

Graph analysis of functional brain networks: theory, applications and issues

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Emergence in connected systems









A graph theoretical approach



Paul Erdos (1913-1996)







Quantifying network properties



Node degree

$$k(i) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} a_{i,j}$$



Global efficiency (1/distance)

$$E_{\text{glo}} = \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} \frac{1}{d_{i,j}}$$



Clustering (Local efficiency)

$$E_{loc} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} E_{glob}(i)$$

Universal properties of complex networks



Watts & Strogatz, Science, 1998

Small-world brain networks



Graph analysis of functional brain networks



Inferring connectivity from signals



Functional connectivity

Normalized cross-covariance

Granger-causality (AR modeling)

$$C(x, y) = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{T} (x(t) - \mu_x)(y(t) - \mu_y)}{\sigma_x \sigma_y}$$



Synchronization (undirected)





Propagation (directed)

Cortical reorganization after stroke





Disability

Motor Imagery





(Pfurtsheller and Neuper, Neurosci Lett, 1997)

Reduced network efficiency and outcome prediction (Macroscale)



De Vico Fallani et al, Neuroimage, 2013

Functional organization of motoneurons (Microscale)





5x

Hierarchical node centrality







Centrality

$$C(i) = k_{out}(i) - k_{in}(i)$$

 $C(i) > 0 \rightarrow$ transmitter $C(i) < 0 \rightarrow$ receiver





De Vico Fallani et al, IEEE TNSRE, 2014

Some open issues



Statistical methods for network clustering



$$\left\{T_{i,1}^{*},\ldots,T_{i,N}^{*}\right\} \approx \text{Multinomial}(k_{i};T_{i,1},\ldots,T_{i,N})$$

R bootstrap replicates (MC sampling)

$$\left\{\mathbf{T}^{*}_{1},...,\mathbf{T}^{*}_{R}\right\} \rightarrow \left\{\mathbf{D}^{*}_{1},...,\mathbf{D}^{*}_{R}\right\} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbf{D}^{*}} = \sum_{r=1}^{R} \mathbf{D}^{*}_{r}$$

Transition matrix T

 $T_{i,j} = C_{i,j} \, / \, k_i \quad \longleftarrow \text{ Node degree}$

Distance matrix D

$$D_{i,j} \cong \sqrt{\sum_{l=1}^{o} \lambda_l^2 [v_l(i) - v_l(j)]^2}$$

Synthetic networks (N=500, 100 iter)



Ongoing work

Multilayer brain networks

Temporal brain networks



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