

HW If G is a k -regular graph of girth ≥ 5 , then $n \geq k^2 + 1$.

(girth = length of shortest cycle)

girth(tree) = min $\emptyset = \infty$

no cycles of length ≤ 5 .

Note: $A \subseteq B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

min $A \geq$ min B

$\forall A$ min $\emptyset \geq$ min A
 \geq min $\{10^6, 10^6 + 1\}$

so min $\emptyset = \infty$.

DO $f \in \mathbb{Z}[t]$ $f(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + \dots + a_n t^n$

$a_0 \neq 0$ and $a_n \neq 0$.

suppose $f(\alpha) = 0$ and $\alpha = \frac{r}{s}$ where $\gcd(r, s) = 1$.

then $s \mid a_n$ and $r \mid a_0$.

\mathbb{R} real quadratic forms over \mathbb{R}^n .

$$\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}), \quad \underbrace{A = A^T}_{\text{symmetric}}$$

$$q(\underline{x}) = \underline{x}^T A \underline{x} = \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} x_i x_j.$$

If $(\forall \underline{x})(q(\underline{x}) \geq 0)$ then we call q
"positive semidefinite".

In this case we also call A "positive semidefinite".

If $(\forall \underline{x})_{\substack{\neq 0 \\ \neq \underline{0}}}(q(\underline{x}) > 0)$ then we call q, A
"positive definite".

If $(\forall \underline{x})(q(\underline{x}) \leq 0)$ then we call q, A
"negative semidefinite".

If $(\forall \underline{x})_{\substack{\neq 0 \\ \neq \underline{0}}}(q(\underline{x}) < 0)$ then we call q, A
"negative definite".

If q is neither positive semidefinite nor
 negative semidefinite, we call
 q, A "indefinite".

i.e. q is indefinite if

$$(\exists x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n) (q(x) > 0, q(y) < 0).$$

$$\|x\| = \sum x_i^2 \quad (\text{Euclidean norm}) - \text{positive definite.}$$

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 - x_4^2 \quad \text{indefinite (special relativity metric)}$$

DO $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$, symmetric.

A is positive definite \Leftrightarrow all eigenvalues are positive.

Proof Spectral Thm. $\Rightarrow A$ has orthonormal eigenbasis.

$\hookrightarrow e_1, \dots, e_n$ s.t. $Ae_i = \lambda_i e_i$ - eigenbasis

$$e_i \cdot e_j = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases} \quad \text{orthonormal.}$$

$$x = \sum \alpha_i e_i$$

$$x^T A x = \sum \lambda_i \alpha_i^2$$

If all positive, will definitely be $+$.

If not all positive, can choose vector s.t. ≤ 0 .

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pos. semidefinite $\Leftrightarrow (\forall i)(\lambda_i \geq 0)$

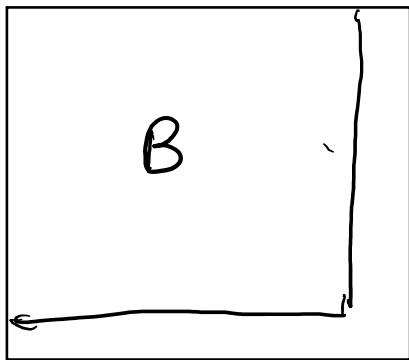
neg. def $\Leftrightarrow (\forall i)(\lambda_i < 0)$

neg. semidefinite $\Leftrightarrow (\forall i)(\lambda_i \leq 0)$

indefinite: $(\exists i, j)(\lambda_i > 0 \text{ and } \lambda_j < 0)$

Observation: If A pos. def. then $\det A$ is positive.

(det is product of eigenvalues - positive)



A

$$B = \hat{n} A \hat{n}$$

\uparrow

$n-1 \times n-1$
symmetric
matrix.

Observation If A is positive definite, then B is positive definite.

Claim: If $y \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ and $y \neq 0$ then $y^T B y > 0$.

Let $\underline{x} := \begin{bmatrix} \underline{y} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $n-1$ coordinates

(0 does not contribute to the sum.) \square

$$\underline{y}^T B \underline{y} = \underline{x}^T A \underline{x} > 0$$

Cor. All "corner matrices" (cut off last row/last columns) are positive definite

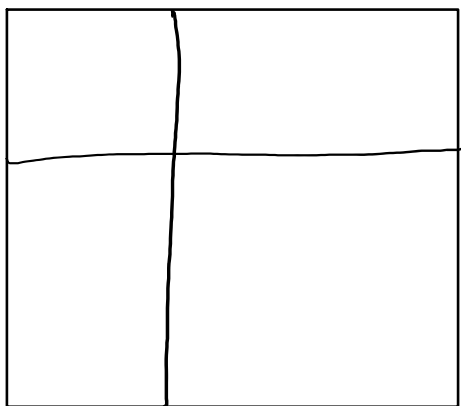
Cor. All corner matrices have positive determinant

Thm A pos. def \Leftrightarrow all corner matrices have positive determinant

(DO)

(DO) If A pos. def, then all diagonal entries are positive: $a_{ii} > 0$.

(Hint: the eigenvalues interlace.)



A_{ii} pos. def

$2^n - 1$ possible symmetric matrices.
(but by thm, n conditions suffice.)

$$-I_{2 \times 2} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(DO) Find A s.t. all corner
 $\det \geq 0$ yet A is
indefinite.

Question: How can we check (without using
eigenvalues) whether A is positive semidefinite?

Spectral Graph Theory

$G \rightsquigarrow$ adjacency matrix $A_G = (a_{ij})$

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \sim j \text{ (adjacent)} \\ 0 & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

$i \circledast$

$$a_{ii} = 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$\therefore \text{Tr } A = 0$$

$$\therefore \sum_i \lambda_i = 0.$$

$$\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$$

$$\text{avg. deg.} \leq \lambda_1 \leq \max \text{ deg.}$$

\therefore If G is k -regular,
 $\lambda_1 = k$.

sum of i^{th} row = deg of vertex i

$$i \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ - \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Eigenvector to λ_1 : all-ones $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \deg(1) \\ \vdots \\ \deg(n) \end{pmatrix}$$

Complete graph

$$A_{K_n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & 1 \\ & \ddots & \\ 1 & & 0 \end{pmatrix} = J_n - I_n \rightarrow \text{identity.}$$

↗ all ones

$$\text{geom mult}_J(0) = n - 1$$

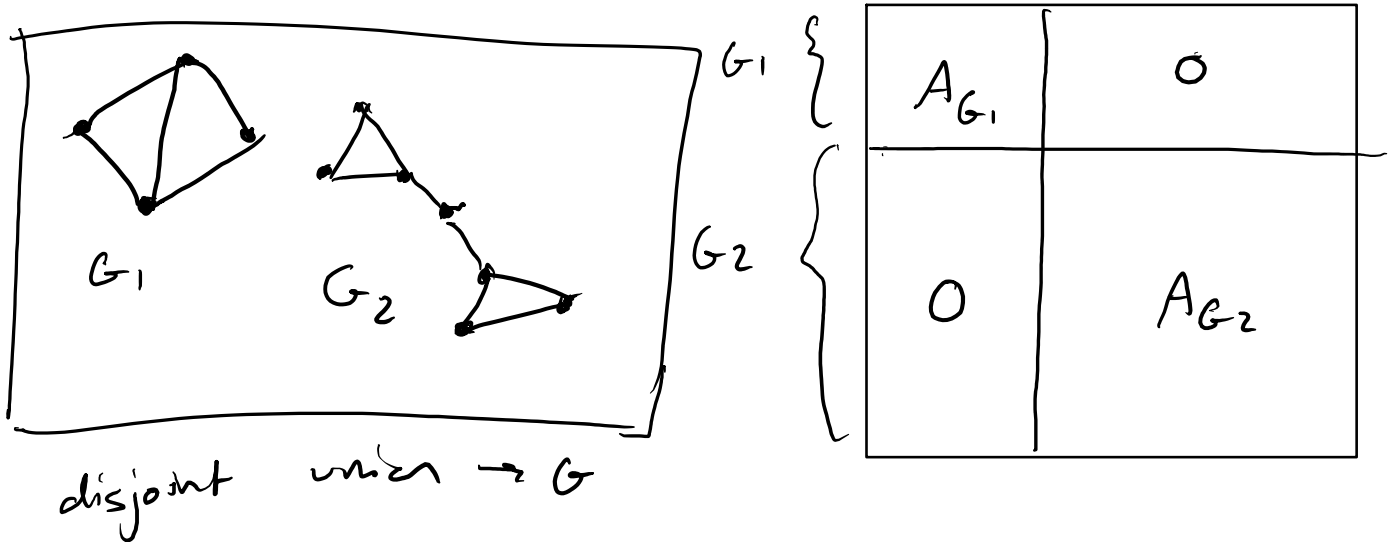
$$\therefore n^{\text{th}} \text{ eigenvalue}^v = \underline{n} \quad (\text{since } \text{Tr}(J) = n)$$

of J

$$J: n, 0, \dots, 0$$

Subtracting I from a matrix reduces the eigenvalues by 1, so

$$J - I: n-1, -1, \dots, -1.$$

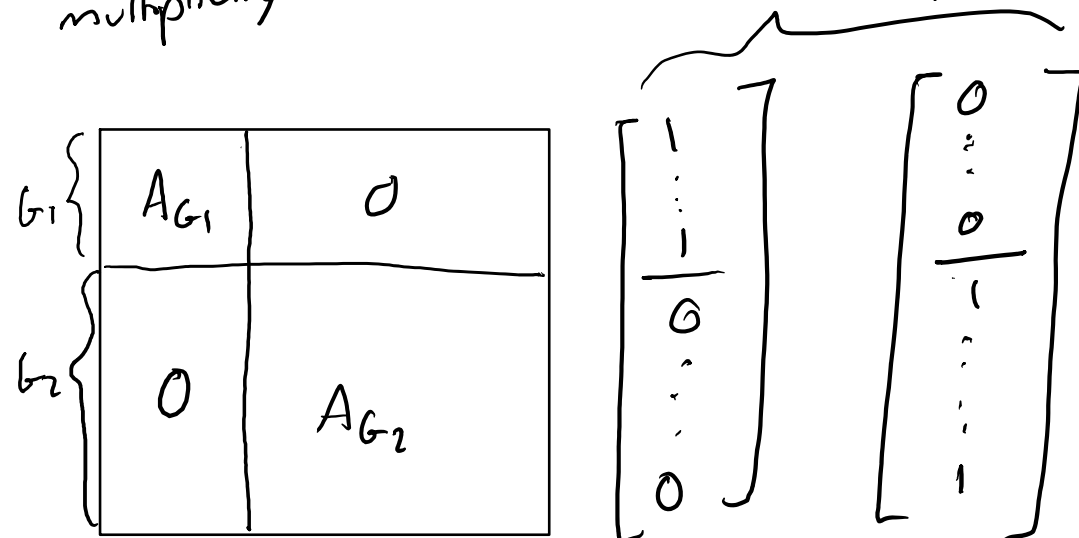


$f_G = f_{G_1} \cdot f_{G_2}$
 \uparrow
 char poly of
 adj. matrix of G

so eigenvalues of G are
 combined eigenvalues of
 G_1, G_2

Suppose G_1, G_2 are k -regular then k has
 multiplicity ≥ 2 .

in indep. to eigenvalue k



Do Assume G is k -regular. Then

$\lambda_2 = k \iff G$ is disconnected

In fact, multiplicity of $k = \#$ connected components.

For k -regular graph, "as the eigenvalue gap $\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = k - \lambda_2$ grows, the graph gets more interconnected."

(discovered by Miroslav Fiedler ~1970s) \downarrow k_{n-1}

Mixing rate of random walks, Markov chains.

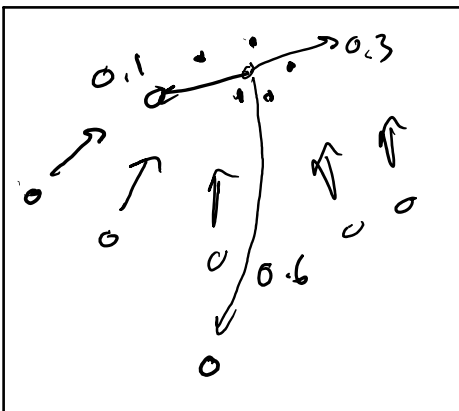
Scotland Yard - British FBI (board game)

Every 5th move -

villain surfaces - probability 1.

London

Then diffuses ... converges toward uniform/crystal reappearance stationary distributions.



Laplacian of graph

$$L_G = D_G - A_G \quad \text{where } D_G = \begin{pmatrix} \deg 1 & & 0 \\ & \deg 2 & \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & \deg n \end{pmatrix}$$

↑
adjacency matrix

Thm L_G is positive semidefinite.

Claim. $\det(L_G) = 0$.

$$L_G = \begin{pmatrix} \deg 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & \deg 2 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & \deg n \end{pmatrix}$$

sum of each row is 0.

(0 is an eigenvalue
w/ eigenvector all-ones.)

obs.

A positive definite matrix is nonsingular, so
 L_G is not positive definite.

Thm If L_G has eigenvalues $\kappa_1 \geq \dots \geq \kappa_n$, then

$$\kappa_n = 0.$$

Proof Singular and positive semidefinite. \square

When is multiplicity of 0 > 1?

Empty graph, isolated vertex...

disconnected graph.

(DO) Multiplicity of 0 = # of connected components.

In particular, $\kappa_{n-1} > 0 \Leftrightarrow G$ connected

If G is k -regular, then

$L_G = kI - A_G$ If eigenvalues of A_G are $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$,

$$0 = \underbrace{k - \lambda_1}_{\kappa_n} \leq \underbrace{k - \lambda_2}_{\kappa_{n-1}} \leq \dots \leq \underbrace{k - \lambda_n}_{\kappa_1}.$$

Show: L_G is positive semidefinite.

(DO) $\underline{x}^T L_G \underline{x} = \sum_{i \sim j} (x_i - x_j)^2 \geq 0$

$\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
 $\underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$

Also solves multiplicity of 0 = # connected components.

Eudidean space:

V over \mathbb{R} endowed with a positive definite inner product:

bilinear form

$$\underline{x}, \underline{y} \in V \mapsto \langle \underline{x}, \underline{y} \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$|\langle \underline{x}, \underline{y} \rangle| \leq \|\underline{x}\| \|\underline{y}\|$$



$$\langle \underline{x} + \underline{y}, \underline{z} \rangle = \langle \underline{x}, \underline{z} \rangle + \langle \underline{y}, \underline{z} \rangle$$

etc.

symmetric : $\langle \underline{x}, \underline{y} \rangle = \langle \underline{y}, \underline{x} \rangle$

positive definite : $(\forall \underline{x} \in V, \langle \underline{x}, \underline{x} \rangle > 0, \underline{x} \neq \underline{0})$

Def $\underline{x} \perp \underline{y}$ if $\langle \underline{x}, \underline{y} \rangle = 0$.

$$\|\underline{x}\| = \sqrt{\langle \underline{x}, \underline{x} \rangle}$$

① Cauchy - Schwarz : $|\langle \underline{x}, \underline{y} \rangle| \leq \|\underline{x}\| \cdot \|\underline{y}\|$

② Triangle Inequality : $\|\underline{x} + \underline{y}\| \leq \|\underline{x}\| + \|\underline{y}\|$

Standard example : $V = \mathbb{R}^n$
 $\langle x, y \rangle = \underline{x} \cdot \underline{y}$

General form of bilinear forms over \mathbb{F}^n :

$$f(x, y) = \underline{x}^T A \underline{y} \quad A \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$$

$$\underbrace{f(x, y) = f(y, x)}_{f \text{ symmetric}} \Leftrightarrow \underbrace{A = A^T}_{A \text{ symmetric}}$$

$f(x, x)$ is positive definite $\Leftrightarrow A$ pos. def (over \mathbb{R})
 General form of a positive definite inner product
 over \mathbb{R}^n is

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \underline{x}^T A \underline{y} \quad \text{where } A \text{ is pos.-def and symmetric}$$

$f, g \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ (real polynomials)

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \cdot g(t) \cdot e^{-t^2} dt$$

ⓁⓁ $\langle f, g \rangle$ always converges.

This is positive
def

More generally,

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int f \cdot g \cdot w(t) dt$$

w weight function ≥ 0

Sometimes > 0 ,

(also integral not converge)

Matrices

$$A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$$

(DO) pos. def

$$\text{ex: } \langle A, B \rangle = \text{Tr}(A^T B)$$

Gram - Schmidt orthogonalization

input: v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots } (sequence of vectors)

output: b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots

s.t. ① For $i \neq j$, $b_i \perp b_j$.

② $b_i - v_i \in \text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1})$.

$$v_1 \rightarrow \boxed{} \rightarrow b_1$$

$$v_2, v_1 \rightarrow \boxed{} \rightarrow b_1, b_2$$

Thm ① and ② uniquely determine the output

Proof Let $U_i = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_i)$

$$U_0 = \text{span}(\emptyset) = \{0\}$$

Claim. $U_i = \text{span}(b_1, \dots, b_i)$

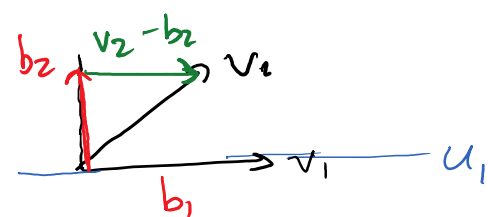
Suppose already $U_{i-1} = \text{span}(b_1, \dots, b_{i-1})$.

(DO) (from ②)

place v_3 parallel to paper at tip.

choose \perp to paper,

tip on plane for b_3 .



$$b_1 - v_1 \in U_0 \Rightarrow b_1 = v_1$$

Now we need to find b_i in the form

$$b_i = v_i + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \alpha_j b_j.$$

need to find α_j , and need $b_i \perp b_k$ for $k < i$.

$$\langle b_i, b_k \rangle = \langle v_i, b_k \rangle + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \alpha_j \underbrace{\langle b_j, b_k \rangle}_{0 \text{ unless } j=k}$$

we wish

$$= 0, \quad = \langle v_i, b_k \rangle + \alpha_k \|b_k\|^2$$

$$\alpha_k = - \frac{\langle v_i, b_k \rangle}{\|b_k\|^2}$$

LOGIC

⇓ uniqueness

⇑ existence (reversible)

$$\alpha_k = - \frac{\langle v_i, b_k \rangle}{\|b_k\|^2}$$

What if $\|b_k\|^2 = 0$?

Then $b_k = 0$.

but then α_k does not matter.

(choose $\alpha_k = 75-3$ or $\alpha_k = 0$.)

DO If v_1, v_2, \dots are pairwise orthogonal, nonzero, then lin. indep

when is $b_k = 0$?

$\Leftrightarrow v_k \in \text{Span}(v_1, \dots, v_{k-1})$

DO

In particular, if the v_i are linearly independent,

then none of the b_i are 0.

$\Rightarrow b_i$ are linearly independent

In particular, if v_1, \dots, v_n is a basis then b_1, \dots, b_n is also a basis.
 \rightarrow orthogonal

$$\underline{v} \neq \underline{0} \Rightarrow \underline{v}' = \frac{\underline{v}}{\|\underline{v}\|} \Rightarrow \|\underline{v}'\| = 1.$$

Cor. If $\dim V$ is finite [or countable], then V has an orthonormal basis.

(Take basis \rightarrow apply Gram-Schmidt \rightarrow normalize outputs)

Basis of $\mathbb{R}[t]$: $1, t, t^2, \dots$

if we have a weight function $w(t)$ s.t

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t^{2n} w(t) dt < \infty \quad \text{for every } n,$$

we can orthogonalize $1, t, t^2, \dots$ to get
 a seq. of orthogonal polynomials f_0, f_1, f_2, \dots
 where $\deg f_i = i$.

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f \cdot g \cdot w dt$$

$$(\forall i) (\text{span}(f_0, \dots, f_i) = \mathbb{R}^{\leq i}[t])$$

Fix weight function w .

f_0, f_1, \dots - sequence of orthogonal polynomials.

Thm. All roots of the f_i are real and

the roots are interlaced.

(roots of f_{i-1} interlace roots of f_i).

$$\cos(nt) = T_n(\cos t) \quad (\text{polynomial of deg } n)$$

$$\cos(2t) = 2\cos^2 t - 1 \quad T_1(x) = x$$

$$T_2(x) = 2x^2 - 1$$

DO Evaluate T_n for $n = 3, 4, 5$.

T_n are called the Chebyshev polynomials of the first kind.

$$\frac{\sin(n+1)t}{\sin t} = U_n(\cos t)$$

Chebyshev polynomials of second kind.

$$n=0 \quad U_0(x) = 1$$

$$n=1 \quad U_1(x) = 2x$$

$$\sinh 2t = 2 \sinh t \cosh t$$

(Do) Evaluate for small n .

These polynomials are orthogonal wrt.

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f \cdot g \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt.$$

Hermite polynomials

weight function: e^{-t^2} $e^{-t^2/2}$

matching polynomials - physicists.