

Graph, Geometry, Optimal Control and Optimal Transport

A Layman's Perspective

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Graph distance

David et. al. 2023

Graph distance

$$
A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \delta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}
$$

$$
A\delta = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, A^2\delta = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, A^3\delta = \begin{bmatrix} * \\ * \\ * \\ * \\ * \\ * \end{bmatrix}
$$

 $A\delta$, $A^2\delta$, \cdots $(Aⁿ \delta)_{5} \neq 0$ until

Why is Laplacian Laplacian?

P-S. Laplace 1749 – 1827

Laplacian and Laplacian

 $\Delta: 0 = \lambda_0 > \lambda_1 > \cdots$

(-) Graph Laplacian: $0 = \lambda_0 > \lambda_1 > \cdots > \lambda_n$

Bunny in Heat

$$
\frac{\partial u_t}{\partial t} = Au_t, \ u_0 = \delta \qquad \qquad \text{and} \qquad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \Delta u, \quad u(0) = \delta_y
$$

$$
u(t, x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(4\pi t)^2}} \exp \left\{-\frac{\|x - y\|^2}{4t}\right\}
$$

$$
||x - y|| = \lim_{t \to 0+} \sqrt{-4t \log u(t, x, y)}
$$

Holds on *Riemannian manifolds*!

$$
\Delta \leftarrow \Delta_g
$$

Varadhan's formula

Discrete
$$
\bigotimes_{d(x,y) = \lim_{t \to 0^+} \frac{\log(u_t)_x}{\log t}}
$$

$$
\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \Delta u, \quad u(0) = \delta_y, \qquad d(x,y) = \lim_{t \to 0^+} \sqrt{-4t \log u(t,x,y)}
$$

$$
d_G(x,y) = \sqrt{2}d_{\mathbb{R}^2}(x,y)
$$

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Discretize-then-Optimize
or
Optimize-then-Discretize

Geometry on graph

Difficulty: graph distance is *not* geodesic …

 $d(x(t),x(s)) \leq c|t-s|$

No smooth structure

Analogies, embeddings … can be made

Optimal Transport

OT as Optimal Control

$$
c(x, y) = ||x - y||^2
$$

\n
$$
\min_{T} \int_X ||x - T(x)||^2 d\rho_0(x)
$$
 s.t. $T_{\#}\rho_0 = \rho_1$

$$
\min_{u} \int_{0}^{1} \int_{X} \rho(t, x)|u|^{2} dx dt
$$

s.t. $\partial_{t}\rho + \nabla \cdot \rho u = 0, \ \rho(0, \cdot) = \rho_{0}, \ \rho(1, \cdot) = \rho_{1}$

Benamou and Brenier 2000

OT as Stochastic Control

$$
\begin{aligned}\n\min_{u} \mathbb{E} \left[\int_{0}^{1} \|u(t,x)\|^{2} dt \right] \\
dX_{t} &= u(t, X_{t}) dt + \sqrt{\epsilon} dB_{t}, \ X_{0} \sim \rho_{0}, \ X_{1} \sim \rho_{1} \\
\text{min} \int_{0}^{1} \rho(t,x) \|u(t,x)\|^{2} dx dt \\
\partial_{t} \rho + \nabla \cdot \rho u - \epsilon \Delta \rho = 0, \ \rho(0, \cdot) = \rho_{0}, \ \rho(1, \cdot) = \rho_{1}\n\end{aligned}
$$

Optimal transport
\n
$$
\min_{u} \int_{0}^{1} \int_{X} \rho(t, x) |u|^2 dx dt
$$
\n
$$
\partial_{t} \rho + \nabla \cdot \rho u = 0,
$$
\n
$$
\rho(0, \cdot) = \rho_0, \ \rho(1, \cdot) = \rho_1
$$
\nT. Mikami et. al. 2008,
\nY. Chen et. al. 2017,
\n(TAC best paper award)

 $\epsilon\to 0$ r

"vanishing viscosity"

A digression about my work ... $\min_{u}\int_0^1\int_X\rho(t,x)|u|^2dxdt$

$$
\text{s.t.} \quad \partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot \rho v = 0, \ \rho(0, \cdot) = \rho_0, \ \rho(1, \cdot) = \rho_1
$$

$$
v = f(x) + g(x)u, \ u \in U, \ I(\rho) \le 0
$$

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A digression about my work ...

Curvature, input & density constraints State space: mesh space

Lavenant et. al. 2018

A digression about my work ...

OT on Lie group

$$
dR = R(\Omega + \Omega_0)dt + udt + \sum_i R\Omega_i dB_t^i
$$

$$
dX = (AX + Bu)dt + \sum_{i} D_i X dB_t^i, \ X_0 \sim \rho_0, \ X_1 \sim \rho_1
$$

Controlling covariance

Back to geometry on graph

No Riemannian geometry exists on graph

But certain curvature can still be defined

Ricci curvature of metric spaces

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Abstract

We define a notion of Ricci curvature in metric spaces equipped with a measure or a random walk. For this we use a local contraction coefficient of the random walk acting on the space of probability measures equipped with a transportation distance. This notions allows to generalize several classical theorems associated with positive Ricci curvature, such as a spectral gap bound (Lichnerowicz theorem), Gaussian concentration of measure (Lévy-Gromov theorem), logarithmic Sobolev inequalities (a result of Bakry–Émery theory) or the Bonnet–Myers theorem. The definition is compatible with Bakry–Émery theory, and is robust and very easy to implement in concrete examples such as graphs. To cite this article: Y. Ollivier, C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, Ser. I 345 $(2007).$

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Ricci curvature

Gregorio Ricci-Curbastro 1853-1925 (discoverer of Tensor Calculus)

 $Ric(v) = tr(x \mapsto R(x, v)v)$

Ricci curvature on graph

Ricci flow

$$
\frac{\partial g_t}{\partial t} = -2\text{Ric}^{g_t}
$$

Richard S. Hamilton Grigori S. Perelman

Surgery

Ricci flow with surgery on three-manifolds

Grisha Perelman*

February $1, 2008$

This is a technical paper, which is a continuation of [I]. Here we verify most of the assertions, made in $[I, §13]$; the exceptions are (1) the statement that a 3-manifold which collapses with local lower bound for sectional curvature is a graph manifold - this is deferred to a separate paper, as the proof has nothing to do with the Ricci flow, and (2) the claim about the lower bound for the volumes of the maximal horns and the smoothness of the solution from some time on, which turned out to be unjustified, and, on the other hand, irrelevant for the other conclusions.

(a') initial network

(b) manifold after Ricci flow

(b') network after Ricci flow

(c) manifold after surgery

(c') network after surgery

Ni et. al. 2019 *Scientific reports*

One more word on Geometry & Control

Roger W. Brockett 1938 - 2023

sub-Riemannian geometry \iff OC of non-holonomic sys. $\dot{x} = u_1$ $\dot{y} = u_2$ $\dot{z} = u_1 y - u_2 x$ $\sqrt{u_1^2+u_2^2}dt,$ \min_{u} (x_0, y_0) fixed

 $\dot{x} = u_i f_i(x)$

- Dido's problem
- Isoperimetric problem
- Heisenberg geometry

An OT solver to Dido

Conclusion

- Various connections between graph, geometry, OT, OC
- Try dynamics even if the problem is static, e.g., heat flow, dynamic OT, Ricci flow
- Continuous model sometimes provides more insight
- Discretization may lead to unpredictable behaviors
- A lot to explore regarding graph geometry!

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Resources

(google Charlotte Bunne)

"The aim of science is to make difficult things understandable in a simpler way; the aim of poetry is to state simple things in an incomprehensible way. The two are incompatible."

 ― Paul A.M. Dirac