

Blind Identification of Graph Filters with Multiple Sparse Inputs

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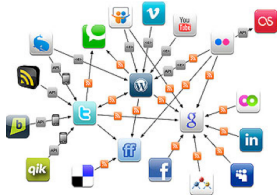
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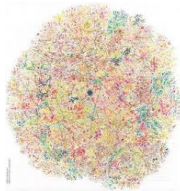
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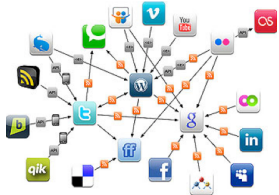


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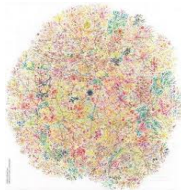


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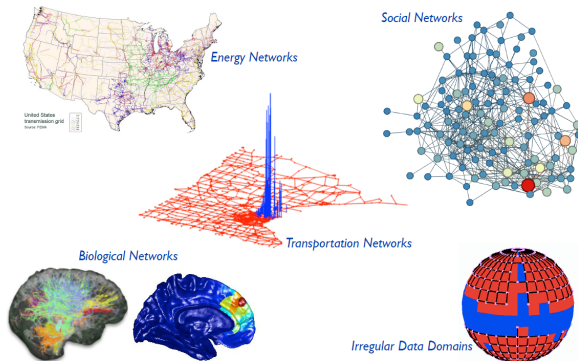
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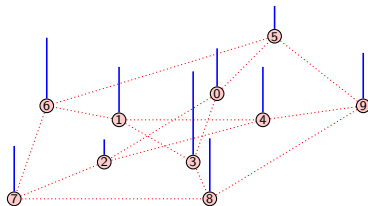


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- ▶ **Network as graph** $G = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$: encode pairwise relationships
- ▶ Interest here not in G itself, but in **data** associated with **nodes** in \mathcal{V}
⇒ The object of study is a **graph signal**
- ▶ **Ex:** Opinion profile, buffer congestion levels, neural activity, epidemic



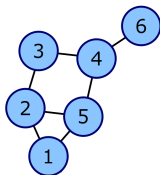
- ▶ **Graph SP:** broaden classical SP to graph signals [Shuman et al'13]
⇒ **Our view:** GSP well suited to study network processes
- ▶ **As.:** Signal properties related to **topology** of G (e.g., smoothness)
⇒ Algorithms that fruitfully **leverage this relational structure**

- ▶ Consider a graph $G(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$. **Graph signals** are mappings $x : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 - \Rightarrow Defined on the vertices of the **graph** (data tied to nodes)
- ▶ May be represented as a vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$
 - $\Rightarrow x_n$ denotes the signal value at the n -th vertex in \mathcal{V}
 - \Rightarrow Implicit **ordering of vertices**



$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 \\ 0.7 \\ 0.3 \\ \vdots \\ 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ To understand and analyze \mathbf{x} , useful to account for G 's structure
- ▶ Graph G is endowed with a **graph-shift** operator $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$
 $\Rightarrow S_{ij} = 0$ for $i \neq j$ and $(i, j) \notin \mathcal{E}$ (captures local structure in G)
- ▶ \mathbf{S} can take **nonzero** values in the **edges** of G or in its **diagonal**



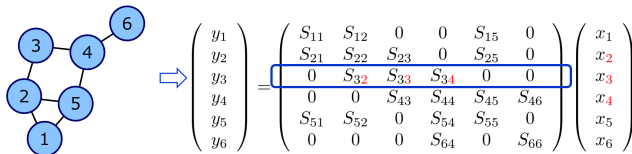
$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & 0 & 0 & S_{15} & 0 \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} & 0 & S_{25} & 0 \\ 0 & S_{23} & S_{33} & S_{34} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & S_{43} & S_{44} & S_{45} & S_{46} \\ S_{51} & S_{52} & 0 & S_{54} & S_{55} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{64} & 0 & S_{66} \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ **Ex:** Adjacency \mathbf{A} , degree \mathbf{D} , and Laplacian $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A}$ matrices

- \mathbf{S} is a **linear operator** that can be **computed locally** at the nodes in \mathcal{V}
- Consider the graph signal $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}$ and node i 's neighborhood \mathcal{N}_i
 \Rightarrow Node i can compute y_i if it has access to x_j at $j \in \mathcal{N}_i$

$$y_i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} S_{ij} x_j, \quad i \in \mathcal{V}$$

- Recall $S_{ij} \neq 0$ only if $i = j$ or $(j, i) \in \mathcal{E}$



- If $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{S}^2\mathbf{x} \Rightarrow y_i$ found using values x_j within 2 hops

- ▶ **As.:** \mathbf{S} related to generation (description) of the signals of interest
⇒ Spectrum of $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{V}^{-1}$ will be especially useful to analyze \mathbf{x}
- ▶ The Graph Fourier Transform (GFT) of \mathbf{x} is defined as

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{x}$$

- ▶ While the inverse GFT (iGFT) of $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ is defined as

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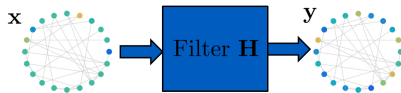
⇒ Eigenvectors $\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_N]$ are the frequency basis (atoms)

- ▶ **Ex:** For the directed cycle (temporal signal) ⇒ GFT \equiv DFT

- ▶ A **graph filter** $H : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$ is a **map** between **graph signals**

Focus on linear filters

⇒ map represented by an
 $N \times N$ matrix



- ▶ Polynomial in **S** of degree L , with coefficients $\mathbf{h} = [h_0, \dots, h_L]^T$

Graph filter [Sandryhaila-Moura'13]

$$\mathbf{H} := h_0 \mathbf{S}^0 + h_1 \mathbf{S}^1 + \dots + h_L \mathbf{S}^L = \sum_{l=0}^L h_l \mathbf{S}^l$$

- ▶ **Key properties:** shift-invariance and distributed implementation
 - ⇒ $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x})$, no other can be linear and shift-invariant
 - ⇒ Each application of **S** only local info ⇒ only L -hop info for $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}$

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- ▶ GFT for signals ($\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{x}$) and filters ($\tilde{\mathbf{h}} = \mathbf{\Psi}\mathbf{h}$) is different

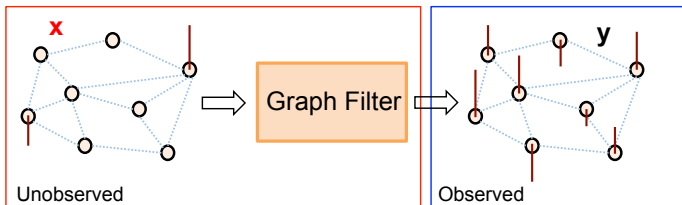
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 - ⇒ An originally **sparse** signal $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^{(0)}$
 - ⇒ **Diffused** via **linear** graph **dynamics** $\mathbf{S} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}^{(l)} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}^{(l-1)}$
 - ⇒ Observed \mathbf{y} is a linear combination of the diffused signals $\mathbf{x}^{(l)}$

$$\mathbf{y} = \sum_{l=0}^L h_l \mathbf{x}^{(l)} = \sum_{l=0}^L h_l \mathbf{S}^l \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{x}$$

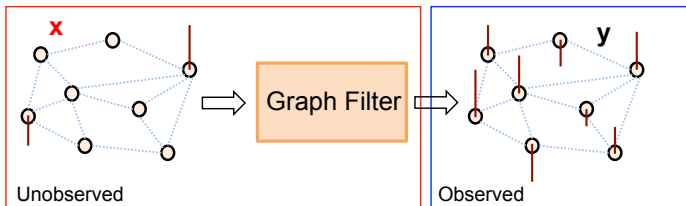
- **Model:** Observed network process as output of a graph filter
 - ⇒ View few elements in $\text{supp}(\mathbf{x}) =: \{i : x_i \neq 0\}$ as **seeds**

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- **Q:** Given \mathbf{S} , can we find \mathbf{x} and the combination weights \mathbf{h} from $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}$?
 - ⇒ Extends classical blind deconvolution to graphs

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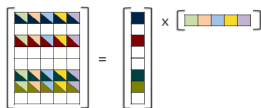
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- ▶ Blind graph filter identification \Rightarrow Non-convex feasibility problem

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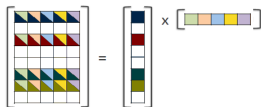


$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{colored grid} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{colored vector} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \text{colored vector} \end{bmatrix}$$

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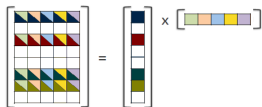
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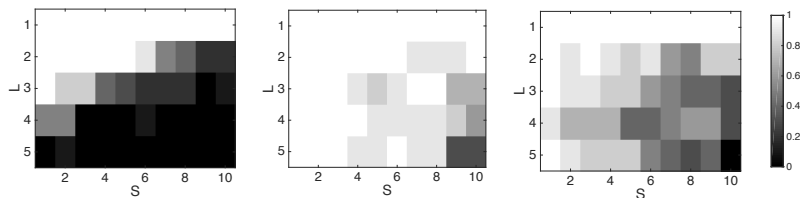
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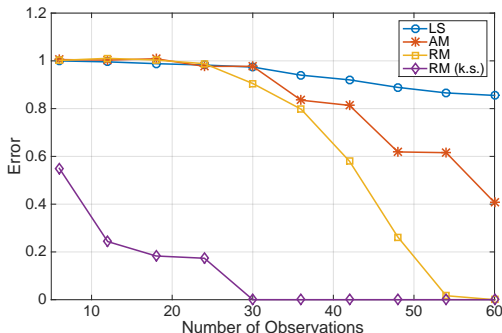
- ▶ Refine estimates $\{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{x}\}$ via iteratively-reweighted optimization
 - ⇒ Weights $\alpha_i(k) = (\|\mathbf{z}_i(k)^T\|_2 + \delta)^{-1}$ per row i , per iteration k
- ▶ **Exact recovery** conditions ⇒ Success of the convex relaxation
 - ⇒ Random model on the graph structure ⇒ Recovery conditions
 - ⇒ Probabilistic guarantees that depend on the **graph spectrum**
 - ⇒ Blind deconvolution (in time) is a favorable graph setting

- ▶ **Recovery rates** over an (L, S) grid and 20 trials
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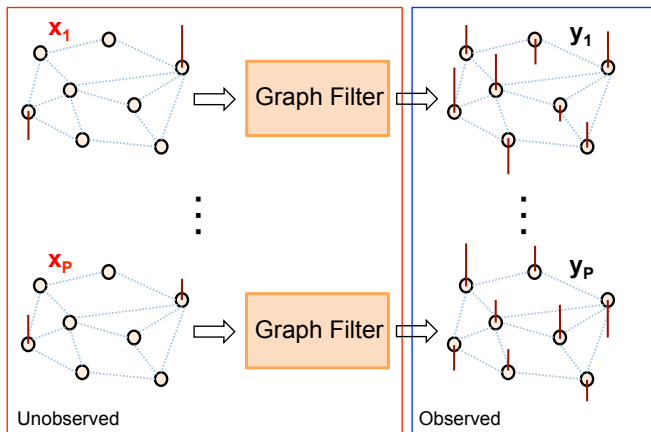
- ▶ **Exact recovery over non-trivial (L, S) region**
 - ⇒ Reweighted optimization markedly improves performance
 - ⇒ Encouraging results even for real-world graphs

- Human brain graph with $N = 66$ regions, $L = 6$ and $S = 6$



- Proposed method also outperforms alternating-minimization solver
⇒ Unknown $\text{supp}(\mathbf{x}) \approx$ Need twice as many observations

- Suppose we have access to P output signals $\{\mathbf{y}_p\}_{p=1}^P$



- Goal:** Identify **common** filter \mathbf{H} fed by multiple unobserved inputs \mathbf{x}_p

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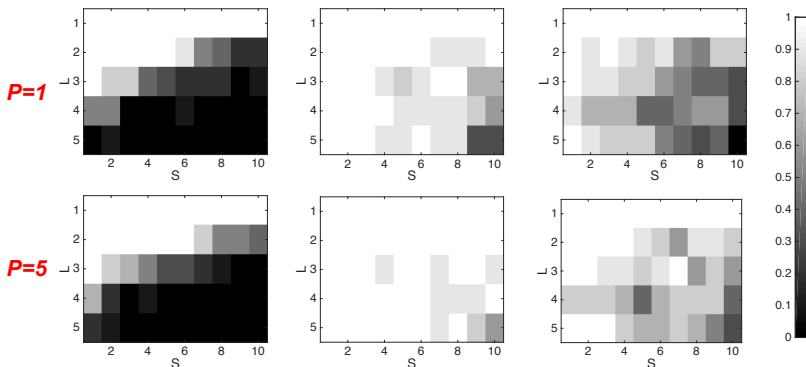
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- ▶ Leveraging multiple output signals aids the blind identification task

- ▶ Extended blind deconvolution of space/time signals to graphs
 - ⇒ **Key:** model **diffusion process** as output of graph filter
- ▶ **Rank** and **sparsity minimization** subject to model constraints
 - ⇒ “Lifting” and convex relaxation yield efficient algorithms
- ▶ **Exact recovery** conditions ⇒ Success of the convex relaxation
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- ▶ Consideration of **multiple** sparse inputs aids recovery
- ▶ **Envisioned application domains**
 - (a) Opinion formation in social networks
 - (b) Identify sources of epileptic seizure
 - (c) Trace “patient zero” for an epidemic outbreak
- ▶ Unknown shift **S** ⇒ **Network topology inference**

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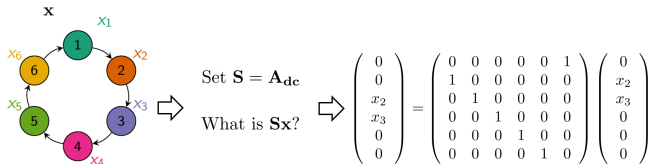
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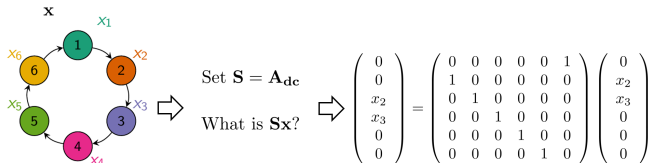
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