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#### 1. Introduction

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#### 2. Main result

In airlines, the spatial distribution of aircraft stations is a non-Euclidean structure, that is, the number of stations around each station is uncertain, and even if two stations are adjacent, they may not actually communicate with each other, resulting in no spatial relationship between their traffic.

Therefore, traditional convolutional neural network (CNN) cannot accurately obtain their spatial information. At this point, multiple sites can be abstracted into A graph (see Figure ??). Features are extracted from the original input data to obtain the result of feature mapping of multiple channels. The intercommunication relationship between each site is represented by adjacency matrix A.

**Figure 1.** The distribution of the stations.

#### 2.1. The definition of the problem

The problem of airline passenger flow prediction can be described as follows: the historical flow data of each station  $X_{t-s}, X_{t-s+1}, X_{t-2}, \cdots, X_{t-1}$  (s is the time step) can be used to predict the flow  $X_t$  of the next period. The formula is described as

$$X_t = F([X_{t-s}, X_{t-s+1}, \cdots, X_{t-2}, X_{t-1}])$$
(1)

where, *X* is the site characteristics at each time step, and *F* is a nonlinear function.

In the actual traffic system, the road network is regarded as A directed graph G = (q, V, A). Each sensor in the road network is regarded as a node vi V and its value Q R is a scalar. V RN and N is the number of sensors. The flow relationship between nodes consists of adjacency matrix A that is, the element Aij in A represents the connection relationship between node VI and vJ.

## 2.2. The description of the GCN

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When dealing with the structure of the graph, it is necessary to obtain its Laplace matrix L first, which is generally defined in the following ways:

$$L = D^{-\frac{1}{2}}(D - A)D^{-\frac{1}{2}} = I_N - D^{-\frac{1}{2}}AD^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$
(2)

Where,  $I_N$  is the identity matrix of NN; Degree matrix D is defined as  $D_{ii} = \sum_i A^i_{ij}$ . Decompose the eigenvalue of L to get  $L = L = U\Lambda U^T$ .  $\Lambda$  is made up of L eigenvalues of diagonal matrix.  $U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_N\}$  is composed of the eigenvector L, and it is an orthonormal basis for  $R^N$ .

The spectral convolution theory in the graph structure has been supplemented and perfected in the paper. The convolution operation of convolution kernel G and input signal X in the time domain can be converted into the inner product form in the frequency domain.

$$g^*x = U\left(U^{\mathsf{T}}g\right) \odot \left(U^{\mathsf{T}}x\right) = U_{g_{\theta}}(A)U^{\mathsf{T}}x \tag{3}$$

where  $g_s(\Lambda) = U^T g = \text{diag}(\theta), \theta \in \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $\odot$  represents the hadamar product,  $U^T g$  means mapping g to the frequency domain space based on U. Due to  $g_\theta$  high computational complexity, so using hierarchical linear model constraints and the chebyshev polynomial to approximate calculation. In this paper, The simplified first order polynomial form of g \* x is adopted.

$$g^* x = U_{g_{\theta}} U_x^{\mathrm{T}} \approx \theta \left( I_N + D^{-1/2} A D^{-1/2} \right) x$$
 (4)

where  $\widetilde{D}^{-1/2}\widetilde{A}\widetilde{D}^{-1/2}=I_N+D^{-1/2}AD^{-1/2}$   $\widetilde{A}=I_N+A$ ,  $D=\sum_i \widetilde{A}_{ij}$ , Therefore, the output of layer L is

$$H^{(l)} = \sigma \left( \widetilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \widetilde{A} \widetilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} H^{(l-1)} W^{(l)} \right)$$
 (5)

where  $\delta$  is the activation function,  $\widetilde{W}^{(l)} = \theta^{(l-1)}W^{(l)}$   $\theta^{(l-1)} \in \mathbf{R}^{c^{(1-l)} \times F^{(l-1)}}$ ,  $\mathbf{W}^{(l)} \in \mathbf{R}^{F^{(l-1)} \times c^{(l)}}$ ,  $C^{(L-1)}$  is the output dimension of the (L-1) layer, and  $F^{(L-1)}$  is the characteristic vector size of each dimension. Therefore

$$H^{(l)} = \sigma \left( \widetilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \widetilde{A} \widetilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} H^{(l-1)} \widetilde{W}^{(l)} \right)$$

$$\tag{6}$$

At present, there is no effective measurement method for the calculation of adjacency matrix *A*. Most scholars use heuristic methods, that is, based on the Euclidean distance or Markov distance between sensors to determine the element value corresponding to the adjacency matrix. However, these methods all require manual calculation of the distance relationship between the sensors in

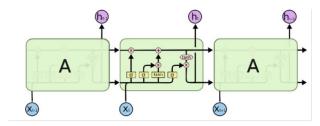


Figure 2. The structure of LSTM.

advance. In this paper, the data-driven method is adopted to calculate the adjacency matrix, and A = D, then the formula can be written as:

$$H^{(l)} = \sigma / \widetilde{A} H^{(l-1)} \widetilde{W}^{(l)}$$
(7)

The element value of matrix *A* is learned from the sample data, that is, the matrix is composed of trainable parameters. The data-driven approach is more realistic than the heuristic approach. Therefore, the L layer of the convolutional neural network is constructed in accordance with Formula ??. It should be noted that the initial *A* maki is the same for each layer of the convolutional network, and the parameters are updated only when the error is propagated backwards.

## 2.3. the import of LSTM

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It is found that Recurrent Neural networks (RNN) are widely used in sequential data such as natural language and image processing, which have a significant effect. Since then, various types of circulating neural networks have been proposed. Aiming at the problem of air passenger flow prediction, this paper introduces the long and short term memory network, which can extract the characteristic information of the input sequence and find its internal relation, so as to improve the prediction accuracy of the model.

The LSTM network structure used in this paper is shown as follows The network model mainly accepts three inputs: X, H and C represent the current state, hidden layer state and cell state, respectively.

LSTM mainly realizes the management of long and short term memory through three gating units. The first step in the LSTM is to determine what information needs to be thrown out of the cell state. This decision is made by a sigmoID layer called the "Forget Gate." Input x and h, output a number between 0 and 1. 1 means "keep the value completely", while 0 means "throw the value away completely". The formula of forgetting gate is as follows:

$$f_t = \sigma \left( W_f \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_f \right) \tag{8}$$

where  $W_f$  and  $b_f$  are the parameters to be learned, and  $\sigma$  is the sigmod activation function.

The second step is to determine what information we need to store in the Cell State. There are two parts to this question. First, a sigmod layer calls the "Input Gate" to determine which data needs to be updated. Then, a tanh layer creates a vector C1 for the new candidate values, which can be added to the state.

$$i_t = \sigma \left( W_i \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_i \right)$$

$$\tilde{C}_t = \tanh \left( W_C \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_C \right)$$
(9)

After deciding what needs to be forgotten and what needs to be added, the old cell state Ct-1 can be updated to the new cell state Ct.

$$C_t = f_t * C_{t-1} + i_t * \tilde{C}_t \tag{10}$$

Finally, we need to decide what to export. This output is based on our cell state, but will be a filtered part of the value. First, we run an output gate to determine which part of the cell state we are going to output. Then we put the cell state into the tanh (pressing the value between -1 and 1), and finally we multiply it by the output of the output gate.

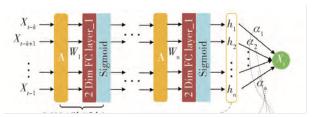
$$o_t = \sigma \left( W_o \left[ h_{t-1}, x_t \right] + b_o \right)$$
  

$$h_t = o_t * \tanh \left( C_t \right)$$
(11)

## 2.4. The description of algorithm

The network structure based on GCN-LSTM model proposed in this paper is shown in the figure. The prediction model is composed of multiple layers of GCN and an LSTM model. Among them, GCN model is mainly used to extract the features of graph networks, while LSTM network model is mainly used to solve the long-term and short-term dependence between data.

In this paper, features of different graph networks are extracted through multiple GCN, and the extracted features are transferred into LSTM, and the timing characteristics of sequence data are analyzed through LSTM, and a more accurate prediction value is given through multi-layer full connection layer.



**Figure 3.** Overall structure of GCN-LSTM model (original features of air passenger flow data are extracted by using first-order approximate GCN, and output features are analyzed by LSTM for long-term and short-term sequence characteristics, and then predicted values are obtained).

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DOAJ Directory of open access journals

TLA Three letter acronym

LD linear dichroism

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