

# Localized Manifold Harmonics for Spectral Shape Analysis

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## Supplementary Material

These pages contain proofs for Theorems 1 and 2 appearing in the main paper [2].

**Proof of Theorem 1.** Let  $\mathbf{W}$ ,  $\mu_{\perp}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{k'}$  and  $\mu_R\mathbf{A}\text{diag}(\mathbf{v})$  be real symmetric positive semidefinite matrices of dimension  $n \times n$ , and define  $\mathbf{Q}_{v,k'} = \mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{k'} + \mu_R\mathbf{A}\text{diag}(\mathbf{v})$ . Let  $0 = \lambda_1(\mathbf{W}) \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n(\mathbf{W})$  be the eigenvalues for the generalized eigenvalue problem of  $\mathbf{W}$  and  $\lambda_1(\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{k'}) \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n(\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{k'})$  and  $\lambda_1(\mathbf{Q}_{v,k'}) \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n(\mathbf{Q}_{v,k'})$  be the generalized eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{k'}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}_{v,k'}$  respectively. We aim to prove that

$$\lambda_{k'}(\mathbf{W}) \leq \lambda_1(\mathbf{Q}_{v,k'}), \quad (1)$$

for some  $\mu_{\perp}, \mu_R \in \mathbb{R}$  and for every  $k' \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$ .

We start by observing that

$$\lambda_{k'}(\mathbf{W}) \leq \lambda_{k'+1}(\mathbf{W}) = \lambda_1(\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{k'}), \quad (2)$$

where the first inequality is given by the non-decreasing ordering of the eigenvalues, and the equality on the right follows from the fact that for some choice of  $\mu_{\perp} > \lambda_{k'+1}(\mathbf{W})$ ,  $\phi_{k'+1}$  is the minimizer of  $\mathbf{x}^{\top}(\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{k'})\mathbf{x}$  under the orthogonality conditions  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{X})} = 1$  and  $\langle \phi_l, \mathbf{x} \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{X})} = 0, \forall l \in \{1, \dots, k'\}$ , i.e.,  $(\mu_{\perp}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{k'})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

Invoking a special case of Corollary 4.3.4b in [1] and using the fact that  $\mu_R\mathbf{A}\text{diag}(\mathbf{v})$  only has non-negative eigenvalues (being a diagonal matrix with non-negative entries), we obtain the following inequality:

$$\lambda_1(\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{k'}) \leq \lambda_1(\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{k'}) + \mu_R\mathbf{A}\text{diag}(\mathbf{v}) = \lambda_1(\mathbf{Q}_{v,k'}). \quad (3)$$

Furthermore, this inequality is an equality if and only if  $\exists \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  s.t.  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  and the following three conditions are satisfied:

1.  $(\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{k'})\mathbf{x} = \lambda_1(\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{k'})\mathbf{x}$ ;
2.  $(\mathbf{Q}_{v,k'})\mathbf{x} = \lambda_1(\mathbf{Q}_{v,k'})\mathbf{x}$ ;
3.  $(\mu_R\mathbf{A}\text{diag}(\mathbf{v}))\mathbf{x} = 0$ .

Putting together (2) and (3) we can conclude that:

$$\lambda_{k'}(\mathbf{W}) \leq \lambda_{k'+1}(\mathbf{W}) \leq \lambda_1(\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_{k'}) \leq \lambda_1(\mathbf{Q}_{v,k'}). \quad (4)$$

Note that the existence of a gap is given either by the violation of any of the three conditions above, or in the presence of simple spectra, i.e., whenever  $\lambda_{k'}(\mathbf{W}) \neq \lambda_{k'+1}(\mathbf{W})$ .

**Choice of  $\mu_{\perp}$ .** We aim to prove that for every  $\mu_{\perp} > \gamma$  for some  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^+$  we have:

$$\lambda_1(\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_{k'}) \geq \lambda_{k'+1}(\mathbf{W}). \quad (5)$$

We can rewrite the two terms of this inequality as:

$$\lambda_1(\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_{k'}) = \min_{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{X})} = 1} \mathbf{x}^{\top} (\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_{k'}) \mathbf{x} \quad (6)$$

$$\lambda_{k'+1}(\mathbf{W}) = \min_{\substack{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{X})} = 1 \\ \langle \phi_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{X})} = 0, \forall i=1, \dots, k'}} \mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{x}. \quad (7)$$

The objective in (6) can be rewritten as:

$$\mathbf{x}^{\top} (\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_{k'}) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^{\top} (\mu_{\perp} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_{k'}) \mathbf{x}. \quad (8)$$

We now express our vectors as the Fourier series  $\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \phi_i$ , where  $\alpha_i = \langle \phi_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{X})}$ . Noting that  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{X})} = 1$  implies  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i^2 = 1$ , we can write:

$$\mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{x} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \phi_i \right)^{\top} \mathbf{W} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \phi_i \right) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \phi_i \right)^{\top} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i(\mathbf{W}) \alpha_i \mathbf{A} \phi_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i(\mathbf{W}) \alpha_i^2. \quad (9)$$

Similarly, we can rewrite the second summand in (8) as:

$$\mathbf{x}^{\top} (\mu_{\perp} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_{k'}) \mathbf{x} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \phi_i \right)^{\top} (\mu_{\perp} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_{k'}) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \phi_i \right) \quad (10)$$

$$= \mu_{\perp} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \phi_i \right)^{\top} (\mathbf{A} \Phi \Phi^{\top} \mathbf{A}) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \phi_i \right) \quad (11)$$

$$= \mu_{\perp} \left( \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \phi_i \right)^{\top} \mathbf{A} \Phi \right) \left( \Phi^{\top} \mathbf{A} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \phi_i \right) \right) \quad (12)$$

$$= \mu_{\perp} [\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{k'}] [\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{k'}]^{\top} \quad (13)$$

$$= \mu_{\perp} \sum_{i=1}^{k'} \alpha_i^2. \quad (14)$$

From (9) and (14) we can conclude:

$$\mathbf{x}^{\top} (\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_{k'}) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^{\top} (\mu_{\perp} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_{k'}) \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i(\mathbf{W}) \alpha_i^2 + \mu_{\perp} \sum_{i=1}^{k'} \alpha_i^2. \quad (15)$$

At this point we split the proof in three different cases:

1.  $\langle \phi_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{X})} = 0, \forall i = 1, \dots, k'$ , that is equivalent to ask that  $\mathbf{P}_{k'} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . In this case we have:

$$\lambda_1(\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_{k'}) = \min_{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{X})} = 1} \mathbf{x}^{\top} (\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_{k'}) \mathbf{x} \quad (16)$$

$$= \min_{\substack{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{X})} = 1 \\ \langle \phi_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{X})} = 0, \forall i=1, \dots, k' }} (\mathbf{x}^{\top} (\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_{k'}) \mathbf{x}) \quad (17)$$

$$= \min_{\substack{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{X})} = 1 \\ \langle \phi_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{X})} = 0, \forall i=1, \dots, k' }} \mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{x} = \lambda_{k'+1}(\mathbf{W}). \quad (18)$$

2.  $\mathbf{x} \in \text{span}(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_{k'})$ , implying that  $\alpha_i = 0 \forall i > k'$  and hence  $\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^{k'} \alpha_i \phi_i$ . We get:

$$\mathbf{x}^{\top} (\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_{k'}) \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^{k'} \lambda_i(\mathbf{W}) \alpha_i^2 + \mu_{\perp} \sum_{i=1}^{k'} \alpha_i^2. \quad (19)$$

Since we take the minimum over the  $\mathbf{x}$  s.t.  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{X})} = 1$  we have  $\sum_{i=1}^{k'} \alpha_i^2 = 1$  and:

$$\mathbf{x}^{\top} (\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_{k'}) \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^{k'} \lambda_i(\mathbf{W}) \alpha_i^2 + \mu_{\perp} \geq \mu_{\perp}, \quad (20)$$

where the equality is realized for  $\mathbf{x} = \phi_1$  since  $\lambda_1(\mathbf{W}) = 0$ , and all other cases yield  $\mu_{\perp}$  plus some non-negative quantity. We get to:

$$\lambda_1(\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_{k'}) = \min_{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{X})} = 1} \mathbf{x}^{\top} (\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_{k'}) \mathbf{x} = \mu_{\perp}. \quad (21)$$

3. For the last case we have  $\langle \phi_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{X})} \neq 0$  for at least one  $i = 1, \dots, k'$  and for at least one  $i > k'$  at the same time.

$$\mathbf{x}^{\top} (\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_{k'}) \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i(\mathbf{W}) \alpha_i^2 + \mu_{\perp} \sum_{i=1}^{k'} \alpha_i^2 \quad (22)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{k'} \lambda_i(\mathbf{W}) \alpha_i^2 + \sum_{i=k'+1}^n \lambda_i(\mathbf{W}) \alpha_i^2 + \mu_{\perp} \sum_{i=1}^{k'} \alpha_i^2 \quad (23)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{k'} (\lambda_i(\mathbf{W}) + \mu_{\perp}) \alpha_i^2 + \sum_{i=k'+1}^n \lambda_i(\mathbf{W}) \alpha_i^2. \quad (24)$$

Since  $\lambda_i(\mathbf{W}) \geq \lambda_{k'+1}(\mathbf{W}), \forall i \geq k' + 1$  we can write:

$$\mathbf{x}^{\top} (\mathbf{W} + \mu_{\perp} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_{k'}) \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^{k'} (\lambda_i(\mathbf{W}) + \mu_{\perp}) \alpha_i^2 + \sum_{i=k'+1}^n \lambda_i(\mathbf{W}) \alpha_i^2 \quad (25)$$

$$\geq \sum_{i=1}^{k'} (\lambda_i(\mathbf{W}) + \mu_{\perp}) \alpha_i^2 + \lambda_{k'+1}(\mathbf{W}) \sum_{i=k'+1}^n \alpha_i^2 \quad (26)$$

$$\geq \sum_{i=1}^{k'} \mu_{\perp} \alpha_i^2 + \lambda_{k'+1}(\mathbf{W}) \sum_{i=k'+1}^n \alpha_i^2. \quad (27)$$

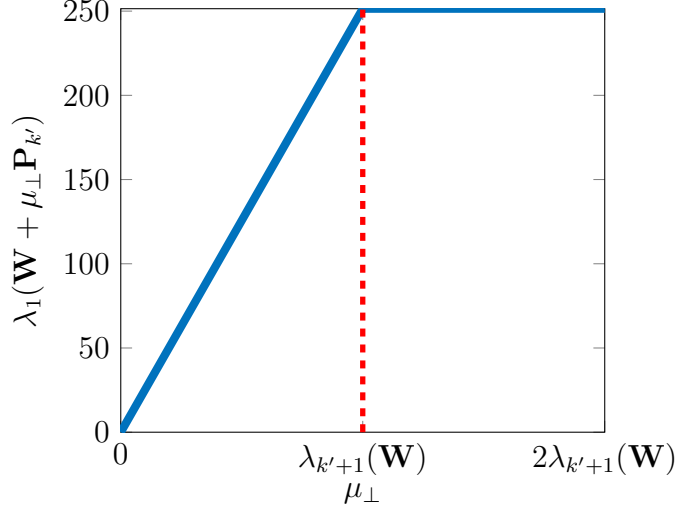


Figure 1: Plot of  $\lambda_1(\mathbf{W} + \mu_\perp \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{k'})$  at increasing  $\mu_\perp$ . Note how for every  $\mu_\perp \leq \lambda_{k'+1}(\mathbf{W})$  the frequency ( $y$ -axis) increases, converging at  $\mu_\perp > \lambda_{k'+1}(\mathbf{W})$ . At convergence, the orthogonality constraint (encoded in the penalty term  $\mathcal{E}_\perp(\psi)$  in the LMH formulation) is satisfied.

If we take  $\mu_\perp > \lambda_{k'+1}(\mathbf{W})$  in order to satisfy the condition imposed by case 2, we get:

$$\mathbf{x}^\top (\mathbf{W} + \mu_\perp \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{k'}) \mathbf{x} \geq \sum_{i=1}^{k'} \mu_\perp \alpha_i^2 + \lambda_{k'+1}(\mathbf{W}) \sum_{i=k'+1}^n \alpha_i^2 \quad (28)$$

$$> \lambda_{k'+1}(\mathbf{W}) \sum_{i=1}^{k'} \alpha_i^2 + \lambda_{k'+1}(\mathbf{W}) \sum_{i=k'+1}^n \alpha_i^2 \quad (29)$$

$$= \lambda_{k'+1}(\mathbf{W}) \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i^2 \quad (30)$$

$$= \lambda_{k'+1}(\mathbf{W}). \quad (31)$$

We can therefore conclude that

$$\lambda_1(\mathbf{W} + \mu_\perp \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{k'}) = \min_{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x})_{L^2(\mathcal{X})} = 1} \mathbf{x}^\top (\mathbf{W} + \mu_\perp \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{k'}) \mathbf{x} > \lambda_{k'+1}(\mathbf{W}) \text{ if } \mu_\perp > \lambda_{k'+1}(\mathbf{W}). \quad (32)$$

In Figure 1 we show an empirical evaluation across several choices of  $\mu_\perp$ .

**Proof of Theorem 2.** We want to show that  $\forall k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  we have the following upper bound:

$$\lambda_i(\mathbf{Q}_{v,k'}) \leq \lambda_{i+k'}(\mathbf{W}^R).$$

Similarly to Theorem 1, the proof follows directly from Corollary 4.3.4b in [1], which specialized to our case reads:

$$\lambda_i(\mathbf{W}^R + \mu_\perp \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{k'}) \leq \lambda_{i+\pi}(\mathbf{W}^R), \quad (33)$$

where  $\pi$  is the number of positive eigenvalues of  $\mu_\perp \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{k'}$ . Since  $\mathbf{Q}_{v,k'} = \mathbf{W}^R + \mu_\perp \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{k'}$  and using the fact that  $\mu_\perp \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{k'}$  is a positive semidefinite matrix with rank  $k'$ , we have  $\pi = k'$ , leading to:

$$\lambda_i(\mathbf{Q}_{v,k'}) = \lambda_i(\mathbf{W}^R + \mu_\perp \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{k'}) \leq \lambda_{i+\pi}(\mathbf{W}^R) = \lambda_{i+k'}(\mathbf{W}^R). \quad (34)$$

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