

# Literature Presentation

## Community Detection through Representation learning in Evolving Heterogenous Networks

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# Surveys

- [Rossetti and Cazabet, 2018] and [Dakiche et al., 2019]
- Categorize methods on problem of tracking community evolution
- Introduce a common definition for evolving communities
- Compile events/properties for analysis of evolving communities

# Evolving Communities

- Communities in real world:
  - disjoint (students belonging to different disciplines in an institute)
  - overlapping (person having membership in different social groups on Facebook)
  - hierarchical (cells in human body form tissues that in turn form organs and so on)
- Depend on underlying networks:
  - Time-series of static networks (Snapshots)
  - Real time a stream of edges (Temporal networks)
- Evaluated on synthetic (generated) communities
  - Usually based on a quality score:
    - Normalized Mutual Information score (NMI)
    - Modularity
    - etc.

- Quality function to evaluate algorithms **favors the ones that are designed to optimize it**

## Changes in Evolving Communities

- Operations that define community changes

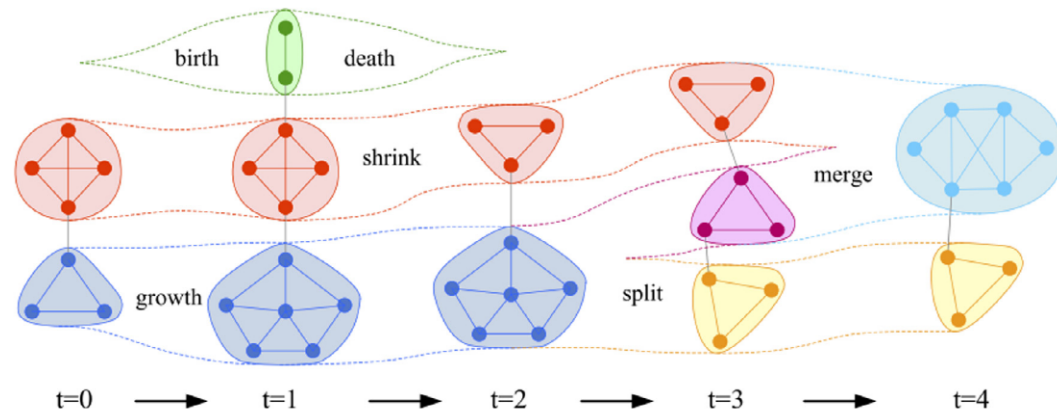


Fig. 3. Community evolution in a dynamic network (Shang, Liu, Li, Xie, & Wu, 2016).

## Challenges & Uses

- deciding if an ***element composed of several entities*** at a given instant is the same or not as another one composed of some—or even none—of such entities at a later point in time is ***necessarily arbitrary and cannot be answered unambiguously***
  - Main issues encountered by dynamic community detection approaches is the **instability of solutions**
  - Use cases:
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    - predicting the emergence and lifetimes of overlapping communities in online social networks
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## Louvain method (LM)

- Popular clustering algorithm
- Complexity is  $n \log n$
- Can be applied to weighted graphs
- Does not require a priori knowledge of the number of partitions

# Independent Community Detection and Matching

- **First detect communities** at each time step and **then match** them across different time-steps
- Unmodified traditional community detection methods can be reused
- Parallelism can be used for community detection
- Community detection algorithms are unstable leading to poor matching
- Examples:
  - **Sun, Tang, Pan, and Li (2015):**
    - Applied the Louvain algorithm to find the communities.
    - Then **built a correlation matrix** to between communities in  $t$  and  $t + 1$
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  - focuses on lowering the time complexity while at the same time increasing the partition
  - Events are detected and evaluated against ground truth
  - Provides a deterministic output



# Dependent Community Detection

- **Detect communities at time  $t$  and then use them to detect communities at time  $t + 1$ ,**
  - Reduce computational cost but do not allow parallelism
  - Examples:
    - **Gao, Luo, and Bu (2016):**
      - Evolutionary community discovery algorithm based on **leader nodes**
      - Each **community is considered as a set of follower nodes** congregating close to a potential leader
- Dependent Community Detection
    - Reduce computational cost by reusing much of the previous community
    - Traditional community detection methods are no longer directly applicable
    - Does not allow parallelism in community detection
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## Simultaneous Community Detection on All Snapshots

- **Construct a single graph** and then run a classic community detection
  - Solution for the lack of stability of the independent community detection
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    - **Main advantage:** is providing a solution for the lack of stability of the independent community detection
    - Difficulty to detect complex operations such as merging and splitting

# Dynamic Community Detection on Temporal Networks (online approach)

- Update the ones previously found according to network modifications
- Problem: Modifications are done at a **local level**
- Examples:
  - **Shang et al. (2012):**
    - Update graph real-time, and **locally modify the concerned communities** in a way to increase the modularity
  - **Held and Kruse (2016):**
    - Assumption that there exist some **highly connected nodes**, called hubs, which will group people around them.
  - [Xu et al., 2020]
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- Dynamic Community Detection on Temporal Networks (online approach)
  - Since the communities evolve naturally through modifications, there is, **no longer, an instability problem**
  - Advantage: low complexity of tracking communities, since changes can be incremental
  - Problem: Modifications are done at a **local level**, they can **involve drifting towards invalid communities**
- **Shang et al. (2012):**
  - Method consists in adding (or removing) each new edge as it appears (or disappears), and to **locally modify the concerned communities** in a way to increase the modularity
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# User community detection via embedding of social network structure and temporal content

- [Fani et al., 2020]
- Content on the social network are often reflective of issues in the real world **topics discussed on the network constantly change** and hence users' interests towards these topics
- Combine both Temporal Social Content  $\mathcal{D} = (\mathbb{U}, \mathbb{M}, \mathbb{T})$  and Social Network Connections  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathbb{U}, \mathbb{A})$ 
  - Model communities **based on topics of interest**
  - Primarily based on the **homophily** principle

- Temporal Social Content:  $\mathcal{D} = (\mathbb{U}, \mathbb{M}, \mathbb{T})$ 
  - $\mathbb{U}$ : Users,  $\mathbb{M}$ : Text content,  $\mathbb{T}$  time periods
- Social Network Graph:  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathbb{U}, \mathbb{A})$ 
  - $\mathbb{U}$ : Users/Nodes,  $\mathbb{A}$ : Edges
- Homophily: (densely connected groups of users imply a user community)

## User community detection via embedding of social network structure and temporal content

- Identify Topics using LDA and Construct Preference Time series
- Learn dense representation of users interests using CBOW model
  - Use “Regions of like-mindedness” for as scoring function
- Topological Embeddings are constructed using a Skip-Gram model
  - Use DFS based random walk over the Social Network

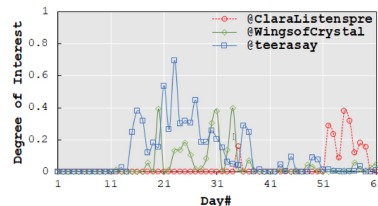


Figure 2: Different temporal behaviour of three Twitter users with respect to the War in Afghanistan topic

- **Region of like-mindedness:** Parts in  $X$  where users share interest in same topics given a threshold (for level of interest)
- BFS favours structural equivalence
- DFS in contrast, respects homophily and leads to similar (close) embeddings for densely connected users

# User community detection via embedding of social network structure and temporal content

- Finally embeddings are combined into one  $h(\mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{D}}, \mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{G}}) = \alpha \mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{D}} + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{G}}$
- Community detection:
  - Construct a weighted graph:  $G = (\mathbb{U}, \mathbb{E}, w)$
  - Leverage the Louvain Method (LM)
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- Remarks:
  - Users end up in one community per users

- With as weights the user embedding **dot products**

- Classical ML Methods:
  - liuMultipleLocalCommunity2021(unread)
- Deep Learning Based Methods
  - faniUserCommunityDetection2020
  - wangVehicleTrajectoryClustering2020
- Related Tasks

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