# Spectral Clustering for <br> Divide-and-Conquer Graph Matching 

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#### Abstract

We present a parallelized bijective graph matching algorithm that leverages seeds and is designed to match very large graphs. Our algorithm combines spectral graph embedding with existing state-of-the-art seeded graph matching procedures. We justify our approach by proving that modestly correlated, large stochastic block model random graphs are correctly matched utilizing very few seeds through our divide-and-conquer procedure. We also demonstrate the effectiveness of our approach in matching very large graphs in simulated and real data examples.


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## Background

Given two graphs, $G_{1}=\left(V_{1}, E_{1}\right)$ and $G_{2}=\left(V_{2}, E_{2}\right)$, the Graph Matching Problem (GMP) seeks an alignment between the vertex sets $V_{1}$ and $V_{2}$ that best preserves structure across the graphs. In bijective graph matching, we further assume $\left|V_{1}\right|=\left|V_{2}\right|=n$, and the alignment sought by GMP is a bijection between $V_{1}$ and $V_{2}$.

## Graph Matching Problem

Find a bijection $\psi: V_{1} \rightarrow V_{2}$ minimizing the quantity

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\begin{equation*}
\mid\left\{(i, j) \in V_{1} \times V_{1} \text { s.t. }\left[i \sim_{G_{1}} j, \psi(i) \not{\nsim G_{2}} \psi(j)\right] \text { or }\left[i \varkappa_{G_{1}} j, \psi(i) \sim_{G_{2}} \psi(j)\right]\right\} \mid \text {, } \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
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i.e. the problem seeks to minimize the number of edge disagreements between $G_{2}$ and " $\psi\left(G_{1}\right)$ ". Equivalently stated, if $A$ and $B$ are the respective adjacency matrices of $G_{1}$ and $G_{2}$, then this problem seeks to minimize $\left\|A-P B P^{T}\right\|_{F}^{2}$, over all permutation matrices $P \in \Pi(n):=\{n \times n$ permutation matrices $\}$, with $\|\cdot\|_{F}$ the matrix Frobenius norm.

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In the seeded graph matching problem (SGMP), we further assume the presence of a latent alignment $\phi$ between the vertex sets of $G_{1}$ and $G_{2}$. Our task is to then efficiently leverage the information in a partial observation of the latent alignment, i.e. a seeding, to estimate the remaining latent alignment.

## Seeded Graph Matching Problem

Given subsets of the vertices $S_{1} \subset V_{1}$ and $S_{2} \subset V_{2}$ called seeds with $\left|S_{1}\right|=\left|S_{2}\right|=s$ and a bijective seeding function $\phi_{S}: S_{1} \rightarrow S_{2}$, the task is to use $\phi_{S}$ to estimate $\phi$ by finding the bijection extending $\phi_{S}$ which minimizes (1).

## Divide-and-Conquer Seeded Graph Matching



## Theorem 1: Perfect Clustering <br> [EJS2014]

## Theorem 2: Seeded Graph Matching

## [JMLR2014]

## Theorem 3: Subspace Alignment

## [PARCO2015]

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Fraction of unseeded vertices correctly matched across two $K=900$ block, $\vec{n}=30 \cdot \overrightarrow{1}, d=10$ dimensional $\rho$-correlated SBM's with $s$ seeds drawn uniformly at random from the 27000 vertices.


The fraction of the unseeded vertices correctly matched for graphs 8 and 29 (within-subject) and for graphs 1 and 8 (across-subject). For the $8-29$ pair, $n=20,541, d=30$. For the $1-8$ pair, $n=18,694, d=30$, we cluster using $k$-means, reclustering any clusters of size $\geqslant 800$. We plot the fraction of the vertices correctly matched in each of the two experiments for number of seeds $s=200,1000,2000$, and 5000 .

Yogi Berra:
"In theory there is no difference between theory and practice.
In practice, there is."


Leopold Kronecker to Hermann von Helmholtz (1888):
"The wealth of your practical experience with sane and interesting problems will give to mathematics a new direction and a new impetus."


Kronecker


Helmholtz

