

# Lecture 15 - Spectral Clustering

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# Spectral Clustering

Let  $G$  be a graph,  $G(V, E)$ , where  $V = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$

The Laplacian matrix:

$$L_G = \underbrace{D_G}_{\substack{\text{Diagonal matrix} \\ \text{with degrees of} \\ \text{each vertex}}} - \underbrace{A_G}_{\text{adjacency matrix}}$$

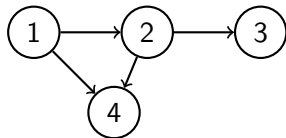
$L_G$  is a PSD Matrix whose eigenvalues are

$$0 = \lambda_1 \leq \underbrace{\lambda_2}_{\text{Fiedler value}} \leq \lambda_3 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$$

An eigenvector with eigenvalue  $\lambda_2$  is called the Fiedler vector of  $\vec{W}$ .

# Spectral Clustering

We will use  $\vec{W}$ ,  $L_G$  to understand clusters in a graph.



$$A = \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}, |A| = 5$$

Notation

If  $X$ ,  $Y$  are sets  $X \setminus Y = \{x \in X \mid x \notin Y\}$

$|x|$  = size of  $x$

## Definition

A cut in  $G$  is a partition of  $V$  into two sets,  $A$  and  $V \setminus A$ , when  $A \neq V$ . (The cut induced by  $A$ )

## Notation

If  $X, Y \subseteq V$ , let  $E(X, Y)$  denote all edges with one vertex in  $X$  and one vertex in  $Y$ .

$$E(A, V \setminus A) = \{ \{1, 6\} \}$$

## Definition

The density of the cut induced by  $A$  is:

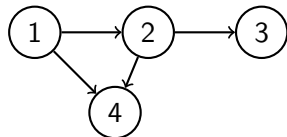
# Sparsest cut

Definition:

Let  $d_{\min}$  denote the smallest possible density of a cut in  $G$ . Any cut with density  $d_{\min}$  is called a sparsest cut in  $G$ .

# Define BG

Define the matrix  $B_G$ , the "directed" node-edge incidence matrix of  $G$ .



pick a direction for each edge

rows indexed by nodes

columns indexed by edges of  $G$

$$B_G = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 12 & 14 & 23 & 24 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

In the column indexed by the directed edge  $ij$ , we put 1 in row  $i$  and -1 in row  $j$ .

$$L_G = B^T B$$

# Define $B_G$

$$L_G = B_G \cdot B_G^T$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

If you get  $i^{th}$  row and  $i^{th}$  column,  $1^2$  or  $(-1)^2$  for every edge incident to  $i$ .  
So the sum  $d_i$ .

$i^{th}$  row and  $j^{th}$  column (if  $i \neq j$ ) if  $ij$  is on edge, you will get  $1(-1) = -1$

Therefore,  $L_G$  is PSD.

# Lemma

Lemma:

If  $G$  is a graph, the Laplacian  $L_G$  is PSD and its eigenvalues are:

$$0 = \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \lambda_3 \leq \cdots \leq \lambda_n$$

and  $\vec{1}$  is an eigenvector of  $L_G$  with eigenvalue 0.

Since  $L_G$  is PSD, the  $\vec{x}^T L_G \vec{x} \geq 0$ ,  $\forall \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$



# Lemma

PwP:

Let  $G = ([n], E)$  be the graph with vertices  $[n]$  and edge set  $E$ . If  $\vec{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^T$ .

$$\vec{x}^T L_G \vec{x} = \sum_{\{i,j\} \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2$$

Proof

We know that  $L_G = B_G B_G^T$ . So  $\vec{x}^T L_G \vec{x} = \vec{x}^T B_G B_G^T \vec{x}$ .

Lets understand  $\vec{x}^T B_G$ .

So the entries of  $\vec{x}^T B_G$  are all  $x_i - x_j$  when  $ij$  is an edge of  $G$ .

# Lemma

PwP:

$$\text{So } \vec{x}^T L_G \vec{x} = (\vec{x}^T B_G) \cdot (B_G^T \vec{x}) = \sum_{\{i,j\} \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2.$$

Do this for the example:

# Connectivity

Definition:

A Graph is connected if there is a way to walk from any vertex to any other vertex along the edges of  $G$ .

Theorem:

$G$  is connected if and only if  $\lambda_2 > 0$ .

Proof:

If  $G$  is not connected the Graph Laplacian will look like this:

# Connectivity

We sort of proved if  $G$  is not connected, then  $\lambda_2 = 0$ . (if  $G$  has  $k$  components,  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \dots \lambda_k = 0$ )

We still need to show that if  $G$  is connected,  $\lambda_2 > 0$ .

For a symmetric matrix,  $AM(\lambda) = GM(\lambda)$  for an eigenvalues.

So we need to show  $GM(0) = 1$ . Let  $\vec{u}$  be an eigenvector with eigenvalue of 0. Then  $L_G \vec{u} = \vec{0}$ .

$$0 = \vec{u}^T L_G \vec{u} = \sum_{\{i,j\} \in E} (u_i - u_j)^2$$

If  $u_1 = c$  and  $1,k$  is an edge, the  $u_k = c$ . for all edge  $ij \in E$ .  
Similarly if  $kj$  is an edge  $u_j = c$ . Since  $G$  is connected  $\vec{u} = c\vec{1}$ .

AM, algebraic multiplicity.

GM, geometric multiplicity.

# Conclusion

Slight Generalization:

The number of times 0 is an eigenvalue of  $L_G$  counts the number of connected components of  $G$ .

Fact:

The second eigenvalue  $\lambda_2$  is called the spectral gap or the Fiedler value of  $G$ .

# Testing Latex stuff

$$\alpha = \begin{matrix} & \bar{f}_1 & \bar{f}_2 & \bar{f}_3 \\ \begin{matrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \\ k_3 \\ k_4 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Testing Latex stuff

$$\beta = \begin{matrix} & \bar{f}_1 & \bar{f}_2 & \bar{f}_3 \\ \begin{matrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\gamma = \begin{matrix} & C_1 & C_2 & \dots & C_n \\ \begin{matrix} N_1 \\ N_2 \\ \\ N_n \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \\ & \bar{f}_1 & \bar{f}_2 & \dots & \bar{f}_n \\ \begin{matrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \\ \\ k_n \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{matrix} = 1 \\ = 1 \\ \\ = 1 \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$