# NetLSD: hearing the shape of a graph

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# Defining graph similarity

#### With it, we can do:

- Classification
- Clustering
- Anomaly detection

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# Scalability is key!

Two problem sources:

- Big graphs
- Many graphs

#### Solution: graph descriptors



# $\mathsf{Isomorphism} \Rightarrow d(G_1, G_2) = 0$

- Permutation invariance
- Scale-adaptivity
- Size invariance



#### Local structures are important

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# Global structure is important

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# We may need to disregard the size

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# Network Laplacian Spectral Descriptors

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Discrete case  $\rightarrow$ Linear programming ν









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#### Heat diffusion has an explicit notion of scale

$$\frac{\partial u_t}{\partial t} = -\mathcal{L}u_t$$



#### Heat kernel has an explicit notion of scale

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#### We can just compare heat traces!

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We sample t logarithmically, and compare  $h_t$  with  $L_2$  distance However,  $h_t$  is size-dependent!

#### Size invariance = normalization

$$h_t = \operatorname{tr}(H_t) = \sum_j e^{-t\lambda_j}$$

We can normalize by  $h_t$  of the complete (K) or empty graph  $\overline{K}$ Computation of all  $\lambda$  is still expensive:  $O(n^3)$ 

#### Scalability

We propose two options:

1. Use local Taylor expansion: 
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Other spectrum approximators can be even more efficient!

[Cohen-Steiner et al. | KDD 2018]

[Adams et al. | arXiv 1802.03451]

# Experimental design

- Permutation invariance
- Scale-adaptivity
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# Detecting graphs with communities

#### 3 key properties:

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				$n \sim \mathcal{P}(\lambda)$		
	Method	64	128	256	512	1024
NetLSD	$ \begin{array}{c} h(G) \\ h(G)/h(\bar{K}) \end{array} $	$54.39 \\ 54.53$	$59.01 \\ 62.27$		$57.99 \\ 76.45$	$53.80 \\ 78.40$
	$w(G) \ w(G)/w(ar{K})$	$56.23 \\ 55.51$	$63.77 \\ 63.85$	$69.57 \\ 72.12$	$71.66 \\ 77.59$	70.34 79.39
NIPS'17 ASONAM'13	FGSD NetSimile	$\begin{array}{c} 55.44 \\ 59.55 \end{array}$	$54.99 \\ 56.57$	$53.86 \\ 59.41$	$52.74 \\ 66.23$	$50.92 \\ 60.58$

Accuracy of classification of SBM vs Erdős–Rényi graphs

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# Detecting rewired graphs

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- Permutation invariance
- Scale-adaptivity
- Size invariance

		dataset					
	Method	MUTAG	PROTEINS	NCI1	ENZYMES	COLLAB	IMDB-B
NetLSD	$ \begin{array}{c} h(G) \\ h(G)/h(\bar{K}) \end{array} $	$76.03 \\ 79.12$	91.81 94.90	$69.74 \\ 74.55$	92.51 95.20	$59.82 \\ 65.85$	$67.18 \\ 70.58$
	$w(G) \ w(G)/w(\bar{K})$	78.18 79.72	$93.04 \\ 89.00$	70.54 $74.14$	94.03 90.77	$69.01 \\ 70.35$	$75.26 \\ 75.54$
NIPS'17 ASONAM'13	FGSD NetSimile	$77.79 \\ 77.11$		$64.08 \\ 58.58$	$53.93 \\ 87.38$	$55.18 \\ 54.43$	56.23 $54.44$

Accuracy of classification of real vs rewired graphs

# Classifying real graphs

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NetLSD -	$ \begin{array}{c} h(G) \\ h(G)/h(\bar{K}) \end{array} $	$86.47 \\ 85.32$	$64.89 \\ 65.73$	$\begin{array}{c} 66.49 \\ 67.44 \end{array}$	$31.99 \\ 33.31$	$\begin{array}{c} 68.00\\ 69.42\end{array}$	$68.04 \\ 70.17$
	$w(G) \ w(G)/w(\bar{K})$	$83.35 \\ 81.72$	$66.80 \\ 65.58$	$70.78 \\ 67.67$	$40.41 \\ 35.78$	75.77 77.24	68.63 69.33
NIPS'17 ASONAM'13	FGSD NetSimile	$84.90 \\ 84.09$	65.30 62.45	75.77 66.56	41.58 33.23	$73.96 \\ 73.10$	$69.54 \\ 69.20$

Accuracy of graph classification

#### Expressive graph comparison

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# Questions?



code	github.com/xgfs/netlsd
website	tsitsul.in/publications/netlsd
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# Network Laplacian Spectral Descriptors: wave kernel trace

$$w_t = \operatorname{tr}(W_t) = \sum_j e^{-it\lambda_j}$$

We sample t logarithmically, and compare  $\text{Re}(w_t)$  with  $L_2$  distance  $w_t$  detects symmetries!  $\approx$  quantum random walks

#### Hearing the Shape of a Graph

"Can One Hear the Shape of a Drum?" – Kac 1966

No, as there are co-spectral drums (graphs)

Conjecture: # of co-spectral graphs  $\rightarrow 0$  as # of nodes  $\rightarrow \infty$ [Dufree, Martin 2015]