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Thm:  $\lambda_2 = 1$  iff  $G$  is disconnected.

$A = D^{-1/2} A D^{-1/2}$  with eigen v's  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$   
 $v_1 \dots v_n$

Def: Laplacian of  $G$ :

$$L_G = D - A = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & & & \\ & d_2 & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & d_n \end{bmatrix}$$

edge  $(i,j)$

Fact:  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$x^T L x = \sum_{(i,j) \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2$$

Pf:

$$L = \sum_{e \in E} L_e$$

$$L_e = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} i \\ j \end{matrix}$$

$e = (i,j)$

$$\begin{aligned} x^T L x &= \sum_{e \in E} x^T L_e x = \sum_{e = (i,j) \in E} (x_i^2 + x_j^2 - 2x_i x_j) \\ &= \sum_{e = (i,j) \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2 \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Intuition:  $x =$  potentials @ nodes in  $G$ .

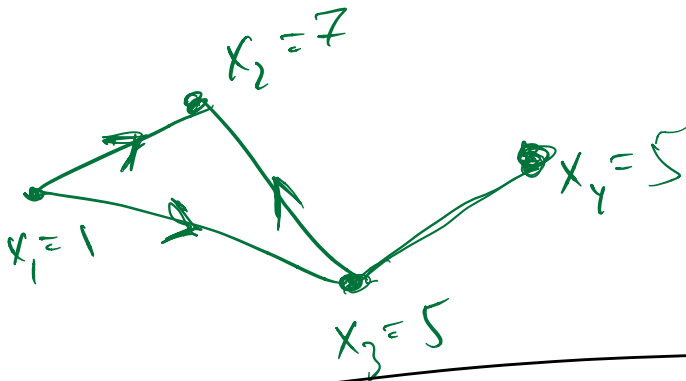
$x_i - x_j =$  potential  $\Delta$ .

Energy loss per edge  $(i, j)$

$$= I_{ij} \cdot V_{ij} = \frac{V_{ij}}{R_{ij}} \cdot V_{ij} = V_{ij}^2$$

Total energy loss =  $\sum_{e=(i,j) \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2$

$$= x^T L x.$$



Properties of Laplacian:

$$x^T L x \geq 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  all eigenval's  $\geq 0$ .

$$x = (1, 1, \dots, 1) = e.$$

$$x^T L x = \sum_{(i,j) \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2 = 0.$$

$\mu_1(L) =$  smallest eigenval of  $L = 0$ .

Thm:  $\mu_2(L) = 0$  iff  $G$  is disconnected.

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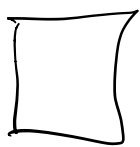
Drawing a graph  $G$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

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Problem: given  $G = (V, E)$ , draw in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$G =$  graph corresponding to a square

$$V = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \quad E = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4), (4, 1)\}.$$



What is a drawing?

$$f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$f(i) = (x_i, y_i).$$

Spectral drawing:  $f(i) = (v_{2i}, v_{3i})$

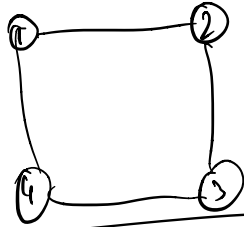
$v_2 = 2^{\text{nd}}$  eigenvector  $L$

$v_3 = 3^{\text{rd}}$  —  $L$ .

$$(v_1 = (1, 1, \dots, 1)).$$

$$Lv_1 = (D - A)e = De - Ae$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) \\
 &\quad - (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) \\
 &= (0, 0, \dots, 0) \\
 &= 0 \cdot v_1.
 \end{aligned}$$



Let's draw in 1D.

$x \in \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow$  coordinate per node in  $V$ .

Attempt #1:  $\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \sum_{(i,j) \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2$

$$x = (0, 0, \dots, 0).$$

A2:  $\min_{\|x\|_2=1} \sum_{(i,j) \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2$

$$x = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, \dots, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right) = 1^{\text{st}} \text{ eigenvector.}$$

A3: require  $\|x\|_2 = 1$  and  $\sum x_i = 0$ .

sol:  $\arg \min x^T L x = v_2 = 2^{\text{nd}}$  eigenvector of  $L$ .

$$\|x\|_2 = 1$$

$$e^T x = 0$$



To 2D:

A4: have  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$\min_{\substack{\|x\|, \|y\|=1 \\ e^T x = 0 \\ e^T y = 0}} x^T L x + y^T L y$$

$\sum_{i,j \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2 + (y_i - y_j)^2$

$$= \min_{x \dots} x^T L x + \min_y y^T L y$$

sol:  $x = v_2$

$y = v_2$

A5 (formal):

$$\min_{\substack{\|x\|_2 = 1, \\ e^T x = 0, \\ \|y\| = 1, e^T y = 0 \\ y^T x = 0}} x^T L x + y^T L y$$

$$= \left[ \min_{\substack{\|y\|=1, e^T y=0 \\ y \perp x=v_2}} y^T L y \right] + v_2^T L v_2$$

using Rayleigh  
quotient connection  
to e'vectors

$$= \min_{\|y\|=1,} R_L(y) + v_2^T L v_2$$

$$\|y\|=1,$$

$$e^T y = 0$$

$$v_2^T y = 0$$

$$= v_3^T L v_3 + v_2^T L v_2,$$

$$\text{Sol: } x = v_2, \quad y = v_3. \quad (\text{or switched})$$

## Cheeger Inequality & Spectral Clustering/Partitioning.

Def: Normalized Lap:  $\hat{L} = D^{-1/2} L \cdot D^{-1/2}$

$$\hat{L} = D^{-1/2} \cdot (D - A) \cdot D^{-1/2} = I - \hat{A}$$

norm adj:

suppose  $(\lambda_i, v_i)$  are the e'val/vec of  $\hat{A}$ :

$$\hat{L} v_i = (I - \hat{A}) v_i = v_i - \lambda_i v_i = (1 - \lambda_i) v_i$$

$\Rightarrow (1 - \lambda_i, v_i)$  are e'val/vec of  $\hat{L}$ .

$$1 = \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n \text{ eval of } \mathbf{A}$$

$$0 = 1 - \lambda_1 \leq 1 - \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq 1 - \lambda_n \text{ eval of } \mathbf{L}^{\uparrow}$$

$$0 = \mu_1 \leq \mu_2 \leq \dots \leq \mu_n \leq 2.$$

Thm:  $\mu_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow G$  is disconnected.

$\mu_2 > 0 \rightarrow$  algebraic connectivity.

Combinatorial connectivity:

Def:  $S \subset V$  is a cut.

$\text{vol}(S) =$  sum of degrees of  $i \in S$

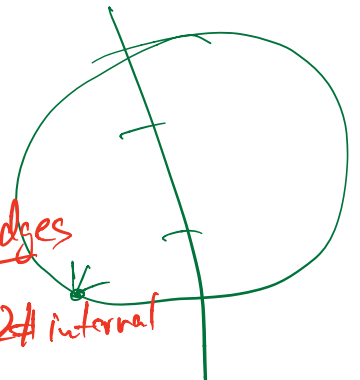
$$= \sum_{i \in S} d_i.$$

conductance of  $S$ :

$$\phi(S) = \frac{\partial S}{\text{vol}(S)} = \frac{\# \text{cross edges}}{\# \text{cross} + 2 \# \text{internal}}$$

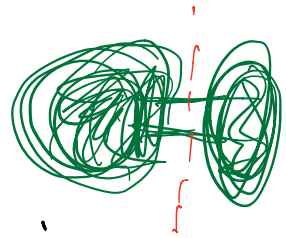
$\partial S =$  # edges crossing  $S \rightarrow \bar{S}$

$$= \sum_{(i,j) \in E} \mathbb{1}[i \in S, j \notin S].$$



conductance of graph  $G$ :

$$\phi(G) = \min_{\substack{S \neq \emptyset \\ \text{vol}(S) \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{vol}(V)}} \phi(S)$$



Thm [Cheeger]:  $\frac{\mu_2}{2} \leq \phi(G) \leq \sqrt{2\mu_2}$ .