# Community Characterization in Temporal Networks

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Community Characterization in Temporal Networks is our python wrap-up for applying dynamic community detection on temporal networks obtained from spike-train data. We generate spiking neuronal activity with varying community events and compare the performances of 5 different community detection algorithms: MMM, Infomap, Tensor Factorization, DSBM and DPPM where DPPM is not included in this package since it is available in MATLAB.

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# INTRODUCTION

# 1.1 Installation/Usage

As the package has not been published on PyPi yet, it CANNOT be installed using pip.

For now, the suggested method is to put the file Temporal\_Community\_Detection.py in the same directory as your source files and call:

from Temporal\_Community\_Detection import temporal\_network

If you additionally play with synthetically generated data, refer to the helpers.py file and call:

from helpers import \*

# **GENERATING TIME SERIES OF SPIKING NEURONS**

One can use the below framework to create time series of spiking neurons which are synchronized in various assymblies. This behavior is exhibited as planted community structure. Note that this package allows simulation of different community events which can be found in The Temporal Network class.

# 2.1 Planting dynamic communities into synthetic time series data

We are going to simulate a growing community evolution scnerio in which one community keeps expanding over time.

We then create associated time series by planting in dynamic communities determined by the above parameters. We jitter a master spike randomly in order to create communities. We also choose a window size at which a community event will happen.

```
window_size = 1000 # size, in frames, each adjacency matrix correspond to. better to be_

→equal to bin_size

k = 5 #parameter for jittering the spikes

spike_rates = [int(abs(np.random.normal(20,8))) for i in range(layers)]

spikes = create_time_series('grow', comm_sizes, spike_rates, windowsize = window_size, k_

→= k)
```



Fig. 1: Colors indicate different community labels in a community expansion scnerio. In the left panel, we consider neurons that aren't part of any communities as a one big community which is lumped together, whereas in the right panel, we assign a unique community label for each neuron that they keep belong until they join the expanding community over time.



Fig. 2: Spike train generated by Poisson process with planted community structure.

# 2.2 Constructing chronologically ordered set of network states

We bin the spikes into time-windows and compute positive maximum cross-correlation. We choose our bin size equal to window size to capture community events properly. We also multiply the spike trains with a gaussian kernel to maximize the correlation.



Fig. 3: Resulting adjacency matrices for each snapshot. Observe the planted community structure in each matrix,

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# **DYNAMIC COMMUNITY DETECTION (DCD)**

Once we have a set of n by n adjacency matrices for a temporal network with T many snapshots, we can create a temporal\_network object. One can input either a list of adjacency matrices, an edge list or, a supra-adjacency matrix in order to construct the temporal network.

# 3.1 Skeleton coupling

The API is designed to perform a GridSearch on the parameter spaces of algorithms. For example, if one is utilizing skeleton coupling Multilayer Modularity Maximization, then you can provide a range of values for resolutions parameter and interlayer edge weights. Note that by default, interlayer coupling will be uniform diagonal.

Alternatively, if one wants to use skeleton coupling with Infomap, below is an example code. Note that, if one wants to test a single parameter, they need to pass an array-like for the GridSearch to run properly.

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interlayers = interlayer\_edge\_weights, →#gridsearch parameters1 →parameters2 spikes = spikes) # Spike train

In general, below code returns a dictionary whose values are accessed by d,d'(t,node) where  $0 \le t \le T_{max} - 1$  is the layer id in which a node is belong to and *node* is the node id. Each value is a list of nodes (or an empty list) indicating the skeleton coupling assignment of the node in snaphot t.

```
membership_static = TN.infomap_static(adjacency_matrices)
bridge_links = TN.find_skeleton(membership_static)
membership_static = TN.MMM_static()
bridge_links = TN.find_skeleton(membership_static)
```

Refer to the supplementary material of the paper for the psedocode computing skeleton coupling edges.

# 3.2 Computing partition quality

Once we found predicted partitions, we can compare them with the ground truth to compute accuracy of the algorithms on a grid of parameters. For example, one can compute normalized mutual information (NMI), adjusted rand index (ARI), accuracy and F1-scores.



Fig. 1: Shade of the color represents different partition quality metrics in each panel.

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# THE TEMPORAL\_NETWORK CLASS

# class temporal\_network.temporal\_network(size, length, window\_size, data, \*\*kwargs)

# Bases: object

Temporal network object to run dynamic community detection and other multilayer network diagnostics on. Temporal network is a memoryless multiplex network where every node exists in every layer.

# size

Number of nodes in any given layer.

Type int

length

Total number of layers.

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int

### nodes

A list of node ids starting from 0 to size-1.

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list

# windowsize

Assuming that temporal network is created from a continous time-series data, windowsize is the size of the windows we are splitting the time-series into.

Туре

int

# supra\_adjacency

The supra adjacency matrix to encode the connectivity information of the multilayer network.

### Туре

array, size\*length x size\*length

# list\_adjacency

A list of arrays of length length where each array is size x size encoding the connectivity information of each layer.

# Туре

list, [array1, array2, ...]

# edge\_list

A list of length length of lists where each element of the sublist is a 4-tuple (i,j,w,t) indicating there is an edge from node i to node j of nonzero weight w in the layer t. So, every quadruplet in the t'th sublist in edge\_list has 4th entry t.

# Туре

list, [list1, list2, ...]

# Parameters

- **size** (*int*) Number of nodes in any given layer.
- **length** (*int*) Total number of layers.
- window\_size (int) Size of the windows the time series will be divided into.
- **data** (*str*) temporal\_network accepts three types of connectivity input, supra\_adjacency, list\_adjacency and edge\_list (see the attributes). So, we must specify which one of these types we are submitting the connectivity information to the temporal\_network. Accordingly, this parameter can be one of the supra\_adjacency, list\_adjacency and edge\_list, respectively.

Once the data type is understood, object converts the given input into the other two data types so that if it needs to use one of the other types(it is easier to work with list\_adjacency for example, but some helper functions from different libraries such as igraph, processes edge\_list better), it can switch back and forth quicker.

• \*\*kwargs –

# supra\_adjacency: array, size\*length x size\*length

The supra adjacency matrix to encode the connectivity information of the multilayer network. Should be provided if data = supra\_\_adjacency.

• \*\*kwargs -

# list\_adjacency: list, [array1, array2, ...]

A list of arrays of length length where each array is size x size encoding the connectivity information of each layer. Should be provided if data = list\_\_adjacency.

\*\*kwargs –

# edge\_list: list, [list1, list2, ...]

A list of length length of lists where each element of the sublist is a 4-tuple (i,j,w,t) indicating there is an edge from node i to node j of nonzero weight w in the layer t. So, every quadruplet in the t'th sublist in edge\_list has 4th entry t. Should be provided if data = edge\_list.

• \*\*kwargs -

# omega: int

Interlayer edge coupling strength. Should be provided if data is list\_\_adjacency or edge\_\_list. For now, we will assume all the coupling is going to be diagonal with a constant strength.

TODO: extend omega to a vector(for differing interlayer diagonal coupling strengths) and to a matrix(for non-diagonal coupling).

### • \*\*kwargs –

### kind:

Interlayer coupling type. Can be either ordinal where only the adjacent layers are cou-

pled or cardinal where all layers are pairwise coupled with strength omega. Should be provided if data is list\_\_adjacency or edge\_\_list.

# MMM\_static()

Running leiden algorithm on the individual layers of temporal network for skeleton coupling.

### Returns

inter\_membership – List that contain layer, membership and node information respectively.

Return type triple list

#### aggragate(normalized=True)

Helper function to aggragate layers of the temporal network.

#### Parameters

**normalized** (*Bool*) – divides the total edge weight of each edge by the number of layers(self.length).

#### **Return type**

n x n aggragated adjacecy array.

#### bin\_time\_series(array, gaussian=True, \*\*kwargs)

Helper function for windowing a given time series of spikes into a desired size matrices.

#### **Parameters**

- **array**  $(np.array) n \ge t$  array where n is the number of neurons and t is the length of the time series.
- **gaussain** (*bool* (*Default: True*)) If True, every spike in the time series is multiplied by a 1d-gaussian of size sigma.
- **\*\*kwargs** sigma: size of the gaussian (See gaussian\_filter).

#### Returns

A - Matrix of size  $l \ge n \ge windowsize$  where l is the number of layers (= t/self. windowsize), n is the number of neurons.

#### **Return type**

np.array

binarize(array, thresh=None)

Helper function to binarize the network edges.

#### **Parameters**

- **array** (*np.array*) Input array corresponding to one layer of the temporal network.
- **thresh** (*float* (*Default: None*)) if provided, edges with weight less than thresh is going to be set to 0 and 1 otherwise. If not provided, thresh = 0.

# Returns

**binary\_spikes** - n x n binary adjacency matrix.

#### **Return type**

np.array

# community(membership, ax)

Helper function to visualize the community assignment of the nodes. At every run, a random set of colors are generated to indicate community assignment.

- **membership** (*list*) A list of length number of communities where each list contains (node,time) pairs indicating the possession of that node at the time to that community.
- **ax** (matplotlib.axis object) An axis for plotting of the communites.

#### Returns

- comms (array of shape  $n \times t$ ) array to be visualized.
- **color** (*list*) list of colors to be plotted for future use.

# community\_consensus\_iterative(C)

Function finding the consensus on the given set of partitions. See the paper:

'Robust detection of dynamic community structure in networks', Danielle S. Bassett, Mason A. Porter, Nicholas F. Wymbs, Scott T. Grafton, Jean M. Carlson et al.

We apply Leiden algorithm to maximize modularity.

#### **Parameters**

C(array) – Matrix of size parameter\_space x (length x size) where each row is the community assignment of the corresponding parameters.

#### Returns

partition - See https://leidenalg.readthedocs.io/en/stable/

Return type

Leidenalg object

## create\_igraph()

Helper function that creates igraphs for modularity maximization.

# disjoint\_union\_attrs(graphs)

Helper function to take the disjoint union of igraph objects. See slices\_to\_layers.

# dsbm\_via\_graphtool(edge\_list, deg)

Running DSBM using https://graph-tool.skewed.de

Overlap is True by default according to https://journals.aps.org/pre/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevE.92.042807

### Parameters

- edge\_list (list ([list1,list2,...])) List of lists of length length``where each list contains the edge list of the corresponding layer. Output of ``process\_matrices.
- deg (Bool) If True degree\_corrected model will be used and vice versa.

#### Returns

- **membership** (*list*(*[list1,list2,...]*)) List of lists of length number\_of\_communities where each list contains the community assignment of the nodes it contains.
- labels (*list*) List of length length x size containing all the community assignments.

### edgelist2edges()

Helper function for creating edge lists for iGraph construction.

#### Returns

- all\_edges (*list* ([*list1*, *list2*,...])) A list of length lists where each list contains node pairs (i,j) in the corresponding layer.
- **all\_weights** (*list* (*[list1, list2,...]*)) A list of length *length* lists where each list contains floats in the corresponding layer indicating the edge weight between the node pair.

#### find\_comm\_size(n, list\_of\_lists)

Helper function for finding the comunities in the next layer of a given node.

### **Parameters**

- **n** (*int*) Node id to be found whose communities of.
- list\_of\_lists (list) First dimension of output of infomap\_static.

#### Returns

- comm (*list*) Community membership of the given node in the next time step.
- len (*int*) Size of that community.

### find\_skeleton(static\_memberships)

Function that finds links of skeleton coupling.

#### Parameters

static\_membership (list) - Output of infomap\_static.

### Returns

**bridge\_links** – Dictionary of skeleton links.

Return type dict

### get\_attrs\_or\_nones(seq, attr\_name)

Helper method.

#### get\_normalized\_outlinks(thresholded\_adjacency, interlayer)

Helper function for neighborhood coupling that finds the interlayer neighbors of a every node in the next and previous layers and normalizes edge weights.

#### Parameters

- **thresholded\_adjacency** (*list*) List of adjacency matrices corresponding to every layer of the temporal network.
- **interlayer** (*float*) The node itselves edge weight that is connected to its future(or past) self that is the maximal among other interlayer neighbors.

### Returns

- **interlayer\_indices** (*dict* (*dict*['*t*,*i*'])) Dictionary of interlayer neighbors of a node i in layer t.
- **interlayer\_weights** (*dict* (*dict*['*t*,*i*'])) Dictionary of interlayer weights corresponding to indices of node i in layer t.

#### infomap(inter\_edge, threshold, update\_method=None, \*\*kwargs)

Function that runs Infomap algorithm on the temporal network.

#### https://www.mapequation.org

- inter\_edge (float) Interlayer edge weight.
- **threshold** (*float*) Value for thresholding the network edges. Functional networks obtained by correlation is going to need thresholding with infomap.
- **update\_method** (None, local, global, neighborhood or skeleton. Default None.) Updating the interlayer edges according to either of these methods.

#### \*\*kwargs –

#### spikes: array

if local or global update method is being used, initial spikes that is used to obtain the correlation matrices needs to be provided.

### infomap\_static(thresholded\_adjacency)

Helper function for running infomap on the individual layers of temporal network.

#### Parameters

thresholded\_adjacency (list) - List of adjacency matrices.

#### Returns

inter\_membership - List that contain layer, membership and node information respectively.

Return type triple list

#### **leiden**(*G*, *interslice*, *resolution*)

Function that runs Multilayer Modularity Maximization using Leiden solver.

Traag, V.A., Waltman, L. & van Eck, N.J. From Louvain to Leiden: guaranteeing well-connected communities. Sci Rep 9, 5233 (2019). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-019-41695-z

#### **Parameters**

- **G** (*list* ([*g*1,*g*2,...])) A list of igraph objects corresponding to different layers of the temporal network.
- interslice (float) Leidenalg package automatically utilizes diagonal coupling of layers. If a float is provided as interslice a uniform interlayer coupling weight is going to be applied for all nodes in all layers. If a list of length size is provided, every node will be coupled with themselves with given weight. If a list of, length length -1, lists is provided, then you can tune individual interlayer weights as well.
- **resolution** (*float*) Resolution parameter.

#### Returns

- partitions (leidenalg object. See https://leidenalg.readthedocs.io/en/stable/)
- interslice\_partitions (leidenalg object. See https://leidenalg.readthedocs.io/en/stable/)

#### make\_tensor(rank, threshold, update\_method=None, \*\*kwargs)

Helper function to utilize Tensor Factorization Approach described in:

https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0086028

### **Parameters**

- rank (int) Input for predetermined number of communities to be found.
- threshold (float) Edge threshold for adjacency matrices.
- **update\_method** (local, global or ``neighborhood``(Default: None)) Updating the edges according to one of these methods although this is not an applied technique in the literature. Go with None unless you know what you are doing.
- \*\*kwargs -

#### spikes: array

Initial spike train matrix of size  $n \times t$ 

# Returns

- weights\_parafac (array) See the paper.
- factors\_parafac (*array*) See the paper.

#### membership(interslice\_partition)

Returns the community assignments from the Leiden algorithm as tuple (n,t) where n is the node id t is the layer that node belongs to.

#### **neighborhood\_flow**(*layer*, *node*, *interlayer\_indices*, *interlayer\_weights*, *thresh*)

Helper function to evaluate the weights of the individual non-diagonal interlinks using jensenshannon entropy. We also threshold weaker interlinks and keep only the ones that have maximal interlayer edge weight for computational purposes. In this sense, we are coupling a maximal neighborhood around a node with previous and future layer.

### **Parameters**

- **layer** (*int*) Layer that node belongs to.
- node (int) Node ID
- interlayer\_indices (dict) First output of the get\_normalized\_outlinks.
- interlayer\_weights (dict) Second output of the get\_normalized\_outlinks.
- **thresh** (*float*) Value for thresholding the weakest thresh percentage of interlinks that this node has.
- Return -
- ----- \_
- w (float) Neighborhood coupling weight.
- nbr (dict) Thresholded list of maximal interlinks

#### neighbors(node\_id, layer)

Helper function for finding the neighbors of a given node.

### Parameters

- node\_id (int) ID of the node to be found the neighbors of.
- layer (int) Layer ID of the node that it belongs to.

#### Returns

neighbors – list of node IDs of the neighbors of node\_id in layer layer.

# **Return type**

list

#### process\_matrices(threshs)

Helper function preparing adjacency matrices into the pipeline for DSBM converting the matrix into an edge\_list.

- **threshs** (1-D array) Set of threshold values.
- Returns –
- ----- -
- **processed\_matrices** (*dict*) Dictionary of edge list values corresponding to each given threshold value.

# process\_tensor(factors, rank)

Helper function for converting the output of make\_tensor as in the function membership.

# Parameters

- **factors** (*array*) First output of make\_tensor.
- **rank** (*int*) Number of communities to be found which is an ad-hoc parameter in this algorithm.

### Returns

- **membership** (*list* (*[list1,list2,...]*)) List of length rank of lists where each list contains the membership information of the nodes belonging to corresponding community.
- comms (*list*) List of length length x size for community assignment.

### raster\_plot(spikes, ax, color=None, \*\*kwargs)

Plots the raster plot of the spike activity on a given axis. if **color** provided, raster includes the community assignments.

### **Parameters**

- **spikes** (array n x t) Initial spike train array for n nodes of length t.
- **ax** (matplotlib.axis object) axis to be plotted.
- **color** (*list*) Second output of the self.community. List of colors of length number of communities.
- \*\*kwargs -

# comm\_assignment: array

First output of the self.community. If not provided raster is going to be plotted blue.

run\_community\_detection(method, update\_method=None, consensus=False, \*\*kwargs)

Wrap-up function to run community detection using one of the 4 methods:

- 1) Multilayer Modularity Maximization (MMM): https://leidenalg.readthedocs.io/en/stable/
- P. J. Mucha, T. Richardson, K. Macon, M. A. Porter and J.-P. Onnela, Science 328, 876-878 (2010).
- 2) Infomap: https://www.mapequation.org

Mapping higher-order network flows in memory and multilayer networks with Infomap, Daniel Edler, Ludvig Bohlin, and Martin Rosvall, arXiv:1706.04792v2.

3) Non-negative tensor factorization using PARAFAC: http://tensorly.org/stable/index.html

Detecting the Community Structure and Activity Patterns of Temporal Networks: A Non-Negative Tensor Factorization Approach, Laetitia Gauvin, André Panisson, Ciro Cattuto.

4) Dynamical Stochastic Block Model (DSBM): https://graph-tool.skewed.de

Inferring the mesoscale structure of layered, edge-valued, and time-varying networks, Tiago P. Peixoto, Phys. Rev. E, 2015.

### Parameters

• **method** (*str*) – Either MMM, Infomap, PARA\_FACT``(Tensor Factorization) or ``DSBM indicating the community detection method.

- update\_method (*str* (*Default:* None)) Interlayer edges will be processed based on one of the three methods, either 'local', 'global', 'neigborhood' and 'skeleton'. Available only for MMM and Infomap.
- **consensus** (*bool*) Statistically significant partitions will be found from a given set of parameters. See **community\_consensus\_iterative**.
- \*\*kwargs -

# interlayers: 1-D array like

A range of values for setting the interlayer edges of the network. Pass this argument if you are using MMM or Infomap.

• \*\*kwargs -

# resolutions: 1-D array like

A range of values for the resolution parameters. Pass this argument if you are using MMM.

• \*\*kwargs -

# thresholds: 1-D array like

A range of values to threshold the network. Pass this argumment if you are using Infomap, PARA\_FACT or DSBM.

• \*\*kwargs -

# ranks: 1-D array like

A range of integers for ad-hoc number of communities. Pass this argument if you are using PARA\_FACT.

• \*\*kwargs -

# degree\_correction: list

A list of boolean values(either True or False) for degree correction. Pass this argument if you are using DSBM.

• \*\*kwargs -

## spikes: 2-D array

Initial spike train array containing the spikes of size  $n \ge t$ . Pass this argument if your update\_method is local or global.

# Returns

- **membership\_partitions** (*dict*) Dictionary with keys as first set of parameters lists and second set of parameters list indices indicating the community assignment of each node.
- C (*array*) Matrix of size parameter\_space x(length x size). This is the input for community\_consensus\_iterative.

Actual function implementing non-diagonal coupling with Modularity Maximization. Leiden algorithm's python package inherently only allows diagonal coupling. So, this function is needed for non-diagonal coupling.

# threshold(array, thresh)

Helper function to threshold the network edges.

# Parameters

• **array** (*np.array*) – Input array corresponding to one layer of the temporal network.

• **thresh** (*float*) – Threshold to keep the edges stronger than this value where weaker edges are going to be set to 0.

### Returns

thresholded\_array  $- n \times n$  thresholded adjacency matrix.

### **Return type**

np.array

Helper function for implementing non-diagonal coupling with Modularity Maximization. See slices\_to\_layers.

#### trajectories(thresh=0.9, node\_id=None, community=None, edge\_color=True, pv=None)

Function graphing the edge trajcetories of the temporal network.

#### **Parameters**

- **thresh** (*float*) Threshold for keeping filtering the edge weights.
- **node\_id** (*int* (*Default: None*)) If None, function is going to graph all of the nodes's trajectories.
- **community** (*array* (*Default: None*)) First output of self.community indicating the community assignment of the nodes if exists.
- edge\_color (bool) Different colors on each layer if True, black otherwise.
- **pv** (*list*) Pass a list of pv cell indices or None –dashes the pv cells.

### update\_interlayer(spikes, X, omega\_global, percentage, method)

Function for local and global updates. This function assumes diagonal coupling and evaluates the interlink weights according to the local or global change in some nodal property, spike rates in our case.

#### **Parameters**

- **spikes** (*array*) Initial spike train array.
- **X** (*float*) Value for determining if the nodal property between consecutive layers(local), or compared to global average, is less than **X** standard deviation.
- omega\_global (float) Initial interlayer value for all diagonal links.
- **percentage** (*float*) If the nodal property is less than X standard deviation, for a given node, interlayer edge weight is adjusted so that new weight is equal to omega\_global x percentage.
- **method** ('local' or 'global') Method for updating the interlayer edges. If local a comparison between consecutive layers is made and if global, overall average of the spike rates are hold as a basis.
- Returns -
- ----- \_
- **interlayers** (*list*) A list of length (length-1) x size indicating interlayer edge weights of every node.

#### helpers.bin\_time\_series(array, binsize, gaussian=True, \*\*kwargs)

Helper function for windowing the time series into smaller chunks.

- **array** (2\_D array) n x t matrix where n is the number of neuorons and t is the length of the time series.
- **binsize** (*int*) Size of each window. This number needs to be smaller than t and a positive divider of t.
- **gaussian** (*bool* (*Default: True*)) If True, each spike is going to be multiplied by a 1-D gaussian of length sigma.
- \*\*kwargs –

#### sigma: float

Size of the gaussian. See gaussian\_filter.

#### Returns

A - Matrix of size l x n x t where l is the number of windows(=t/binsize), n is number of neurons and t is the length of the time series.

#### Return type

array

### helpers.binarize(array, thresh=None)

Function for binarizing adjacency matrices.

#### **Parameters**

- array (array like) Cross-correlation matrix.
- **thresh** (*float* (*Default:* None)) If None, entries that are non-zero are going to be set to 1. If a value between [0,1] is given, then every entry smaller than thresh will be set to 0 and 1 otherwise.

#### Returns

**binary\_spikes** – Binarized cross-correlation matrix of same size.

Return type

array like

# helpers.community\_consensus\_iterative(C)

Function finding the consensus on the given set of partitions. See the paper:

'Robust detection of dynamic community structure in networks', Danielle S. Bassett, Mason A. Porter, Nicholas F. Wymbs, Scott T. Grafton, Jean M. Carlson et al.

We apply Leiden algorithm to maximize modularity.

### Parameters

**C** (*array*) – Matrix of size parameter\_space **x** (length \* size) where each row is the community assignment of the corresponding parameters.

#### Returns

partition - See https://leidenalg.readthedocs.io/en/stable/

#### **Return type**

Leidenalg object

#### helpers.consensus\_display(partition, n, t)

Helper function to visualize the consensus from community\_consensus\_iterative.

- partition (Leidenalg object) See https://leidenalg.readthedocs.io/en/stable/
- **n** (*int*) Number of neurons.

• t (*int*) – Number of layers.

#### Returns

- comms (array) Community membership array of size n x t.
- **cmap** (*matplotlib object*) Colormap used to plot the membership information.
- color (*list*) List of strings encoding the colors of the communities.

helpers.create\_time\_series(operation, community\_sizes, spiking\_rates, spy=True, windowsize=1000, k=5) Main function for creating spike trains using Homogeneous Poisson Process.

### **Parameters**

- **operation** (grow, contract, merge or transient) Community operation.
- **community\_sizes** (*list or list of lists*) If the operation is grow (or contract), this should be a list indicating the number of neurons joining (or leaving from) the main community. If the operation is merge or transient, then this should be a list of lists([list1,list2,...]) where each list contains sizes of the communities in that layer.
- **spike\_rates** (*list or list of lists*) This should be of same size and shape as community\_sizes indicating the spike rates of the corresponding communities.
- **spy** (bool (Deafult: True)) Displays the time series if True.
- windowsize (int (Default: 1000)) Length of the window size for a new layer of events to be created.
- **k** (*int* (*Default:* 5)) Constant for jittering the spikes when creating new communities.

#### Returns

**spikes** – Matrix of size  $n \ge t$  where n is the number of neuorons and t is the length of the time series.

#### **Return type**

array

#### helpers.cross\_correlation\_matrix(data)

Main function to call for computing cross-correlation matrix of a time series.

#### Parameters

**data**  $(array) - n \times t$  matrix where n is the number of neuorons and t is the length of the time series.

# Returns

- X\_full (*array*) n x n symmetric cross-correlation matrix.
- $\mathbf{X}(array) \mathbf{n} \mathbf{x}$  n upper triangular cross-correlation matrix.
- $lag(array) n \times n lag matrix.$

helpers.display\_truth(comm\_sizes, community\_operation, ax=None)

Function for displaying the ground truths.

- **comm\_sizes** (list, or list of lists) This will be passed to generate\_ground\_truth where pad is True by default.
- **community\_operation** (grow, contract, merge or transient) Type of the community event which will also be passed to generate\_ground\_truth.

• **ax** (*matplotlib object (Default: None*)) – If None, a new axis will be created, otherwise the ground truth will be plotted to the provided axis.

# helpers.find\_repeated(l)

Helper function for generating transient communities.

#### helpers.gaussian\_filter(array, sigma)

Function that multiplies vectors with a gaussian.

#### Parameters

- array (1\_D array like) Input vector.
- **sigma** (*float*) 1 spike turns into 3 non-zero spikes(one at each side of smaller magnitude) with sigma=0.25. 1 spike turns into 5 non-zero spikes(two at each side of smaller magnitude) with sigma=0.50. 1 spike turns into 9 non-zero spikes(four at each side of smaller magnitude) with sigma=1, and so on..

#### Returns

array - Gaussian vector.

Return type

1\_D array like

### helpers.generate\_ground\_truth(comm\_sizes, method='scattered', pad=False, community\_operation='grow')

Main function that generates ground truth labels for the experiments. Community labels according to two methods one in which the rest of the network except the planted communities are scattered i.e. they all have their own community or they are all in one community, integrated.

#### **Parameters**

- **comm\_sizes** (*list*, or *list* of *lists*) If the community\_operation is grow (or contract), this should be a list indicating the number of neurons joining (or leaving from) the main community. If the community\_operation is merge or transient, then this should be a list of lists([list1,list2,...]) where each list contains sizes of the communities in that layer. For example, [[6,1,1,1,1],[6,4]] indicates a 6 neuron community in the first layer and additional 4 neurons, that are independently firing, merges into 1 community in the second layer.
- **method** (scattered or integrated (Default: 'scattered')) If the community\_operation is grow (or contract), two types of ground truths can be prepared. Integrated is the one where independently firing neurons are grouped together into one single community and scattered is the one with independently firing neurons.
- **pad** (*bool* (*Default: False*)) If True, the truth will be padded from the beginning and the end by the exact same community membership.
- **community\_operation** (grow, contract, merge or transient (Default: 'grow')) Type of community events that are available. Community expansion, community contraction, community merge and transient communities.

#### Returns

**truth\_labels** – List of truth labels, of length  $n^t$  where n is the number of neuorons and t is the number of layers. If pad, length will be  $n^t(t+2)$ .

# **Return type**

list

#### helpers.generate\_transient(comm\_per\_layer)

Helper function for creating the time series for the transient communities.

# **Parameters**

**comm\_per\_layer** (*list of lists*) – List of lists of length number of layers where each list contains the number of communities at that layer.

#### Returns

- **comm\_sizes** (*list of lists*) Sizes of the communities in the corresponding layers which will be passed to create\_time\_series.
- **spike\_rate** (*list of lists*) Randomly selected corresponding spike rates for the Homogeneous Poisson process that generates spike trains.
- num\_neurons (*int*) Number of neurons.

### helpers.getOverlap(a, b)

Helper function for generating transient communities. Finds repeated indices.

# helpers.get\_repeated\_indices(l)

Helper function for generating transient communities.

#### helpers.information\_recovery(pred\_labels, comm\_size, truth, interlayers, other\_parameter, com\_op)

Function for calculating the quality of the resulting partitions on a parameter plane and visualizes the quality landscape according to NMI, ARI and F1-Score.

#### Parameters

- **pred\_labels** (*list*) List of truth labels appended in the order of layers. This should be the same length as the output of generate\_ground\_truth.
- **comm\_size** (*list, or list of lists*) This will be passed to generate\_ground\_truth that assumes pad to be True.
- truth (integrated or scattered) Same as in generate\_ground\_truth.
- **interlayers** (1\_D array like) To get the landscape information on a plane of parameters, we pass two array like object. This one is the y-axis one on the result.
- **other\_parameter** (1\_D array like) This is the x-axis array for quality.
- com\_op (grow, contract, merge or transient) Same as in generate\_ground\_truth.

#### Returns

- fig (matplotlib object) Figure object for the plots.
- **ax** (*matplotlib object*) Axis objects for the plots.

## helpers.jitter(spike, k)

Function for randomly jittering spikes when generating communities.

### Parameters

- **spike** (*array*) Spike train to be jittered.
- **k** (*int*) Number of time frames, to the right or to the left, for a spike to be jittered.

### Returns

jittered – Jittered spike train.

# Return type

array

# helpers.max\_norm\_cross\_corr(x1, x2)

Function for computing maximum cross-correlation.

# **Parameters**

- **x1** (1\_D array like) First vector.
- **x2** (1\_D array like) Second vector.

### Returns

- max\_corr (int) Maximum cross-correlation between the two input vectors.
- lag (int) Lag difference where the maximum cross-correlation occurs.

### helpers.normalized\_cross\_corr(x, y)

Function to compute normalized cross-correlation between two vectors.

#### **Parameters**

• **x** (1\_D array like) – First vector.

• **y** (1\_D array like) – Second vector.

#### Returns

**corr\_array** – Correlation array between x and y.

Return type

array

#### helpers.space\_comms(comm\_size)

Helper function for spacing the communities randomly for the transient communities.

#### helpers.spike\_count(spikes, ax, num\_bins=None, t\_min=None, t\_max=None)

Helper function to visualize the distribution of the number of spikes in a given spike train.

# Parameters

- spikes (array) Spike train matrix of size n x t.
- **ax** (matplotlib axis) Axis for distribution to be plotted.
- **num\_bins** (*int* (*Default: None*)) If None, this will be the difference between maximum and minimum number of spikes in a population.
- **t\_min**(*int* (*Default: None*))-if None, this will be 0, otherwise spikes will be counted in the given range.
- **t\_max** (*int* (*Default: None*)) if None, this will be t, otherwise spikes will be counted in the given range.

#### Returns

- **n** (*array*) The values of the histogram bins.
- **bins** (*array*) The edges of the bins.

#### helpers.threshold(array, thresh)

Function for thresholding the adjacency matrices.

- **array** (*array like*) Cross-correlation matrix.
- **thresh** (*float*) Value in which every entry smaller than thresh will be set to 0 and entries greater than thresh will stay the same.

# Returns

threhsolded\_array – Thresholded cross-correlation matrix of same size.

**Return type** 

array like

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