

Classification of normal and pathological brain networks based on similarity of graph partitions

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What is connectome ? (spoiler connectome = brain network)



In a macro-scale view connectome is a graph in which nodes correspond to different brain regions (**R**egions **O**f Interest), while the edges are connections between those areas.

Tasks to solve

- 1. ROI definition
- 2. Time series extraction / Tractography
- 3. Connectivity matrix
- 4. Supervised learning

How to classify graphs?

- 1. Global graph characteristics (diameter, radius, node degree distribution)
- Local graph characteristics (degree centrality, closeness centrality, betweenness centrality, eigenvector centrality, average path length, clustering coefficient)
- 3. Graph's Laplacian spectra
- 4. Simple distance between adjacency matrices (l1, l2)
- 5. Bag of edges
- 6. And more, much more



Obtaining partitions

- 1. Newman eigenvector
- 2. Louvain
- 3. Greedy modularity optimization



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Similarity between partitions

- **1.** Random Index
- 2. Adjusted Rand Index
- 3. Adjusted Mutual Information



true = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2]predicted = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2]

ARI (true, predicted) = 0.792 AMI (true, predicted) = 0.804

Computing kernel from similarity

There are no constraints on the structure of the input data X. Let G and G' be the networks and $\omega(G, G')$ be a distance between these networks. We build a graph kernel K using the distance ω as follows:

$$K(G,G')=e^{-\alpha\omega(G,G')}$$

Since ARI and AMI measure simularity of two partitions and both vary from 0 to 1 we define distance as follow:

$$\omega(G,G')=1-sim(G,G'),$$

where sim stands for either ARI or AMI



Data description

We use a publicly available UCLA APOE-4 dataset (UCLA Multimodal Connectivity Database) that includes precomputed matrices of structural connectomes. These are DTI-based connectivity matrices of carriers and non carriers of the APOE-4 allele associated with the higher risk of Alzheimer's disease. The sample includes 30 APOE-4 non carriers, mean age (age standard deviation) is 63.8 (8.3), and 25 APOE-4 carriers, mean age (age standard deviation) is 60.8 (9.7).

Results



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