



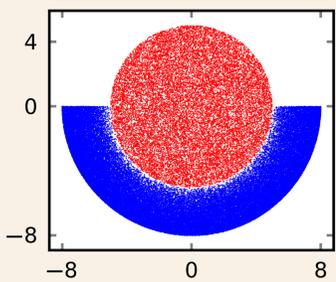
NFFT meets Krylov methods:

Fast matrix-vector products for the graph Laplacian of fully connected networks.

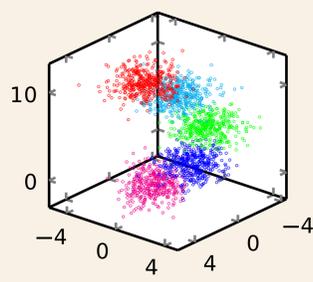
Introduction

The graph Laplacian is a standard tool in data science, machine learning, and image processing. For densely populated networks, matrix-vector products with the graph Laplacian are a hard task. A typical application is the computation of a number of its eigenvalues and eigenvectors. Standard methods become infeasible as the number of nodes in the graph is too large. We propose the use of the **fast summation** based on the nonequispaced fast Fourier transform (**NFFT**) to perform the dense matrix-vector products with the graph Laplacian fast without ever forming the whole matrix. The enormous flexibility of the NFFT algorithm allows for fast computations for a variety of kernels and applications.

Crescent-fullmoon example¹ with $n = 100\,000$ points



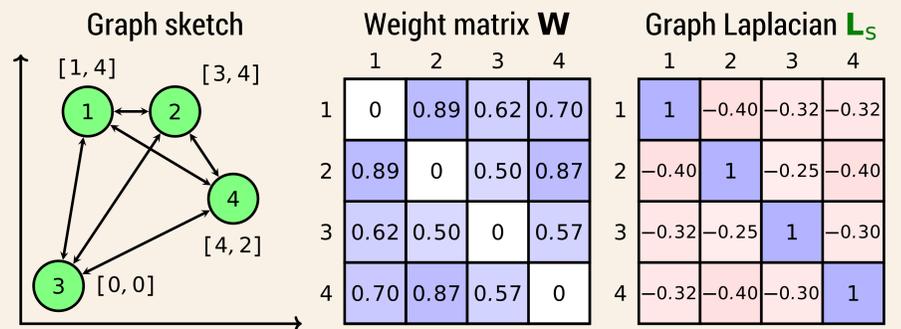
Spiral data set example² with $n = 2\,000$



¹ <https://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/41459-6-functions-for-generating-artificial-datasets>
² <https://sites.google.com/site/kittipat/matlabtechniques>

Fully connected networks and graph Laplacian

- ▶ each node $j = 1, \dots, n$ is associated with a feature vector $\mathbf{v}_j \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- ▶ weights $w_{ji} = K(\mathbf{v}_j - \mathbf{v}_i)$ for $j \neq i$, $w_{jj} = 0$, weight matrix $\mathbf{W} = (w_{ji})$
 - ▶ large entries for similar features, small entries for dissimilar features
- ▶ e.g. Gaussian RBF kernel $K(\mathbf{v}) = \exp(-\|\mathbf{v}\|^2/\sigma^2)$
- ▶ node degree $d_j = \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ji}$ (sum of all weights of edges connected to node j)
- ▶ degree matrix $\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_n) = \text{diag}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{1})$
- ▶ graph Laplacian, unnormalized: $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{W}$, symmetric normalized: $\mathbf{L}_S = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{D}^{-1/2} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{D}^{-1/2} =: \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}$



Supervised learning

Kernel ridge regression

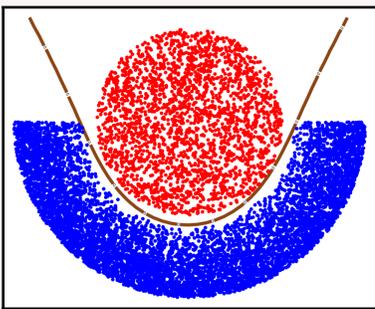
$$\text{ansatz: } F(\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i K(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}_i),$$

$$\text{argmin}_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{K}\alpha\|_2^2 + \beta \alpha^T \mathbf{K} \alpha$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{K} = (K(\mathbf{v}_j - \mathbf{v}_i))_{j,i=1}^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = (\mathbf{K} + \beta \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{f}$$

Crescent-fullmoon example $n = 10\,000$:



Semi-Supervised Learning

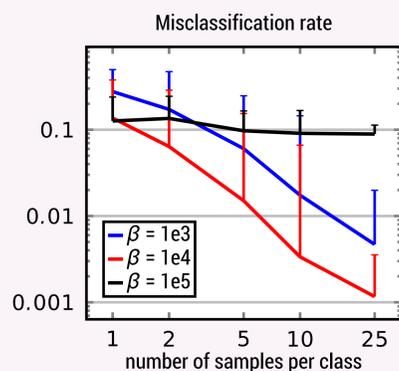
Kernel method

$$\text{argmin}_{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \beta \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{L}_S \mathbf{u},$$

$$\mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{I} + \beta \mathbf{L}_S)^{-1} \mathbf{f}.$$

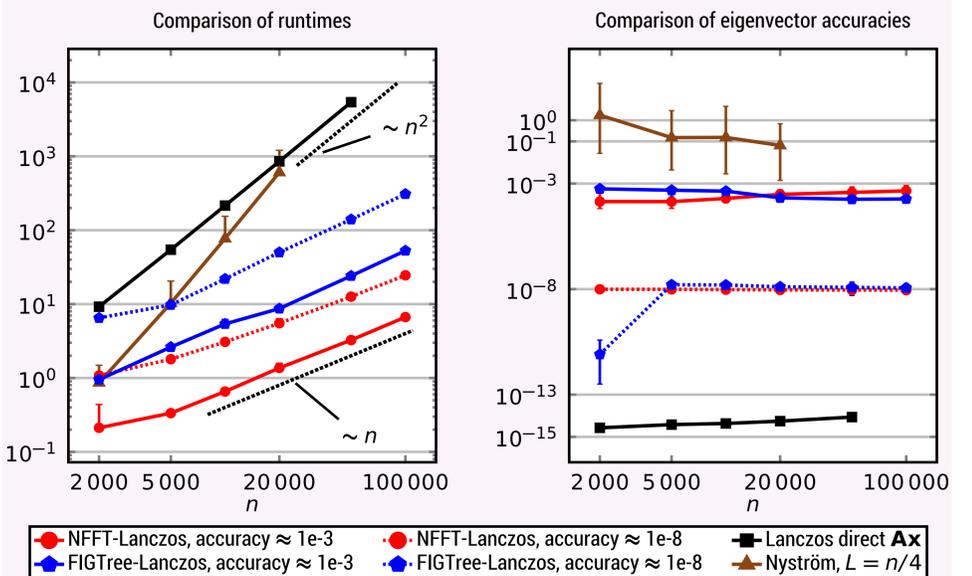
$f_j = \pm 1$ for training data (2 classes),
 $f_j = 0$ otherwise.

Crescent-fullmoon example $n = 100\,000$:



Eigenvalue and eigenvector computation

Compute 10 largest eigenvalues of $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{L}_S$ and corresponding eigenvectors of spiral data set



Algorithm 1: Fast summation $\mathbf{K}\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{W} + K(\mathbf{0})\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x}$, $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

1. Apply d -dim. NFFT^H on \mathbf{x} and obtain $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{\mathbf{h}} \approx \sum_{i=1}^n x_i e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{h} \mathbf{v}_i} \quad \forall \mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{I}_N$,
2. Multiply result by Fourier coefficients $(\hat{\mathbf{b}}_{\mathbf{h}})_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{I}_N}$ of approximation of K and obtain $\hat{\mathbf{f}}_{\mathbf{h}} := \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{\mathbf{h}} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{\mathbf{h}} \quad \forall \mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{I}_N$.
3. Apply d -dim. NFFT on $(\hat{\mathbf{f}}_{\mathbf{h}})_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{I}_N}$ and obtain output $(\mathbf{K}\mathbf{x})_j \approx \text{Re} \left(\sum_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{I}_N} \hat{\mathbf{f}}_{\mathbf{h}} e^{2\pi i \mathbf{h} \mathbf{v}_j} \right) \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, n$.

Algorithm 2: Fast computation of $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{L}_S)\mathbf{x}$

0. Choose internal algorithm parameters, scale $\|\mathbf{v}_j\| < 1/4$, adjust σ , compute $\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{K}\mathbf{1} - K(\mathbf{0})\mathbf{1})$ via Algorithm 1.
1. Compute $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{D}^{-1/2}\mathbf{x})$ via Algorithm 1.
2. Compute $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{D}^{-1/2}(\mathbf{z} - K(\mathbf{0})\mathbf{D}^{-1/2}\mathbf{x})$.
3. Rescale \mathbf{y} and obtain output $\mathbf{y} \approx \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{L}_S)\mathbf{x}$.

Complexity: $\mathcal{O}(n)$ for fixed accuracy.

Fast matrix-vector multiplication, eigenvalues

- ▶ smallest eigenvalues of $\mathbf{L}_S \hat{=}$ largest eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} (identical eigenvectors)
- ▶ use Lanczos-based eigenvalue routine on \mathbf{A} via Algorithm 2

Example code: <https://mytuc.org/khqm>



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