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SPECTRAL CLUSTERING

Notation: Let $G = (V, E)$ - undirected, weighted graph

$$V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}, \quad v_i \xrightarrow{w_{ij}} v_j, \quad w_{ij} \geq 0$$

- adjacency matrix: $W = (w_{ij})_{i,j=1,\dots,n}$ [$W = W^T$]

- degree matrix: $d_i = \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}$, $D = \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_n)$

Similarity Graphs: Transform data $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ with pairwise distances d_{ij} into graph

① ϵ -neighbourhood graph

-- connect all points whose pairwise ~~edges~~ distances are less than ϵ .

- since $w_{ij} \leq \epsilon$, can be considered un-weighted

② k -nearest-neighbour graph:

- connect v_i to v_j if v_i is among k -nearest neighbours of v_j and v_j is among k -nearest neighbors of v_i .

- weight the edges by similarity of v_i, v_j

③ fully connected graphs:

- connect all points with positive "similarity"

- eg: $S_{ij} = S(x_i, x_j) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x_i - x_j\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$

GRAPH LAPLACIANS

① Unnormalized graph Laplacian:

$$L = D - W$$

Proposition 1: ① $f^T L f = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} (f_i - f_j)^2 \quad f \in \mathbb{R}^n$

② L - symmetric, p.s.d

③ $\lambda_{\min} = 0$, $u_{\min} = \mathbb{1} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

④ $0 < \lambda_{\min} = \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$

Proof: ① $x^T L x = x^T D x - x^T W x$

$$= \sum_i d_i x_i^2 - \sum_{i,j} x_i x_j w_{ij}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_i d_i x_i^2 - 2 \sum_{i,j} x_i x_j w_{ij} + \sum_j d_j x_j^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_i \sum_j w_{ij} x_i^2 - 2 \sum_{i,j} x_i x_j w_{ij} + \sum_j \sum_i w_{ij} x_j^2 \right)$$

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

② - D, W are symmetric $\Rightarrow L$ is symmetric

- $x^T L x \geq 0 \quad \forall x \Rightarrow L$ is p.s.d

③ - choosing $x = \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow \lambda_{\min} = 0$

④ follows from ①, ②, ③

Proposition 2: The multiplicity k of eigenvalue 0 of L equals the number of connected components A_1, \dots, A_k . The eigenspace of 0 -eval is spanned by vectors $\mathbb{1}_{A_1}, \dots, \mathbb{1}_{A_k}$.

Proof: I: Let $k \geq 1$; \Rightarrow graph is connected. Let x be eigenvector with eigenvalue 0 . then

$$x^T L x = \frac{1}{2} \sum w_{ij} (x_i - x_j)^2 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow x$ needs to be equal on all nodes which can be connected by a path in G . $\Rightarrow x_i = 1 \quad \forall i$

II w.t.w.g., let $L = \begin{pmatrix} L_1 & & 0 \\ & L_2 & \\ 0 & & L_k \end{pmatrix}$

- L_i are graph laplacians of A_i
- eigenvectors of $L =$ eigenvectors of L_i with 0 's added appropriately
- eigenvalues of $L_i =$ e-values of L . \Rightarrow there are k eigenvalues 0 , and the eigenvector is $\mathbb{1}_{A_i}$ [$\mathbb{1}_A = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^T$]

$\Leftrightarrow x_i = 1$ if $v_i \in A$

② Normalized Graph Laplacian:

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

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

Proposition 3: The normalized Laplacians satisfy following properties.

① $x^T L_{sym} x = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} \left(\frac{x_i}{\sqrt{d_i}} - \frac{x_j}{\sqrt{d_j}} \right)^2$

② λ is an eigenvalue of L_{rw} with e-vector u if and only if λ is an eigenvalue of L_{sym} with e-vector $w = D^{-1/2} u$

③ λ is an eigenvalue of L_{rw} with e-vector u iff λ and u solve the generalised eigenproblem $Lx = \lambda D x$

④ 0 is an eigenvalue of L_{rw} with the constant $\mathbb{1}$ as eigenvector. 0 is an eigenvalue of L_{sym} with e-vector $D^{-1/2} \mathbb{1}$

⑤

Proposition 4: On G The multiplicity k of eigenvalue 0 of both L_{rw} and L_{sym} equals the number of connected components A_1, \dots, A_k in G . For L_{rw} , eigenspace of 0 is spanned by $\mathbb{1}_{A_i}$ and for L_{sym} , eigenspace of 0 is spanned by $D^{-1/2} \mathbb{1}_{A_i}$

Proof of Prop 3, 4 are similar to that of Props. 1, 2

SPECTRAL CLUSTERING ALGORITHM

Un-normalized spectral clustering

Input: Similarity matrix $S \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ # clusters K

1. Construct similarity graph with adj. matrix W
2. Compute un-normalized Laplacian L
3. Compute top- K eigenvectors of L as $V = [v_1, \dots, v_K] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times K}$
4. Let $y_i (i=1, \dots, n)$ be i^{th} row of V
5. cluster y_i into clusters C_1, \dots, C_K using k -means.

Output: Clusters A_1, \dots, A_K with $A_i = \{j \mid y_j \in C_i\}$

Justification of S.C. ALGORITHM [Using Matrix Perturbation]

- ideally, "inter-cluster similarity" is 0
 $\Rightarrow y_i \in \mathbb{R}^k$ are of the form $[0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0]$
where j is s.t. $y_j \in A_j \Rightarrow x_j \in A_j$

- in a nearly ideal case, "inter-cluster similarity" is ϵ
 y_i will be of form $[0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0] + \epsilon$

- using Davis-Kahan if $\tilde{A} = A + H$, $S_1 \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ interval
 $\sigma_{S_1}(A)$: set of all eigenvalue contained in S_1 and V_1
be eig. space corresponding to $\sigma_{S_1}(A)$ and same for
 \tilde{A}, \tilde{V}_1 then

$$\|\sin \theta(v, \tilde{v}_1)\| \leq \frac{\|H\|}{\delta}$$

$$\delta = \min \{ |\lambda - s| ; \lambda - \text{eigval of } A, \lambda \notin S_1, s \in S_1 \}$$