Recent algorithmic and theoretical advances on graph matching



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Results for real graphs



Figure: Matching error for the C. elegans connectome. Black: GLAG, blue: PATH, red: FAQ.

Graph Matching theory

Convex relaxation: When does it work?

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$$\arg\min_{D\in\mathcal{D}} -\langle A'D, DB\rangle = \arg\min_{P\in\Pi} \|A' - PBP^T\|_F = \{P^*\}.$$



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Problems equivalent for "Friendly" graphs [A14]

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Corollary

In the same conditions as above, the automorphism group of the corresponding graph G_A is the trivial group.

Asymmetric











Thank you!



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