

# Applied and Computational Harmonic Analysis on Graphs and Networks: Tools and Applications

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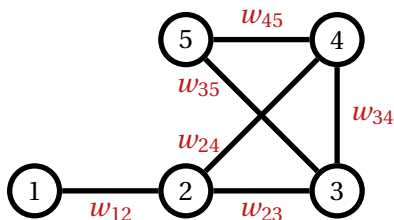
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Let  $G$  be a **graph**.

- $V = V(G) = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is the set of **vertices**.
- For simplicity, we often use  $1, \dots, n$  instead of  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ .
- $E = E(G) = \{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$  is the set of **edges**, where  $e_k = (i, j)$  represents an edge (or line segment) connecting between adjacent vertices  $i, j$  for some  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ .
- $W = W(G) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is the **weight matrix**, where  $w_{ij}$  denotes the edge weight between vertices  $i$  and  $j$ .



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# Our Assumptions

In this talk, we assume that the graph is

- **connected.** Otherwise, we would simply consider the components separately.
- **undirected.** Edges do not have direction, which means that  $w_{ij} = w_{ji}$  and thus  $W$  is *symmetric*.

The graph may be weighted or unweighted.



# Matrices Associated with a Graph

- Let  $D = D(G) := \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_n)$  be the **degree matrix** of  $G$  where  $d_i := \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}$  is the **degree** of the vertex  $i$ .
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## A Simple Yet Important Example: A Path Graph



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The eigenvectors of this matrix are exactly the **DCT Type II** basis vectors used for the JPEG image compression standard! (See G. Strang, “The discrete cosine transform,” *SIAM Review*, vol. 41, pp. 135–147, 1999).

- $\lambda_k = 4 \sin^2(\pi k/2n)$ ;  $\phi_k(\ell) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{n}} \cos(\pi k(\ell + \frac{1}{2})/n)$ ,  $k, \ell = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ .
- In this simple case,  $\lambda$  (eigenvalue) is a monotonic function w.r.t. the frequency, which is the eigenvalue index  $k$ . However, *the notion of frequency is not well defined on a more general graph!*
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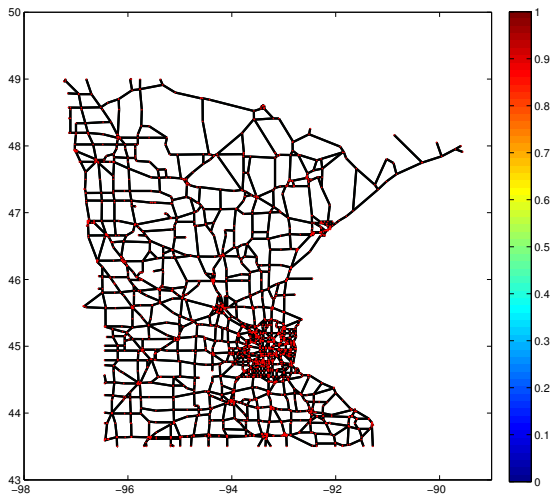


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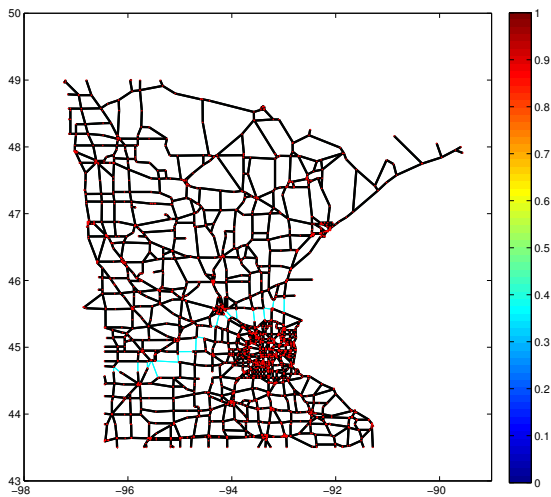
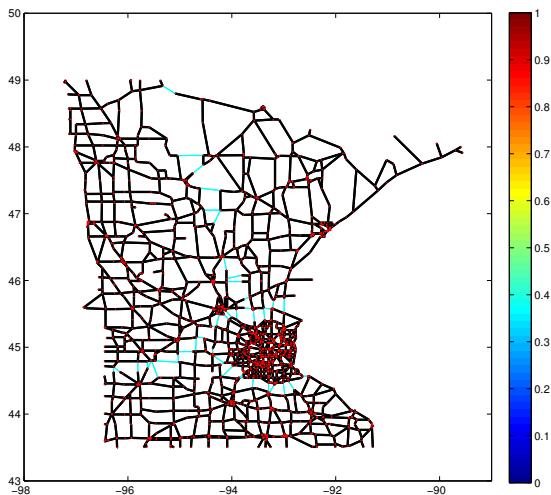


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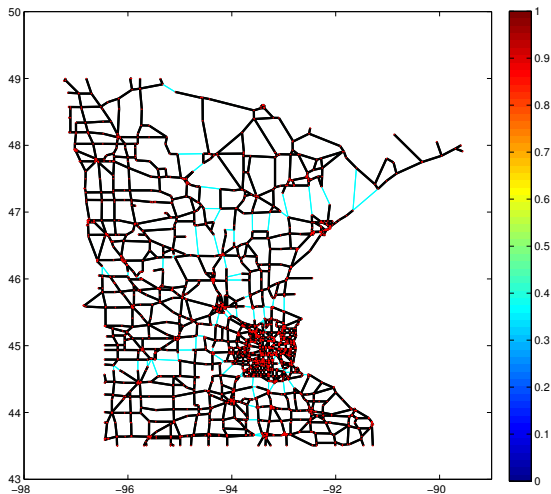


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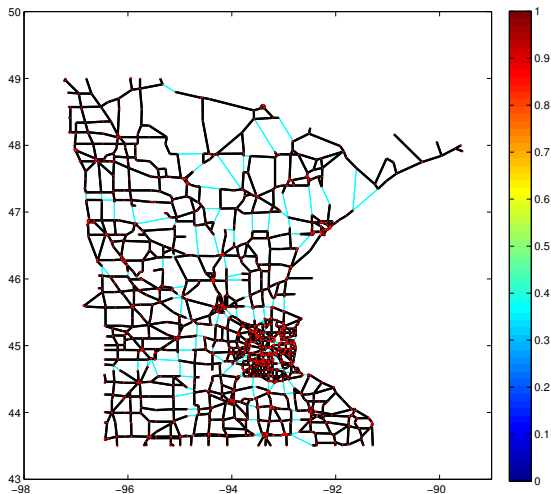


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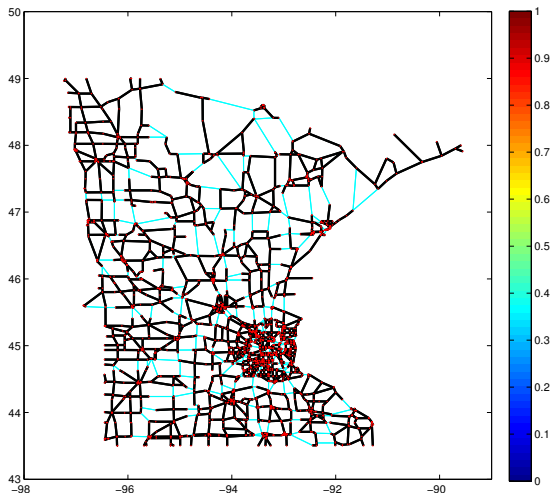
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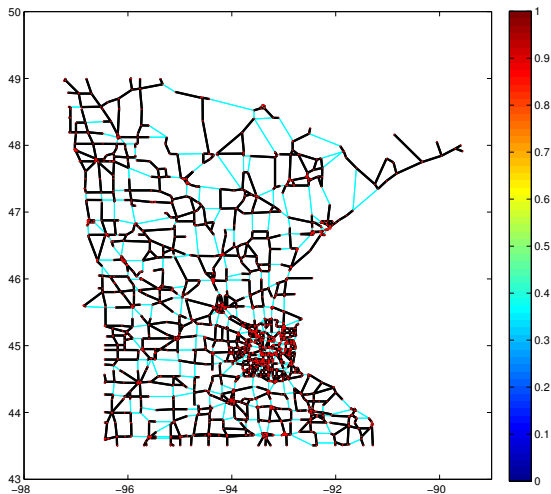
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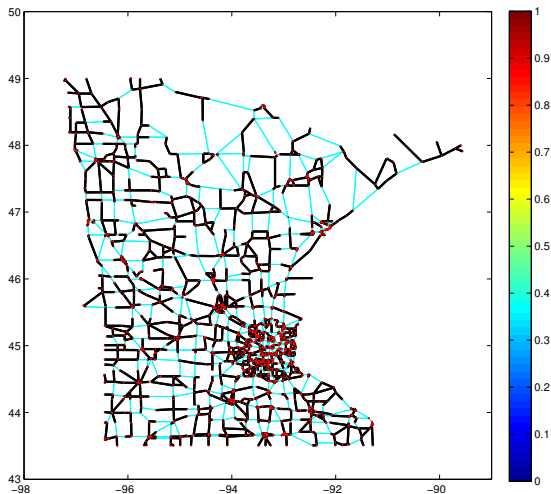
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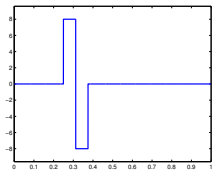
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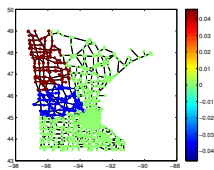
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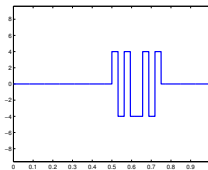
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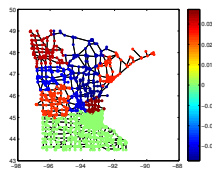
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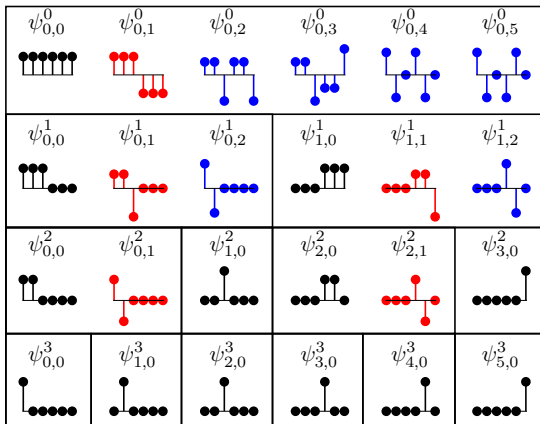


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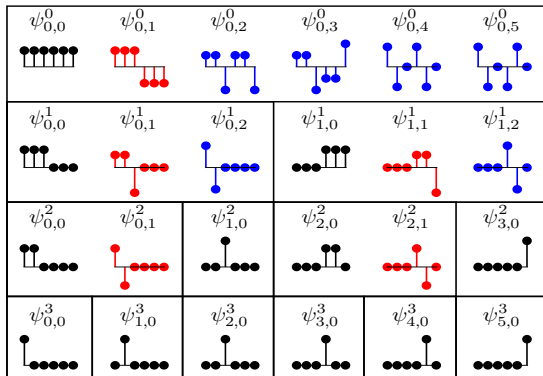


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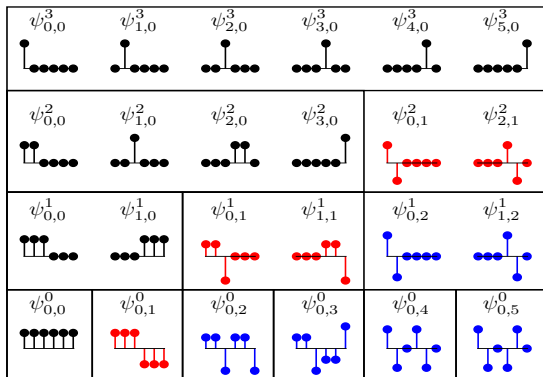


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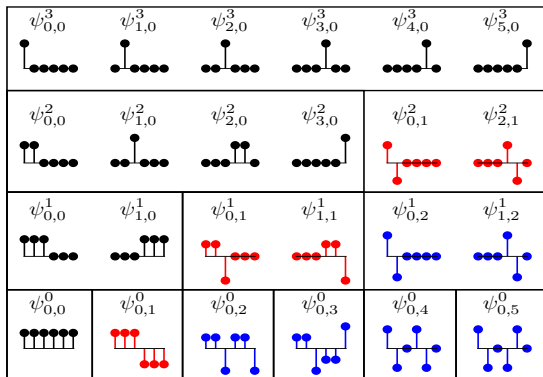


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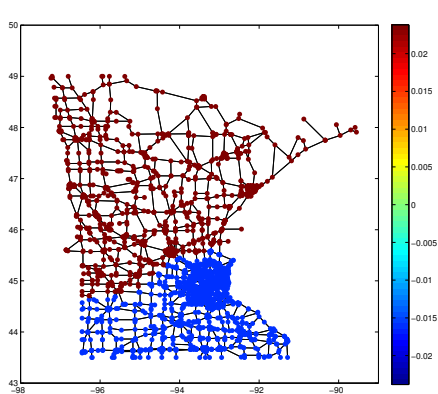
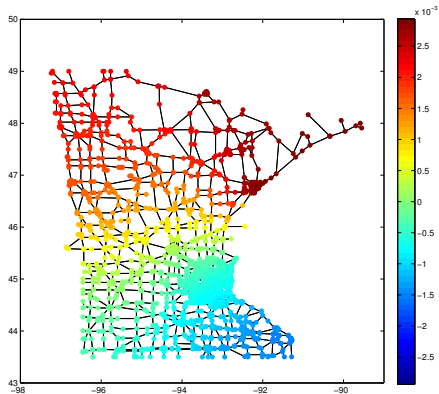
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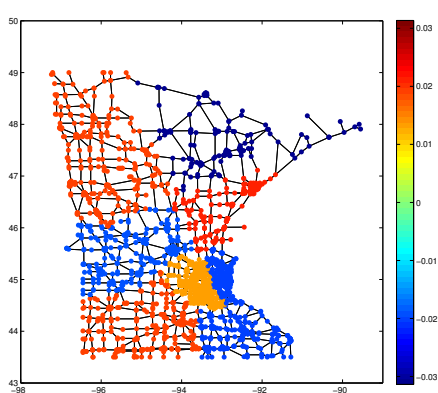
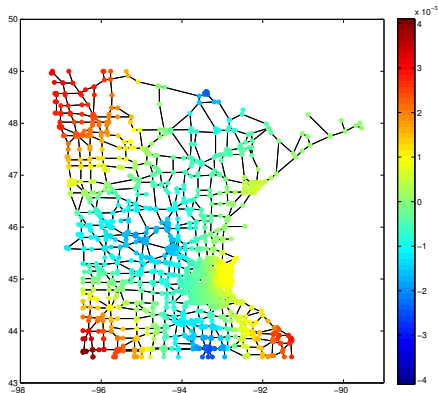




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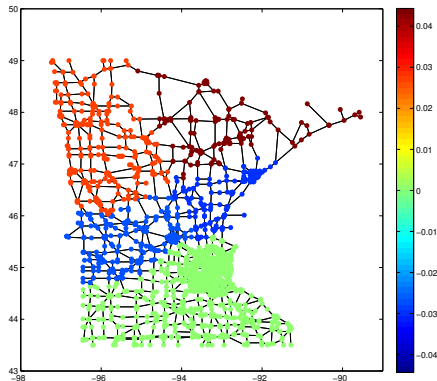
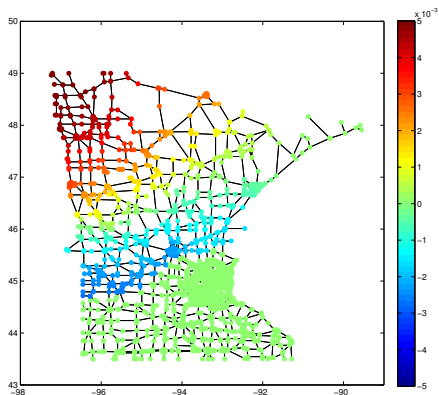
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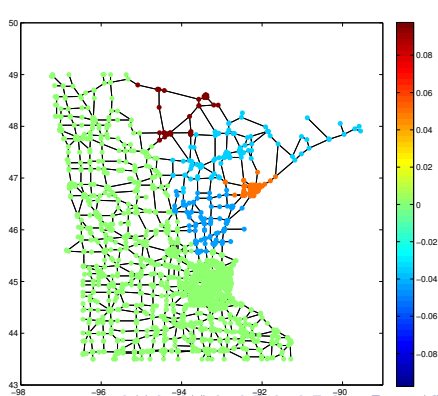
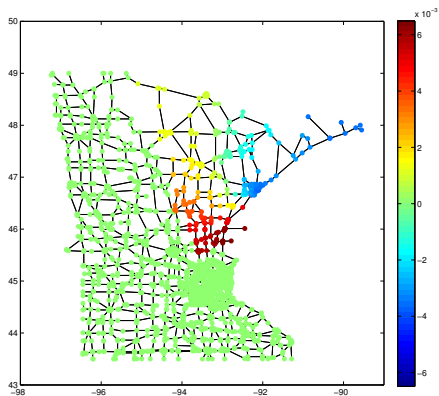
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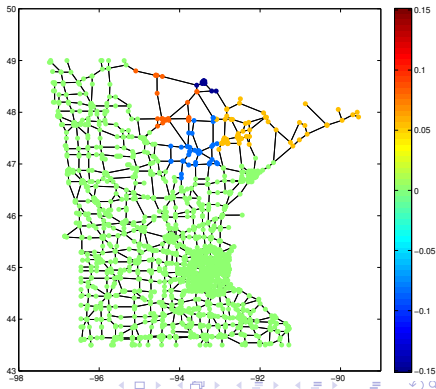
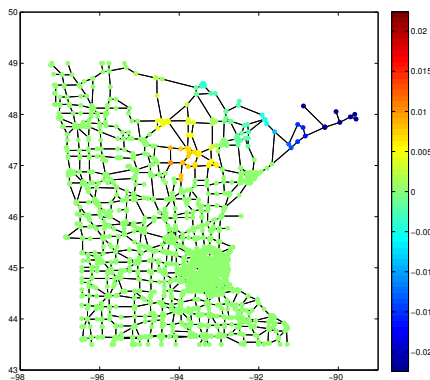
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## Related Work

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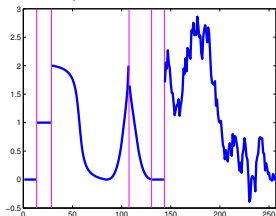
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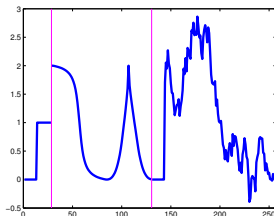
# Motivation

Thanks to the versatility of graphs, graph-based techniques have been used to tackle classical problems, e.g., the nonlocal means algorithm for image denoising can be viewed as a graph-based technique. Here, we demonstrate the versatility of our graph methods by applying the HGLET and hybrid best-basis algorithm to the problem of denoising and segmenting a 1-D signal sampled on a regular lattice into *meaningful* parts.

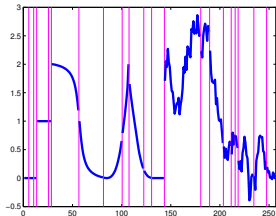
Simply put, the goal is to partition a given 1-D signal into segments based on the characteristics of the signal, which may help interpretation, analysis, compression, etc.



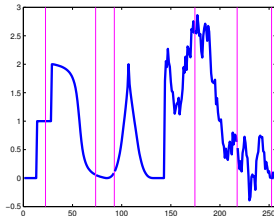
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(b) Bad – too few segments



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(d) Bad – segmentation lines are poorly placed



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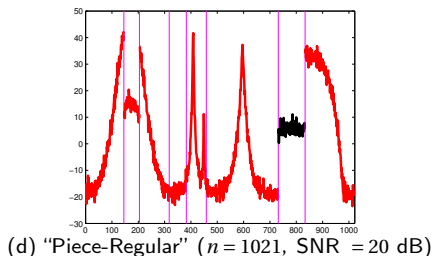
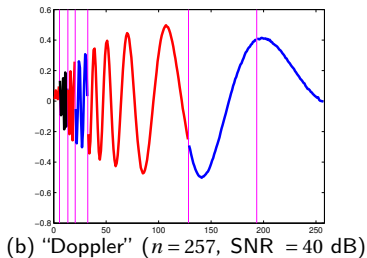
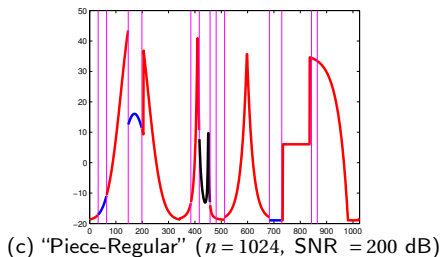
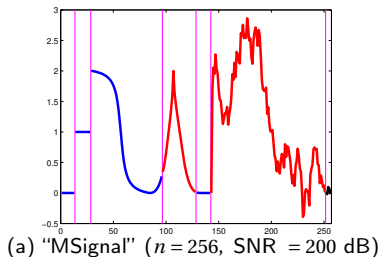


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# A Real Signal Example

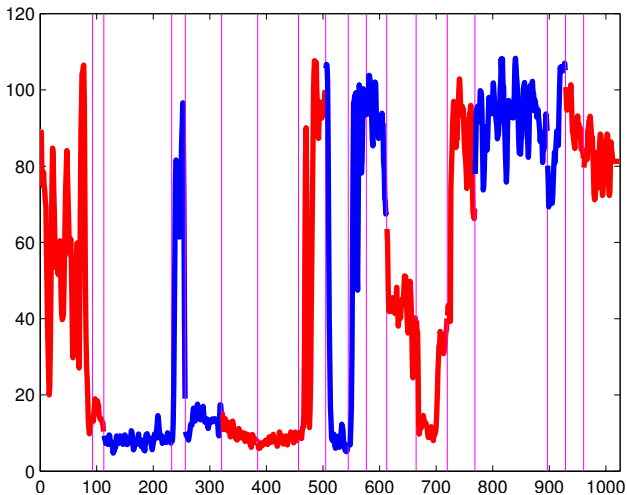
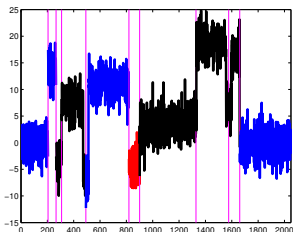


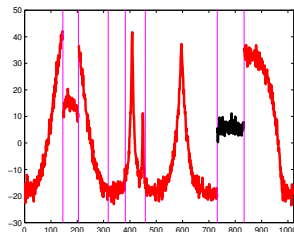
Figure: Gamma-ray log from North Sea subsurface formations.  $\Delta z = 6$  inches.



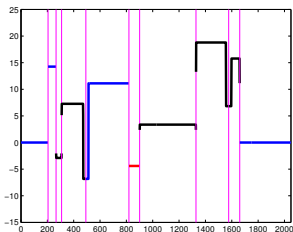
# Simultaneous Segmentation and Denoising



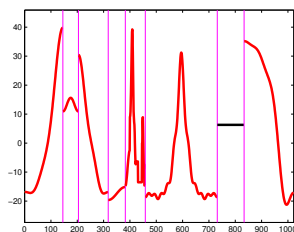
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(b) Denoised (a) ( $n = 2048$ , SNR = 21.60 dB)



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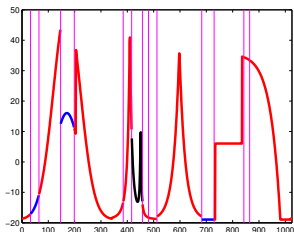
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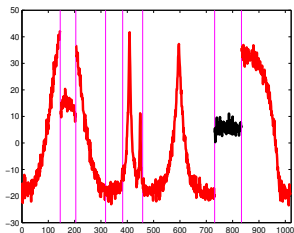
Why does the MDL perform well for this task?

- 1 The MDL seeks an efficient way to represent the signal  $\Rightarrow$  dissimilar regions are more efficiently represented separately than together
- 2 Partitions have a cost, and so regions will be merged unless keeping them separate offers a savings in cost that warrants the extra cost of the partition

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(c) "Piece-Regular" ( $n = 1024$ , SNR = 200 dB)



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What do we learn from this particular example?

- Our method is versatile in that it is compatible with signals of arbitrary length  $\Rightarrow$  signals whose length are non-dyadic and even prime are perfectly fine
- Even with the addition of significant noise and changing the length from dyadic to prime, the resulting partitions look similar

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# Motivation

There are many examples of data in matrix format:

- Images
- Ratings/Reviews
  - Rows  $\rightarrow$  Netflix users
  - Columns  $\rightarrow$  movies
  - $A(i, j) \rightarrow$  user  $i$ 's rating of movie  $j$  on a 1-5 scale
- Spatiotemporal data
  - Rows  $\rightarrow$  sensors
  - Columns  $\rightarrow$  times
  - $A(i, j) \rightarrow$  sensor  $i$ 's temperature reading at time  $j$

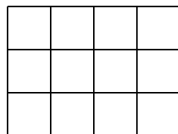
By utilizing graph-based techniques, we can discover and exploit underlying structure in the data for a variety of tasks.

# Method

- ① Use the matrix data to recursively partition the rows and the columns (explained on next slide)
- ② Use the GHWT and best-basis algorithm to analyze the matrix
  - i. Analyze along the rows and extract the best basis
  - ii. Analyze the row best basis coefficients along the columns and extract the best basis
- ③ Threshold the expansion coefficients and reconstruct
  - Compare to the tensor Haar basis and, where applicable, to 2-D wavelets

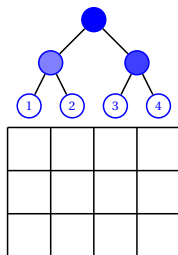
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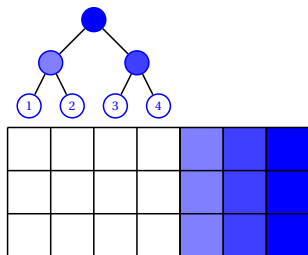
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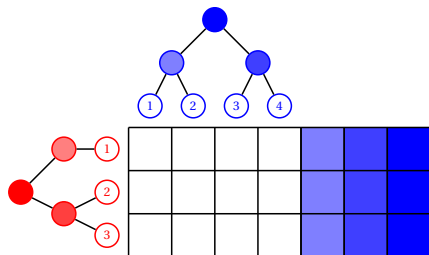
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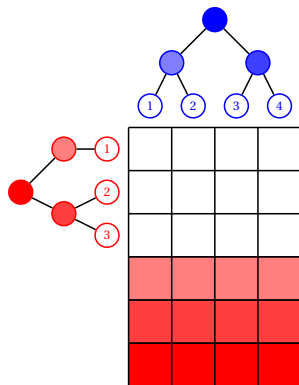
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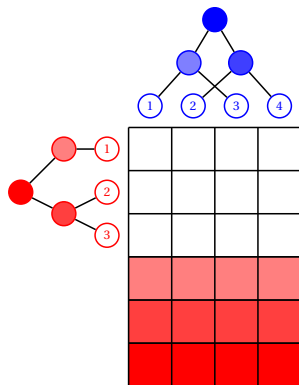
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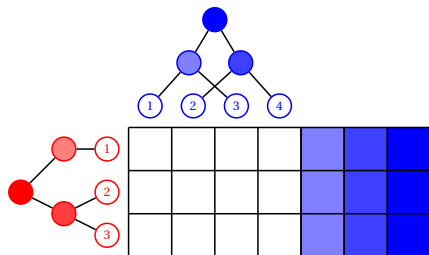
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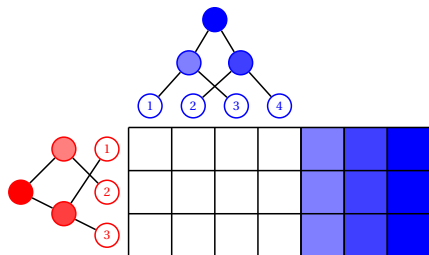
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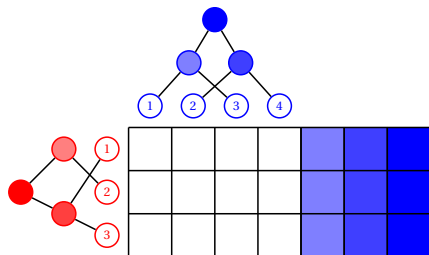
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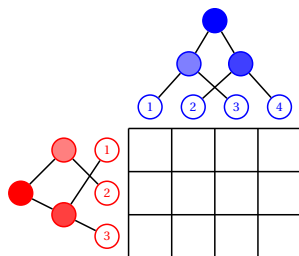
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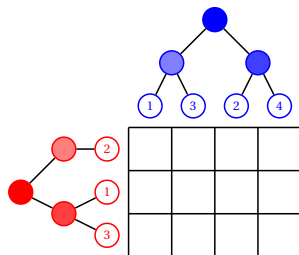




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- 8 Repeat steps (4)-(7)...

**Result:** recursive partitioning trees on the rows and columns.



See also: R. R. Coifman & M. Gavish, "Harmonic analysis of digital data bases," in: *Wavelets and Multiscale Analysis* (J. Cohen & A. I. Zayed, eds.), Birkhäuser, New York, pp. 161–197, 2011.

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**Dataset:** the Science News database ( $1047 \times 1000$ )

- Rows  $\rightarrow$  article abstracts from 8 fields: Anthropology; Astronomy; Behavioral Sciences; Earth Sciences; Life Sciences; Math & CS; Medicine; Physics
- Columns  $\rightarrow$  (appropriately chosen) words
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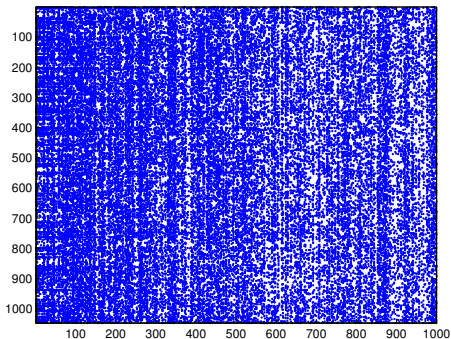


Figure: Science News database (original order).

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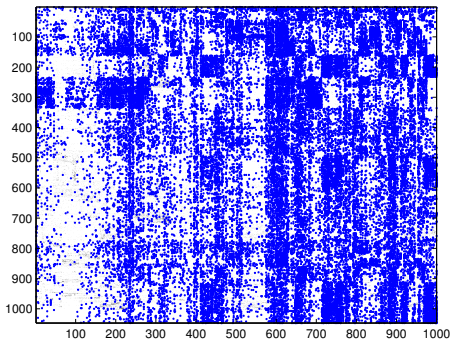
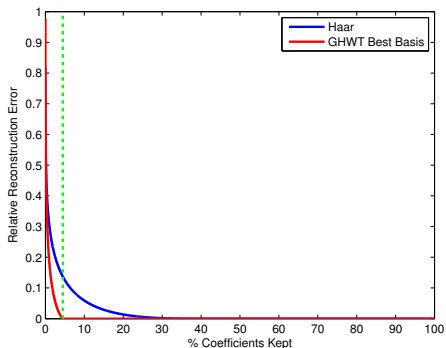


Figure: Science News database (reordered rows and columns).

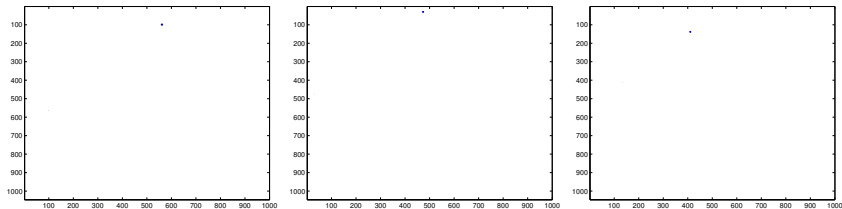
# Example 1



**Figure:** Haar basis vs. GHWT best basis approximation results. The horizontal line denotes the percentage of nonzero entries in the matrix (**4.5%**).

- Cost functional: 1-norm
  - Total number of orthonormal bases searched:  $> 10^{300}$
  - The best basis performs *much* better than the Haar basis!
  - **39.1%** of the Haar coefficients must be kept to achieve perfect reconstruction
- ⇒ The Haar basis could not efficiently capture the underlying structure of this Science News dataset under the current matrix partitioning strategy (including that of Coifman and Gavish)!

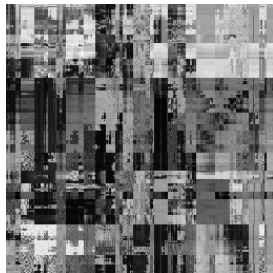
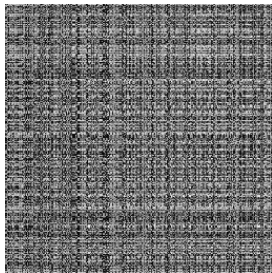
# Example 1: Top 3 Basis Functions



**Figure:** The support of these basis functions is very localized, i.e., only a few nonzero entries.

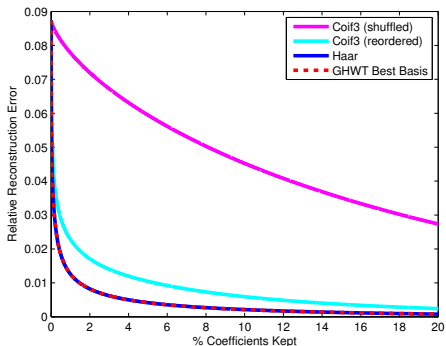
## Example 2

**Dataset:** the “Barbara” image with the rows and columns shuffled.



- **Left:** the original Barbara image
- **Middle:** the shuffled Barbara image
- **Right:** the shuffled image reordered according to the recursive partitioning

## Example 2



**Figure:** Approximation results. For “Coif3 (shuffled)” the shuffled image (middle figure on previous page) was analyzed, and for “Coif3 (reordered)” the reordered image (figure on the right) was analyzed.

- Cost functional: 1-norm
- Total number of orthonormal bases searched:  $1.36 \times 10^{87}$
- The GHWT best basis *exactly matches* the Haar basis
  - As long as the cost functional is chosen correctly for the task at hand (e.g., approximation, denoising, etc.), the GHWT best basis will always perform at least as well as the Haar basis
- The GHWT best basis (Haar basis) performs much better than the Coiflet, which yields a fixed basis that cannot account for the geometry of the data

## Example 2



Reconstructions with 10% of the coefficients for the GHWT best basis / Haar basis (top row) and the Coiflet on the reordered image (bottom row).





## Example 2 ...

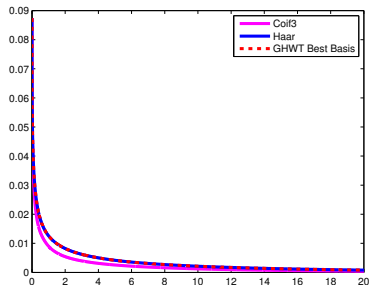
Of course, the Coiflet performs great when the image is not shuffled.



(a) Coiflet reconstruction  
(10% coefficients kept)



(b) GHWT reconstruction  
(10% coefficients kept)



(c) Relative Reconstruction Error

But as seen on the previous slides, the GHWT excels when the structure of the matrix data is not known a priori.

# Discussion

- Originally developed for signals on graphs, here we have shown the effectiveness of the GHWT for analyzing matrix data
- The GHWT best-basis algorithm searches over an immense number of orthonormal bases, including the graph Haar basis
- When selected using an appropriate cost functional, the GHWT best basis equals or outperforms the graph Haar basis
  - In Example 1, the best-basis algorithm found a basis that performed much better than the Haar basis
  - In Example 2, the best-basis algorithm chose the Haar basis as the best basis
- This demonstrates the importance/advantage of *data-adaptive basis dictionary* from which one can select the most suitable basis for one's task at hand!
- Still need to examine the *meaning of the best basis vectors*, e.g., what combinations of words and articles are well captured by the top basis vectors selected as the best basis?

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# Summary

- Although graph Laplacian eigenvectors have been popular as replacement of the Fourier (or DCT) basis on a graph, the analogy takes us only so far due to their sensitivity to the geometry and topology of underlying graphs.
- We developed **multiscale basis dictionaries** on graphs and networks: *HGLET* and *GHWT*. We also developed a corresponding *best-basis algorithm*.
- The HGLET is a generalization of *Hierarchical Block Discrete Cosine Transforms* originally developed for regularly-sampled signals and images.
- The GHWT is a generalization of the *Haar-Walsh Wavelet Packet Transforms*.
- Both of these transforms allow us to choose an orthonormal basis suitable for the task at hand: approximation, classification, regression, **matrix data analysis**, ...
- They are also useful for regularly-sampled signals, e.g., can deal with signals of non-dyadic length; **adaptive signal segmentation**, ...
- Developing harmonic analysis tools for **directed** graphs will be challenging yet important  $\Rightarrow$  our idea: use *integral operator/distance matrix + SVD* instead of *differential operator/graph Laplacian matrix + EIG* (with Eugene Shvarts)
- Still many things to do: generalization to *image* segmentation; better *quantization* strategies for MDL computation; ...

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