The Graph FRI Framework–Spline Wavelet Theory and Sampling on Circulant Graphs

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- A graph signal is a scalar function $\mathbf{x}: V \to \mathbb{C}$ defined on G such that x(V) is the sample value of $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^N$ at vertex V
- ▶ L has a complete set of orthonormal eigenvectors $\{\mathbf{u}_l\}_{l=0,...,N-1}$ with eigenvalues 0 = $\lambda_0 < \lambda_1 \leq ... \leq \lambda_{N-1}$.
- ▶ The Graph Fourier Transform (GFT) of a graph signal x on G is given by $\mathbf{X}^{G} = \mathbf{U}^{H}\mathbf{x}$

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- Prior research [Ekambaram et al, '13]: fundamental SP operations on circulant graphs, incl. sampling & reconnection strategies, multiscale wavelet analysis (spline-like graph wavelet filterbank)



Figure 1: Downsampling w.r.t. s = 1 for $S = \{1, 2\}$

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The higher-order graph-spline wavelet transform (HGSWT), for an undirected, connected circulant graph G, with adjacency matrix **A** and degree d per node, composed of the low-and high-pass filters

$$\mathbf{H}_{LP} = \frac{1}{2^k} \left(\mathbf{I}_N + \frac{\mathbf{A}}{d} \right)^k \tag{1}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{HP} = \frac{1}{2^k} \left(\mathbf{I}_N - \frac{\mathbf{A}}{d} \right)^k = \frac{\mathbf{L}^k}{(2d)^k} \tag{2}$$

with 2k vanishing moments, is invertible as long as at least one node retains the lowpass component.

Proof: We can demonstrate that the nullspace of

$$\frac{1}{2^{k}} \left(\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \binom{k}{2j} \left(\frac{\mathbf{A}}{d} \right)^{2j} + \mathbf{K} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \binom{k}{2j+1} \left(\frac{\mathbf{A}}{d} \right)^{2j+1} \right)$$

with downsampling pattern K, is empty.

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Lemma 2

For undirected, circulant G = (V, E), the representer polynomial $\tilde{l}(z)$ of \tilde{L}_{α} has 2 vanishing exponential moments, i.e. \tilde{L}_{α} annihilates complex exponential polynomial graph signals $y(t) = p(t)e^{\pm i\alpha t}$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and degp(t) = 0. Unless $\alpha = \frac{2\pi k}{N}$, $k \in [0 \ N-1]$, this is subject to a border effect determined by M, whereby 2M < N.

Proof: $\tilde{l}(z)$ factors $(1 - e^{i\alpha}z^{-1})(1 - e^{-i\alpha}z^{-1})$, which corresponds to 2 vanishing exponential moments.

Higher-Order Graph E-Spline Wavelet Transform

Given connected, undirected circulant G, we create higher-order graph e-spline wavelet transforms for multiple parameters $\vec{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, ..., \alpha_T)$, composed of low-& high-pass filters of the form

$$\mathbf{H}_{LP\vec{\alpha}} = \prod_{n=1}^{T} \frac{1}{2^{k}} \left(\beta_{n} \mathbf{I}_{N} + \frac{\mathbf{A}}{d} \right)^{k}$$
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whereby **A** is the adjacency matrix, *d* the degree per node and parameter $\beta_n = \frac{\dot{d}_{\alpha_n}}{d}$, with exponential degree $\tilde{d}_{\alpha_n} = \sum_{k=1}^{M} 2d_k \cos(\alpha_n k)$.

- $H_{HP\vec{lpha}}$ annihilates complex exponential polynomials (of deg $p(t) \leq k-1$) with exponent $\pm i\alpha_n$
- The transform is invertible subject to restrictions on parameters k, T and β_n , as well as on the downsampling pattern.

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- Note: Splines are traditionally defined via the Green's functions of a continuous differential operator

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For undirected connected circulant graph G = (V, E), with adjacency matrix **A** and node degree *d*, we define the *higher-order 'complementary' graph e-spline wavelet transform* (HCGESWT) via the analysis filters:

$$\mathbf{H}_{LP_{\vec{\alpha},an}} \stackrel{(*)}{=} \mathbf{C}\bar{\mathbf{H}}_{LP,\vec{\alpha}} = \mathbf{C}\prod_{n=1}^{T} \frac{1}{2^{k}} \left(\beta_{n}\mathbf{I}_{N} + \frac{\mathbf{A}}{d}\right)^{k}$$
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where $\mathbf{H}_{LP_{\vec{\alpha},an}}$ is the solution to the above linear system, with circulant $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{H}_{LP_{\vec{\alpha},an}} \mathbf{\bar{H}}_{LP,\vec{\alpha}'}^{-1}$ and circulant indicator matrices $I_{LP/HP}$ with first row [1 - 1 1 - 1 ...].

^{*} applies when $\bar{\mathbf{H}}_{LP,\vec{\alpha}}$ is invertible

Sampling of Sparse and Compressible Graph Signals

We can obtain a sparse (multiresolution) representation of a 'compressible' graph signal x, which we term wavelet-K-sparse, using a suitable GWT



Figure 2: Compressible graph signals

- Iterate on the low-pass-branch and redefine the downsampled output on coarsened graphs
- \Rightarrow choose coarsening schemes with little to no reconnection, which preserve circularity
- Ultimately, we consider the multilevel representation of x on the initial graph G

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But what graph is y associated with?



$$\begin{array}{cccc} \mathbf{X} & \rightarrow & \underbrace{\mathbf{LP}} & \mathbf{GFT} \\ \hline \mathbf{E} \downarrow \mathbf{2} & \rightarrow & \mathbf{\tilde{y}} & \rightarrow & \underbrace{\mathbf{C}} \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & &$$

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The coarsened graph \tilde{G}_j at level j can be determined through two different schemes:

(i) Using the pattern V_{lpha} in $\Psi_{j\downarrow 2}$, perform Kron-reduction to obtain graph Laplacian L_j at level j

$$\mathbf{L}_{j} = \mathbf{L}_{j-1}(V_{\alpha}, V_{\alpha}) - \mathbf{L}_{j-1}(V_{\alpha}, V_{\alpha}^{C})\mathbf{L}_{j-1}(V_{\alpha}^{C}, V_{\alpha}^{C})^{-1}\mathbf{L}_{j-1}(V_{\alpha}, V_{\alpha}^{C})$$

(*ii*) Define eigenbasis $(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_j, \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_j) \in \mathbb{C}^{N/2^j \times N/2^j}$ at level $j \leq J$, through the projection of $\Psi_{j-1\downarrow 2}$ on

 $(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{j-1}, \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{j-1})$. The coarse graph \tilde{G}_j for graph signal $\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_j = \prod_{k=0}^{j-1} (\mathbf{\Psi}_{k\downarrow 2} \mathbf{E}_{2^k \vec{\alpha}}) \mathbf{x}$, has adjacency matrix

$$\mathbf{A}_j = (2^j / N) \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_j \tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}}_j \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_j^H$$

which preserves generating set S of G for a sufficiently small bandwidth.



Figure 3: Scheme (ii) for a Graph with $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$

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Nearest Circulant Approximations:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{N} \langle \mathbf{A}^P, \mathbf{\Pi}^i \rangle_F \mathbf{\Pi}^i, \quad \text{for circulant permutation matrix } \mathbf{\Pi}$$

subject to prior relabelling P, and/or graph (community) partitioning

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$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{N} \langle \mathbf{A}^{\mathcal{P}}, \mathbf{\Pi}^i \rangle_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbf{\Pi}^i, \quad \text{for circulant permutation matrix } \mathbf{\Pi}$$

subject to prior relabelling P, and/or graph (community) partitioning

 Graph Product Approximations: impose circularity on factor graphs for multi-dimensional wavelet analysis



Figure 4: Cartesian Graph Product of Circulants

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For a comprehensive discussion on circulant (e-)spline wavelets and extensions, refer to arXiv

Splines and Wavelets on Circulant Graphs http://arxiv.org/abs/1603.04917

Thank you.

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