Topological implications of negative curvature for biological and social networks

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Various network measures

Graph-theoretical analysis leads to useful insights for many complex systems, such as

- World-Wide Web
- social network of jazz musicians
- metabolic networks
- protein-protein interaction networks

Examples of useful network measures for such analyses

- degree based , e.g.
 - maximum/minimum/average degree, degree distribution,
- **connectivity based**, *e.g.*
 - clustering coefficient, largest cliques or densest sub-graphs,
- geodesic based , e.g.
 - diameter, betweenness centrality,
- other more complex measures

network curvature as a network measure

network measure for this talk

network curvature via (Gromov) hyperbolicity measure

- originally proposed by Gromov in 1987 in the context of group theory
 - observed that many results concerning the fundamental group of a Riemann surface hold true in a more general context
 - defined for infinite continuous metric space with bounded local geometry via properties of geodesics
 - ▶ can be related to standard scalar curvature of Hyperbolic manifold
- adopted to finite graphs using a so-called 4-node condition

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Graphs, geodesics and related notations

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$$\begin{array}{ll} G = (V,E) & \text{connected undirected graph of } n \geq 4 \text{ nodes} \\ u & \swarrow v & \text{path } \mathscr{P} \equiv \left(\underbrace{u_0, u_1, \ldots, u_{k-1}, u_k}_{=v} \right) \text{ between nodes } u \text{ and } v \\ \ell(\mathscr{P}) & \text{length (number of edges) of the path } u & \swarrow v \\ u_i & \swarrow u_j & \text{sub-path } \left(u_i, u_{i+1}, \ldots, u_j \right) \text{ of } \mathscr{P} \text{ between nodes } u_i \text{ and } u_j \\ u & \longleftrightarrow v & \text{a shortest path between nodes } u \text{ and } v \\ d_{u,v} & \text{length of a shortest path between nodes } u \text{ and } v \end{array}$$



$$u_2 \xrightarrow{\mathscr{P}} u_6$$
 is the path $\mathscr{P} \equiv (u_2, u_4, u_5, u_6)$
 $\ell(\mathscr{P}) = 3$
 $d_{u_2, u_6} = 2$

4 node condition (Gromov, 1987)

Consider four nodes u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4 and the six shortest paths among pairs of these nodes



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Assume, without loss of generality, that

 $\underbrace{d_{u_1,u_4} + d_{u_2,u_3}}_{=L} \ge \underbrace{d_{u_1,u_3} + d_{u_2,u_4}}_{=M} \ge \underbrace{d_{u_1,u_2} + d_{u_3,u_4}}_{=S}$



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Negative curvature for networks

Hyperbolic graphs (graphs of negative curvature)

Definition (Δ -hyperbolic graphs) *G* is Δ -hyperbolic provided $\delta(G) \leq \Delta$

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Example (Hyperbolic and non-hyperbolic graphs)



Hyperbolicity of real-world networks

Are there real-world networks that are hyperbolic?

Yes, for example:

- Preferential attachment networks were shown to be scaled hyperbolic
 - [Jonckheere and Lohsoonthorn, 2004; Jonckheere, Lohsoonthorn and Bonahon, 2007]
- Networks of high power transceivers in a wireless sensor network were empirically observed to have a tendency to be hyperbolic
 - [Ariaei, Lou, Jonckeere, Krishnamachari and Zuniga, 2008]
- Communication networks at the IP layer and at other levels were empirically observed to be hyperbolic
 - [Narayan and Saniee, 2011]
- Extreme congestion at a very limited number of nodes in a very large traffic network was shown to be caused due to hyperbolicity of the network together with minimum length routing
 - [Jonckheerea, Loua, Bonahona and Baryshnikova, 2011]
- Topology of Internet can be effectively mapped to a hyperbolic space
 - [Bogun, Papadopoulos and Krioukov, 2010]

Average hyperbolicity measure, computational issues

Definition (average hyperbolicity)

$$\delta_{\text{ave}}(G) = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{4}} \sum_{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4} \delta_{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4}$$

expected value of δ_{u_1,u_2,u_3,u_4} if u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4 are picked uniformly at random

Computation of $\delta(G)$ and $\delta_{ave}(G)$

- Trivially in $O(n^4)$ time
 - ▷ Compute all-pairs shortest paths Floyd–Warshall algorithm $O(n^3)$ time
 - ▶ For each combination u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4 , compute $\delta_{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4}$ O(n^4) time

• Open problem: can we compute in $O(n^{4-\varepsilon})$ time?

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Direct calculation

Real networks used for empirical validation

20 well-known biological and social networks

- 11 biological networks that include 3 transcriptional regulatory, 5 signalling, 1 metabolic, 1 immune response and 1 oriented protein-protein interaction networks
- 9 social networks range from interactions in dolphin communities to the social network of jazz musicians
- hyperbolicity of the biological and directed social networks was computed by ignoring the direction of edges
- hyperbolicity values were calculated by writing codes in C using standard algorithmic procedures

Next slide: List of 20 networks ►

Direct calculation

11 biological networks

	# nodes	# edges
1. E. coli transcriptional	311	451
2. Mammalian signaling	512	1047
3. E. coli transcriptional	418	544
4. T-LGL signaling	58	135
5. S. cerevisiae transcriptional	690	1082
6. C. elegans metabolic	453	2040
7. Drosophila segment polarity (6 cells)	78	132
8. ABA signaling	55	88
9. Immune response network	18	42
10. T cell receptor signaling	94	138
11. Oriented yeast PPI	786	2445

9 social networks

	# nodes	# edges
1. Dolphin social network	62	160
2. American College Football	115	612
3. Zachary Karate Club	34	78
4. Books about US politics	105	442
5. Sawmill communication network	36	62
6. Jazz Musician network	198	2742
7. Visiting ties in San Juan	75	144
8. World Soccer Data, Paris 1998	35	118
9. Les Miserables characters	77	251

Direct calculation

Biological networks

	Average degree	$\delta_{\rm ave}$	δ
1. <i>E. coli</i> transcriptional	1.45	0.132	2
2. Mammalian Signaling	2.04	0.013	3
3. E. Coli transcriptional	1.30	0.043	2
4. T LGL signaling	2.32	0.297	2
5. S. cerevisiae transcriptional	1.56	0.004	3
6. C. elegans Metabolic	4.50	0.010	1.5
7. Drosophila segment polarity	1.69	0.676	4
8. ABA signaling	1.60	0.302	2
9. Immune Response Network	2.33	0.286	1.5
10. T Cell Receptor Signalling	1.46	0.323	3
11. Oriented yeast PPI	3.11	0.001	2

social networks

Average degree	$\delta_{\rm ave}$	δ
5.16	0.262	2
10.64	0.312	2
4.58	0.170	1
8.41	0.247	2
3.44	0.162	1
27.69	0.140	1.5
3.84	0.422	3
3.37	0.270	2.5
6.51	0.278	2
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- Hyperbolicity values of almost all networks are small
- For all networks δ_{ave} is one or two orders of magnitude smaller than δ
 - ▶ Intuitively, this suggests that value of δ may be a rare deviation from typical values of $\delta_{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4}$ for most combinations of nodes { u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4 }

► No systematic dependence of δ on number of nodes/edges or average degree

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Direct calculation





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Direct calculation

Definition (Diameter of a graph)

 $\mathcal{D} = \max_{u,v} \left\{ d_{u,v} \right\} \quad \mathbb{R}$

longest shortest path

Fact

 $\delta \leq \mathscr{D}/2$ small diameter implies small hyperbolicity

We found no systematic dependence of δ on ${\mathscr D}$

For more rigorous checks of hyperbolicity of finite graphs and for evaluation of statistical significance of the hyperbolicity measure see our paper R. Albert, B. DasGupta and N. Mobasheri, Topological implications of negative curvature for biological and social networks. Physical Review E 89(3), 032811 (2014)

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We discuss topological implications of hyperbolicity somewhat informally

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Hyperbolicity and crosstalk in regulatory networks

Definition (Path chord and chord)



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Hyperbolicity and crosstalk in regulatory networks

Definition (Path chord and chord)



Theorem (large cycle without path-chord imply large hyperbolicity)

G has a cycle of *k* nodes which has no path-chord $\implies \delta \ge \lfloor k/4 \rfloor$

Corollary

Any cycle containing more than 4δ nodes must have a path-chord



Hyperbolicity and crosstalk in regulatory networks

An example of a regulatory network





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 $\forall v \text{ in one path } \exists v' \text{ in the other path such that } d_{v,v'} \le \max \{6\delta, 2\}$



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Implications of geodesic triangles and crosstalk paths for regulatory networks

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Empirical evidence [R. Albert, Journal of Cell Science 118, 4947-4957 (2005)]

Network motifs^a are often nested

Two generations of nested assembly for a common *E. coli* motif [DeDeo and Krakauer, 2012]



^ae.g., feed-forward or feedback loops of small number of nodes

Hausdorff distance between shortest paths

Definition (Hausdorff distance between two paths
$$\mathscr{P}_1$$
 and \mathscr{P}_2)
$$d_H(\mathscr{P}_1, \mathscr{P}_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max \left\{ \max_{\nu_1 \in \mathscr{P}_1} \min_{\nu_2 \in \mathscr{P}_2} \left\{ d_{\nu_1, \nu_2} \right\}, \max_{\nu_2 \in \mathscr{P}_2} \min_{\nu_1 \in \mathscr{P}_1} \left\{ d_{\nu_1, \nu_2} \right\} \right\}$$

small Hausdorff distance implies every node of either path is close to some node of the other path

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this result versus our previous path-chord result



Which result is more general in nature ?

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unless **G** is a tree or a complete graph (K_n), $\delta > 0$

 $\delta > 0 \equiv \delta \ge 1/2$

 $\delta \ge 1/2 \implies \max\{6\delta, 2\} = 6\delta$

Hence, we will simply write 6δ instead of max $\{6\delta, 2\}$

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Distance between geodesic and arbitrary path





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Distance between geodesic and arbitrary path

Distance from a shortest path $u_0 \stackrel{\mathfrak{s}}{\longleftrightarrow} u_1$ to another arbitrary path $u_0 \stackrel{\mathfrak{P}}{\longleftrightarrow} u_1$ *n* is the number of nodes in the graph $\ell(\mathcal{P})$ is length of path \mathcal{P}



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An interesting implication of this bound

 $\exists v' \ d_{v,v'} \leq 6\delta \log_2 \ell(\mathscr{P})$



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An interesting implication of this bound

assume $\forall v' \in \mathscr{P} \quad d_{v,v'} \geq \gamma$



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Next: better bounds for approximately short paths >

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Approximately short path

Why consider approximately short paths ?

Regulatory networks

Up/down-regulation of a target node is mediated by two or more "close to shortest" paths starting from the same regulator node

Additional "very long" paths between the same regulator and target node do not contribute significantly to the target node's regulation



Definition ε -additive-approximate short path \mathcal{P}

 $\ell(\mathcal{P}) \leq \text{length of shortest path } +\varepsilon$

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Approximately short path

Why consider approximately short paths ?

Algorithmic efficiency reasons

Approximate short path may be faster to compute as opposed to exact shortest path

Routing and navigation problems (traffic networks)

Routing via approximate short path

Definition μ -approximate short path $u_0 \stackrel{\mathscr{P}}{\longleftrightarrow} u_k = (u_0, u_1, \dots, u_k)$

Distance between geodesic and approximately short path



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Contrast the new bounds with the old bound of $d_{\nu,\nu'} = O(\delta \log \ell(\mathscr{P}))$ d_{u_0,u_1} is the length of a shortest path between u_0 and u_1



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Interesting implications of these improved bounds

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approximately short path *P*

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if ${\mathcal P}$ is ${\mathcal E}$ -additive-approximate short then

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$$\varepsilon = \Omega\left(\frac{2^{\gamma/\delta}}{\delta} - \log\delta\right)$$



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To wrap it up, approximate shortest paths look like the following cartoon



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Interpretation for regulatory networks

- It is reasonable to assume that, when up- or down-regulation of a target node is mediated by two or more approximate short paths starting from the same regulator node, additional very long paths between the same regulator and target node do not contribute significantly to the target node's regulation
- We refer to the short paths as relevant, and to the long paths as irrelevant
- Then, our finding can be summarized by saying that

almost all relevant paths between two nodes have crosstalk paths between each other

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Influence of a node on the geodesics between other pair of nodes

integer parameters used in this result				
	κ ≥4	<i>α</i> > 0	$r > 3(\kappa - 2)\delta$	
Example:	5	1	$9\delta + 1$	



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All shortest paths between u_{source} and u_{target} must intersect the ξ -neighborhood

Therefore, "knocking out" nodes in ξ -neighborhood cuts off all shortest regulatory paths between u_{source} and u_{tareet}



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shifting the ξ -neighborhood does not change claim



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how about enlarging the ξ -neighborhood ?

approximately short paths start intersecting the neighborhood



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Consider a ball (neighborhood) of radius $\xi \log n$ (*n* is the number of nodes)



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Empirical estimation of neighborhoods and number of essential nodes

We empirically investigated these claims on relevant paths passing through a neighborhood of a central node for the following two biological networks:

- E. coli transcriptional
- T-LGL signaling

by selecting a few biologically relevant source-target pairs

Our results show much better bounds for real networks compared to the worst-case pessimistic bounds in the mathematical theorems

see our paper for further details

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Traffic network

need not be a hub

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Introduction

2 Basic definitions and notations

Computing hyperbolicity for real networks

Implications of hyperbolicity of networks

- Hyperbolicity and crosstalk in regulatory networks
- Geodesic triangles and crosstalk paths
- Identifying essential edges and nodes in regulatory networks
- A social network application

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Visual illustration of a well-known social network



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Let Nbr(u) be set of nodes adjacent to u

$$\mathfrak{M}_{u} = \left| \mathsf{Nbr}(u) \right| - \frac{\sum\limits_{v, y \in \mathsf{Nbr}(u)} a_{v, y}}{\left| \mathsf{Nbr}(u) \right|}$$

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An intuitive interpretation of \mathfrak{M}_{u}

Definition (weak dominance $\prec_{\text{weak}}^{\rho,\lambda}$)

Nodes v, y are weakly (ρ, λ) -dominated by node u provided

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An intuitive interpretation of \mathfrak{M}_u

Notation (boundary of the ξ -neighborhood of node u) $\mathscr{B}_{\xi}(u) = \{ v \mid d_{u,v} = \xi \}$ the set of all nodes at a distance of precisely ξ from u Observation v is selected uniformly ran- $\mathfrak{M}_{u} = \mathbb{E} \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{number of pairs of nodes } v, y \text{ such that} \\ v, y \text{ is weakly } (0, 1) \text{-dominated by } u \\ \rho \\ \lambda \end{array} \right|$ domly from $\bigcup_{\substack{0 < j \leq 1\\ 0 \leq j \leq 1}} \mathscr{B}_j(u)$ v is selected uniformly ran- $\geq \mathbb{E} \quad \text{number of pairs of nodes } v, y \text{ such that} \\ v, y \text{ is strongly (0,1)-dominated by } u$ domly from $\bigcup_{0 < j \le 1} \mathscr{B}_j(u)$ alwavs true u equality does not hold in general UIC R. Albert, B. DasGupta and N. Mobasheri, Physical Review E 89(3), 032811 (2014) - + Bhaskar DasGupta (UIC) Negative curvature for networks November 29, 2014 49/52

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Generalize \mathfrak{M}_u to $\mathfrak{M}_{u,\rho,\lambda}$ for larger ball of influence of a node replace (0,1) by (ρ,λ)

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Thank you for your attention



"But before we move on, allow me to belabor the point even further..."

Questions??



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