Graph-based Methods for Connectivity Analysis

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Graph Signal Processing

Graph Curvature

Non Invasive Imaging



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Connectivity Analysis



- Establish a map of Human Cognition
- Perform diagnosis or prevention based on imaging
- Follow pathologies or treatments

Connectome Comparison



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Issues, and our contribution

- Local vs global
- Combinatorial vs connectivity information

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gradient ∇ Laplacian L

$$s^{\mathsf{T}}Ls = \sum_{i,j} w_{i,j} \left(s_i - s_j \right)^2$$

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Fourier Transform



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Comparing Two Cohorts with this Distance



Density

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Barycenter



Optimal transport theory

 $G(\mu) = \mu$

Álvarez-Esteban et al. (2015)

 Tractable iteration for Gaussians measures

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Barycenter of Connectivity Matrices





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Metric space for connectivity maps

$$\kappa(x,y) = 1 - \frac{W_1(p_x, p_y)}{d(x, y)}$$

Network curvature as a hallmark of brain structural connectivity Farooq et al. (2019)

$$d(x,y) = \text{shortest_path}(x,y)$$

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Heat Kernel Distance



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Heat Kernel Distance and Curvature







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Conclusion

- Applied a new tool based on GSP and Optimal Transport
- Developped a notion of barycenter of connectomes
- Investigated a new formulation of connectome curvature