

GREEN MATRICES OF WEIGHTED GRAPHS WITH PENDANT VERTICES

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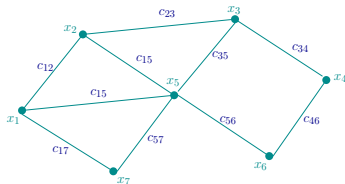
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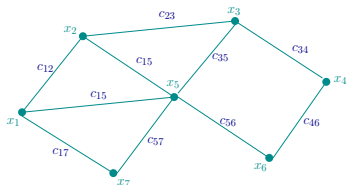
DISCRETE POTENTIAL THEORY

DEFINITIONS AND CONCEPTS

- A **weighted graph** $\Gamma = (V, E, c)$ is composed by:
 - V is a set of elements called **vertices**.
 - E is a set of elements called **edges**.
 - $c : V \times V \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is an application named **conductance** associated to the edges.
- u, v are **adjacent**, $u \sim v$ iff $c(u, v) = c_{uv} \neq 0$.
- The **degree of a vertex** u is $d_u = \sum_{v \in V} c_{uv}$.



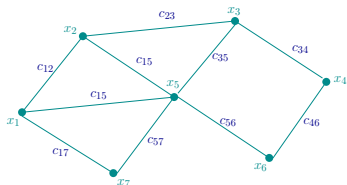
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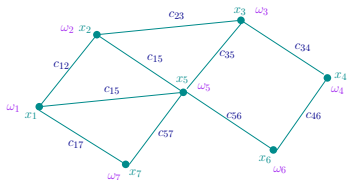
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- A **weight** is a positive function $\omega : V \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$. The set of weights is denoted by $\Omega(V)$.

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Common used operators

	Operator	Kernel
Identity	\mathcal{I}	I
Projector on σ along τ	$\mathcal{P}_{\sigma,\tau}(u) = \langle \tau, u \rangle \sigma$	$P_{\sigma,\tau} = \sigma \otimes \tau$
Projector on ω	$\mathcal{P}_{\omega}(u) = \langle \omega, u \rangle \omega$	$P_{\omega} = \omega \otimes \omega$

LAPLACIAN OPERATOR AND LAPLACIAN MATRIX

- The Laplacian operator \mathcal{L} is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} : \mathcal{C}(V) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{C}(V) \\ u &\longrightarrow \mathcal{L}(u) = \sum_{x,y \in V} c_{xy} [u(x) - u(y)].\end{aligned}$$

- The corresponding Laplacian matrix is

$$(L)_{ij} = \begin{cases} d_i & \text{if } i = j, \\ -c_{ij} & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

- For a simple graph, $c_{ij} = 1$ for any $i, j \in V$ and the applications of its spectrum have been widely studied in Spectral Graph Theory ([The Laplacian Spectrum of Graphs](#), B. Mohar).
- The general case has not been so well studied.

DISCRETE POTENTIAL THEORY

Definition

The Schrödinger \mathcal{L}_q operator on a network with potential q is a generalization of the Laplacian operator \mathcal{L} defined as

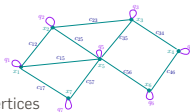
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_q : \mathcal{C}(V) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{C}(V) \\ u &\longrightarrow \mathcal{L}_q(u) = \mathcal{L}(u) + qu, \end{aligned}$$

where $qu \in \mathcal{C}(V)$ is defined as $qu(x) = q(x)u(x)$, for all $x \in V$.

□ The Schrödinger matrix of a network Γ with potential Q is defined as

$$L_q = L + Q, \quad Q = \text{diag}(q_1, \dots, q_n).$$

Observe that \mathcal{L}_q can be also considered as the Laplacian operator of a network with loops of value q_i associated of each vertex.



DISCRETE POTENTIAL THEORY

- Any Schrödinger operator \mathcal{L}_q is selfadjoint.
- If \mathcal{L}_q is positive definite, then it is invertible and its inverse is called **Green's operator**.
- However we are interested in those Schrödinger operators \mathcal{L}_q who are **positive semi-definite**.
- Now consider $q_\omega = -\frac{1}{\omega} \mathcal{L}(\omega) \in \mathcal{C}(V)$, it is called the **potential determined by a weight $\omega \in \Omega(V)$** .

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- Our goal is to solve the **Poisson equation** for \mathcal{F} on V with data $f \in V$, that is to find $u \in V$ such that

$$\mathcal{L}_q(u) = f.$$

- If \mathcal{L}_q is positive semidefinite, then the operator that assigns to each function $f \in \mathcal{C}(V)$ the unique $u \in \mathcal{C}(V)$ such that

$$\mathcal{L}_q(u) = f - \mathcal{P}_\omega(f),$$

is called **orthogonal Green's operator** \mathcal{G}_q , and its kernel G_q is called **Green's matrix**.

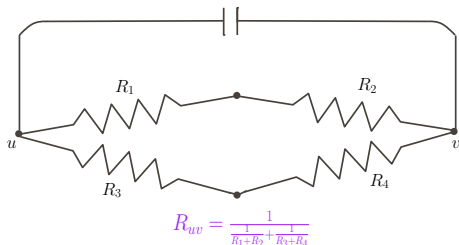
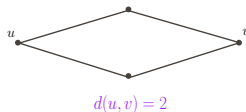
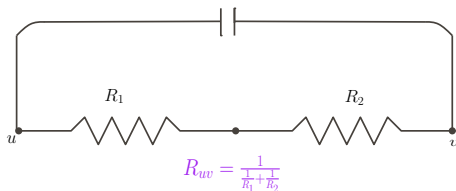
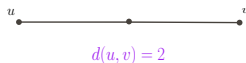
- Notice that

$$\mathcal{G}_q(\omega) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\lambda} & \text{if } \lambda \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } \lambda = 0. \end{cases}$$

- Some applications: by knowing the Green's matrix G_q we can compute the effective resistances and the Kirchhoff index of the weighted graph.

APPLICATIONS: EFFECTIVE RESISTANCES

Klein and Ráncic (93) proposed a distance measure between two vertices of electrical networks called the **effective resistance**



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Proposition [Bendito, Carmona, Encinas, Gesto (2009)]

For any $x, y \in V$ it is verified that

$$R_{\lambda,\omega}(x,y) = \frac{(G_q)_{x,x}}{\omega_x^2} + \frac{(G_q)_{y,y}}{\omega_y^2} - \frac{2(G_q)_{x,y}}{\omega_x\omega_y}.$$

APPLICATIONS: KIRCHHOFF INDEX

- Introduced in Chemistry as a better alternative to other parameters for discriminating among different molecules with similar shapes and structures.
- The **Kirchhoff index** or **Total Resistance of the weighted graph** is the sum of all the effective resistances between any pair of vertices of the weighted graph.

Corollary [Bendito, Carmona, Encinas, Gesto (2009)]

For any $x, y \in V$ it is verified that

$$k(\lambda, \omega) = \text{trace}(G_q) - \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\lambda} & \text{if } \lambda \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } \lambda = 0. \end{cases}$$



PREVIOUS RESULTS

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The Green matrix has been computed for

- ❑ Cluster graphs
- ❑ Some composite weighted graphs
- ❑ Generalized linear polyominoes
- ❑ Join graphs
- ❑ Perturbations of an edge

PERTURBING THE CONDUCTANCE OF AN EDGE

Corollary [Carmona, Encinas, Mitjana]

Consider $\sigma \in \mathcal{C}(V)$, the perturbation of \mathcal{F} by σ and the operator

$$\mathcal{H}_\sigma = \mathcal{F} + \mathcal{P}_\sigma$$

then when $\langle \sigma, \omega \rangle = 0$

$$\mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{H}} = \mathcal{G} - \frac{1}{1 + \langle \mathcal{G}(\sigma), \sigma \rangle} \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{G}(\sigma)},$$

whereas, when $\langle \sigma, \omega \rangle \neq 0$

$$\mathcal{H}^{-1} = \mathcal{G} - \frac{1}{\beta} \left[\lambda \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{G}(\sigma)} - \langle \sigma, \omega \rangle (\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{G}(\sigma), \omega} - \mathcal{P}_{\omega, \mathcal{G}(\sigma)}) - (1 + \langle \sigma, \omega \rangle) \mathcal{P}_\omega \right],$$

where $\beta = \lambda(1 + \langle \mathcal{G}(\sigma), \sigma \rangle) + \langle \sigma, \omega \rangle^2$.

ADDING PENDANT VERTICES

Goal

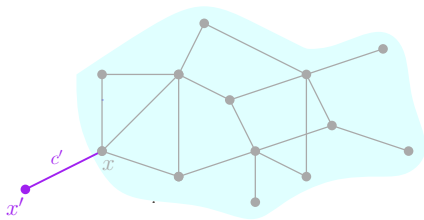
To study the perturbation of the Green matrix of a weighted graph caused by the perturbation due to add a pendant vertex, relating both Green matrices.

ADDING NEW PENDANT VERTICES



ADDING ONE PENDANT VERTEX X'

- New network: $\Gamma' = (V', E', c')$, $V' = V \cup \{x'\}$, $E' = E \cup \{e_{x,x'}\}$, $c' = c'(x, x') > 0$
- New weight: $\omega_{x'} \in \Omega(V')$, such that $\omega'_{x_i} = \omega_{x_i} / \sqrt{1 + \omega_{x'}^2}$ for any $x_i \in V'$, $i = 0, \dots, n$



- It holds $\omega'_i / \omega'_j = \omega_i / \omega_j$ for any $i, j \in V'$.

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with $q' = q'_{\omega'} + \lambda$ and $q'_{\omega'} = -\frac{1}{\omega'} \mathcal{L}'(\omega') \in \mathcal{C}(V')$.

- The relation between the kernels of both Schrödinger operators is given by

$$L'_{q'} = \begin{pmatrix} L'_q & -c'\varepsilon_x \\ -c'\varepsilon_x^\top & q'_{x,x'} \end{pmatrix},$$

where $L'_q = L_q + c' \frac{\omega_{x'}}{\omega_x} P_{\varepsilon_x}$ is the kernel of the perturbed operator

$\mathcal{L}'_q = \mathcal{L}_q + \mathcal{P}_{\sigma_{x,x'}}$, with $\sigma_{x,x'} = \sqrt{c' \frac{\omega_{x'}}{\omega_x}} \varepsilon_x$ and $q'_{x,x'} = c' \frac{\omega_x}{\omega_{x'}} + \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.

ADDING ONE PENDANT VERTEX

Proposition

The kernel of $\mathcal{L}'_{q'}$ is

$$(\mathcal{L}'_{q'})^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} H^{-1} & \frac{c'}{q'_{x,x'}} H^{-1} \varepsilon_x \\ \frac{c'}{q'_{x,x'}} \varepsilon_x^\top H^{-1} & \frac{1}{q'_{x,x'}} - \frac{c'}{(q'_{x,x'})^2} \varepsilon_x^\top H^{-1} \varepsilon_x \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1)$$

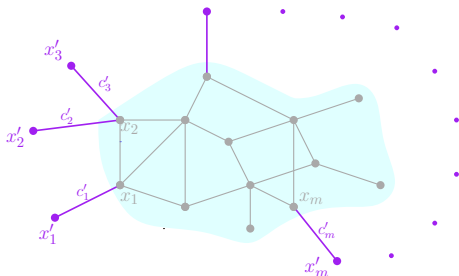
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$$H^{-1} = \mathcal{G}_{\lambda,\omega} - \frac{1}{\beta} \left[\lambda \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{G}_{\lambda,\omega}(\sigma_{x,x'})} - \langle \sigma_{x,x'}, \omega \rangle \left(\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{G}_{\lambda,\omega}(\sigma_{x,x'}), \omega} - \mathcal{P}_{\omega, \mathcal{G}_{\lambda,\omega}(\sigma_{x,x'})} \right) - (1 + \langle \sigma_{x,x'}, \omega \rangle) \mathcal{P}_\omega \right],$$

and $\beta = \lambda(1 + \langle \mathcal{G}_{\lambda,\omega}(\sigma_{x,x'}), \sigma_{x,x'} \rangle) + \langle \sigma_{x,x'}, \omega \rangle^2$.

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- New network: $\Gamma' = (V', E', c')$, $V' = V \cup \{x'_1, \dots, x'_m\}$,
 $E' = E \cup \{e_{x_1, x'_1}, \dots, e_{x_m, x'_m}\}$ and $c'_i = c'(x_i, x'_i) > 0$ for
 $i = 1, \dots, m$
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where $L'_q = L_q + \sum_{i=1}^m c'_i \frac{\omega_{x'_i}}{\omega_{x_i}} P_{\varepsilon_{x_i}}$, $B = (-c'_{x_1} \varepsilon_{x_1}, \dots, -c'_{x_m} \varepsilon_{x_m})$, and $D_{q'}$ is an invertible diagonal matrix having in the diagonal the potential of the new vertices $q'_{x_i, x'_i} = c'_i \frac{\omega_{x_i}}{\omega_{x'_i}} + \lambda \neq 0$.

ADDING SEVERAL PENDANT VERTICES

Proposition

The kernel of $(\mathcal{L}'_{q'})^{-1}$ is

$$(\mathcal{L}'_{q'})^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} H^{-1} & -H^{-1}BD^{-1} \\ -D^{-1}B^\top H^{-1} & D^{-1} + D^{-1}B^\top H^{-1}BD^{-1} \end{pmatrix},$$

where H^{-1} is the kernel of the operator

$$\mathcal{H}^{-1} = \mathcal{G} + \alpha \mathcal{P}_\omega + \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i [\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{G}(\sigma_i), \omega} - \mathcal{P}_{\omega, \mathcal{G}(\sigma_i)}] - \sum_{i,j=1}^m \gamma_{ij} \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{G}(\sigma_i), \mathcal{G}(\sigma_j)},$$

$$\text{and } (b_{ij}) = (I + \langle \mathcal{G}(\sigma_j), \sigma_i \rangle)^{-1}, \alpha = \left(\lambda + \sum_{r,s} b_{r,s} \langle \mathcal{G}(\sigma_j), \sigma_i \rangle \langle \sigma_s, \omega \rangle \right)^{-1},$$

$$\beta_i = \alpha \sum_{r=1}^m b_{ir} \langle \sigma_r, \omega \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_{ij} = b_{ij} - \alpha \left(\sum_{r=1}^m b_{ir} \langle \sigma_r, \omega \rangle \right) \left(\sum_{r=1}^m b_{jr} \langle \sigma_r, \omega \rangle \right).$$

EXAMPLE

Green matrix of a Star graph S_n

We compute the Green matrix of a Star graph S_n with constant weight $\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}j$ by adding $n - 2$ pendant vertices to a S_2 .

$$\text{Starting from } L_{\lambda,2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \lambda & -1 \\ -1 & 1 + \lambda \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} -j_{n-2} \\ 0_{n-2} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\lambda^2 + n\lambda + 1}{\lambda + 1} & -1 \\ -1 & 1 + \lambda \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow H^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1 + \lambda}{\lambda^2 + n\lambda} & \frac{1}{\lambda^2 + n\lambda} \\ \frac{1}{\lambda^2 + n\lambda} & \frac{\lambda^2 + n\lambda + 1}{(\lambda + 1)(\lambda^2 + n\lambda)} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$G_{\lambda,n} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{n-1}{n(\lambda+n)} & \frac{-1}{n(\lambda+n)} & \cdots & \frac{-1}{n(\lambda+n)} \\ \frac{-1}{n(\lambda+n)} & \frac{(n-1)\lambda + (n^2 - n - 1)}{n(\lambda+1)(\lambda+n)} & \cdots & -\frac{\lambda + n + 1}{n(\lambda+n)(\lambda+1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{-1}{n(\lambda+n)} & -\frac{\lambda + n + 1}{n(\lambda+n)(\lambda+1)} & \cdots & \frac{(n-1)\lambda + (n^2 - n - 1)}{n(\lambda+1)(\lambda+n)} \end{pmatrix}$$

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