

# Data Mining and Matrices

## 07 – Graphs

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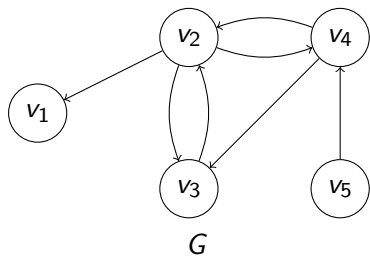
# Graph mining

- Graphs everywhere
  - ▶ Internet
  - ▶ World wide web
  - ▶ Social networks
  - ▶ Protein-protein interactions
  - ▶ Similarity graphs
  - ▶ ...
- Goals of graph mining
  - ▶ As data mining: classification, clustering, outliers, patterns
  - ▶ Output often also one or more graphs
  - ▶ Interesting subgraphs (e.g., communities, near-cliques, clusters)
  - ▶ Important vertices (e.g., influential bloggers, PageRank, outliers)
  - ▶ Web mining (e.g., topic prediction, classification)
  - ▶ Web usage mining (e.g., frequent subgraphs, patterns)
  - ▶ Recommender systems (e.g., movie recommendation, edge prediction)
  - ▶ ...

Spectral analysis of matrices associated with graphs is an important tool in graph mining. Our focus: spectral clustering and link analysis.

## A graph is a matrix is a graph

- Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a (weighted) graph
- Vertices  $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$
- Edge  $(i, j) \in E$  has positive weight  $w_{ij}$  (or 1 if graph is unweighted)
- Convention: absent edges  $(i, j) \notin E$  have weight  $w_{ij} = 0$
- **Adjacency matrix**  $\mathbf{W}$  is  $n \times n$  matrix with  $\mathbf{W}_{ij} = w_{ij}$
- Undirected graph  $\iff \mathbf{W}$  symmetric ( $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{W}^T$ )
- Degree of vertex  $i$  given by  $d_i = \sum_j w_{ij} = \mathbf{W}_{i*} \mathbf{1}$
- **Degree matrix**  $\mathbf{D}$  is  $n \times n$  diagonal matrix with  $\mathbf{D}_{ii} = d_i$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{W}$

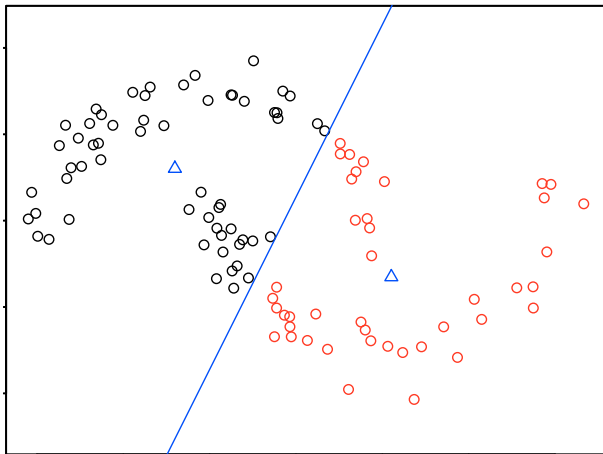
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# Outline

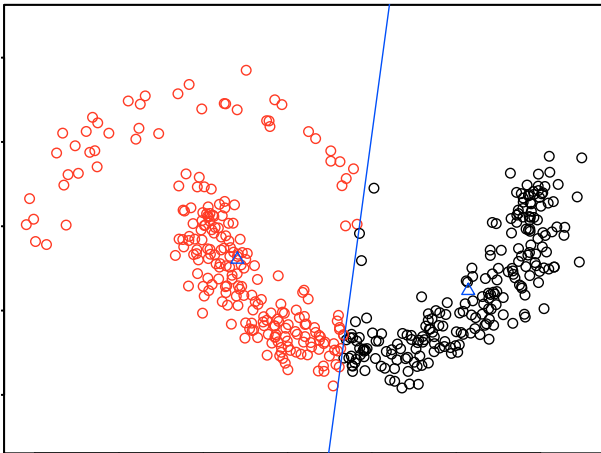
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## k-Means example (1)



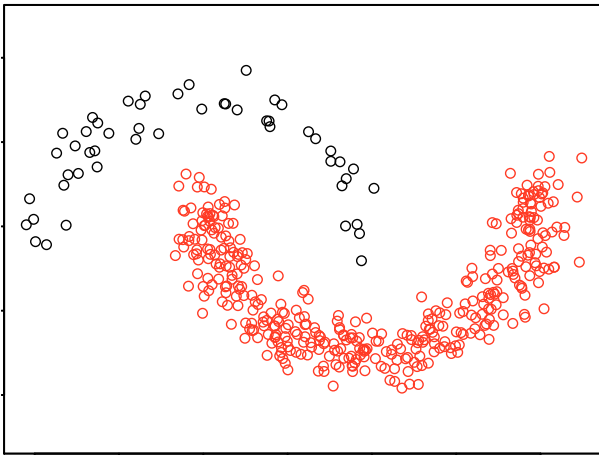
k-Means cannot detect non-convex clusters well.

## $k$ -Means example (2)



$k$ -Means is sensitive to skew in cluster sizes.

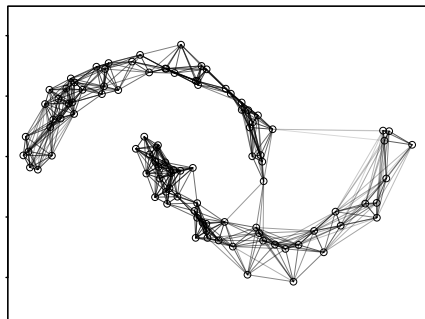
## A better clustering



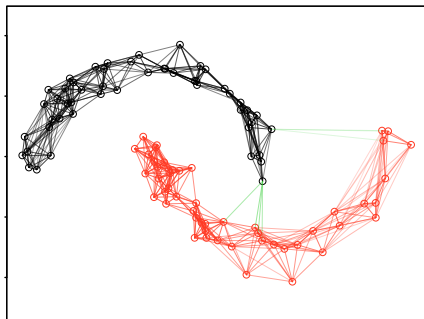
In this clustering, points within a cluster are close to their neighbors, but not necessarily to all the points in the cluster.

# Graph-based clustering

- 1 Given a dataset, construct a *similarity graph* modeling local neighborhood relationships
- 2 Partition the similarity graph using suitable *graph cuts*



Similarity graph



Clustering



# Discussion

- Clustering
  - ① Points within a cluster should be similar
  - ② Points in different clusters should be dissimilar
  
- $k$ -Means is global
  - ① *All* points within a cluster should be similar (close)
  - ② Points in different clusters should be dissimilar (far apart)
  
- Graph-based clustering is local
  - ① *Neighboring* points within a cluster should be similar (close)
  - ② Points in different clusters should be dissimilar (far apart)

## Which cut? (1)

- $G = (V, E)$ : Undirected, weighted similarity graph
- $A \subset V, \bar{A} = V \setminus A$
- $A$  and  $\bar{A}$  form a partitioning of  $V$  into two clusters
- **Minimum cut**

$$\text{cut}(A, \bar{A}) = \sum_{i \in A, j \in \bar{A}} w_{ij}$$

- Can be solved efficiently (in P)
- Often not useful in practice, e.g., may separate a single vertex  
→ Need to balance cut weight and cluster sizes

## Which cut? (2)

- **Minimum ratio cut** (penalize different sizes w.r.t. vertices)

$$\text{RatioCut}(A, \bar{A}) = \sum_{i \in A, j \in \bar{A}} w_{ij} \left( \frac{1}{|A|} + \frac{1}{|\bar{A}|} \right)$$

- **Minimum normalized cut** (penalize different sizes w.r.t. edges)

$$\text{Ncut}(A, \bar{A}) = \sum_{i \in A, j \in \bar{A}} w_{ij} \left( \frac{1}{\text{vol}(A)} + \frac{1}{\text{vol}(\bar{A})} \right),$$

where  $\text{vol}(A) = \sum_{i \in A} d_i = \sum_{i, j \in A} w_{ij}$

- Unfortunately, both problems are NP-hard

Spectral clustering is a relaxation of RatioCut or Ncut, is simple to implement, and can be solved efficiently.

## Which cut? (3)

- Recall clustering objectives
  - ① Points in different clusters should be dissimilar (minimize between-cluster similarity)
  - ② Points in same cluster should be similar (maximize within-cluster similarity)
- (1) = minimize  $\text{cut}(A, \bar{A})$
- (2) =  $\text{vol}(A)$  and  $\text{vol}(\bar{A})$  are both large
- cut, RatioCut, and Ncut all implement (1)
- Only Ncut additionally implements (2)
- Ncut achieves both goals  $\rightarrow$  usually good choice

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## From distances to similarities

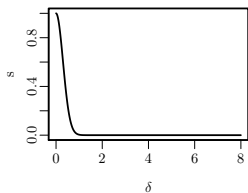
- Need to “convert” distances to similarities
- Large distance  $\delta_{ij} \iff$  small similarity  $w_{ij}$  (and vice versa)
- Simplest choice: reciprocal (problematic, unbounded)

$$w_{ij} = \frac{1}{\delta_{ij}}$$

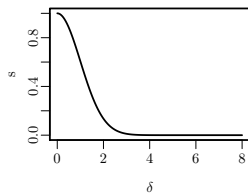
- Common choice: **Gaussian similarity function** (in  $[0, 1]$ )

$$w_{ij} = \exp(-\delta_{ij}/(2\sigma^2))$$

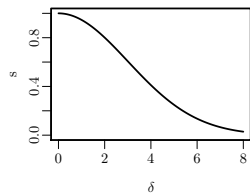
- Parameter  $\sigma$  controls what is considered local (large  $\sigma =$  large neighborhood)



$\sigma = 0.3$

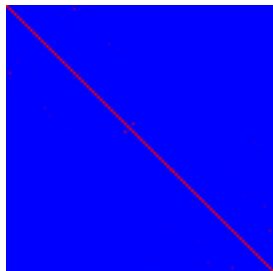
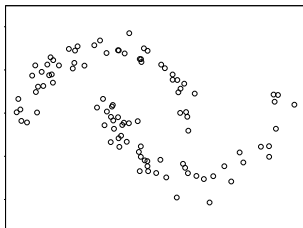


$\sigma = 1$

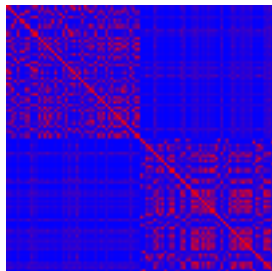


$\sigma = 3$

## From distances to similarities (examples)



$\sigma = 0.1$   
(too small)



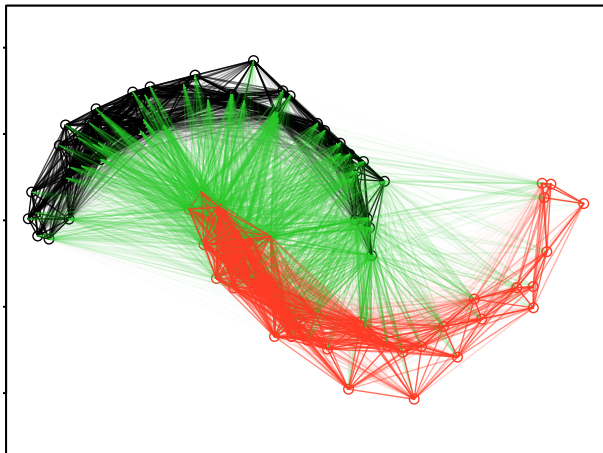
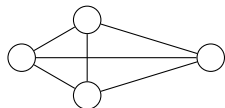
$\sigma = 0.5$   
(good)



$\sigma = 3$   
(too large)

## Full graph

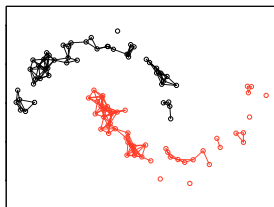
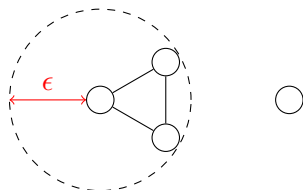
- Connect all pairs of vertices
- Weigh edges by similarity
- Generally expensive, not feasible for large datasets



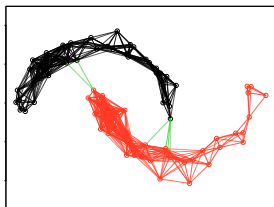


## $\epsilon$ -Neighborhood graph

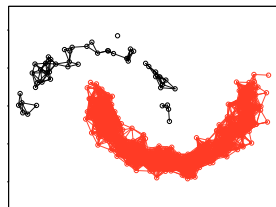
- Pick neighborhood size  $\epsilon$
- Connect vertices of distance  $\leq \epsilon$
- Unweighted or weighted by similarity



$\epsilon$  too small



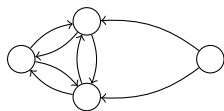
$\epsilon$  good



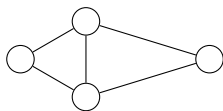
Skewed clusters:  $\epsilon$  too large for red, too small for black

## Nearest neighbor graphs

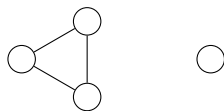
- Pick number  $k$  of neighbors
- Directed  $k$ -nearest neighbor graph
  - ▶ Add directed edge  $(i,j)$  if  $j$  is among  $k$  closest neighbors of  $i$
  - ▶ But: need undirected graph for well-defined similarities
- (Symmetric)  $k$ -nearest neighbor graph
  - ▶ Connect  $(i,j)$  if  $(i,j)$  or  $(j,i)$  in directed  $k$ NN-graph (OR)
  - ▶ Each node has at least  $k$ , but potentially more than  $k$  “neighbors”
- Mutual  $k$ -nearest neighbor graph
  - ▶ Connect  $(i,j)$  if  $(i,j)$  and  $(j,i)$  in directed  $k$ NN-graph (AND)
  - ▶ Each node has at most  $k$ , but potentially less than  $k$  “neighbors”
- Weigh edges by similarity



directed



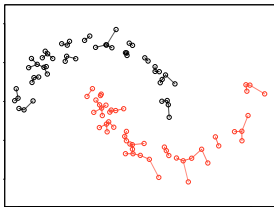
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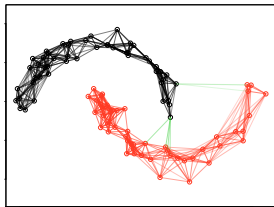
mutual

# $k$ -Nearest neighbor graph (examples)

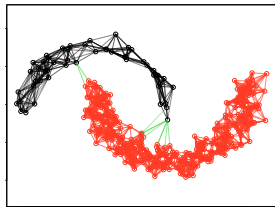
## Symmetric $k$ NN graph



$k = 1$  (too small)

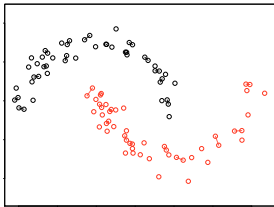


$k = 10$  (good)

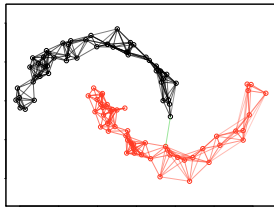


Skewed,  $k = 10$  (good)

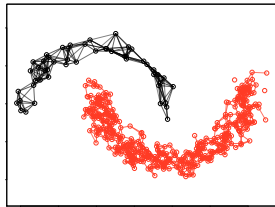
## Mutual $k$ NN graph



$k = 1$  (too small)



$k = 10$  (good)



Skewed,  $k = 10$  (too small)

## Discussion (1)

- Construction of similarity graph non-trivial and not well-understood
- Clustering results sensitive to choice of graph
- Which similarity function?
  - ▶ Should capture similarity of most-similar objects well (other edges pruned by neighborhood graphs)
  - ▶ Gaussian similarity function common choice for data in Euclidean space
  - ▶ Generally application-dependent
- Which graph?
  - ▶ Fully connected graph requires suitable similarity function, dense similarity matrix
  - ▶  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood graph cannot deal well with clusters of different densities
  - ▶  $k$ NN graph can connect points in regions with different densities  
→ Generally recommended choice, sparse similarity matrix
  - ▶ Mutual  $k$ NN graph is somewhere in between

## Discussion (2)

- Which parameters? ( $\epsilon$ ,  $k$ ,  $\sigma$ )
  - ▶  $\epsilon$  and  $k$  should be small so that similarity matrix is sparse
  - ▶ But large enough to ensure that similarity graph is connected (or at least has fewer components than desired clusters)
  - ▶ Otherwise: clustering sizes arbitrarily unbalanced, sensitive to outliers
  - ▶  $k$ NN: try various values (start with, e.g.,  $k = O(\log(n))$ )
  - ▶ Mutual  $k$ NN: no good heuristics known
  - ▶  $\epsilon$ N: around length of longest edge in minimal spanning tree (problematic with outliers or clusters that are far apart)
  - ▶  $\sigma$ : neighbors with similarity significantly larger than 0 “neither too small nor too large” (e.g., mean distance to  $k$ -th nearest neighbor, or  $\epsilon$  as above)

Skilled data miners do not run out of jobs.

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# Graph Laplacian

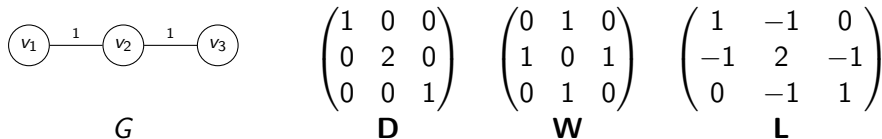
## Definition

Let  $G$  be an undirected graph with positive edge weights. Denote by  $\mathbf{W}$  the (weighted) adjacency matrix of  $G$ , and by  $\mathbf{D}$  the degree matrix of  $G$ . Then

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{W}$$

is called the (*unnormalized*) graph Laplacian of  $G$ .

Note that self edges ( $w_{ii} > 0$ ) do not affect the graph Laplacian.



Graph Laplacians are the main tool for spectral clustering, but they have many other uses too (e.g., label propagation, graph drawing).

# Properties of the graph Laplacian (1)

## Theorem

For every vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we have  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n w_{ij} (x_i - x_j)^2$ .

- $\mathbf{x}$  assigns a real value to each vertex
- $f(\mathbf{x})$  is a quadratic form and small when “similar” vertices—i.e., vertices connected with high-weight edges—take similar values

## Proof.

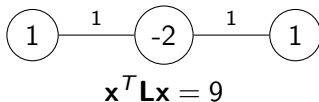
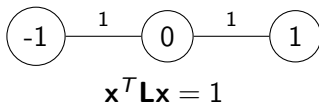
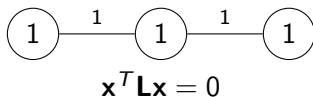
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i x_i^2 - \sum_{i,j=1}^n w_{ij} x_i x_j \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n d_i x_i^2 - 2 \sum_{i,j=1}^n w_{ij} x_i x_j + \sum_{j=1}^n d_j x_j^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n w_{ij} (x_i^2 - 2x_i x_j + x_j^2) \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n w_{ij} (x_i - x_j)^2 \end{aligned}$$





## Properties of the graph Laplacian (2)

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n w_{ij} (x_i - x_j)^2$$



## Properties of the graph Laplacian (3)

### Theorem

$\mathbf{L}$  is symmetric and positive semi-definite.

- Implies that  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x}$  is a convex function
- Implies that  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$  for some  $\mathbf{A}$  (= incidence matrix)

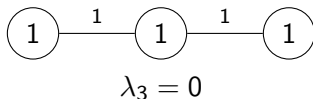
### Proof.

Since  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{W}$  are symmetric, so is  $\mathbf{L}$ . Since  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x} \geq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{L}$  is positive semi-definite. □

## Properties of the graph Laplacian (4)

### Theorem

The smallest eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{L}$  is zero, the corresponding eigenvector is constant one vector  $\mathbf{1}$ .



### Proof.

The row sums  $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{0}$  by construction. □

## Properties of the graph Laplacian (5)

### Theorem

*All eigenvalues are non-negative and real-valued, i.e.,*

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

### Proof.

All eigenvalues of a symmetric matrix are real. If  $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$ , then

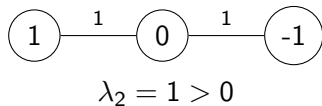
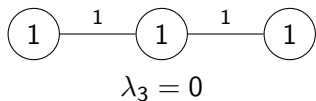
$$0 \leq \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{L}\mathbf{v} = \lambda \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 \text{ and thus } \lambda \geq 0.$$



# Connected graphs

## Theorem

If  $G$  is connected, then eigenvalue 0 has multiplicity 1, i.e.,  $\lambda_{n-1} > 0$ .



## Proof.

Recall that  $\mathbf{1}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{L}$  with eigenvalue 0. Suppose that  $\mathbf{0} \neq \mathbf{v} \neq c\mathbf{1}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{L}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . Since  $G$  is connected, this implies that there are two neighboring vertices  $i'$  and  $j'$  such that  $v_{i'} \neq v_{j'}$ . Now

$$\lambda \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n w_{ij} (v_i - v_j)^2 \geq w_{i'j'} (v_{i'} - v_{j'})^2 > 0$$

so that  $\lambda > 0$ .

# Connected components

## Theorem

*The multiplicity  $k$  of eigenvalue 0 is equal to the number of connected components  $G_1, \dots, G_k$  of  $G$ . The corresponding eigenspace is spanned by the indicator vectors  $\mathbf{1}_{G_i}$  (value 1 for vertices in  $V_i$ , value 0 otherwise).*

## Proof.

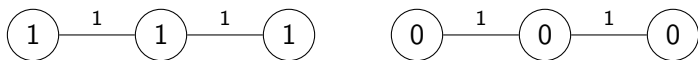
Let  $\mathbf{L}_1, \dots, \mathbf{L}_k$  be the graph Laplacian of the connected components. Order w.l.o.g. the vertices by their connected components. Then

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{L}_1 & & & \\ & \mathbf{L}_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \mathbf{L}_k \end{pmatrix}.$$

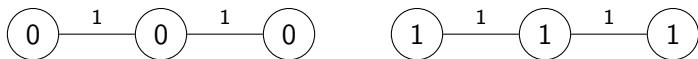
Since  $\mathbf{L}$  is block-diagonal, the spectrum of  $\mathbf{L}$  is given by the union of the spectra of  $\mathbf{L}_j$ . The corresponding eigenvectors are the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{L}_j$ , filled with 0 at the position of the other blocks.

## Connected components (example)

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix}
 1 & -1 & 0 & & & \\
 -1 & 2 & -1 & & & \\
 0 & -1 & 1 & & & \\
 & & & 1 & -1 & 0 \\
 & & & -1 & 2 & -1 \\
 & & & 0 & -1 & 1
 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\lambda_6 = 0$$



$$\lambda_5 = 0$$



$$\lambda_4 = 1$$

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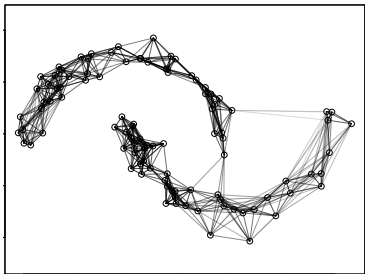


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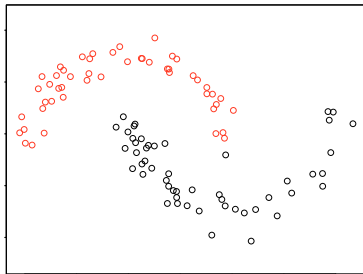
- Algorithm to construct  $k$  clusters
  - ① Construct similarity graph  $\mathbf{W}$
  - ② Compute its (unnormalized) graph Laplacian  $\mathbf{L}$
  - ③ Compute the last  $k$  eigenvectors  $\mathbf{u}_n, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{n-k+1}$  of  $\mathbf{L}$  (i.e., having  $k$  smallest eigenvalues)
  - ④ Construct  $n \times k$  matrix  $\mathbf{U} = (\mathbf{u}_n \quad \mathbf{u}_{n-1} \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{u}_{n-k+1})$
  - ⑤ Cluster the rows of  $\mathbf{U}$  using  $k$ -means
- Simple, easy to implement
- Main trick: represent (or “embed”) each data point into  $\mathbb{R}^k$  (= rows of  $\mathbf{U}$ )
- Change of representation enhances cluster-properties in the data

Why does this work? Why are we interested in the smallest eigenvalues?

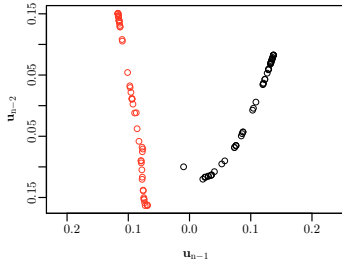
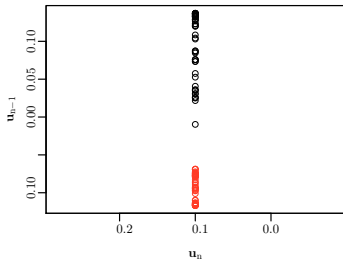
# Unnormalized spectral clustering (example)



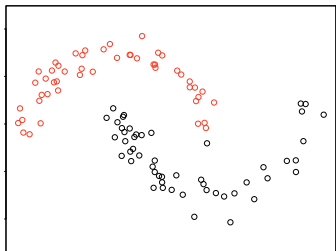
Similarity graph



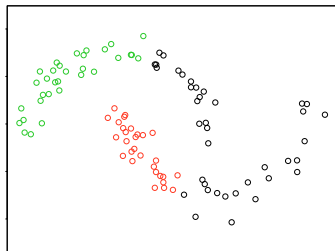
Spectral clustering ( $k = 2$ )



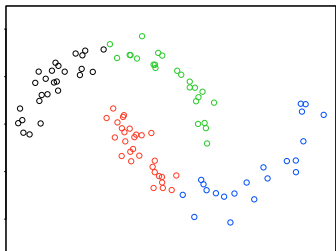
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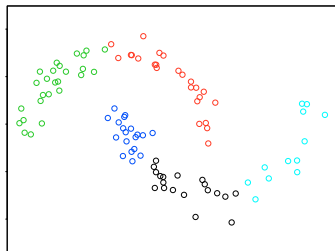
Spectral clustering ( $k = 2$ )



Spectral clustering ( $k = 3$ )



Spectral clustering ( $k = 4$ )



Spectral clustering ( $k = 5$ )

## Why does spectral clustering work? (1)

- Consider the minimum ratio cut problem ( $k = 2$ )

$$\min_{A \subset V} \text{RatioCut}(A, \bar{A}) = \min_{A \subset V} \sum_{i \in A, j \in \bar{A}} w_{ij} \left( \frac{1}{|A|} + \frac{1}{|\bar{A}|} \right)$$

- Given  $A$ , set  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$x_i = \begin{cases} \sqrt{|\bar{A}|/|A|} & \text{if } v_i \in A \\ -\sqrt{|A|/|\bar{A}|} & \text{if } v_i \in \bar{A} \end{cases}$$

- Easy to show

①  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x} = n \cdot \text{RatioCut}(A, \bar{A})$

②  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 0$  so that  $\mathbf{x} \perp \mathbf{1}$

③  $\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = n$

## Why does spectral clustering work? (2)

- Minimum ratio cut can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x} \\ & \text{subject to} && \mathbf{x} \perp \mathbf{1} \\ & && \|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{n} \\ & && \mathbf{x} \text{ takes form defined in previous slide} \end{aligned}$$

- Still NP-hard; relax by dropping discreteness constraint

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x} \\ & \text{subject to} && \mathbf{x} \perp \mathbf{1} \\ & && \|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{n} \end{aligned}$$

- By Rayleigh-Ritz theorem: solution is eigenvector corresponding to second-smallest eigenvalue (appropriately normalized)
- $\mathbf{u}_{n-1}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{u}_{n-1} = \mathbf{u}_{n-1}^T \lambda_{n-1} \mathbf{u}_{n-1} = n \lambda_{n-1}$
- Note:  $\lambda_{n-1} \leq \min_{A \subset V} \text{RatioCut}(A, \bar{A})$
- Similar arguments for  $k > 2$  (solutions of relaxation = last  $k$  eigenvectors)

## Why does spectral clustering work? (3)

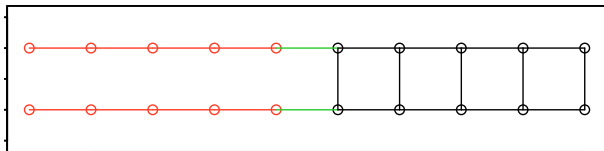
- Need to obtain clustering from  $\mathbf{u}_{n-1}$
- Recall

$$x_i = \begin{cases} \sqrt{|\bar{A}|/|A|} & \text{if } v_i \in A \\ -\sqrt{|A|/|\bar{A}|} & \text{if } v_i \in \bar{A} \end{cases}$$

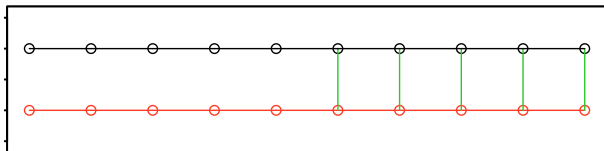
- Simple heuristic: use sign as cluster indicator
- $k$ -means often produces better results
- Spectral clustering has no theoretical guarantees whatsoever  
But: popular because simple, standard linear algebra problem
- Approximation of balanced graph cuts (up to constant factor) still hard

## Cockroach graph

- Example where spectral clustering performs particularly bad
- Minimum ratio cut cut:  $8/n$
- Spectral clustering ratio cut: 1
- Spectral clustering is  $O(n)$  times worse



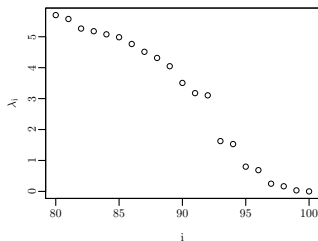
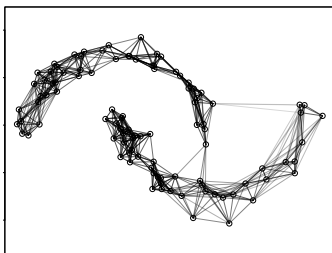
Minimum ratio cut



Ratio cut with spectral clustering and sign heuristic

# Discussion

- Computation of eigenvectors
  - ▶ Graph can be very large
  - ▶ But Laplacian is sparse
  - ▶ Many efficient algorithms exist finding the eigendecomposition of such matrices
- Number  $k$  of clusters
  - ▶ Difficult problem
  - ▶ Standard approaches can be used
  - ▶ Eigengap heuristic: choose  $k$  such that eigenvalue  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{n-k}$  large, eigenvalues  $\lambda_{n-k+1}, \dots, \lambda_n$  small





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# Normalized graph Laplacians

## Definition

There are two common normalizations of the graph Laplacian:

$$\mathbf{L}_{\text{sym}} = \mathbf{D}^{-1/2} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{D}^{-1/2} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{D}^{-1/2} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{D}^{-1/2}$$

$$\mathbf{L}_{\text{rw}} = \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{L} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{W}$$

- Normalization is performed w.r.t. degree
- $\mathbf{L}_{\text{sym}}$  is symmetric,  $\mathbf{L}_{\text{rw}}$  is not

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1 & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & -1/\sqrt{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -0.5 & 1 & -0.5 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{L}$                        $\mathbf{L}_{\text{sym}}$                        $\mathbf{L}_{\text{rw}}$

## Normalized spectral clustering

- Normalized graph Laplacians have similar spectral properties
- Normalized spectral clustering (using  $\mathbf{L}_{rw}$ )
  - 1 Construct similarity graph  $\mathbf{W}$
  - 2 Compute its normalized graph Laplacian  $\mathbf{L}_{rw}$
  - 3 Compute the last  $k$  eigenvectors  $\mathbf{u}_n, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{n-k+1}$  of  $\mathbf{L}_{rw}$  (i.e., having  $k$  smallest eigenvalues)
  - 4 Construct  $n \times k$  matrix  $\mathbf{U} = (\mathbf{u}_n \quad \mathbf{u}_{n-1} \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{u}_{n-k+1})$
  - 5 Cluster the rows of  $\mathbf{U}$  using  $k$ -means
- Normalized spectral clustering is a relaxation of Ncut
- Better behaved from statistical point of view

The normalized spectral clustering algorithm above is often method of choice.

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## Lessons learned

- Graphs can be represented by matrices (and vice versa)
  - ▶ Adjacency matrix
  - ▶ Degree matrix
  - ▶ Walk matrix
  - ▶ Graph Laplacian
  
- Spectral properties of these matrices relate to properties of the graph
  
- Spectral clustering
  - ▶ Find non-convex clusters using neighborhood graphs
  - ▶ Good clustering  $\approx$  good graph cut (RatioCut or Ncut)
  - ▶ Related to smallest eigenvectors of graph Laplacian

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