Bounds on sums of graph eigenvalues

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Abstract

I'll discuss two methods for finding bounds on sums of graph eigenvalues (variously for the Laplacian, the renormalized Laplacian, or the adjacency matrix). One of these relies on a Chebyshev-type estimate of the statistics of a subsample of an ordered sequence, and the other is an adaptation of a variational argument used by P. Kröger for Neumann Laplacians. Some of the inequalities are sharp in suitable senses.

This is ongoing work with J. Stubbe of ÉPFL.

The essential message of this seminar

It is well known that the largest and smallest eigenvalues, and some other spectral properties, such as determinants, satisfy simple inequalities and provide information about the structure of a graph. It will be shown that statistical properties of

spectra (means, variance of samples) also satisfy simple inequalities and provide information about the structure of a graph.

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 - Berezin-Li-Yau
 - Lieb-Thirring

what would the semiclassical limit mean for a graph?

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Generic assumptions: connected, not directed, finite, at most one edge between vertices, no self-connection...

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The most basic spectral facts

The spectrum of A allows one to count "spanning subgraphs."

- It easily determines whether the graph has 2 colors. "bipartite"
 - The max eigenvalue is \leq the max degree.
- There is an interlacing theorem when an edge is added.

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 $H \ge 0$ and $H \mathbf{1} = 0 \mathbf{1}$. (Like Neumann) Taking unions of disjoint edge sets, $H_{G_1 \cup G_2} = H_{G_1} + H_{G_2}$ This implies a relation between the spectra of a graph and of its edge complement, and various useful simple inequalities. The spectrum determines the number of spanning trees (classic thm of Kirchhoff) There is an interlacing theorem when an edge is added

The most basic spectral facts

For none of the operators on graphs is it known which precise sets of eigenvalues are feasible spectra.

- Examples of nonequivalent isospectral graphs are known (and not too tricky)
- Eigenfunctions can sometimes be supported on small subsets

Notation for the eigenvalues is not standardized!

Our notation for the eigenvalues of these three matrices is as follows:

$$A: \quad \alpha_0 > \alpha_1 \ge \dots \alpha_{n-1}$$

$$H: \quad 0 = \lambda_0 < \lambda_1 \le \lambda_2 \le \dots \lambda_{n-1}$$

$$C: \quad 0 = \mathfrak{c}_0 < \mathfrak{c}_1 < \mathfrak{c}_2 \le \dots \mathfrak{c}_{n-1} \le 2$$

The indexing scheme ensures that in the case of a regular graph of degree d, $\lambda_k = d - \alpha_k = d\mathbf{c}_k$ for each k.

Two good philosophies for understanding spectra

Make variational estimates.

Exploit algebraic properties of the operator.

By adapting Pawel Kröger's variational argument for the Neumann counterpart to Berezin-Li-Yau, using the basis for the complete graph in place of exp(i x•z), and averaging over edges instead of integrating over z, we get upper bounds on $\sum_{\ell}^{L} \lambda_{\ell}$ in terms of L and the degrees, and corresponding lower bounds on sums from L+1 to n-1.

An abstract version of Kröger's inequality

Lemma 5 Consider a self-adjoint operator H with ordered, entirely discrete spectrum $-\infty < \lambda_0 \le \lambda_1 \le \ldots$ and corresponding normalized eigenvectors $\{\phi_k\}$. Let f_z be a family of vectors in D(H) indexed by a variable z ranging over a measure space (M, Σ, μ) . Suppose that M_0 is a subset of M. Then:

provided that the integrals converge.



Proof of Kröger's inequality

By the variational principle,

$$\lambda_k \Big(\langle f, f \rangle - \langle P_{k-1}f, P_{k-1}f \rangle \Big) \le \langle Hf, f \rangle - \langle HP_{k-1}f, P_{k-1}f \rangle. \tag{2.13}$$

Proof. By integrating (2.13),

$$\lambda_k \int_{M_0} \left(\langle f_z, f_z \rangle - \langle P_{k-1}f, P_{k-1}f_z \rangle \right) d\mu \le \int_{M_0} \langle Hf_z, f_z \rangle d\mu - \int_{M_0} \langle HP_{k-1}f_z, P_{k-1}f_z \rangle d\mu,$$
(2.15)

$$\lambda_k \int_{M_0} \left(\langle f_z, f_z \rangle - \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} |\langle f_z, \phi_j \rangle|^2 \right) d\mu \leq \int_{M_0} \langle Hf_z, f_z \rangle \, d\mu - \int_{M_0} \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \lambda_j |\langle f_z, \phi_j \rangle|^2 \, d\mu.$$
(2.16)
Since λ_k is larger than or equal to any weighted average of $\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_{k-1}$, we add to (2.16) the inequality

$$-\lambda_k \int_{M \setminus M_0} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} |\langle f_z, \phi_j \rangle|^2 \right) d\mu \le -\int_{M \setminus M_0} \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \lambda_j |\langle f_z, \phi_j \rangle|^2 d\mu, \qquad (2.17)$$

and obtain the claim.

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We want the "bigger" average to simplify the Fourier coefficients, while choosing the "smaller" average sufficiently large to arrange that $\lambda_k \left(\int_{M_0} \langle f_z, f_z \rangle d\mu - \int_M \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} |\langle f_z, \phi_j \rangle|^2 d\mu \right) \ge 0.$ How to use Kröger's lemma to get sharp results for graphs? (A deep question) **Corollary 6** Suppose that G is a finite subgraph of \mathfrak{Q}^{ν} . Then for $k \geq 2$ the eigenvalues of the graph Laplacian H_G satisfy

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \lambda_j \le 2\mathcal{E}\left(1 - \frac{\sin((k/n)^{1/\nu}\pi)}{(k/n)^{1/\nu}\pi}\right) \frac{k}{n},\tag{2.17}$$

where \mathcal{E} denotes the number of edges of G.

Remark 2.2 In particular, it is true independently of dimension that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \lambda_j \le \frac{2\mathcal{E}k}{n},$$

which becomes a standard equality when k = n. In the complementary situation where $k \ll n$ the upper bound is

$$\sim \frac{\pi^2 \mathcal{E}}{3} \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^{1+\frac{2}{\nu}},$$

which has the form of the Weyl law for Laplacians on domains $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^{\nu}$.



$$\begin{split} M &= [-\pi,\pi]^{\nu} \qquad f_{\mathbf{x}} = \exp(i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}) \\ M_0 &:= [-a\pi,a\pi]^{\nu} \qquad f_{\mathbf{x}} = \exp(i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}) \\ \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) &:= \sum_{\mathbf{k}\in G} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \phi_{\mathbf{k}}, \qquad \phi_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\nu}} \int_{[-\pi,\pi]^{\nu}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) \end{split}$$



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 $A_0 = 2(a\pi - \sin(a\pi))(2a\pi)^{\nu - 1} \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in G} d_{\mathbf{k}} = (2a\pi)^{\nu} 2\left(1 - \frac{\sin(a\pi)}{a\pi}\right) \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{k}}$

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 $\int_{[-\pi,\pi]^{\nu}} |\langle e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x}}, \phi_j \rangle|^2 = (2\pi)^{\nu} ||\phi_j||^2 = (2\pi)^{\nu}$

Meanwhile, on the left we require that

$$n(2a\pi)^{\nu} - k(2\pi)^{\nu} \ge 0,$$

so $a^{\nu} \rightarrow k/n$

Giving

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \lambda_j \le 2\mathcal{E}\left(1 - \frac{\sin((k/n)^{1/\nu}\pi)}{(k/n)^{1/\nu}\pi}\right) \frac{k}{n}$$

Another way to apply the Kröger Lemma to graphs is to let M be the set of pairs of vertices. The reason is that the complete graph has a superbasis of nontrivial eigenfunctions consisting of functions equal to 1 on one vertex, -1 on a second, and 0 everywhere else. Let these functions be h_z , where z is a vertex pair.

Two facts are easily seen:

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1. For vectors of mean 0 (orthogonal to $\phi_0 = 1$),

$$\sum_{\text{IL pairs}} |\langle h_{uv}, f \rangle|^2 = 2 ||f||^2 (n-1).$$

$$\langle Hh_{uv},h_{uv}
angle = d_u+d_v+2a_{uv}$$

It follows from Kröger's lemma that

$$\sum_{j \leq L} \lambda_j \leq rac{1}{2n} \min_{ ext{choices of nL pairs}} \sum_{uv} (d_u + d_v + 2a_{uv})$$

Variational bounds on graph spectra Extensions to renormalized Laplacian

Corollary 8 Let G be any finite graph on n vertices, and let M_0 be any set of p pairs of vertices $\{u, v\}$ with $\sum_{M_0} d_u + d_v \ge 2(k-1)\mathcal{E}$. Then the eigenvalues of the renormalized Laplacian C_G satisfy

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \mathfrak{c}_j \le \frac{1}{2\mathcal{E}} \sum_{M_0} \left(2 + d_u + d_v \right).$$

Variant for adjacency matrix?

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Variational bounds on graph spectra Variant for adjacency matrix? Caution! Since the spectrum is not a fortiori positive, to get a useful inequality the coefficient of λ_k in the Kröger lemma should be 0, not just ≥ 0. That turns out to be possible to arrange, but we are debugging our arithmetic.

Other inequalities arise from min-max and good choices of trial functions.

For example, Fiedler showed in 1973 that for the graph Laplacian $(0 = \lambda_0 < \lambda_1 \le ... \le \lambda_{n-1} \le n)$ $\lambda_1 \le \frac{n}{n-1} \min_k d_k, \quad \frac{n}{n-1} \max_k d_k \le \lambda_{n-1}$ Variational bounds on graph spectra Alternative for $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$:

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \leq \frac{2E}{n-2} + \frac{n(n-3)}{(n-1)(n-2)} \min_k d_k$$

$\begin{aligned} & \text{Variational bounds on graph spectra} \\ & \text{For any } L = 1, \dots, n-1 \text{ we get} \\ & \sum_{i=1}^{L} \lambda_i \leq \frac{L}{L+1} \sum_{i=1}^{L+1} d_i + \frac{1}{L+1} \sum_{\substack{\alpha=1 \\ \beta \neq \alpha}}^{L+1} \sum_{\beta=1}^{N} a_{\alpha\beta} \leq \sum_{\substack{i=N-L+1 \\ \beta \neq \alpha}}^{N} \lambda_i \\ & \sum_{i=1}^{L} \lambda_i \leq \frac{n-L+1}{n-L} \sum_{i=n-L+1}^{n} d_i + \frac{1}{n-L} \sum_{\substack{\alpha=n-L+1 \\ \beta \neq \alpha}}^{n} \sum_{\alpha=n-L+1}^{N} a_{\alpha\beta} \leq \sum_{i=N-L+1}^{N} \lambda_i. \end{aligned}$

 where the degrees are in decreasing order. Optimal for the complete and star graphs

Variational bounds on graph spectra Generalization of Fiedler:

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$$\sum_{i=1}^{L} \lambda_i \leq \frac{n-L+1}{n-L} \sum_{i=n-L+1}^{n} d_i + \frac{1}{n-L} \sum_{\substack{\alpha=n-L+1 \ \beta\neq\alpha}}^{n} \sum_{\substack{\beta=n-L+1 \ \beta\neq\alpha}}^{n} A_{\alpha\beta} \leq \sum_{i=N-L+1}^{N} \lambda_i.$$

Use eigenvectors of

$$H_p := \begin{pmatrix} p & 0 & \dots & 0 & | & -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 \\ 0 & p & \dots & 0 & | & -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & p & | & -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 \\ \hline -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & | & n & -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 \\ \hline -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & | & -1 & n & -1 & \dots & n & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & | & -1 & -1 & \dots & n & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(2.1)

Remark 1 In particular, H_1 is the Laplacian of a star graph, while H_{n-1} is the Laplacian of a complete graph. For future purposes we observe that

 $tr(H_p) = p(2n - p - 1), \quad tr(H_p^2) = p(n^2 + pn - p^2 - p)$ (2.2)

Proposition 2.1 (Spectral analysis of H_p .) Let

$$\overline{\mathbf{e}}_k := \frac{1}{\sqrt{k(k+1)}} \Big(k \mathbf{e}_{k+1} - \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbf{e}_j \Big), \tag{2.3}$$

where $\mathbf{e}_j, j = 1, ..., n$ denote the canonical orthonormal basis vectors of \mathbb{R}^n . Then $\{\overline{\mathbf{e}}_k, k = 0, ..., n - 1\}$ is an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^n . For each k = 1, ..., n - p - 1, $\overline{\mathbf{e}}_k$ is an eigenvector of H_p with corresponding eigenvalue p, and for each k = n - p, ..., n - 1, $\overline{\mathbf{e}}_k$ is an eigenvector of H_p with corresponding eigenvalue p, eigenvalue n.

A deeper look at the statistics of spectra

Pafnuty Chebyshev

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Pafnuty Lvovich Chebyshev (Russian: Пафнутий Льво́вич Чебышёв, IPA: [pefnuti; Ivovite tabi sof]) (May 16 [O.S. May 4] 1821 - December 8 [O.S. November 26] 1894)^[1] was a Russian mathematician. His name can be alternatively transliterated as Chebychev (English translitteration), Chebysheff (English), Chebyshov (English), Tchebychev (French) or Tchebycheff (French), or Tschebyschev (German) or Tschebyscheff (German) or Tschebyschow (German).

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Biography

One of nine children, he was born in the central Russian village of Okatovo near Borovsk, to Agrafena Ivanova Pozniakova and Lev Pavlovich Chebyshev. His father fought as an officer against Napoleon's invading army.

He was originally home-schooled by his mother and his cousin Avdotia Kvintillianova Soukhareva. He learned French early in life, which later helped him communicate with other mathematicians. A stunted leg prevented him from playing with other children, leading him to concentrate on studying instead.

Later he studied at Moscow University obtaining his degree in 1841.

He was a student of Nikolal Brashman. His own most illustrious student was Andrey Markov, although Alexandr Lyapunov is also famous for the method that bears his name.

Chebyshev died in St Petersburg on 26 November 1894.

Mathematical contributions

Chebyshev is known for his work in the field of probability, statistics and number theory. Chebyshev's inequality says that if X is a random variable with standard deviation σ , the probability that the outcome of X is no less than $a\sigma$ away from its mean is no more than $1/a^2$:

$$Pr(|X - \mathbf{E}(X)| \ge a \sigma) \le \frac{1}{a^2}$$

Chebyshev's inequality is used to prove the weak law of large numbers.

The Bertrand-Chebyshev theorem (1845) 1850) states that for any n > 1, there exists a prime number p such that n . It is aconsequence of Chebyshev inequalities for the number $\pi(n)$ of prime numbers less than n, which state that $\pi(n)$ is of the order of $n/\log(n)$. A more precise form is given by the celebrated prime number theorem: the quotient of the two expressions approaches 1 as n tends to infinity.

Legacy

Chebyshev is considered a founding father of Russian mathematics. Among his well-known students were the prolific mathematicians Dmitry Grave, Aleksandr Korkin, Aleksandr Lyapunov and Andrey Markov. According to the Mathematics Genealogy Project, Chebyshev has 7,483 mathematical



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| Died December 8, 1894 (aged 73 |
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| St Petersburg, Russian Empire |
| Nationality Russian |
| Fields Mathematician |
| Institutions St Petersburg University |
| Alma mater Moscow University |
| Doctoral Nikolai Brashman advisor |
| Doctoral Dmitry Grave students Aleksandr Korkin Aleksandr Lyapunov Andrey Markov Vladimir Andreevich Markov Konstantin Posse |
| Known for Mechanics and analytical geometry |
| Notable Demidov Prize (1849) awards |

Пафнутий Львович Чебышёв

1. Inequalities involving means and standard deviations of ordered sequences. References: Hardy-Littlewood-Pólya, Mitrinovic.

Riesz means

The counting function,
 N(z) := #(λ_k ≤ z)
 Integrals of the counting function, known as *Riesz means*

$$R_{\mathfrak{P}}(z) := \sum_{j} (z - \lambda_j)_+^{\mathfrak{P}}$$

Chandrasekharan and Minakshisundaram, 1952;
 Safarov, Laptev, Weidl, ...

Lemma 2.1 Given any finite sequence $\Sigma = \{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$, let $\overline{x} := \frac{1}{n} \sum_n x_n$, $\overline{x^2} := \frac{1}{n} \sum_n x_n^2$, and $\sigma^2 := \overline{x^2} - \overline{x}^2$, Then for each real number z,

$$\sum_{x_j \in J} z^2 (\overline{x} - x_j) - z (\overline{x^2} - x_j^2) + x_j \overline{x^2} - x_j^2 \overline{x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{x_j \in J} \sum_{x_k \in J^\circ} (z - x_j) (z - x_k) (x_k - x_j).$$
(2.2)

As a consequence,

$$(z - \overline{x}) R_2(z) \le (z - \overline{x})^2 R_1(z) + \sigma^2 R_1(z), \qquad (2.3)$$

and

$$rac{R_2(z)}{(z-\overline{x})^2+\sigma^2}$$

is a nondecreasing function of z.

If the sequence happens to be the spectrum of a self-adjoint matrix, then

$$egin{aligned} &\sum_{\lambda_j\in J} z^2(ext{tr}(H)-n\lambda_j)-z(ext{tr}(H^2)-n\lambda_j^2)+\lambda_j ext{tr}(H^2)-\lambda_j^2 ext{tr}(H)\ &=\sum_{\lambda_j\in J}\sum_{\lambda_k\in J^\circ}(z-\lambda_j)(z-\lambda_k)(\lambda_k-\lambda_j). \end{aligned}$$

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$$tr(H) = \sum_v d_v = 2\mathcal{E}$$
 $tr(H^2) = \sum_v (d_v^2 + d_v) = 2(\mathcal{E} + \zeta)$
 $tr(H^3) = \sum_v (d_v^3 + 3d_v^2) - 6T$

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$$rac{R_2(z)}{z^2-2\mathcal{E}z+2\zeta}$$

is a nondecreasing function of z. This is sharp for complete graphs, and always has the limit 1, attained already for $z \ge \lambda_{n-1}$.



An analogue of Lieb-Thirring

Consider the operator s Deg - A, which interpolates between -A and H as s goes from 0 to 1. Then (writing D for Deg)

 $-\frac{d}{ds}\sum(z-\lambda_j)_+^3 \le 3(z^2\operatorname{tr}(D) - 2zs\operatorname{tr}(D^2) + s^2\operatorname{tr}(D^3) + \operatorname{tr}(D^2)).$

An analogue of Lieb-Thirring

+When integrated,

 $\operatorname{tr}((z+A)^3_+) - \operatorname{tr}((z-H)^3_+) \le 3z^2 \operatorname{tr}(D) - 3z \operatorname{tr}(D^2) + \operatorname{tr}(D^3) + 3\operatorname{tr}(D^2)$

i.e.,

 $tr((z+A)^3_+) - tr((z-H)^3_+) \le tr((z+A)^3) - tr((z-H)^3)$

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