



# Efficient Signed Graph Sampling via Balancing & Gershgorin Disc Perfect Alignment

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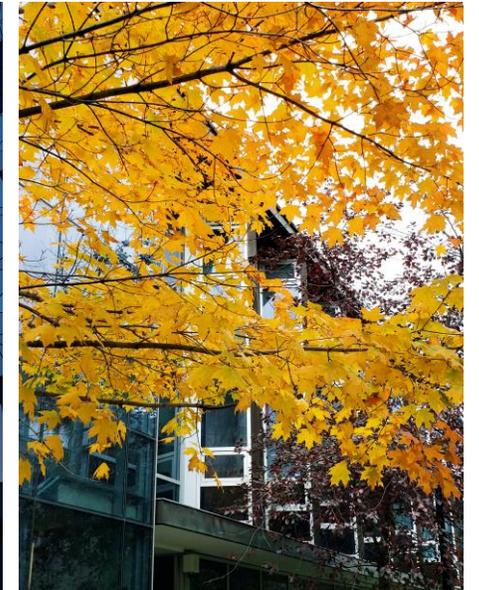
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# Graph Signal Processing

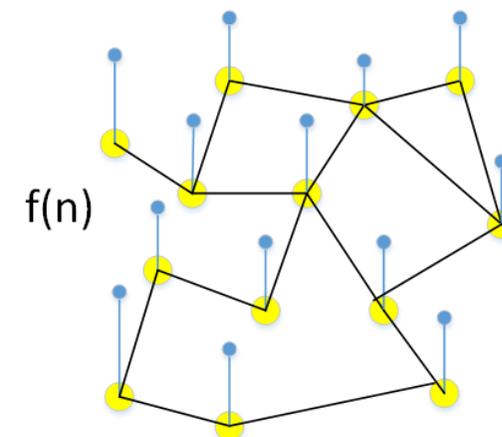
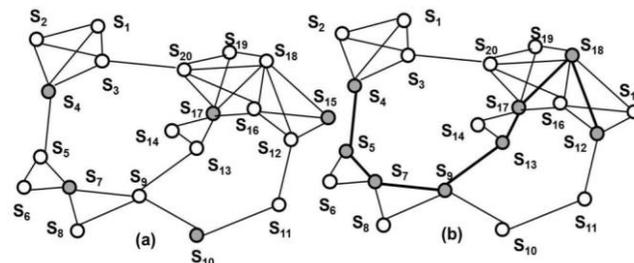
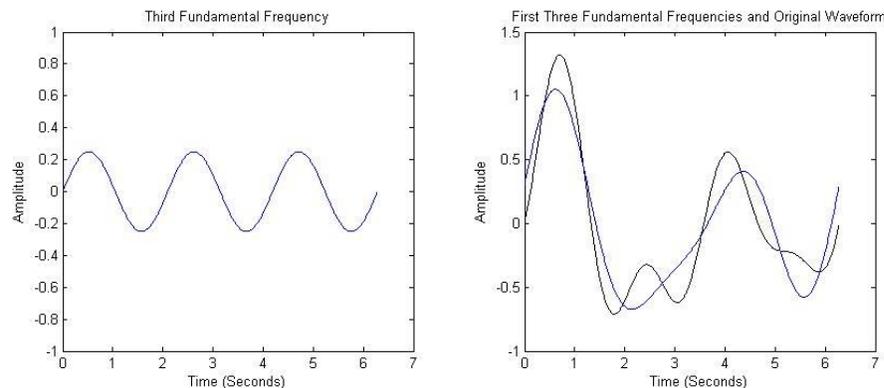
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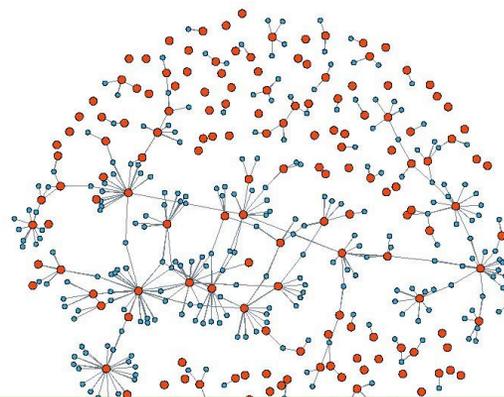
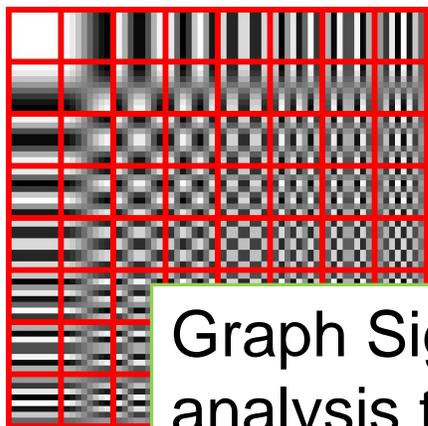
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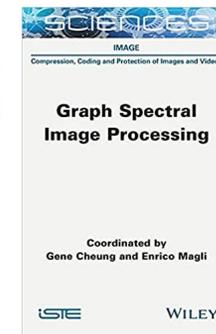
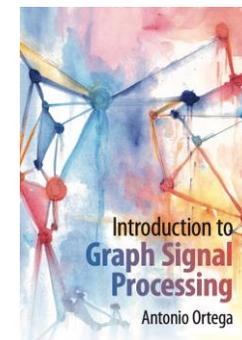
Graph Signal Processing



signal on graph kernel



Graph Signal Processing (GSP) studies spectral analysis tools for signals residing on graphs.

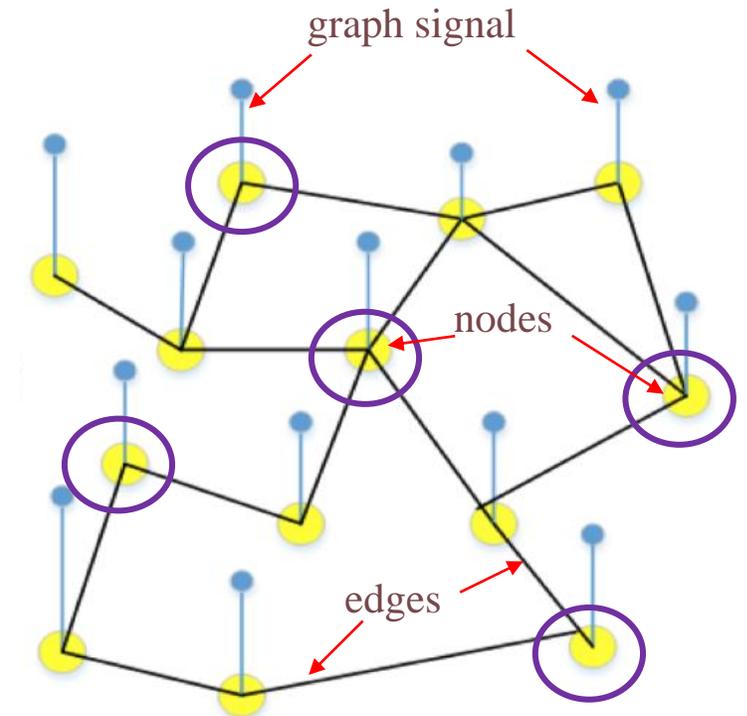


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# Motivation

**Graph sampling [1]:** Choose a node subset, so that the entire signal can be reconstructed.

- Graph sampling strategies extend **Nyquist sampling** to graph data kernel.
- Bandlimited or smooth signal assumption.



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# Existing Work

## Existing graph sampling methods

**Eigen-decomposition-based methods [1,2]**

Computational expensive

**eigen-decomposition-free methods**

Spectral proxies (SP) [3]

Neumann series (NS) [4]

Localization operator (LO) [5]

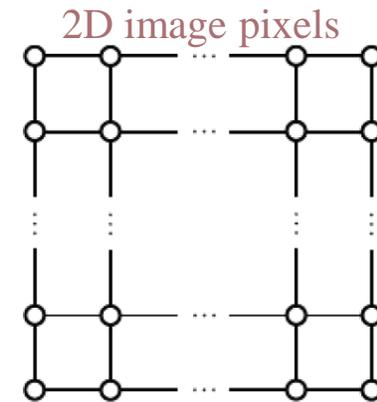
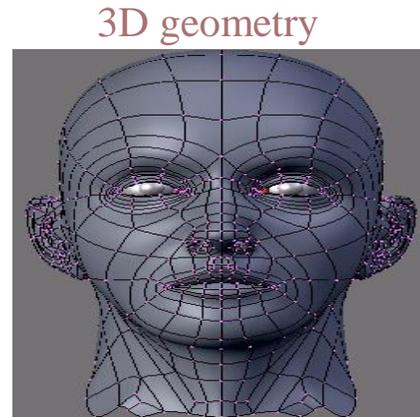
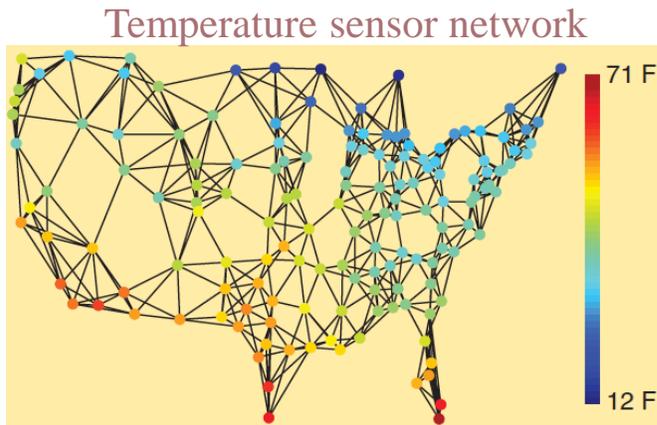
Gershgorin disc alignment (GDA) [6]

**Positive graphs only!**

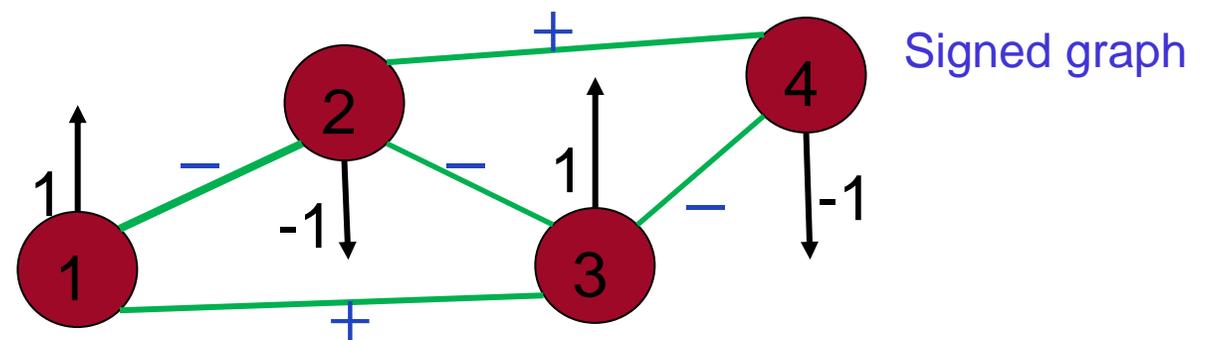
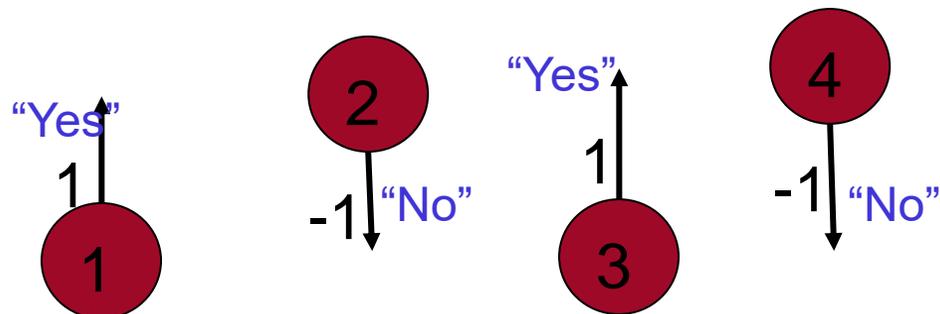
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# Motivation 2

- Previous works designed for **positive graphs**.



- Voting records in a Parliament  $\longrightarrow$  **anti-correlation** represented as **negative edges** [1, 2].



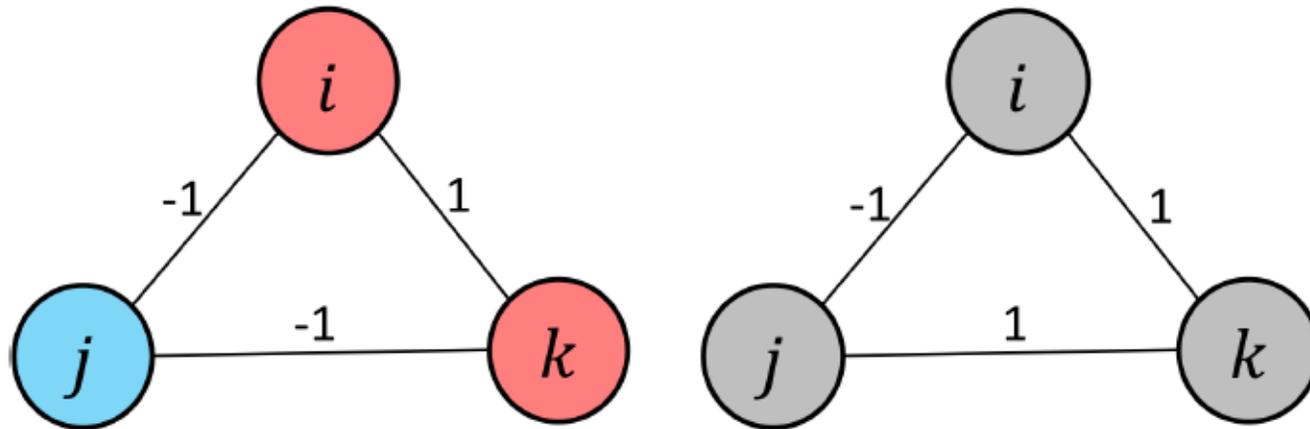
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# Key Idea

**Balanced Signed Graph** [1]: a signed graph with no cycles of odd number of negative edges.

- A natural definition of graph frequencies.
- more amenable to efficient sampling than unbalanced graphs.



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# Definitions in GSP

- **Adjacency matrix (W):**  $\mathbf{W}(i, j) = \mathbf{W}(j, i) = w_{i,j}$

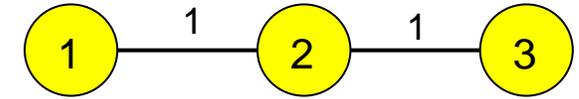
Edge weight between node  $i$  and node  $j$

- **Diagonal Degree matrix (D):**  $\mathbf{D}(i, i) = \sum_j w_{i,j}$

- **Combinatorial graph Laplacian matrix (L):**  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{W}$

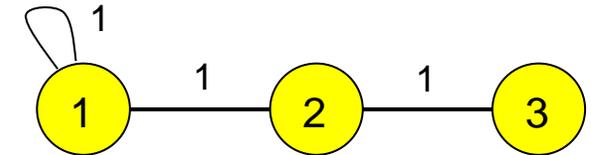
- **Generalized graph Laplacian Matrix:**  $\mathcal{L} \triangleq \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{W} + \text{diag}(\mathbf{W})$

To account for self-loops



$$\mathbf{W} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\mathcal{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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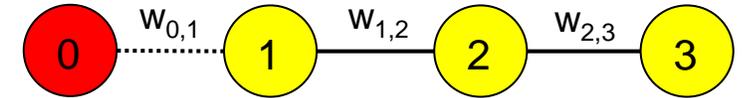


# Frequencies for Positive Line Graph

- Graph Laplacian matrix:

$$\mathcal{L} = \begin{bmatrix} W_{1,2} & -W_{1,2} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -W_{1,2} & W_{1,2} + W_{2,3} & -W_{2,3} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & -W_{N-1,N} & W_{N-1,N} \end{bmatrix}$$

boundary rows

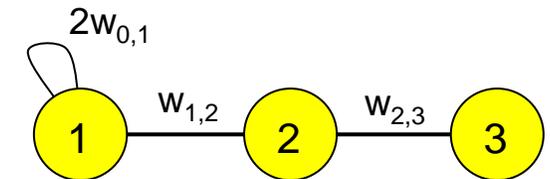


- Applying interior equation to node 1:

$$(\mathcal{L}\mathbf{x})_1 = -W_{0,1}x_0 + (W_{0,1} + W_{1,2})x_1 - W_{1,2}x_2$$

- Dirichlet** (signal 0 at boundary) at **midpoint**:

$$(\mathcal{L}\mathbf{x})_1 = (2W_{0,1} + W_{1,2})x_1 - W_{1,2}x_2.$$

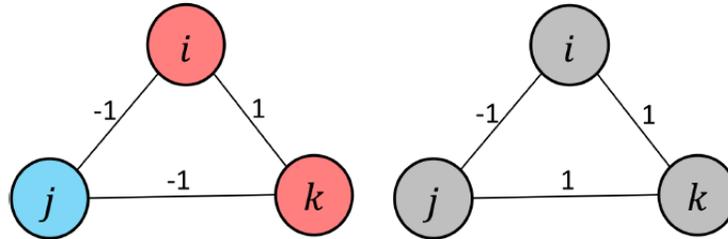


An external node connected with weight  $w$  leads to a self-loop of weight  $2w$  at corresponding boundary node.

Eigenvectors of a generalized graph Laplacian  $\mathcal{L}$  for a positive graph  $G$  with self-loops are graph frequency components.

# Frequencies for Balanced Signed Graph

- Cartwright-Harary Theorem** [2]: A signed graph is balanced iff nodes can be colored to red and blue, s.t. a positive (negative) edge connects nodes of the same (different) color.

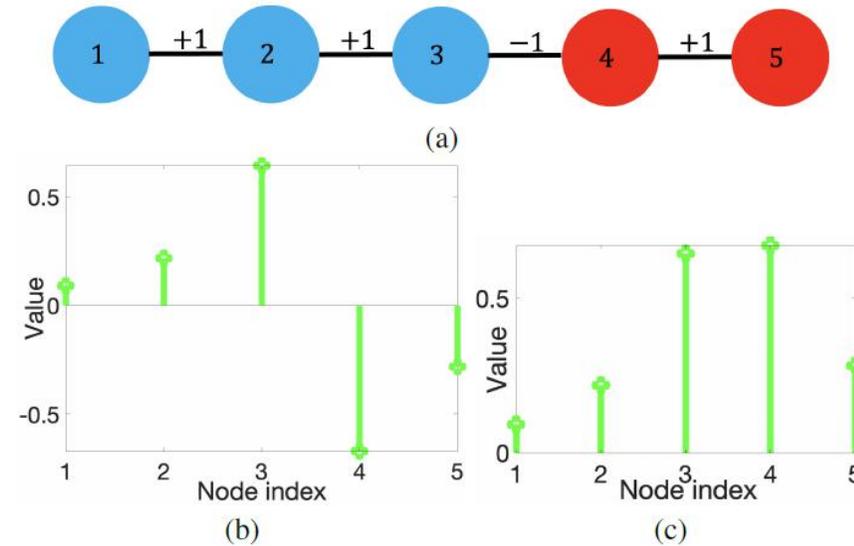


- Mapping bet'n balanced signed graph  $G$  and positive graph  $G'$ :
  - Graph Laplacians related by *similarity transform*: (same e-val)

$$\mathcal{L}' = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_b & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{I}_r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{L}_{11} & \mathcal{L}_{12} \\ \mathcal{L}_{12}^\top & \mathcal{L}_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_b & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{I}_r \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{L}_{11} & -\mathcal{L}_{12} \\ -\mathcal{L}_{12}^\top & \mathcal{L}_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_b & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{I}_r \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}'_k$$

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# Graph Laplacian Estimation

- Given *empirical covariance matrix*  $\bar{\mathbf{C}}$ , we compute  $\mathcal{L}$  using GLASSO [1] formulation:

$$\min_{\mathcal{L}} \text{Tr}(\mathcal{L}\bar{\mathbf{C}}) - \log \det \mathcal{L} + \rho \|\mathcal{L}\|_1$$

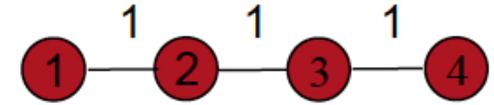
- Solve via a variant of the *Block Coordinate Descent (BCD)* [2] algorithm.
- In general, solution  $\mathcal{L}$  is generalized graph Laplacian for *unbalanced signed graph*.

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# Signal Reconstruction from Samples

- **Signal Model:**  $y = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}$   
observed signal  $y$ , sampling matrix  $\mathbf{H}$ , desired signal  $\mathbf{x}$ , noise  $\mathbf{e}$



Sample set {2, 4}

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Reconstruct signal  $\mathbf{x}^* \in \mathbb{R}^N$  from samples  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^M$ ,  $M < N$  :

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \mu \mathbf{x}^\top \mathcal{L} \mathbf{x}$$

Sampling matrix

Graph Laplacian Regularizer (GLR)

- **System of Linear Equations for Solution:**

$$\underbrace{(\mathbf{H}^\top \mathbf{H} + \mu \mathcal{L})}_{\mathbf{B}} \mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{H}^\top \mathbf{y}$$

# Sampling Objective

$$\underbrace{(\mathbf{H}^\top \mathbf{H} + \mu \mathcal{L})}_{\mathbf{B}} \mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{H}^\top \mathbf{y}$$

- Stability depends on the condition number:  $C = \frac{\lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{B})}{\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{B})}$ 
  - ← can be upper-bounded by a small value
  - ← can be close to 0 if H is not carefully chosen
- Upper bound of the condition number can be minimized by maximizing  $\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{B})$ .
- Select  $\mathbf{H}$  to maximize  $\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{B})$ 

$$\max_{\mathbf{H} \mid \text{Tr}(\mathbf{H}^\top \mathbf{H}) \leq M} \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{B})$$

← sub-sampling budget
- **Theorem:** Maximizing  $\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{B})$  minimizes an MSE upper bound bet'n original and reconstructed signal [1].

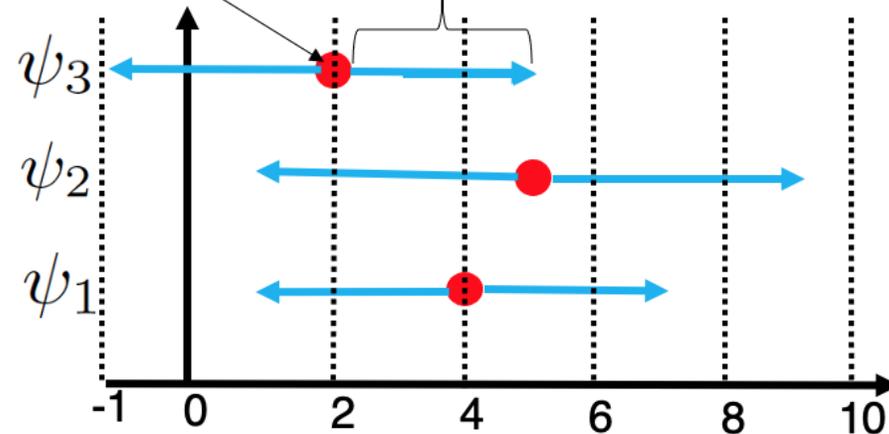
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# Gershgorin Circle Theorem

- GCT relates matrix entries to bounds of eigenvalues.

Row  $i$  of matrix  $\mathbf{F}$  maps to a Gershgorin disc with centre  $c_i = \mathbf{F}(i, i)$  and radius  $r_i = \sum_{j \neq i} |\mathbf{F}(i, j)|$

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



$\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{F})$  is lower-bounded by the *smallest left-end of Gershgorin discs*:

$$\lambda_{\min}^-(\mathbf{F}) \triangleq \min_i c_i - r_i \leq \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{F})$$

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# GDA-based Sampling for Positive Graphs

- We focus on maximizing  $\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{B})$ :

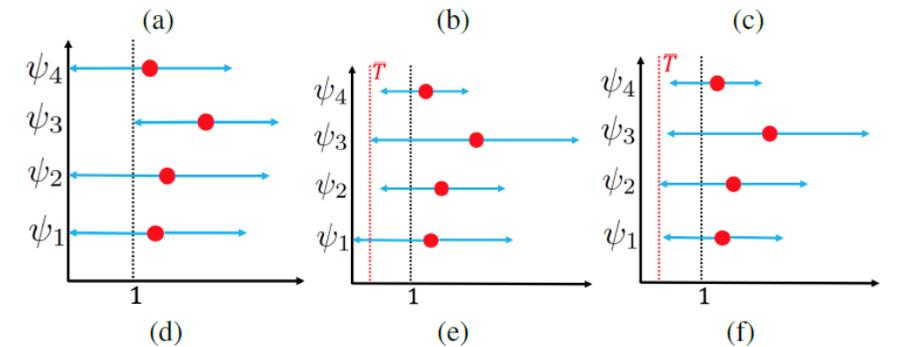
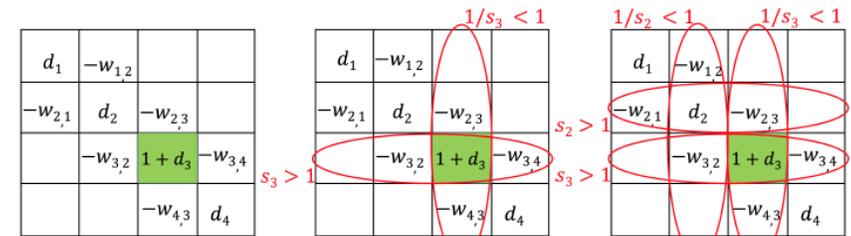
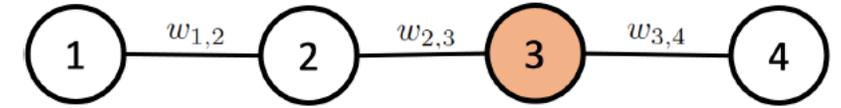
$$\max_{\mathbf{H} \mid \text{Tr}(\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{H}) \leq M} \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{B})$$

$\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{H} + \mu \mathcal{L}$

- Given Gershgorin disc left-ends of  $\mathcal{L}$  is at the same exact value, **GDA-based graph sampling** [1]: Select samples to max smallest disc left-end  $\lambda_{\min}^-(\mathbf{B})$  of coefficient matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  via:

- Disc shifting** (choosing sample  $i$ ).
- Disc scaling** (estimating influence on neighbors given sample  $i$ ).

❑ **Challenge:** Disc left-ends of  $\mathcal{L}$  are not at the same exact value.



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# Signed Graph Sampling

**Theorem [1]:** Gershgorin disc left-ends of a generalized graph Laplacian matrix  $\mathcal{L}_B$  corresponding to a balanced graph  $\mathcal{G}_B$  can be aligned exactly to  $\lambda_{\min}(\mathcal{L}_B)$  via *similar transform*  $\hat{\mathbf{S}}\mathcal{L}_B\hat{\mathbf{S}}^{-1}$ , where  $\hat{s}_i = 1/v_i$ , and  $\mathbf{v}$  is the *first eigenvector* of  $\mathcal{L}_B$  corresponding to  $\lambda_{\min}(\mathcal{L}_B)$ .

## Sampling Strategy:

1. Approximate  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, \mathbf{W})$  with a balanced graph  $\mathcal{G}_B = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}_B, \mathbf{W}_B)$  while satisfying the following condition:

$$\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{H}^\top \mathbf{H} + \mu \mathcal{L}_B) \leq \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{H}^\top \mathbf{H} + \mu \mathcal{L})$$

2. Given balanced graph, perform similarity transform  $\mathcal{L}_p = \hat{\mathbf{S}}\mathcal{L}_B\hat{\mathbf{S}}^{-1}$  so that disc left-ends of  $\mathcal{L}_p$  are aligned exactly at  $\lambda_{\min}(\mathcal{L}_p) = \lambda_{\min}(\mathcal{L}_B)$ .
3. Employ GDA sampling method [2] on  $\mathcal{L}_p$  to maximize  $\lambda_{\min}^-(\mathbf{H}^\top \mathbf{H} + \mu \mathcal{L}_p)$ .

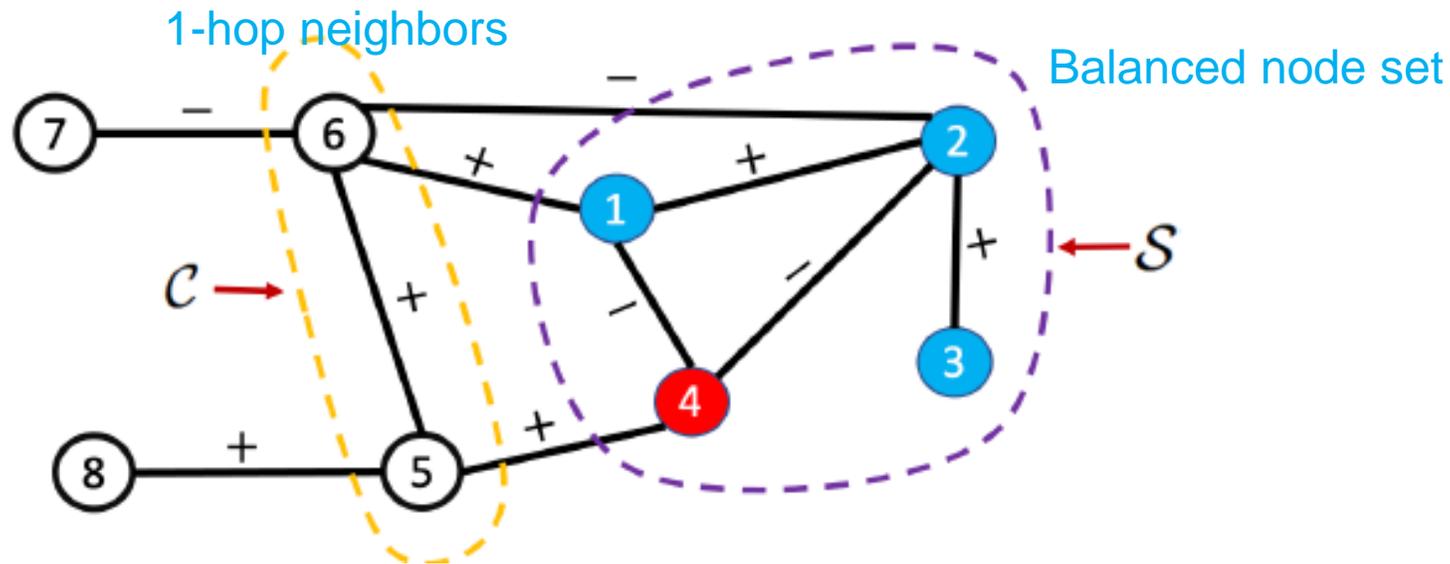
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# Graph Balancing Algorithm: Overview

- ❑ Construct balanced graph by adding one node at a time to a balanced node set  $\mathcal{S}$ .
- ❑ At each iteration, choose a most beneficial node  $j \in \mathcal{C}$  to add to  $\mathcal{S}$ , while satisfying constraint

$$\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{H} + \mu \mathcal{L}_B) \leq \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{H} + \mu \mathcal{L})$$



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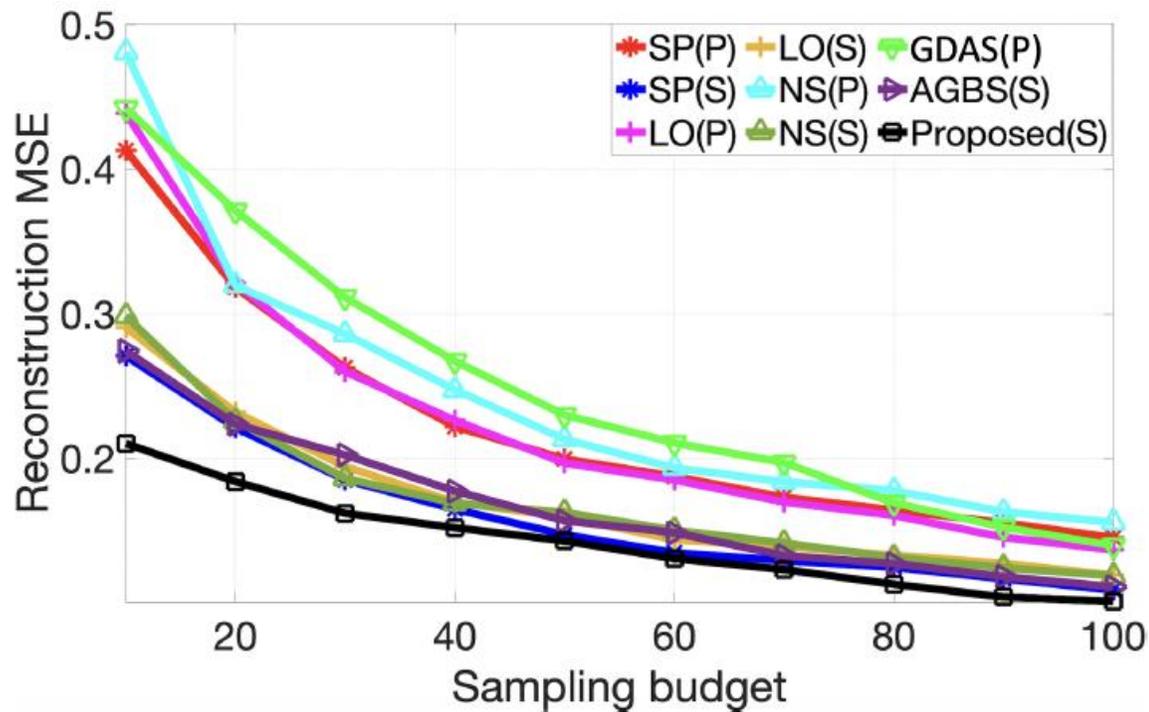
## Four datasets:

- 1. Canadian parliament voting records data from 2005 to 2021:** voting records of 340 constituencies voted in 3154 elections. The votes are recorded as  $-1$  for “no” and  $1$  for “yes” and  $0$  for “abstain / absent”. A signal for a given vote is defined as 
$$\mathbf{x} \in \{1, 0, -1\}^{340}$$
- 2. US Senate voting records data from 2017 to 2020:** voting records of 100 senators in 1320 elections.
- 3. Canadian Car Model Sales Dataset:** Canada vehicle model monthly sales for 2019–2022.
- 4. Almanac of Minutely Power Dataset Version 2 (AMPds2):** 2 years of ON/OFF status data sampled at 1-minute intervals for 15 residential appliances in a Canadian household.
  - Randomly selected 90% of signals from each dataset to learn a signed graph [1] and a positive graph [2].
  - Remaining 10% were used to test sampling algorithms.

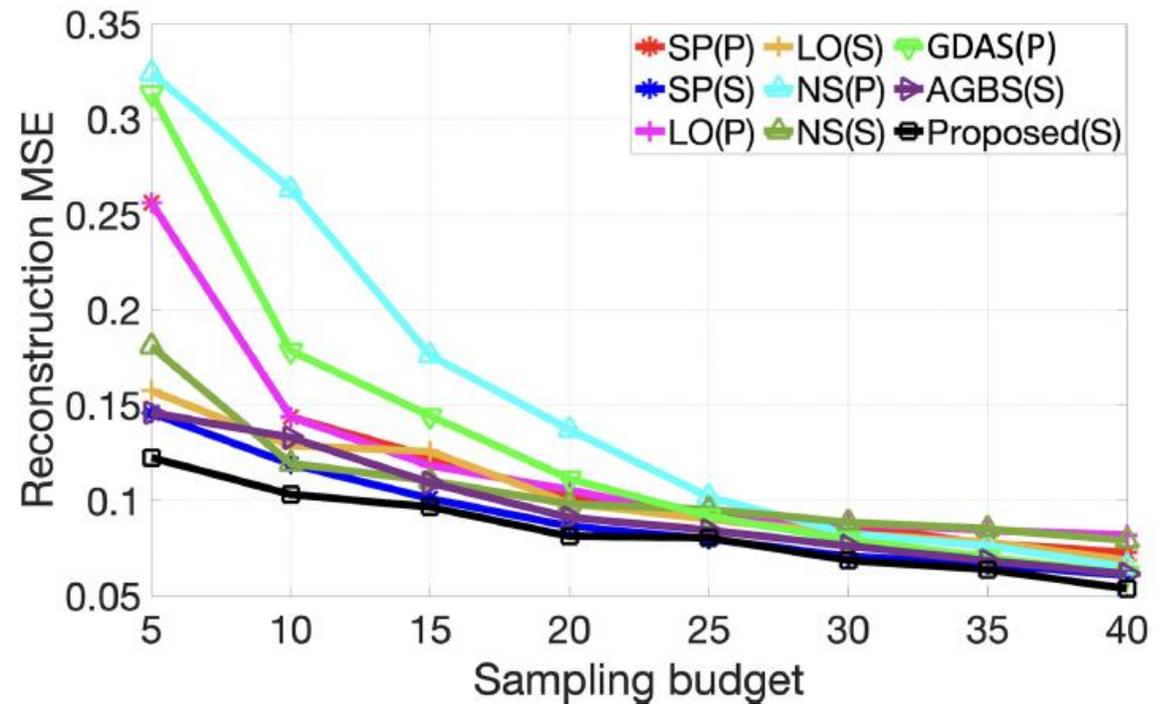
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# Experimental Results



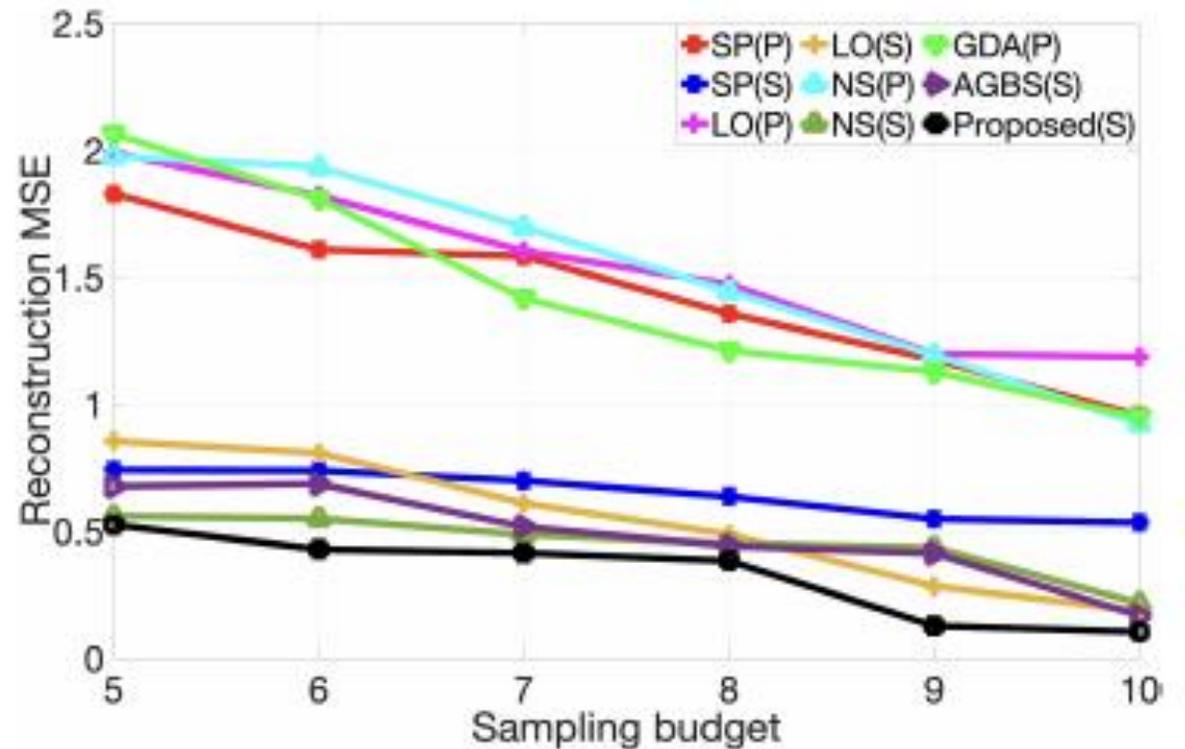
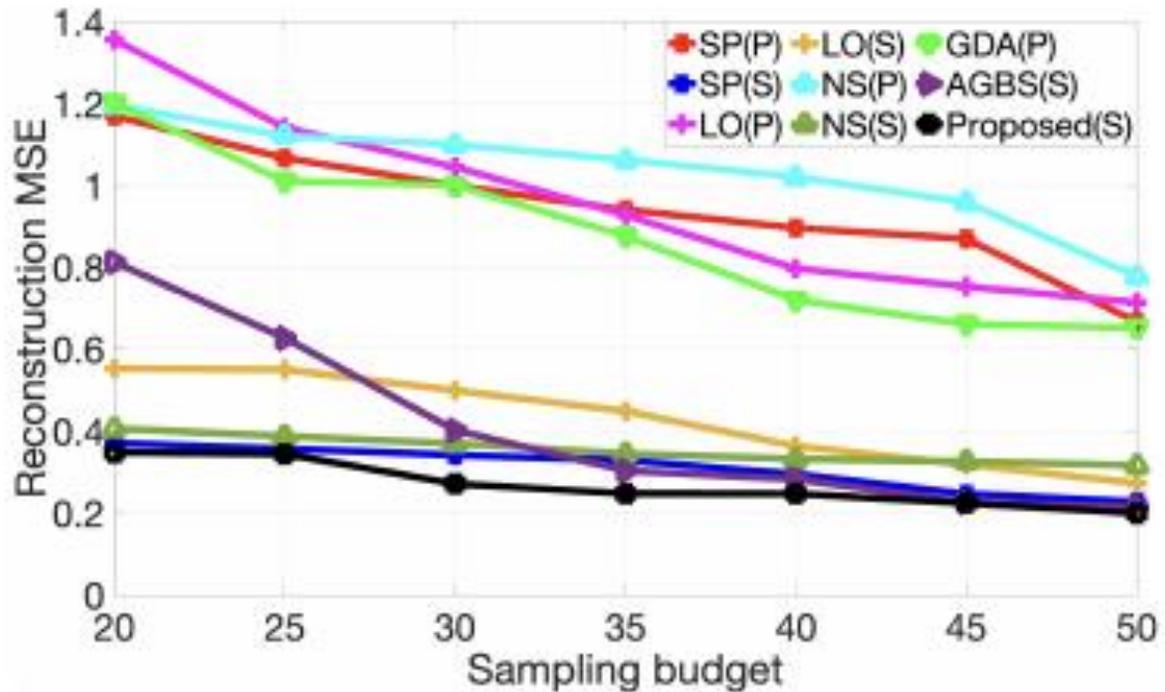
(a) Canadian parliament voting dataset



(b) US senate voting dataset

For the Canadian dataset, our scheme reduced the lowest MSE among competitor schemes by 22.2%, 18.2%, 13.5%, 10.4%, for sampling budget 10, 20, 30, 40.

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Similar trends can be observed.

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# Conclusion

- **Graph Signal Processing (GSP)** studies signals on graphs.
- **Graph sampling** is a fundamental problem in GSP.
- **Balanced signed graph:**
  - Natural frequency interpretation.
  - Amenable to fast graph sampling:
    1. Balance graph.
    2. Align Gershgorin disc left-end via similarity transform [1].
    3. Run GDA-based sampling algorithm [2].
- **Future Work:** Graph sampling for board applications.
  - e.g., video summarization.

## Applications:

Image coding, denoising, deblurring, interpolation, contrast enhancement, light field image denoising, 3D point cloud denoising, sub-sampling, super-resolution, matrix completion, semi-supervised classifier learning, video summarization, crop yield prediction

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