

## Chapter 2

# Network Analysis

A network is a collection of entities with connections.

~ Social networks, airports

Mathematically networks are graphs.

### Def

A graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a pair consisting of a finite number of vertices

$$V = \{1, \dots, n\}$$

and a finite number of edges

$$E \subseteq \{\{i,j\} \mid i, j \in V \text{ and } i \neq j\}.$$

### examples

$$V = \{1, 2, 3\} \quad E = \{\{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}\}$$



~ Note there are other notions of graphs and relationships that arise in networks which we will not cover in this class.

① edges connect vertex to itself.



(convention  
own post)

② directed graphs



(following on  
Instagram)

- Requiring  $i \neq j \Rightarrow 2$  cannot happen, this is sometimes called a simple graph

- Notation  $\{i, j\}$  is unordered set  $\Rightarrow$  undirected graph.

3 important data structures associated to a graph:

Adjacency matrix  $A(G)$

$$A(G) = (a_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \{i, j\} \in E \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$\{i, j\} \in E \Rightarrow$  Vertices  $i + j$  are adjacent

Laplace Matrix  $L(G)$

$$L(G) = (l_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$l_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\deg(i)\deg(j)}} & \{i, j\} \in E \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$\deg(i) = \text{degree of } i = \#\{v \in V \mid \{i, v\} \in E\}$$

## Degree matrix $T(G)$

$$T(G) = (t_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$t_{ij} = \begin{cases} \deg(i) & i=j \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Lemming

$$L = I_n - T^{-\frac{1}{2}} A T^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

where  $I_n = n \times n$  identity matrix

Exercise

Compute the Laplace Matrix in given examples, then in general examples if time.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} \deg(1) &= \deg(G) = 1 \\ \deg(2, 3, 4, 5) &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \deg(i) = 2$$

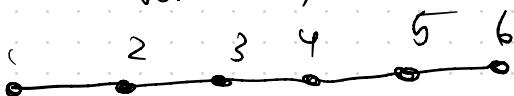
$$\textcircled{3} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} \deg(i) &= 5 \\ \Rightarrow \text{all off-diagonal entries are } &\frac{1}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

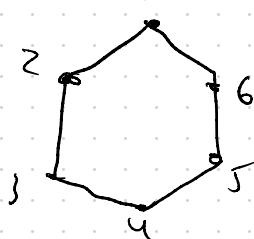
$\deg(i) = 3 \Rightarrow \text{all other entries } -\frac{1}{9}$

①  $G$  path if  $E = \{\{i, i+1\} \mid 1 \leq i < n\}$

$\sim$  path on 6 vertices



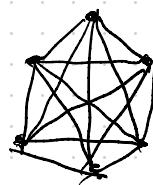
②  $G$  cycle if  $E = \{\{i, i+1\} \mid 1 \leq i < n\} \cup \{1, n\}$



③  $G$  is a complete graph on  $n$  vertices if

$$E = \{\{i, j\} : i, j \in V, i \neq j\}$$

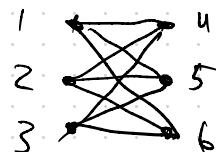
$\sim$  Complete graph on 6 vertices



④  $G$  is a bipartite graph if  $V = V_1 \cup V_2$ ,  $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$

so that  $E = \{\{i, j\} \mid i \in V_1, j \in V_2\}$

$\sim$  Complete bipartite graph 3+3 vertices



$L$  is symmetric with real entries

$\Rightarrow$  By spectral theorem, all the eigenvalues of  $L$  are real.

### Definition

The eigenvalues of  $L$   $\lambda_0 \leq \lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_{n-1}$

are called the spectrum of  $G$ . We define  $\lambda_G = \lambda_1$ .

Prop 2.20 of notes

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \lambda_k = 1 - \cos\left(\frac{\pi k}{5}\right) \rightsquigarrow \lambda_0 = 0 \quad \lambda_G = 1 - \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{5}\right)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \lambda_k = 1 - \cos\left(\frac{\pi k}{3}\right) \rightsquigarrow \lambda_0 = 0 \quad \lambda_G = 1 - \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \lambda_0 = 0 \quad \text{and for } k \geq 1 \quad \lambda_k = \frac{6}{5}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \lambda_0 = 0, \quad 1 < k \leq n-2, \quad \lambda_n = 2, \\ \lambda_k = 1, \quad \lambda_{n-1} = 2.$$

Spectrum  
of Graph  
Theorem

$$0 = \lambda_0 = \lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_{n-1}.$$

$\lambda_G$

**Mathematical tool** "eigenvectors are functions"

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R}^n & \longleftrightarrow & \mathcal{F}(V) = \{f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\} \\ X = (x_1, \dots, x_n) & \longleftrightarrow & f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ & & f(v_i) = x_i \end{array}$$

$$Lx = L \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^n l_{1j} x_j \\ \sum_{j=1}^n l_{2j} x_j \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^n l_{nj} x_j \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Lf(1) \\ Lf(2) \\ \vdots \\ Lf(n) \end{bmatrix}$$

Inner product

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x^T y = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \quad \langle f, g \rangle = \sum_{u \in V} f(u)g(u)$$

**Lemma** For any  $u \in V$ ,

$$Lf(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\deg(u)}} \sum_{\substack{v \in V \\ \{u, v\} \in E}} \frac{f(u)}{\sqrt{\deg(u)}} - \frac{f(v)}{\sqrt{\deg(v)}}$$

## Definition The Rayleigh quotient of $L$

for  $f \in \mathcal{F}(V)$  is  $\frac{\langle f, Lf \rangle}{\langle f, f \rangle}$ .

Thm (Rayleigh quotient is non-negative)

$$\frac{\langle f, Lf \rangle}{\langle f, f \rangle} = \frac{1}{\sum_{u \in V} f(u)^2} \sum_{\{(u, v) \in E\}} \left( \frac{f(u)}{\sqrt{deg(u)}} - \frac{f(v)}{\sqrt{deg(v)}} \right)^2$$

## Proof of Spectrum of graph Theorem

Let  $\lambda_k$  be an eigenvalue for  $k=0, \dots, n-1$ .

Let  $f_k \neq 0$  be an eigenvector. Then

Since the Rayleigh quotient is non negative,

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 0 &\leq \frac{\langle f_k, Lf_k \rangle}{\langle f_k, f_k \rangle} = \frac{\langle f_k, \lambda_k f_k \rangle}{\langle f_k, f_k \rangle} = \lambda_k \frac{\langle f_k, f_k \rangle}{\langle f_k, f_k \rangle} \\ &= \lambda_k. \end{aligned}$$

We now have to show  $\lambda_0 = 0$ .

Consider vector  $f(u) = \sqrt{\deg(u)}$ .

By Rayleigh quotient non-negative theorem,

$$\langle f, Lf \rangle = \sum_{\{u \in V \subset E\}} \left( \frac{f(u)}{\sqrt{\deg(u)}} - \frac{f(v)}{\sqrt{\deg(v)}} \right)^2 = 0.$$

If  $\lambda$  eigenvector for  $f$ ,

$$0 = \langle f, Lf \rangle = \langle f, \lambda f \rangle = \lambda \langle f, f \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 0.$$

w/ eigenvalue  $\lambda_j$

By spectral theorem,  $\exists$  basis of eigenvectors  $^n$

$$f_1, \dots, f_n \text{ so that } f = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j f_j$$

$$0 = \langle f, Lf \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^n c_j f_j, \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \lambda_j f_j \right\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{u \in V} \lambda_j^2 c_j^2 f_j(u)^2 \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Since } f_j \neq 0 \text{ and} \\ c_j \text{ cannot all be 0} \end{matrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  at least one  
 $\lambda_j = 0.$



Proof if fine How do we isolate an entry of a matrix so we can still do computations?

Want to show  $L = I_n - T^{-\frac{1}{2}} A T^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ .

Set  $e_j = j^{\text{th}}$  standard basis vector

$$e_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$e_2 = (0, 1, \dots, 0)$$

$$l_{ij} = e_i^T L e_j$$

Exercise

finish proof.

$$(T^{-\frac{1}{2}} A T^{-\frac{1}{2}})_{ij} = e_i^T T^{-\frac{1}{2}} A T^{-\frac{1}{2}} e_j$$

$$(T = T^T) = (T^{-\frac{1}{2}} e_i)^T A (T^{-\frac{1}{2}} e_j)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\deg(i) \deg(j)}} \boxed{e_i^T A e_j}$$

" 1 if  $i=j \in E$   
0 otherwise