

Springs and Graph Laplacian's

Input: Graph of Springs (Mattress)

$$G = (V, E, k)$$

$k_{ij} \equiv$ spring constant for edge E_{ij}

Consider only vertical displacements

$u_i \equiv$ displacement of V_i

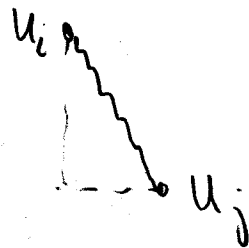
Goal: Find solutions to Newton: $f = ma$

Find forces for displacement $u = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{pmatrix}$.

Set force on u_i by spring E_{ij}

$$-(u_i - u_j) k_{ij}$$

ie linear spring model.



$$L = L(G)$$

Force vector $-L u$

Let $m_i \equiv \text{mass of } V_i$ $M = \begin{pmatrix} m_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & m_n \end{pmatrix}$

$m_i > 0$

View u as a fcn of time $u(t) = \begin{pmatrix} u_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ u_n(t) \end{pmatrix}$

Acceleration: For $u_i(t) \equiv \frac{d^2 u_i}{dt^2}$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{du_1}{dt} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{du_n}{dt} \end{pmatrix} \quad , \quad a = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = \frac{d^2 u}{dt^2}$$

Newton: $-L u = M \left(\frac{d^2 u}{dt^2} \right)$

Two ways to solve:

- 1) Solve for u given initial conditions
say $u(0)$ & $u'(0)$
- 2) Find steady state solutions

Do 2) using Guess and check.

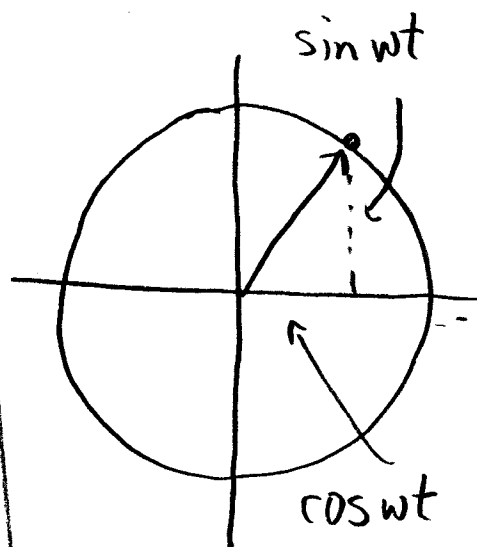
Recall: $e^{i\omega t} = \cos \omega t + i \sin \omega t$

$$\frac{de^{i\omega t}}{dt} = i\omega e^{i\omega t} \equiv -\omega \sin \omega t + i\omega \cos \omega t$$

$$= i\omega (\cos \omega t + i \sin \omega t)$$

$$\frac{d^2 e^{i\omega t}}{dt^2} = \frac{d(i\omega e^{i\omega t})}{dt} = i^2 \omega^2 e^{i\omega t}$$

$$= -\omega^2 e^{i\omega t}$$



$$\frac{d \cos x}{dx} = -\sin x$$

$$\frac{d \sin x}{dx} = \cos x$$

Guess: $u = e^{i\omega t} x$ some vector x .

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 e^{i\omega t} x$$

Check:

$$M(-\omega^2 e^{i\omega t} x) \stackrel{?}{=} -L(e^{i\omega t} x)$$

iff $\omega^2 Mx = Lx$ set $\lambda = \omega^2$

iff $Lx = \lambda Mx$ is (λ, x) is a generalized eigen-pair.

Claim: Eigenvalues of $Lx = \lambda Mx$ are real nonneg.

Change of variables $y = M^{1/2} x$ or $x = M^{-1/2} y$

$$L M^{-1/2} y = \lambda M M^{-1/2} y$$

$$\underbrace{M^{-1/2} L M^{-1/2}}_{L'} y = \lambda \cancel{M^{-1/2}} M \cancel{M^{-1/2}} y$$

L' is positive semidefinite

∴ we have found a space of dim n solutions.

eg $w_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$ then X_i then eigenvector

$$u(t) = \alpha_1 e^{i w_1 t} X_1 + \dots + \alpha_n e^{i w_n t} X_n$$

is a solution.

Consider setting mass = the weighted degree

Eigenpairs $LX = \lambda DX$ (*) $L = D - A$

change of variable $Y = DX$

(*) iff $(D - A)D^{-1}Y = \lambda Y$

$(I - AD^{-1})Y = \lambda Y$

$M = AD^{-1}$ transition matrix
for a random walk

iff $Y - MY = \lambda Y$

iff $-MY = (\lambda - 1)Y$ iff $MY = (1 - \lambda)Y$

If $0 = \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$ eigenvalues of (*)

then $0 \leq 1 - \lambda_n, \dots, 1 - \lambda_{n-1}, 0$ eigen of $MX = \lambda X$

Differential Eq

$$\frac{du}{dt} = Au \quad A^T = A$$

$$\lambda(A) = \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$$

$$x_1 \quad \quad \quad x_n$$

Guess & check $ce^{\lambda_i t} x_i = u$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = c \lambda_i e^{\lambda_i t} x_i$$

$$Au = A ce^{\lambda_i t} x_i = ce^{\lambda_i t} Ax_i$$

$$= ce^{\lambda_i t} \lambda_i x_i$$

$$u(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} x_1 + \dots + c_n e^{\lambda_n t} x_n$$

$u(t)$ works!

Def $e^A \equiv I + A + \frac{A^2}{2!} + \frac{A^3}{3!} + \dots$

$$(e^{As})(e^{At}) = e^{A(s+t)} \quad (e^{At})(e^{-At}) = I$$

$$\frac{d e^{At}}{dt} = A e^{At}$$

Suppose $A = S \Lambda S^{-1}$

$$e^{At} = I + S \Lambda S^{-1} t + \frac{S \Lambda^2 S^{-1} t^2}{2!} + \dots$$

$$= S(I + \Lambda t + \dots) S^{-1} = S e^{\Lambda t} S^{-1}$$

Solve $\frac{du}{dt} = Au$ initial condition $u(0)$

Claim $e^{At} u(0)$ works

$$\frac{d}{dt} e^{At} u(0) = A e^{At} u(0)$$

Thm $A^T = A$ & $B^T = B$ then $\text{tr}(e^{A+B}) = \text{tr}(e^A \cdot e^B)$

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GOLDEN-THOMPSON INEQUALITY

For $n \times n$ complex matrices, the matrix exponential is defined by Taylor series as

$$e^A = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^k}{k!}.$$

For commuting matrices A and B we see that $e^{A+B} = e^A e^B$ by multiplying the Taylor series. This identity is not true for general non-commuting matrices. In fact, it always fails if A and B do not commute, see [2].

Theorem 1 (Golden-Thompson Inequality). *For arbitrary self-adjoint matrices A and B , one has*

$$\operatorname{tr}(e^{A+B}) \leq \operatorname{tr}(e^A e^B).$$

For a survey of Golden-Thompson and other trace inequalities, see [2]. In the present note, we give a proof of Golden-Thompson inequality following [1] Theorem 9.3.7.

Remarks. 1. Golden-Thompson inequality holds for arbitrary unitary-invariant norm replacing the trace, see [1] Theorem 9.3.7.

2. A version of Golden-Thompson inequality for three matrices fails: $\operatorname{tr}(e^{A+B+C}) \not\leq \operatorname{tr}(e^A e^B e^C)$.

The proof of Golden-Thompson inequality is based on Lie Product Formula:

Theorem 2 (Lie Product Formula). *For arbitrary matrices A and B , we have*

$$e^{A+B} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (e^{A/N} e^{B/N})^N.$$

Proof. We first compare

$$X_N = e^{(A+B)/N} \quad \text{and} \quad Y_N = e^{A/N} e^{B/N}.$$

As $N \rightarrow \infty$, Taylor's expansion gives

$$\begin{aligned} X_N &= 1 + \frac{A+B}{N} + O(N^{-2}), \\ Y_N &= \left[1 + \frac{A}{N} + O(N^{-2})\right] \left[1 + \frac{B}{N} + O(N^{-2})\right] \\ &= 1 + \frac{A}{N} + \frac{B}{N} + O(N^{-2}). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that

$$(1) \quad X_N - Y_N = O(N^{-2}).$$

For a proof, see [1] Theorem 2.3.6.

Proposition 3 follows from Weyl's Majorant Theorem for the function $f(x) = x^m$:

$$|\operatorname{tr}(X^m)| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^m \right| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|^m \leq \sum_{i=1}^n s_i^m = \operatorname{tr}(|X|^m).$$

Proof of Golden-Thompson Inequality. Fix a natural number N and consider

$$X = e^{A/2^N}, \quad Y = e^{B/2^N}.$$

To prove Golden-Thompson Inequality, it suffices to show that

$$(2) \quad \operatorname{tr}((XY)^{2^N}) \leq \operatorname{tr}(X^{2^N} Y^{2^N}).$$

Indeed, if (2) holds then, taking limit as $N \rightarrow \infty$ we see that the left hand side of (2) converges to $\operatorname{tr}(e^{A+B})$ by Lie Product Formula, while the right hand side equals $\operatorname{tr}(e^A e^B)$.

To prove (2), we use Proposition 3 and note that $|XY|^2 = (XY)^*(XY) = YX^2Y$. We thus have

$$\operatorname{tr}(XY)^{2^N} \leq \operatorname{tr}(YX^2Y)^{2^{N-1}} = \operatorname{tr}(X^2Y^2)^{2^{N-1}},$$

where the last equality follows from the trace property $\operatorname{tr}(UV) = \operatorname{tr}(VU)$.

Continuing this procedure for X^2 and Y^2 , we obtain

$$\operatorname{tr}(X^2Y^2)^{2^{N-1}} \leq \operatorname{tr}(X^4Y^4)^{2^{N-2}}.$$

After N steps, we arrive at the bound (2). This proves Golden-Thompson Inequality. $\square$

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