## Graph Signal Processing for Traffic Prediction

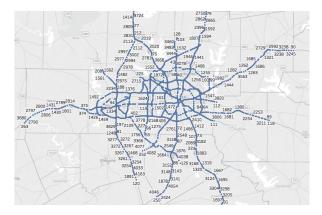
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#### Dataset



- More than 10 billion data points from GPS, routing Apps, road cameras,...
- Average speed of vehicles (2min timestep) of 4700 road segments in Dallas
- Reported crashes to police dataset
- Collected by Texas A&M Transportation Institute for a year





#### **Problem Statement**

Real-time short-term traffic forecasting in transportation networks

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

- Collect and process traffic data in real-time
- Car traffic delays costs \$45 billion<sup>1</sup>
- Detecting congestion and its effect on neighboring roads
- Updating routing algorithms and traffic management strategies

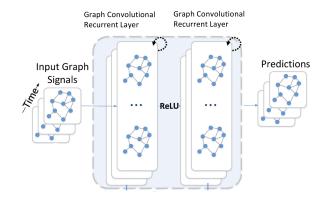
 $<sup>1.\</sup> https://www.citylab.com/life/2013/10/us-transportation-system-has-100-billion-worth-inefficiencies/7076/$ 

#### State-of-the-art Methods



#### Geometric Deep Learning (Li et. al., 2018 - Cui et. al., 2018)

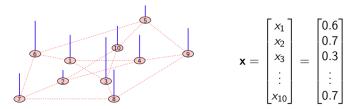
- Traffic prediction using graph convolutional recurrent neural networks
- Computationally very expensive



# Graph Signal Processing (Sandryhaila, Moura'13)

Represent network as a graph  $G = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ 

- A is adjacency matrix
- $D = diag(deg(v_i))$  is degree matrix
- L = D A is Laplacian matrix
- Data defined on nodes of the graph → graph data/signal



#### Graph Signal Processing :

Leveraging graph structure for graph data analysis

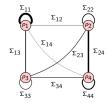
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## Conventional Signals as Graph Signals





Images : unweighted and undirected graphs



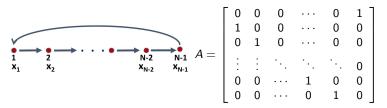
Time : unweighted and directed graphs



Covariance : weighted and undirected graphs



Define the time series signal as a graph signal on ring graph

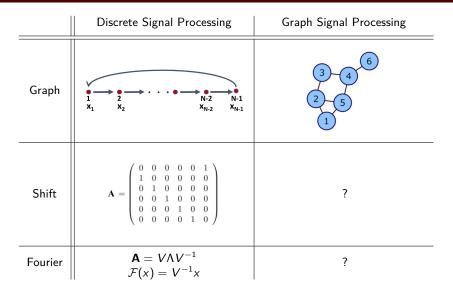


DSP operations can be derived from ring graph !

- $x[(n-k)_N] = A^k x \implies$  circular shift
- $A = V\Lambda V^{-1}$  eigendecomposition  $\Rightarrow V^{-1} = \mathsf{DFT}$  matrix
- DFT(x) =  $V^{-1}x$
- Prediction of 1-D random processes using filters

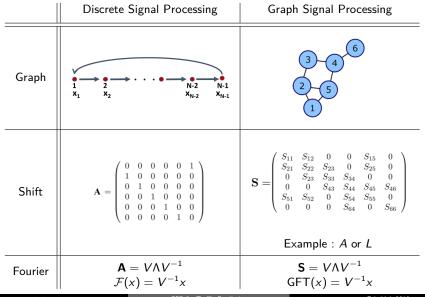
## From DSP to GSP

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## DSP Vs. GSP cont.

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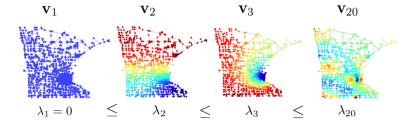
#### Frequency Analysis of GFT



- $v_k$ 's (columns of V) are frequency atoms :  $x = \sum_k \tilde{x} v_k$
- Total variation (TV) of a graph signal

$$\mathsf{TV}(x) = \sum_{(i,j)\in\mathcal{E}} A_{ij}(x_i - x_j)^2$$

$$\lambda_k = \lambda_k \mathbf{v}_k^T \mathbf{v}_k = \mathbf{v}_k^T L \mathbf{v}_k = \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} A_{ij} ([\mathbf{v}_k]_i - [\mathbf{v}_k]_j)^2 = \mathsf{TV}(\mathbf{v}_k)$$



#### Eignevalues are frequencies!

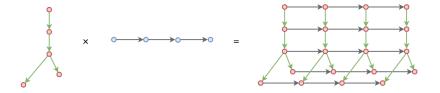
## Joint Graph

#### $\prod_{U | N | I | V | E | R | S | I | T | Y} \left| \begin{array}{c} TEXAS \\ TE$

#### Joint Fourier Transform

- $L_G = \text{graph Laplacian}$
- $L_T$  = time series Laplacian
- $L_J = L_T \bigotimes \mathbb{I}_N + \mathbb{I}_T \bigotimes L_G = \text{joint Laplacian}$
- $U_J = U_T \bigotimes U_G =$  joint Fourier transform eigenvectors

• 
$$JFT(\mathbf{x}) = U_J^* \mathbf{x}$$
 where  $\mathbf{x} = vec(X_{N \times T})$ .



#### Joint Time-Vertex Wide-Sense Stationary Process

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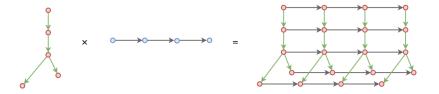
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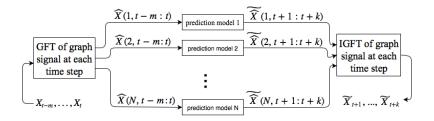
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x = h(L<sub>J</sub>)ε
ε ~ D(c, I<sub>NT</sub>) and h is joint filter as a function of L<sub>J</sub>
L<sub>J</sub>x̄ = 0<sub>N×T</sub> and Γ(t<sub>1</sub>, t<sub>2</sub>) = Γ(1, 1 + t<sub>2</sub> - t<sub>1</sub>) = γ<sub>τ</sub>(L<sub>G</sub>)
τ = t<sub>2</sub> - t<sub>1</sub> and γ is a graph filter



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- Signal in frequency domain uncorrelated in each frequency
- GFT of signal at each time step uncorrelated time series in frequency
- Independent prediction models for time series at each frequency



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## Peeking At The Dataset



• Line graph of network topology  $\Rightarrow$  consistent with GSP



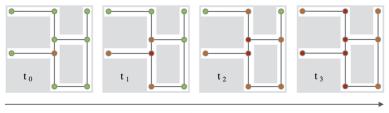
• Graph is too big  $! \Rightarrow$  not stationary

- Idea : Cluster the graph into smaller stationary subgraphs  $\Rightarrow$  how?
- Separate predictive models for each cluster

# Principal Patterns



 Principal patterns on graph : spreading patterns of congestion in transportation network - spatial relation



Time

- principal patterns are almost stationary subgraphs
- Idea : use principal patterns to cluster the graph

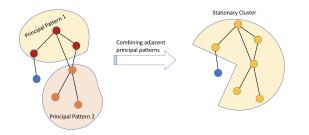
## Stationary Graph Clustering



#### Extracting Principal Patterns from Historical Data

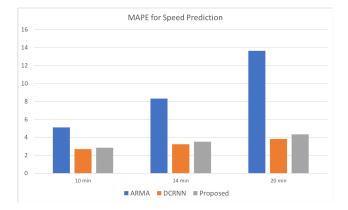
- Principal patterns : Weakly connected components of joint graph when non-congested nodes are removed
- A road is congested if Travel Time Index (TTI) goes beyond a threshold

 $\label{eq:Travel Time Index} \mathsf{Travel Time Index} = \frac{\mathsf{Current Travel Time of the Road}}{\mathsf{Free Flow Travel Time of the Road}}$ 



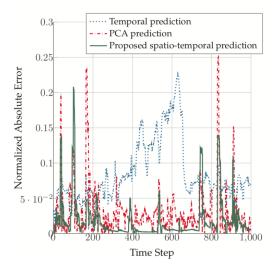
# Numerical Results





### Numerical Results, cont.







- Static graph embedding using variational graph autoencoders
- Dynamic link prediction using variational recurrent graph autoencoders

# Thanks!