



Graph Learning, Sampling & Filtering for Image & Signal Estimation

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Digital Signal Processing

- Discrete signals on *regular* data kernels.
 - Ex.1: audio on regularly sampled timeline.
 - Ex.2: image on 2D grid.
- Harmonic analysis tools (transforms, wavelets):
 - Compression, restoration, segmentation, etc.



2D DCT basis



f(x)



f(x,y)



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 - L is related to 2nd derivative.

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undirected graph

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GSP and Graph-related Research

GSP: SP framework that unifies concepts from multiple fields.





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What is a good graph?

- Graph Signal Processing (GSP) provides spectral analysis tools for signals on <u>fixed</u> graphs.
- Graph captures *pairwise relationships*.
 - Correlations.
 - Feature distance.
- Goal:
 - 1. Learn inverse covariance matrix from limited data.
 - 2. Learn metric to determine feature distance.





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Sparse Precision Matrix Estimation: GLASSO

Given *empirical covariance matrix* Σ, Graphical Lasso computes positive-definite (PD) *precision matrix* Θ:

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α-incoherence condition

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Graph Laplacian Estimation

- Assume precision matrix is:
 - Generalized graph Laplacian (GGLs),
 - Diagonally dominant generalized graph Laplacian (DDGLs), or
 - Combinatorial graph Laplacian (CGLs).
- Given *empirical covariance matrix* S, computes Laplacian Θ:

$$\min_{\Theta} \quad \mathsf{Tr}(\Theta \mathbf{K}) - \log \det \Theta \quad \mathsf{subject to} \quad \Theta \in \mathcal{L}_g(A)$$

- $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{H}$, **H** is regularization matrix.
- $L_g(A)$ ensures Θ is GGL.
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Pre-determined first K eigenvectors.

- Define convex cone \mathcal{H}_{u}^{+} of PSD matrices sharing same K eigenvectors.
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Ex:

- 1. 1st e-vector is constant for image coding.
- 2. 1st e-vector is PWC for voting in Senate.
- 3. Sparse first *K* e-vectors for transform coding.
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Graph Laplacian Estimation: results

- Randomly located 20 nodes in 2D space. Use the Erdos-Renyi model [23] to determine connectivity with probability 0.6. Compute edge weights using a Gaussian kernel. Remove weights <0.75. Flip sign of each edge with probability 0.5. K=1.
- (a) Ground Truth Laplacian L, (b) Proposed Proj-Lasso with K = 1, (c) GLASSO, (d) DDGL and (e) GL-SigRep.



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Metric Learning for Graph Construction

• Construct graph when ≤ 1 signal observation, but

Each node has K-dimension feature vector.

- Example: semi-supervised graph classifier
 - Each node *i* has feature vector $\mathbf{f}_i \in \mathbb{R}^K$
 - Use PSD metric matrix M, establish Mahalanobis distance:

 $\delta_{ij} = (\mathbf{f}_i - \mathbf{f}_j)^\top \mathbf{M} (\mathbf{f}_i - \mathbf{f}_j)$

• Compute positive edge weight using exp:

$$w_{ij} = \exp\left(-\delta_{ij}\right)$$



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Signal Reconstruction using GLR



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PSD cone constraint is **hard**! Naïve Approach:

- Gradient descent via $-\nabla Q(\mathbf{M})$
- Projection to PSD cone.
- Repeat.

Our Approach:

- Convert PSD cone to K adaptive
 linear constraints via Gershgorin
 Disc Alignment (GDA).
- Min Q(M) w/ linear constraints.
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Geršgorin and His Circles

Gershgorin Disc Perfect Alignment (GDPA)

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Theorem 1: Let **M** be a generalized graph Laplacian matrix corresponding to an irreducible, positive graph **G**. Denote by **v** the first eigenvector of **M** corresponding to the smallest eigenvalue λ_{\min} . Then by computing scalars $s_i = \frac{1}{v_i}$, $\forall i$, all Gershgorin disc left-ends of $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{S}^{-1}$, $\mathbf{S} = diag(s_1, \dots, s_N)$, are aligned at λ_{\min} .

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$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 5 & -2 \\ -1 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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-2 -1



Metric Optimization via GDPA

• Original diagonal opt w/ <u>PSD cone constraint</u>.

$$\min_{\{M_{ii}\}} Q(\mathbf{M})$$

s.t. $\mathbf{M} \succ 0; \quad \sum_{i} M_{ii} \leq C; \quad M_{ii} > 0, \forall i$

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Metric Learning Results (speed)

 Running time comparison against PD-cone and HBNB¹, for different metrics, using Madelon dataset.



[1] W. Hu, X. Gao, G. Cheung, and Z. Guo, "Feature graph learning for 3D point cloud denoising," *IEEE TSP*, vol. 68, pp. 2841-2856, 2020.





Metric Learning Results (accuracy)

• Using a GLR objective, SGML achieved the best classification results in 7 out of 14 datasets and remained competitive for 12 out of 14 datasets.

Datasets	RVML	PLML	mmLMNN	GMML	DMLMJ	SCML	DMLE	R2LML	LMLIR	SGML (prop.)		
	[50]	[51]	[1]	[33]	[52]	[53]	[32]	[54]	[49]	3-NN	Mahalanobis	Graph
australian	83.0 ± 1.6	80.5 ± 1.1	82.5 ± 2.6	84.4 ± 1.0	83.9 ± 1.3	82.3 ± 1.4	82.6 ± 1.5	84.7 ± 1.3	85.1 ± 1.9	83.3 ± 1.2	84.8 ± 1.3	85.3 ± 1.7
breastcancer	95.8 ± 1.1	96.4 ± 0.9	96.7 ± 1.0	97.3 ± 0.8	96.6 ± 0.8	97.0 ± 0.9	97.0 ± 1.1	97.0 ± 0.7	96.4 ± 2.1	97.6 ± 1.0	98.0 ± 0.6	97.6 ± 0.7
diabetes	71.0 ± 2.6	68.5 ± 2.0	72.2 ± 1.9	74.2 ± 2.6	71.5 ± 3.1	71.5 ± 2.2	72.6 ± 2.0	73.8 ± 1.4	75.9 ± 1.9	71.6 ± 1.8	70.5 ± 2.5	70.3 ± 1.4
fourclass	70.5 ± 1.4	72.4 ± 2.4	75.6 ± 1.4	76.1 ± 1.9	76.1 ± 1.9	75.5 ± 1.4	75.6 ± 1.4	76.1 ± 1.9	79.9 ± 0.9	74.5 ± 2.4	71.1 ± 1.6	78.0 ± 1.2
german	71.7 ± 1.8	70.0 ± 2.9	68.9 ± 1.8	71.6 ± 1.1	69.3 ± 2.7	70.9 ± 2.7	72.0 ± 2.1	72.9 ± 1.8	73.7 ± 1.6	71.6 ± 1.7	70.9 ± 1.3	70.0 ± 0.0
haberman	66.7 ± 2.3	67.1 ± 3.1	69.0 ± 2.7	71.2 ± 3.4	68.5 ± 3.2	69.2 ± 2.5	70.8 ± 3.5	71.1 ± 3.4	74.4 ± 3.7	68.8±3.9	66.6 ± 6.3	73.6 ± 0.3
heart	77.7 ± 4.1	75.1 ± 3.2	79.4 ± 3.7	81.2 ± 2.7	80.6 ± 2.8	79.0 ± 3.2	77.9 ± 3.1	82.0 ± 3.8	83.1 ± 3.2	81.0 ± 3.4	83.2 ± 3.6	83.6 ± 3.5
ILPD	68.0 ± 2.9	67.4 ± 3.0	66.8 ± 2.1	67.1 ± 2.2	68.0 ± 1.6	68.0 ± 2.9	68.8 ± 2.7	65.9 ± 2.2	69.6 ± 2.7	65.2 ± 2.4	59.1 ± 2.4	71.3 ± 0.2
liverdisorders	64.6 ± 3.9	62.2 ± 2.5	62.0 ± 3.5	63.8 ± 5.4	60.9 ± 3.8	61.7 ± 4.6	61.8 ± 2.7	66.8 ± 3.7	66.7 ± 3.6	69.5 ± 3.3	68.8 ± 5.9	72.1 ± 3.0
monk1	89.2 ± 2.7	96.6 ± 2.7	90.3 ± 2.6	75.0 ± 2.6	87.7 ± 3.8	97.5 ± 0.9	99.9 ± 0.3	89.2 ± 1.5	95.0 ± 7.2	84.6 ± 5.1	66.3 ± 3.0	71.1 ± 3.7
pima	69.5 ± 1.7	68.4 ± 2.2	72.5 ± 2.7	73.0 ± 1.8	71.1 ± 2.8	71.1 ± 2.6	72.1 ± 2.4	72.3 ± 1.5	74.6 ± 2.0	73.4 ± 1.3	73.6 ± 2.0	69.2 ± 1.5
planning	55.1 ± 7.4	60.8 ± 5.5	54.7 ± 0.9	65.2 ± 5.5	64.3 ± 2.9	61.9 ± 5.0	60.1 ± 5.5	63.9 ± 3.4	67.5 ± 6.5	62.8 ± 4.1	48.8 ± 4.8	$71.3 {\pm} 0.7$
voting	95.8 ± 1.3	95.5 ± 1.0	95.4 ± 0.9	95.2 ± 1.9	95.3 ± 1.1	95.0 ± 1.3	93.1 ± 1.9	96.3 ± 1.2	93.2 ± 3.9	96.4 ± 1.4	94.3 ± 2.0	94.8 ± 1.6
WDBC	96.6 ± 1.3	96.4 ± 0.9	97.4 ± 1.0	96.7 ± 0.8	97.3 ± 1.9	97.0 ± 0.9	96.7 ± 0.5	96.9 ± 1.7	96.6 ± 1.0	96.6 ± 0.9	94.8 ± 1.2	96.2 ± 1.1
Average	76.7	76.9	77.3	77.9	77.9	78.4	78.6	79.2	80.8	78.4	75.1	78.9
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Graph Sampling (with and without noise)

Q: How to choose best samples for graph-based reconstruction?

- Existing graph sampling strategies extend Nyquist sampling to graph data kernels:
 - Assume *bandlimited* signal.
 - Greedily select most "informative" samples by computing extreme eigenvectors of sub-matrix.
 - Computation-expensive.



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Signal Reconstruction using GLR



signal smooth w.r.t. graph



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Stability of Linear System

• Examine solution's linear system:

 $(\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{H} + \mu \mathbf{L}) \mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{y}$
coefficient matrix **B**

- Stability depends on condition number ($\lambda_{max}/\lambda_{min}$) of **B**.
- λ_{max} is upper-bounded by $1+\mu 2^*d_{max}$.
- **Goal**: select **H** to maximize $\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{B})$ (w/o computing eigen-pairs)! Also minimizes worst-case MSE:

$$\|\widehat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}\|_{2} \le \mu \left\|\frac{1}{\lambda_{min}(\mathbf{B})}\right\|_{2} \|\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{x} + \widetilde{\mathbf{n}})\|_{2} + \|\widetilde{\mathbf{n}}\|_{2}$$



$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
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 Row *i* of L maps to a Gershgorin disc w/ centre L_{ii} and radius R_i

$$R_i = \sum_{j \neq i} |L_{ij}|$$

 λ_{min} is lower-bounded by smallest left-ends of Gershgorin discs:

$$\min_i \ L_{i,i} - R_i \le \lambda_{\min}$$

1 - 2 - 3 - 4

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Solving Dual Sampling Problem: align discs @ T

Breadth First Iterative Sampling (BFIS):

- Given initial node set, threshold *T*.
- 1. Sample chosen node *i* (shift disc)
- 2. Scale row *i* (expand disc radius *i* to *T*)
- If disc left-end of connected node j > T, Scale row j (expand disc radius j to T) Else,

Add node *j* to node set.

- 4. Goto step 1 if node set not empty.
- 5. Output sample set and count *K*.



[1] Y. Bai, G. Cheung, F. Wang, X. Liu, W. Gao, "Reconstruction-Cognizant Graph Sampling Using Gershgorin Disc Alignment," *IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing*, Brighton, UK, May 2019.



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Running time comparisons on two different graphs. • (a) Random sensor raph. (b) Community graph.

TABLE II SPEEDUP FACTORS OF OUR ALGORITHM WITH RESPECT TO OTHER SAMPLING ALGORITHMS FOR N = 3000

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Graph Size

10³

 10^{2}

 10^{4}

10³

 10^{2}

10¹

10⁰

10⁻¹

10

 10^{-3}

Running time (s)

Graph Sampling Results: community graph

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Visualization of selected nodes on the community graph (N = 500,K = 11). Black circles denote sampled nodes. (a) Original graph. (b) Random [28].(c) E-optimal [25]. (d) SP [16]. (e) MFN [23]. (f) MIA [20]. (g) Ed-free [9]. (h) The proposed BS-GDA.



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generalized graph Laplacian

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OGLR Denoising Results: visual comparison

Subjective comparisons ($\sigma_{I} = 40$) •



Original



Noisy, 16.48 dB



K-SVD, 26.84 dB



BM3D, 27.99 dB

PLOW, 28.11 dB



OGLR, 28.35 dB

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Deep GLR: unrolling

• Deep GLR:

- 1. Learn features **f**'s using CNN.
- 2. Compute distance from features.
- 3. Compute edge weights using Gaussian kernel.
- 4. Construct graph, solve QP.

$$w_{ij} = \exp\left(-\frac{\operatorname{dist}(i,j)}{2\epsilon^2}\right),$$

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Fig. 1. Block diagram of the proposed GLRNet which employs a graph Laplacian regularization layer for image denoising.

[1] K. Gregor and Y. LeCun, "Learning fast approximations of sparse coding," in Proc. 27th Int. Conf. Machine Learning, 2010..



Deep GLR: CNN implementation



Fig. 3. Network architectures of $\text{CNN}_{\mathbf{F}}$, $\text{CNN}_{\widehat{\mathcal{Y}}}$ and CNN_{μ} in the experiments. Data produced by the decoder of $\text{CNN}_{\mathbf{F}}$ is colored in orange.

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Fig. 2. Block diagram of the overall DeepGLR framework.

• Model guarantees numerical stability of solution:

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• Thm 1: condition number κ of matrix satisfies [1]:

 $\kappa \leq 1 + 2\,\mu\,d_{\rm max}, \qquad {\rm maximum\ node\ degree}$

• **Observation**: Restricting CNN search space \rightarrow achieve robust learning.

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Deep GLR: numerical comparison

- Trained on AWGN on 5 images, patches of size 26-by-26.
- Batch size is 4, model is trained for 200 epochs.
- Trained for both known and blind noise variance.

Table 3. Average PSNR (dB) and SSIM values for Gaussian noise removal.

Noise			
	CBM3D	CDnCNN	DeepGLR
15	33.49/ 0.9216	33.80/ 0.9268	33.65/ 0.9259
25	30.68/ 0.8675	31.13/ 0.8799	31.03/ 0.8797
50	27.35/ 0.7627	27.91/ 0.7886	27.86/ 0.7924

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Deep GLR: numerical comparison

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Table 4. Evaluation of cross-domain generalization for real image denoising. The best results are highlighted in boldface.

	Noisy	Method			
Metric		Noise Clinic	CDnCNN	DeepGLR	
PSNR	20.36	27.43	24.36	30.10	
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Deep GTV: motivation

• **GTV** promotes PWS faster than **GLR**.

$$\begin{split} \min_{x} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|_{2}^{2} + \mu \|\mathbf{x}\|_{GTV} & \mu \|\mathbf{x}\|_{GTV} = \sum_{i,j} w_{i,j} |x_{i} - x_{j}| \\ \text{Solve as QP via } \mathbf{L}_{1} \text{-Laplacian:} \quad \Gamma_{i,j} = \frac{w_{i,j}}{\max\{|x_{i} - x_{j}|, \epsilon\}} \\ \min_{x} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|_{2}^{2} + \mu \|\mathbf{x}^{T} \mathbf{L}_{\Gamma} \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{x}^{*} = (\mathbf{I} + \mu |\mathbf{L}_{\Gamma})^{-1} \mathbf{y} \end{split}$$

• Still interpretable LP graph filter.

[1] Y. Bai, G. Cheung, X. Liu, W. Gao, "Graph-Based Blind Image Deblurring from a Single Photograph," *IEEE TIP*, vol. 28, no.3, pp.1404-1418, March 2019. [2] H. Vu, G. Cheung, Y. C. Eldar, "Unrolling of Deep Graph Total Variation for Image Denoising," accepted to *IEEE ICASSP*, Toronto, Canada, June 2021.



Deep GTV: algorithm

- Learn feature via CNN for graph construction.
- Obtain graph filter response:

 $\mathbf{x}^* = (\mathbf{I} + \mu \ \mathbf{L}_{\Gamma})^{-1} \mathbf{y}$

- Fast filter implementation via Lanczos approx.:
 - 1. Compute tri-diagonal matrix $H_M \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M}$
 - 2. Compute approx. filter:

 $g(\mathbf{L})\mathbf{y} \approx \|\mathbf{y}\|_2 \mathbf{V}_M g(\mathbf{H}_M) \mathbf{e}_1$

where $g(\mathcal{L}):=Ug(\Lambda)U^*$

$V_M^* \mathcal{L} V_M = H_M = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_2 \\ \beta_2 & \alpha_2 & \beta_3 \\ & & \beta_3 & \alpha_3 & \ddots \\ & & & \ddots & \ddots & \beta_M \\ & & & & & \beta_M & \alpha_M \end{bmatrix}$

• Interpretable graph filter \rightarrow fast implementation.

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Deep GTV: experimental comparison

• Train on Gaussian (σ =50) and test on captured noise



(a) ground-truth

(b) noisy (PSNR: 23.56)

(c) CDnCNN-S (PSNR: 26.83)

(d) DeepGTV (PSNR: 28.82)

	DnCNN-S	DeepAGF	DeepGTV	
# Parameters	0.55M	0.32M	0.12M	save ≥ 80% parameters!

Table 3: Number of trainable parameters

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Conclusion

- Graph is flexible abstraction to convey pairwise similarities.
 - Similarity defined as correlation or feature distance.
 - Graph frequencies contains global notions.
 - Graph is an expression of domain knowledge.
- GSP leverages on mature understanding in SP and linear algebra.
- GSP tools are excellent for building hybrid model-based / data-driven systems.

Applications:

Image coding, denoising, deblurring, interpolation, contrast enhancement, light field image coding, 3D point cloud denoising, enhancement, subsampling, superresolution, inpainting, matrix completion, semi-supervised classifier learning, video summarization

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