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# RECOVERY OF GRAPH SIGNALS FROM SIGN MEASUREMENTS

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### Introduction

Graph Signals: data on an irregular topology

□Social networks, sensor networks, ...

Graph Signal Processing (GSP)

Semantic segmentation, traffic prediction, ...

Graph Fourier Transform (GFT)

- Vertex domain → Frequency domain
- Graph signals in life tend to be smooth
  - Signal values on adjacent vertices are similar
  - $\Leftrightarrow$  Bandlimited in frequency domain
  - E.g. Temperature measured by 150 weather stations across the United States on February 1, 2003. [1]







# Introduction



Observing a graph signal may face

□Not all the vertices can be observed

• Enormous data scale, limited sampling budget, ...

Only some simple quantized values are available

• E.g. Rating system: no specific scores, but simple evaluations ("like", "dislike", "indifference")

Sign information:  $\{1, -1, 0\}$ 

The signal value exceeds a threshold or not

### Our focus!

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## Introduction



#### Our research

Recover the original bandlimited signal from the sign information of partial samples



Reconstruction algorithm + Sampling scheme



# $\square \mathcal{V}: \text{ set of vertices, } |\mathcal{V}| = N$

Model

 $\Box \mathcal{E}: \text{set of edges}$ 

□*W*: weighted adjacency matrix

•  $W_{ij} = W_{ji} > 0$  if  $(i, j) \in \mathcal{E}$ ,  $W_{ij} = 0$  otherwise

Undirected Connected Graph:  $\mathcal{G} = \{\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, W\}$ 

- Graph Signal  $x : \mathcal{V} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$
- Graph Laplacian: L = D W

**\Box**Real symmetric, positive semidefinite,  $L = U\Lambda U^T$ 

- Eigenvalues:  $0 = \lambda_1 \le \lambda_2 \le \dots \le \lambda_N$ ,  $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_N)$
- Eigenvectors:  $\boldsymbol{U} = [\boldsymbol{u}_1, \boldsymbol{u}_2, \dots \boldsymbol{u}_N]$







# Model



#### Bandlimited in frequency domain

$$\Box \text{ GFT: } \widehat{x} = U^T x \ (\mathbb{R}^N \mapsto \mathbb{R}^N)$$

□ Bandlimited:  $\hat{x}_k \neq 0$  for  $f_L \leq k \leq f_U$ , and  $\hat{x}_k = 0$  otherwise.

#### Sign Measurement

$$\Box s_{x} = \operatorname{sign}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_{v}\boldsymbol{x})$$

• 
$$\mathbb{R}^N \mapsto \{-1,1,0\}^M (M \leq N)$$

• sampling matrix  $\boldsymbol{\psi}_{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N} \Rightarrow$  signal values on  $\mathcal{V}'$  (a subset of  $\mathcal{V}$ )

• sign(x) = 
$$\begin{cases} -1 & x < 0\\ 1 & x > 0\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

• we assume 
$$||\mathbf{x}|| = 1$$



# **Reconstruction Algorithm**



Suppose our recovery signal is  $x^*$ , the original signal x has passband  $f_L$ , ...,  $f_U$  and bandwidth  $B = f_U - f_L + 1$ 

Consistence: sign( $\psi_v x^*$ ) =  $s_x$ 

- For i = 1, 2, ..., M,  $(\psi_v)_i x^* > 0 (< 0, = 0)$  according to  $(s_x)_i$
- Constraint space:

$$C_{s} = \bigcap_{i=1}^{M} \{ \boldsymbol{\omega} \in \mathbb{R}^{N} | (\boldsymbol{\psi}_{v})_{i} \boldsymbol{\omega} > 0 (< 0, = 0) \}$$

**D**Bandlimited:  $x^*$  has the same passband as x

• For 
$$i = f_L, ..., f_U$$
,  $\boldsymbol{u}_i^T \boldsymbol{x}^* = 0$ 

• Constraint space:

$$C_b = \left\{ \boldsymbol{\omega} \in \mathbb{R}^N | \boldsymbol{u}_i^T \boldsymbol{\omega} = 0, i = f_L, \dots, f_U \right\}$$



# **Reconstruction Algorithm**



#### Projection operators

**D** Projecting on  $C_v$  (the close convex hull of  $C_s$ )

• Relaxation: 
$$C_v = \bigcap_{i=1}^M \{ \boldsymbol{\omega} \in \mathbb{R}^N | (\boldsymbol{\psi}_v)_i \boldsymbol{\omega} \ge 0 (\le 0, = 0) \}$$

• 
$$(\mathbf{P}_{v}\boldsymbol{\omega})_{j} = \begin{cases} 0 \quad j \in \mathcal{V}', \operatorname{sign}(\omega_{j}) \neq (\mathbf{s}_{x})_{i} \\ \omega_{j} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

• A 2D example, sign information:  $x_2 > 0$ 

**D**Projecting on  $C_b$ 

• 
$$P_b = U\Gamma U^T$$
: A bandpass filter





# **Reconstruction Algorithm**



Continuously projecting onto the convex sets (POCS) [2]

Denote *C* as the feasible region, i.e.  $C = C_b \cap C_v$ 

**I**terative process :  $\boldsymbol{x}_{n+1} = \boldsymbol{P}_b \boldsymbol{P}_v \boldsymbol{x}_n$ 



Convergence Analysis [3]

- 1. The iterative sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges to some point  $x^*$  in *C*
- 2. The convergence rate is independent of the selection of the initial point  $x_0$





- Goal: Find a sampling set so that  $x^*$  is closer to x
  - $\Rightarrow$  Find a sampling set that makes *C* smaller
  - $\succ$  *C* (*C*<sub>v</sub>) is decided by  $\psi_v$
  - > Different *C* may lead to different  $x^*$





Feasible Region Analysis

**D**enote  $U_B = [u_{f_L}, ..., u_{f_U}]$ , sampling set  $S = \{S(1), ..., S(M)\}$ . Define



Any vector in *C* has a one - to - one correspondence in  $\hat{C}$ 

□ For any signals  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_1$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_2$  in *C* with coordinates  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_1$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_2$  under  $\boldsymbol{U}_B$ , then  $\langle \boldsymbol{\beta}_1, \boldsymbol{\beta}_2 \rangle = \langle \boldsymbol{U}_B \boldsymbol{\alpha}_1, \boldsymbol{U}_B \boldsymbol{\alpha}_2 \rangle = \langle \boldsymbol{\alpha}_1, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_2 \rangle$ 



- Feasible Region Analysis
  - $\square \hat{C} \text{ is a closed convex cone}$ 
    - Any vector in  $\hat{C}$  can be represented linearly by extreme vectors (EVs) with non-negative coefficients [4].

$$\hat{C} = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{r} k_i \boldsymbol{\varphi}_i \ \middle| \ k_i \ge 0 \ (i, 1, 2, \dots r) \right\}$$

•  $\mathcal{Z} = \{ \boldsymbol{\varphi}_i \}_{i=1}^r$  (normalized) are called extreme vectors

■ The size metric of 
$$\hat{C}$$
  
 $\theta = \max_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathcal{Z}} \arccos \langle \boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\mu} \rangle$ 





- Sampling process
  - $\square$  sampling  $\Leftrightarrow$  adding constraints
  - $\square$  select  $\xi$  as the next sample:
    - $\hat{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{C}} \cap \left\{ \boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}^{B} | (\boldsymbol{U}_{B})_{\xi} \boldsymbol{\alpha} \geq 0 (\leq 0, = 0) \right\}$
    - Divide  $\hat{C}$  by hyperplane  $\{ \boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}^B | (\boldsymbol{U}_B)_{\xi} \boldsymbol{\alpha} = 0 \}$
- Brute Force Approach
  - □ calculate the EVs for every unsampled vertex
  - $\square$  calculate  $\theta$  and determine the smallest one

### **Unbearable Complexity !!**

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#### Greedy Sampling

- 1. Find the "valid" vertices
  - Valid: the corresponding hyperplane separates the EV pair associated with θ.
  - Example: (A,D) is the target EV pair





#### Greedy Sampling

2. Among all the valid vertices, calculate the **distances** of EVs

$$d_j = \sum_{\boldsymbol{\gamma} \in \mathcal{Z}} \frac{(\boldsymbol{U}_B)_j \boldsymbol{\gamma}}{\|(\boldsymbol{U}_B)_j\|}$$

3. Next sample  $\xi$ :

 $\xi = \operatorname{argmin}_{j} \left| d_{j} \right|$ 

To make the feasible region roughly "cut" in half.



## Experiments



Performance on a sensor graph

- Procedure
- 1. Obtain the greedy sampling set and 50 random sampling sets.
- 2. Arbitrarily select 50 initial points.
- 3. Recover the signal from the initial points on each sampling set.

Evaluation criterion

$$\delta = \frac{1}{50} \sum_{i=1}^{50} \arccos \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i^* \rangle$$

•  $x_i^*$  stands for the normalized recovery signal of the *i*th initial signal.

• The larger  $\delta$  is, the worse the recovery is.

### Experiments



Performance on a sensor graph

#### Parameters

Vertices N	Edges  E	Lower bound $f_L$	Upper bound $f_U$
40	153	29	35

0.4

0.3

0.2

0.1

0

-0.1

-0.2

-0.3

### a graph signal with unit norm



#### its sign information





### Experiments



Performance on a sensor graph



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