

# PERMUTATION ENTROPY FOR GRAPHS AND THE CARTESIAN GRAPH PRODUCT.

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Entropy metrics are nonlinear measures to quantify the complexity of time series. Among them, permutation entropy [1] is a common metric due to its robustness and fast computation. Multivariate entropy metrics techniques are needed to analyse data consisting of more than one time series. To this end, we present a multivariate permutation entropy,  $MPE_G$ , using a graph-based approach.

Given a multivariate signal, the algorithm  $MPE_G$  introduced in [2] involves two main steps:

**1) Graph construction:** we construct an underlying graph  $G$  as the Cartesian product of two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , i.e.,  $G := G_1 \square G_2$ , where  $G_1$  preserves temporal information of each times series together with  $G_2$  that models the relations between different channels.

**2) Permutation entropy for graph signals:** we consider the multivariate signal as samples defined on the regular graph  $G$  and apply the recently introduced permutation entropy for graphs  $PE_G$  [3].

$PE_G$  is an entropy metric to analyse signals measured over irregular graphs by generalising permutation entropy, a metric based on the comparison of neighbouring values within patterns in a time series. The algorithm  $PE_G$  is based on comparing signal values on neighbouring vertices, using the adjacency matrix, and it has important relations with the sign of the Laplacian matrix. This generalisation preserves the properties of classical permutation for time series and the recent permutation entropy for images, and it can be applied to any graph structure with synthetic and real signals.

Our graph-based approach gives the flexibility to consider diverse types of cross channel relationships and signals, and it overcomes with the limitations of current multivariate permutation entropy.

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