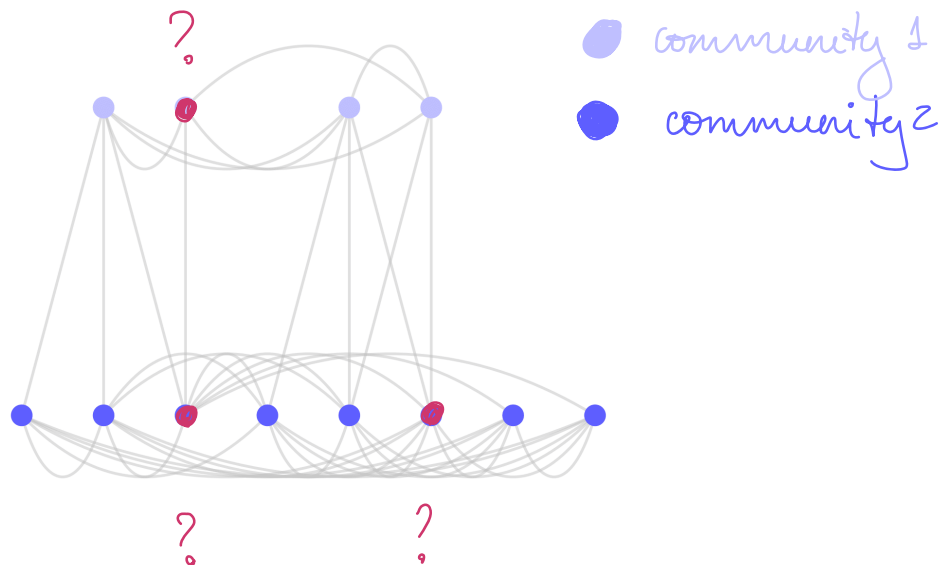


Today:

Community detection:

- info theoretic threshold
- GNNs
- CSBM
- SPM
- feature-aware spectral emb.



### ► Information-theoretic threshold

→ What happens when  $p \approx q$  in the balanced SBM with  $C=2$ ?

When  $p = q$ , we actually have an Erdős-Rényi graph, in which the edge probability is constant for all nodes; there are no communities to distinguish

But even when  $p \neq q$ , there is a region around  $p = q$  where detection of communities is impossible in an information theoretic sense:

- Let  $SNR = \frac{(p-q)^2}{2(p+q)}$   $\leftarrow$  degree discrepancy in  $\neq$  subgraphs  $\propto$  average degree ("noise")

- If  $SNR < \frac{1}{n}$ , almost exact recovery / detection is impossible; even with infinite time & resources, no algorithm can detect comms in this case.

For the pf, check the works of Massoulié (2014)  
Mossel (2014)

E.g.: sparse graphs

$$p = \frac{a}{n} ; \quad q = \frac{b}{n} \quad \frac{|\mathcal{E}|}{n^2} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\text{SNR} = \frac{\left(\frac{a}{n} - \frac{b}{n}\right)^2}{2\left(\frac{a}{n} + \frac{b}{n}\right)} = \frac{(a-b)^2}{n \cdot 2(a+b)}$$

$$\text{SNR}_{p,q} < \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow \frac{(a-b)^2}{2(a+b)} < \frac{1}{n}$$

in this case,  
comm. detection is  
impossible

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(a-b)^2}{2(a+b)} < 1$$

► Contextual stochastic block model (C-SBM)

An SBM graph, but with node features drawn from a Gaussian mixture:

$$\bullet) A: A_{ij} = A_{ji} \sim \text{Bern}(P_{ij})$$
$$(Y \in \{-1, 1\}^n ; B \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2})$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} p \cdot 11^T & q \cdot 11^T \\ q \cdot 11^T & p \cdot 11^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bullet) X_i \sim \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{n}} Y_{i,u} + \frac{z_i}{\sqrt{d}} \quad \begin{array}{l} u \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I_{d/d}) \\ z_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I_d) \end{array}$$

$$X_i | Y_{i,u} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\pm \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{n}} \cdot u, \frac{I_d}{d}\right)$$

↳ correction to defn in Lec. 4

### ► Feature-aware spectral embeddings

Let  $G$  be a graph w/ adjacency  $A$  and node features  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$

- Diagonalize  $XX^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  as  $V' \Lambda' V'^T$
- Pick the top  $k$  eigenvectors  $V'_k$
- Define  $V_{c+k} = \left[ \underline{V_c} \mid V'_k \right]$  (column wise concatenation)  
 $\hookrightarrow \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (c+k)}$

↳  $f(A, x) = \sigma(V_{c+k} W), \quad W \in \mathbb{R}^{(c+k) \times c}$

↳ In the presence of node features,  
the information theoretic threshold for  
community detection becomes

$$(p = \frac{a}{n}, q = \frac{b}{n})$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{(a-b)^2}{2(a+b)}}_{\text{SNR}_A} + \underbrace{\frac{\mu^2 d}{n}}_{\text{SNR}_X} > 1 \Rightarrow \text{comm. detec. possible in info theoretic sense}$$

⇒ When  $p \approx q$ , detection is still possible  
as long as means are sufficiently separated  
(high  $\mu$  and/or high  $d$ )

► Computational thresholds for spectral clustering  
(non-rigorous)

$c=4$

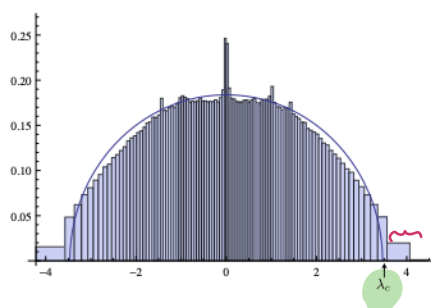


FIG. 1: The spectrum of the adjacency matrix of a sparse network generated by the block model (excluding the zero eigenvalues). Here  $n = 4000$ ,  $c_{in} = 5$ , and  $c_{out} = 1$ , and we average over 20 realizations. Even though the eigenvalue  $\lambda_c = 3.5$  given by (2) satisfies the threshold condition (1) and lies outside the semicircle of radius  $2\sqrt{c} = 3.46$ , deviations from the semicircle law cause it to get lost in the bulk, and the eigenvector of the second largest eigenvalue is uncorrelated with the community structure. As a result, spectral algorithms based on  $A$  are unable to identify the communities in this case.

→ Spectral redemption

(figure taken from Krzakala et al. (2013))

↳ in practice, spectral algo. fail above the info theoretic threshold (sometimes significantly above!)

Can GNNs help?

In the example above, having access to  $C' > C$  eigenvectors might have helped

↳ not only do we have to fix  $C$  (when unknown), we also have to pick a large enough  $C$  so we don't risk missing informative eigenvalues "lost in the bulk"

Back to Lecture 3: Expressivity of graph convolutions

{ (Thm) IF  $(\hat{x})_i \neq 0 \forall i$  and  $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j \forall i \neq j$ , there always exist  $k \leq n$  coefficients  $h_0, h_1, \dots, h_{k-1}$  s.t.  $y = H(S) \cdot x$

Let  $y$  be our community assignment vector;  
 as long as  $(\hat{x})_i \neq 0 \forall i$  &  $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j \forall i, j$ ,  $\exists$  a graph  
 conv. (1-layer linear GNN) that approximate  $y$ .

↳ motivates using GNNs for (semi-supervised) comm-  
 detection on graphs.

i.e., we solve:

$$\min_{\mathbf{f}} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \ell([f(A, X)]_i, y_i)$$

surrogate of 0-1 loss

same parametric  
 fcn of  $A, X$

one-hot comm. vector  
 of node  $i$ ,  $[y_i]_c = 1$  if  
 $i \in c$

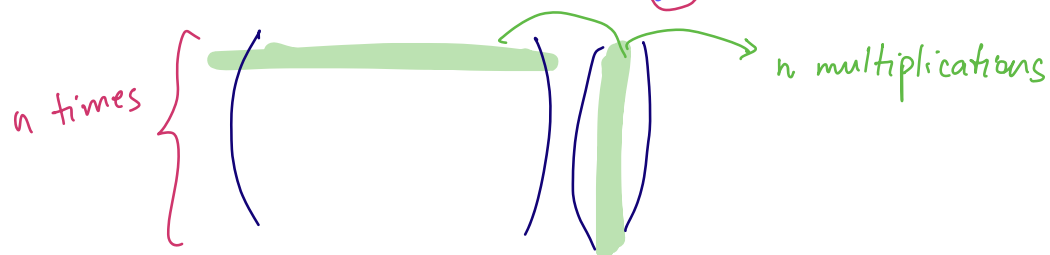
where  $f(A, X) = \Phi_{\mathcal{H}}(A, X) \rightarrow$  GNN w/ learnable  
 parameters  $\mathcal{H}$

(see Lec. 5)

A note on sparse matrix-vector multiplications:

$$\boxed{Sx} \quad S^{k-1}x = S^{k-2}(Sx)$$

The usual matmul operation in PyTorch requires  $O(n^2)$  to compute  $Sx$  :  $[Sx]_i = \sum_{j=1}^n [A_{ij}]x_j$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$



Typically the ASO  $S$  (i.e.,  $A, L$ , etc.) is a sparse  $n \times n$  matrix. I.e.,  $\frac{|\mathcal{E}|}{n^2} \ll 1$

↳  $|\mathcal{E}|$  nonzero entries  $\Rightarrow O(|\mathcal{E}|)$  complexity possible

But: to achieve it, need to use sparse tensor (of  $S$ ) representation & sparse matrix multiplication ( $\neq$  operations in PyTorch)

How sparse matmuls work

→ Coordinate (COO) representation



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 0 & 26 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 19 & 14 \\ 26 & 19 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 14 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

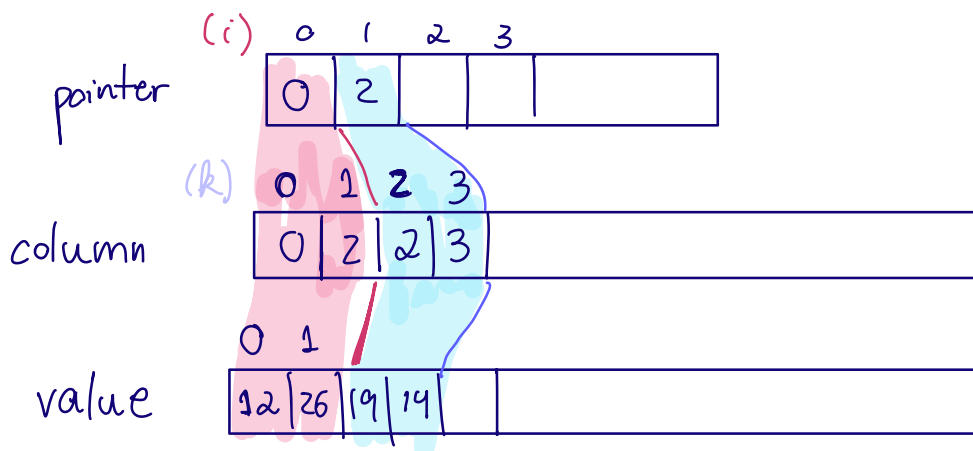
becomes:

row    col.    value  
↓    ↓    ↓

$(0, 0, 12)$   
 $(0, 2, 26)$   
 $(1, 2, 19)$   
 $\vdots$

can we curb index repetition?

→ Compressed sparse row (CSR) representation  
 ↳ most popular! ▽



for each row  $(i)$ :

for  $(k) = \text{pointer}(i)$  to  $\text{pointer}(i+1) - 1$ :
 
 $\nwarrow$  included

$y(i) = y(i) + \text{value}[k] \cdot x[\text{column}[k]]$

total operations:  $\sum_{i=1}^n |W_i| = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i = \mathbb{1}^T A \mathbb{1} = |E|$

In PyTorch: transform to a sparse tensor:

$S.to\_sparse()$  or  $S.to\_sparse\_csr()$   
                   (coo)

matrix vector mult. as before:  $S @ x$   
   or  $torch.mv(S, x)$   
   for both coo  
   csr

Feel free to use these in your HW!