## Graph neural networks and graph isomorphism

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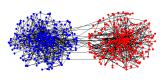


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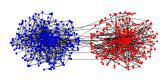


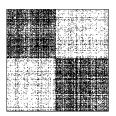
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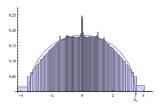




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 $A \sim SBM(a/n, b/n, n, 2)$  sparse. Statistical threshold for detection:  $(a - b)^2 > 2(a + b)$ .

Spectrum doesn't concentrate (high degree vertices dominate it) Laplacian is not useful for clustering



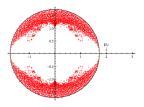
Other methods succeed. Example: semidefinite programming.

Krzakala, Moore, Mossel, Neeman, Sly, Zdeborová, Zhang, 2013 Deshpande, Abbe, Montanari, 2014 Abbe, Bandeira, Hall, 2014

## Spectral redemption

Consider the non-backtracking operator (from linearized BP)

$$B_{(i \to j)(i' \to j')} = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if } j = i' \text{ and } j' \neq i \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

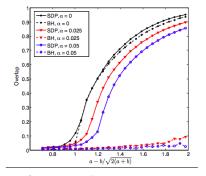


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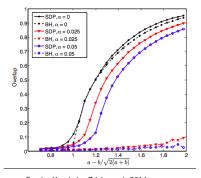


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**Goal:** Combine graph operators  $I, D, A, \ldots$  to generate robust "data-driven spectral methods" for problems in graphs

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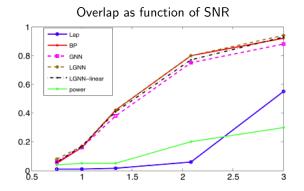
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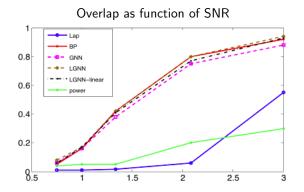
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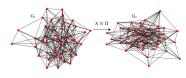
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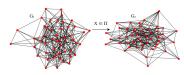


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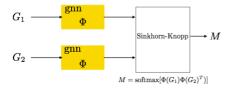
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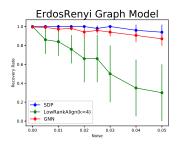
## GNN approach to quadratic assignment

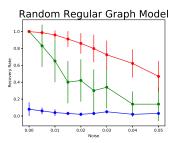
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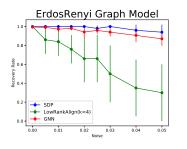
$$G_2 = \pi \star G_1 \oplus N$$
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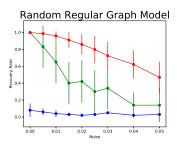
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- ► There exist many formulations of GNN
- ► All satisfy one essential property:
  - invariance or equivariance with respect to permutations
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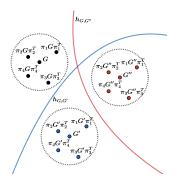
Arbitrary high order tensors are needed.

Rates of convergence are not known.

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#### Glso-discriminating class of functions

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#### Remark

Universally approximating classes of functions are also Glso-discriminating.

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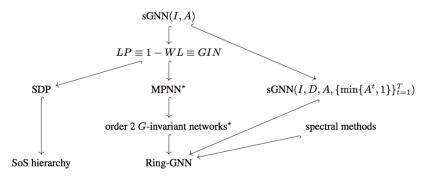
If  $\mathcal C$  is a collection of functions from  $\mathcal X^{n\times n}$  to  $\mathbb R$ , consider the set of functions from graphs G to  $\mathcal N\mathcal N([h_1(G),...,h_d(G)])$  for some finite d and  $h_1,...,h_d\in \mathcal C$ , where  $\mathcal N\mathcal N$  is a feed-forward neural network with ReLU and L layers.

#### **Theorem**

If C is Glso-discriminating  $C^{+2}$  is universally approximating.

## Comparison of classes of functions through Glso

 $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{C}'$  if for all pairs of non-isomorphic graphs  $G_1, G_2$ , if there exists  $h \in \mathcal{C}$  so that  $h(G_1) \neq h(G_2)$  then there exists  $h' \in \mathcal{C}'$  so that  $h'(G_1) \neq h'(G_2)$ .



## Ring GNN

Input: Graph with *n* nodes and *d* features:  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n \times d}$ .

Equivariant linear layer from  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n \times d}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n \times d'}$ . For  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d' \times 17}$ :  $L_{\theta}(A)_{\cdot,\cdot,k'} = \sum_{k=1}^{d} \sum_{i=1}^{15} \theta_{k,k',i} L_{i}(A_{\cdot,\cdot,i}) + \sum_{i=16}^{17} \theta_{k,k',i} \overline{L}_{i}$ . Set  $A^{(0)} = A$ .

$$B_1^{(t)} = \rho(L_{\alpha^{(t)}}(A^{(t)}))$$

$$B_2^{(t)} = \rho(L_{\beta^{(t)}}(A^{(t)}) \cdot L_{\gamma^{(t)}}(A^{(t)}))$$

$$A^{(t+1)} = k_1^{(t)} B_1^{(t)} + k_2^{(t)} B_2^{(t)}$$

where  $k_1^{(t)}, k_2^{(t)} \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\alpha^{(t)}, \beta^{(t)}, \gamma^{(t)} \in \mathbb{R}^{d^{(t)} \times d'^{(t)} \times 17}$  are learnable parameters.

Scalar output:  $\theta_S \sum_{i,j} A_{ij}^{(T)} + \theta_D \sum_{i,i} A_{ii}^{(T)} + \sum_i \theta_i \lambda_i (A^{(T)})$ , where  $\theta_S, \theta_D, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n \in \mathbb{R}$  are trainable parameters, and  $\lambda_i (A^{(T)})$  is the *i*-th eigenvalue of  $A^{(T)}$ .

#### Extensions - Future work

#### Explicit rates:

Connect GNN depth/architecture with classes of graphs they separate.

#### ► Optimization landscape of GNNs:

Current analysis of optimization landscape relies in simplified models to show that all local minima are confined in low-energy configurations.

#### Connection with SoS:

For some classes of "detecting hidden structures problems" existence of degree-*d* SoS refutations implies success of certain (typically non-explicit) spectral methods.

- Can we express such class of spectral methods with GNNs.
- Can we learn them?

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