^{\top} V_2) \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mu(k) (D_1 \otimes D_2)^k \right) (V_1^{-1} p_1^{\top} \otimes V_2^{-1} p_2^{\top}) \quad (2)$$

# Nearest Kronecker Product Approximation

- The idea is to approximate two matrices  $S$  and  $T$  such that  $\|W_{\times} - A \otimes B\|_F$  is minimized.
- Labeled-graph kernel computation can be turned into an unlabeled one with some loss in accuracy, but gain in computation time.
- Computed in  $O(dn^2)$  time
- All methods such as Spectral Decomposition can then be applied

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## Metrics

$$L(X, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{|X|} \sum_{i=1}^{|X|} \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(\mathbf{x}_i) \neq y_i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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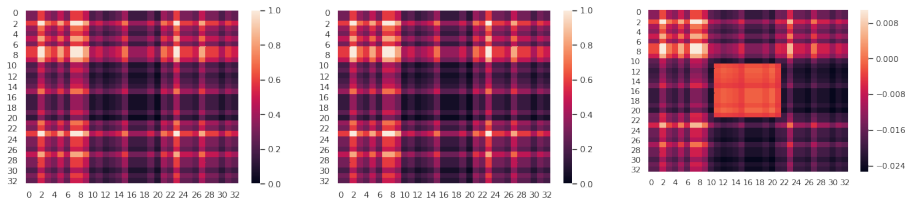
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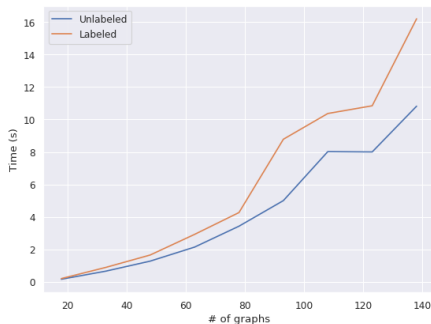
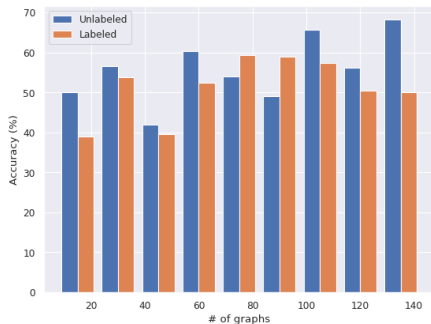
**Figure 5:** A gram matrix computed with the raw method, another with the fixed point method, and the difference between the two

# Performance : Gram matrices

	Raw kernel	Inverse Kernel	Sylvester Equation	Conjugate Gradients	Fixed points	Spectral Decomp.
Raw.	0	1.1e-4	9.8e-5	8.9e-5	1.0e-4	1.0e-04
Inv.	-	0	2.1e-5	7.9e-5	4.0e-6	6.8e-6
Syl.	-	-	0	8.0e-5	1.7e-5	1.4e-5
Con.	-	-	-	0	7.9e-5	7.9e-5
Fix.	-	-	-	-	0	2.8e-6
Spe.	-	-	-	-	-	0

Table 1: Mean standard deviation of matrix entries

# Performance : Label Use



**Figure 6:** Accuracy and computation time of learning for unlabeled and labeled graphs

# Performance : Complexity

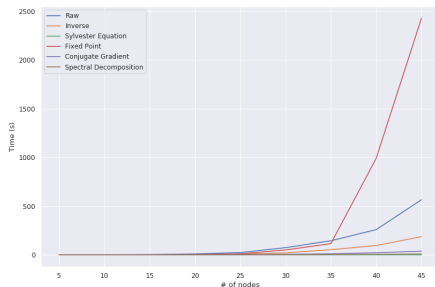
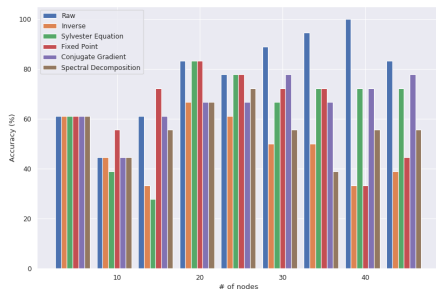


Figure 7: Accuracy and Computation time of different methods depending on the size of graphs

# Protein and Enzymes



# Conclusion

## Conclusion

- Random walks : decent accuracy
- Several acceleration methods were introduced
- Performances are greatly improved
- conclusion on real data : todo

## Future work

- Generalized Sylvester Equation : algorithm and complexity
- Generalizing the Spectral Decomposition to labeled graphs

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