Assignment 3 (ML for TS) - MVA 2023/2024

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1 Introduction

Objective. The goal is to implement (i) a signal processing pipeline with a change-point detection method and (ii) wavelets for graph signals.

Warning and advice.

- Use code from the tutorials as well as from other sources. Do not code yourself well-known procedures (e.g. cross validation or k-means), use an existing implementation.
- The associated notebook contains some hints and several helper functions.
- Be concise. Answers are not expected to be longer than a few sentences (omitting calculations).

Instructions.

- Fill in your names and emails at the top of the document.
- Hand in your report (one per pair of students) by Sunday 31st December 11:59 PM.
- Rename your report and notebook as follows:
  `FirstnameLastname1_FirstnameLastname1.pdf` and
  `FirstnameLastname2_FirstnameLastname2.ipynb`.
  For instance, `LaurentOudre_CharlesTruong.pdf`.
- Upload your report (PDF file) and notebook (IPYNB file) using this link: docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqLsYuKeQbsDEOie5OqpOH7YwCnWmudzApMC005HvxOaOv

2 Dual-tone multi-frequency signaling (DTMF)

Dual-tone multi-frequency signaling is a procedure to encode symbols using an audio signal. The possible symbols are 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, *, #, A, B, C, and D. A symbol is represented by a sum of cosine waves: for $t = 0, 1, \ldots, T-1$,

$$y_t = \cos(2\pi f_1 t / f_s) + \cos(2\pi f_2 t / f_s)$$

where each combination of (f_1, f_2) represents a symbols. The first frequency has four different levels (low frequencies), and the second frequency has four other levels (high frequencies); there are 16 possible combinations. In the notebook, you can find an example symbol sequence encoded with sound and corrupted by noise (white noise and a distorted sound).

Question 1

Design a procedure that takes a sound signal as input and outputs the sequence of symbols. To that end, you can use the provided training set. The signals have a varying number of symbols with a varying duration. There is a brief silence between each symbol.

Describe in 5 to 10 lines your methodology and the calibration procedure (give the hyperparameter values). Hint: use the time-frequency representation of the signals, apply a change-point detection algorithm to find the starts and ends of the symbols and silences, and then classify each segment.

Answer 1

An idea would be to first compute the STFT of the signal so that we can see properly appear the frequencies of interest and the corrupted sound frequencies. Then we look at the time signal for each frequency and build time intervals of activations (using the ruptures python package). Then we look at these intervals, we apply some preprocessing (a clean): to remove the false activations due to corruption, to consider only once an activation (ie check for frequency leakage). Once that we have clean intervals we check if activations at 2 different frequencies overlap in the right case we consider them as the f_1 and f_2 of interest. We then can use this to reverse engineer the combinations behind the code by looking at the labels that are given, there is still more cleaning to be done to make sure we don't do wrong associations. Once a symbol dictionnary is well built we can decode the test signals.

Hyperparameters

- Stft :
  - Overlap : 100
  - window length : 312
- rupture penalty : 0.2
- Threshold for intervals length :
  - min length : 0.02s
  - max length : 1s

- Minimum frequency : 500Hz
- Maximum frequency : 2000Hz

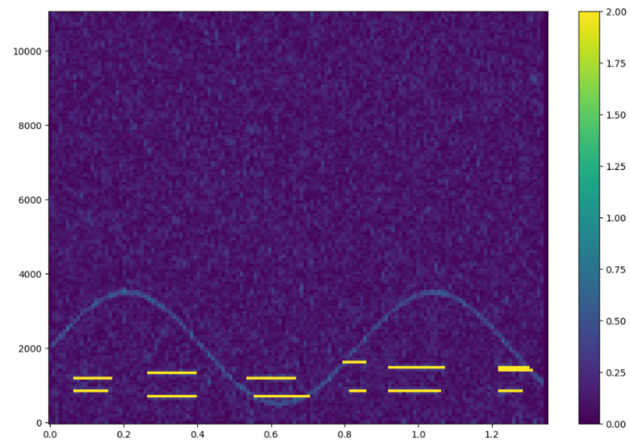


Figure 1: STFT of a signal from X_{train}. The yellow straigth lines correspond to symbols detection.

Question 2

What are the two symbolic sequences encoded in the test set?

Answer 2

- Sequence 1: 721C99
- Sequence 2: 1#2#

3 Wavelet transform for graph signals

Let G be a graph defined a set of n nodes V and a set of edges E. A specific node is denoted by v and a specific edge, by e. The eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the graph Laplacian L are $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \cdots \leq \lambda_n$ and $u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n$ respectively.

For a signal $f \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the Graph Wavelet Transform (GWT) of f is $W_f : \{1, \ldots, M\} \times V \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$:

$$W_f(m, v) := \sum_{l=1}^{n} \hat{g}_m(\lambda_l) \hat{f}_l u_l(v) \tag{1}$$

where $\hat{f} = [\hat{f}_1, \ldots, \hat{f}_n]$ is the Fourier transform of f and $\hat{g}_m$ are M kernel functions. The number M of scales is a user-defined parameter and is set to $M := 9$ in the following. Several designs are available for the $\hat{g}_m$; here, we use the Spectrum Adapted Graph Wavelets (SAGW). Formally, each kernel $\hat{g}_m$ is such that

$$\hat{g}_m(\lambda) := \hat{g}^U(\lambda - am) \quad (0 \leq \lambda \leq \lambda_n) \tag{2}$$

where $a := \lambda_n / (M + 1 - R)$,

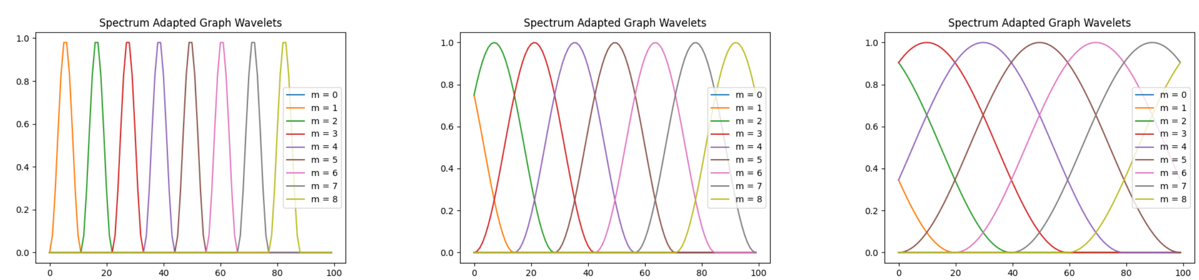
$$\hat{g}^U(\lambda) := \frac{1}{2}\left[1 + \cos\left(2\pi\left(\frac{\lambda}{aR} + \frac{1}{2}\right)\right)\right] \mathbb{1}(-Ra \leq \lambda < 0) \tag{3}$$

and $R > 0$ is defined by the user.

Question 3

Plot the kernel functions $\hat{g}_m$ for $R = 1$, $R = 3$ and $R = 5$ (take $\lambda_n = 12$) on Figure 2. What is the influence of R?

Answer 3



(a) $R = 1$ (b) $R = 3$ (c) $R = 5$

Figure 2: The SAGW kernels functions

The R parameter is responsible for the bandwidth of the kernel.

We will study the Molene data set (the one we used in the last tutorial). The signal is the temperature.

Question 4

Construct the graph using the distance matrix and exponential smoothing (use the median heuristics for the bandwidth parameter).

- Remove all stations with missing values in the temperature.
- Choose the minimum threshold so that the network is connected and the average degree is at least 3.
- What is the time where the signal is the least smooth?
- What is the time where the signal is the smoothest?

Answer 4

The minimum threshold such that the graph is connected and the average degree is at least 3 is 0.83.

The signal is the least smooth on 01/10/2014 at 09:00:00.

The signal is the smoothest on 01/24/2014 at 19:00:00.

Question 5

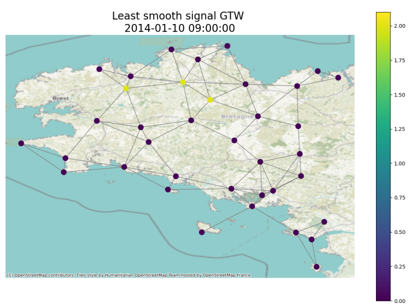
(For the remainder, set $R = 3$ for all wavelet transforms.)

For each node v, the vector $[W_f(1, v), W_f(2, v), \ldots, W_f(M, v)]$ can be used as a vector of features. We can for instance classify nodes into low/medium/high frequency:

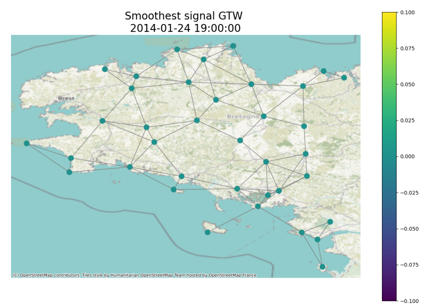
- a node is considered low frequency if the scales $m \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ contain most of the energy,
- a node is considered medium frequency if the scales $m \in \{4, 5, 6\}$ contain most of the energy,
- a node is considered high frequency if the scales $m \in \{6, 7, 9\}$ contain most of the energy.

For both signals from the previous question (smoothest and least smooth) as well as the first available timestamp, apply this procedure and display on the map the result (one colour per class).

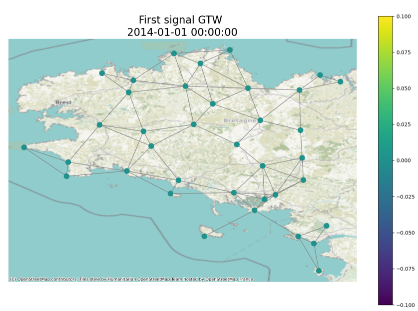
Answer 5



(a) Least smooth signal



(b) Smoothest signal



(c) First available timestamp

Figure 3: Classification of nodes into low/medium/high frequency

Question 6

Display the average temperature and for each timestamp, adapt the marker colour to the majority class present in the graph (see notebook for more details).

Answer 6

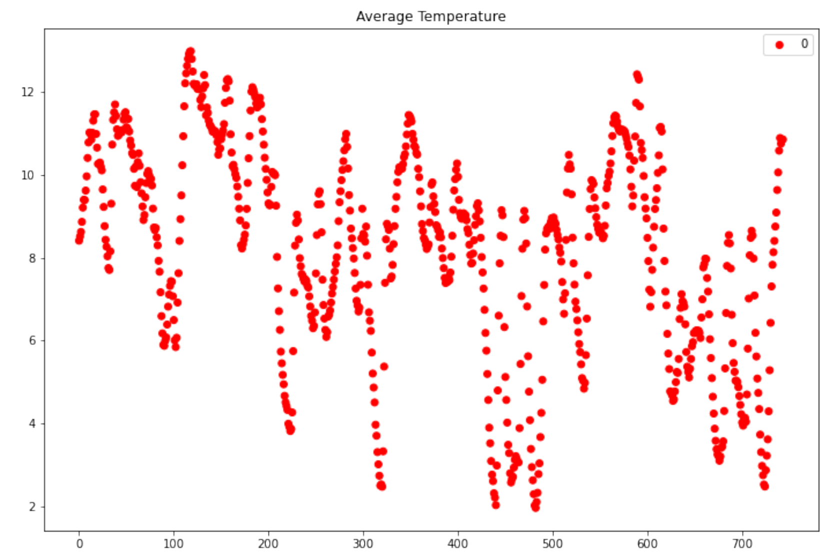


Figure 4: Average temperature. Markers' colours depend on the majority class.

Question 7

The previous graph G only uses spatial information. To take into account the temporal dynamic, we construct a larger graph H as follows: a node is now *a station at a particular time* and is connected to neighbouring stations (with respect to G) and to itself at the previous timestamp and the following timestamp. Notice that the new spatio-temporal graph H is the Cartesian product of the spatial graph G and the temporal graph G' (which is simply a line graph, without loop).

- Express the Laplacian of H using the Laplacian of G and G' (use Kronecker products).
- Express the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the Laplacian of H using the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the Laplacian of G and G'.
- Compute the wavelet transform of the temperature signal.
- Classify nodes into low/medium/high frequency and display the same figure as in the previous question.

Answer 7

We have $L_H = L_G \otimes I_n + I_n \otimes L_{G'}$.

We have $\mathrm{Sp}(L_H) = \{\lambda + \mu \mid \lambda \in \mathrm{Sp}(L_G), \mu \in \mathrm{Sp}(L_{G'})\}$ and the associated eigenvectors are the kronecker products of the corresponding eigenvectors.

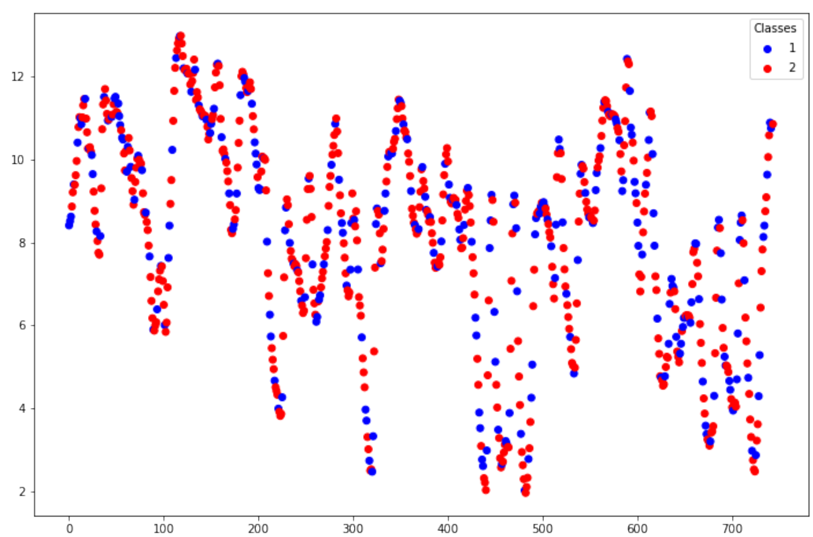


Figure 5: Average temperature. Markers' colours depend on the majority class.