

Graph Kernels

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Motivation

In many learning problems from *bio-informatics*, *chemo-informatics*, *drug discovery*, *web data mining* and *social networks*, data instances come in the form of graphs (**learning graphs**) or in the form of vertices of a given fixed graph (**learning on graphs**).

Questions:

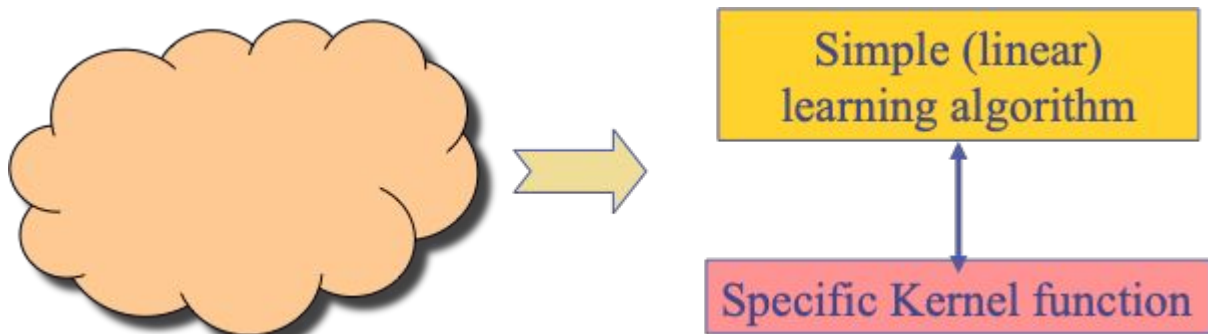
1. How similar are two graphs to each other?
2. How similar are two nodes in a given graph?

E.g: is this protein an enzyme or not? Toxicity of a chemical molecule? Finding web pages with similar content (one step further: detecting mirrored sets of pages)

Kernels and Learning

In Kernel-based learning algorithms, problem solving is decoupled into:

- A general purpose learning algorithm (e.g., SVM, PCA) -- often linear
- A problem specific kernel



Kernel methods

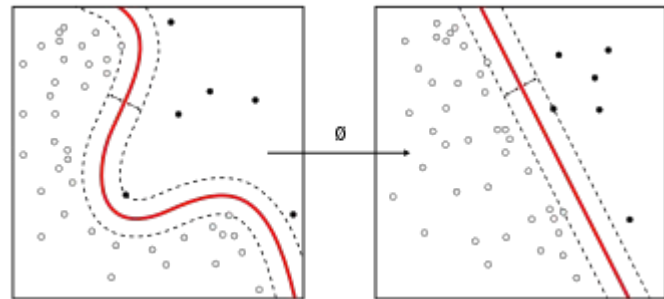
Is a class of **instance-based learners**. Best known member is SVM.

Classic SVM

$$\hat{y} = \text{sign}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n [y_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top \mathbf{x}'] + b\right) = \text{sign}(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}' + b)$$

SVM is a simple linear model. Can be made more powerful by non-linear transformations of inputs into some space \mathbf{z} .

$$\hat{y} = \text{sign}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}')\right) = \text{sign}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{z}'\right)$$



Kernel trick

The "trick" comes from the fact that we can define a function $K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \mathbf{z}^\top \mathbf{z}'$ that corresponds to the inner product of the images of \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{x}' in the z space without having to compute (or even define) ϕ explicitly.

Example

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$$

$$K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = (1 + \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x}')^2 = (1 + 2(x_1x'_1 + x_2x'_2) + x_1^2x_1'^2 + 2x_1x'_1x_2x'_2 + x_2^2x_2'^2)$$

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = (1, \sqrt{2}x_1, \sqrt{2}x_2, x_1^2, \sqrt{2}x_1x_2, x_2^2)$$

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}') = (1, \sqrt{2}x'_1, \sqrt{2}x'_2, x_1'^2, \sqrt{2}x'_1x'_2, x_2'^2)$$

More examples of kernels

$$\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

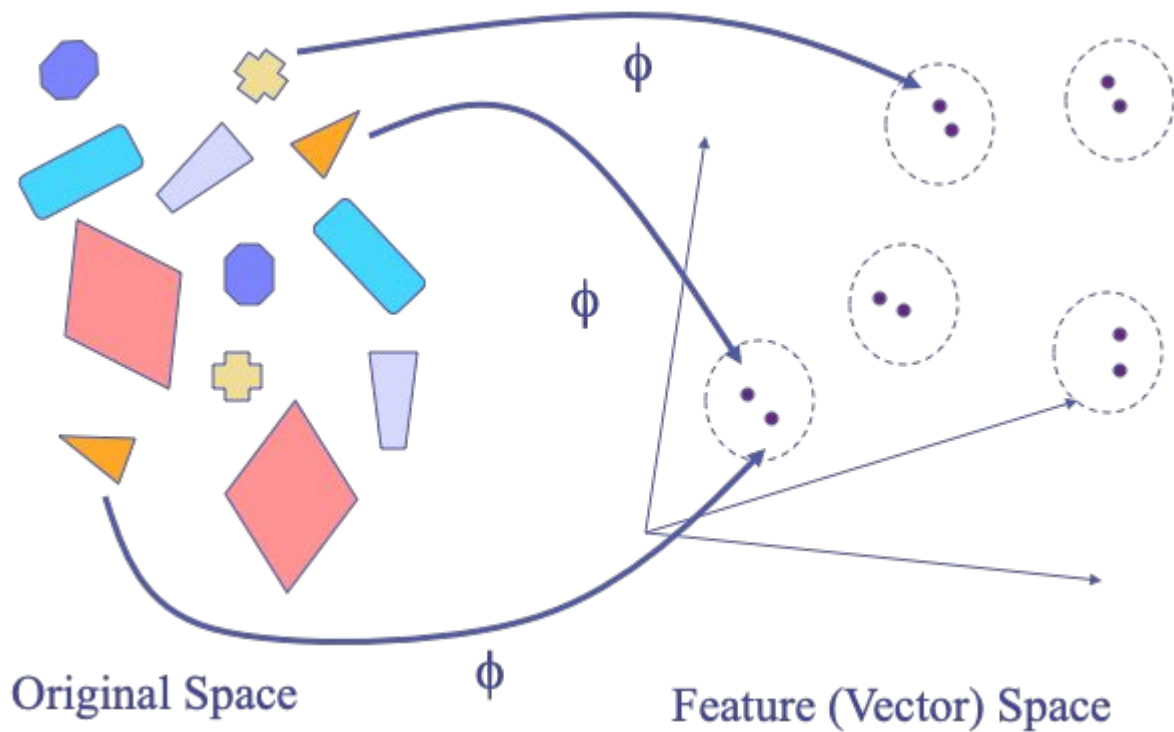
$$K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = (1 + \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x}')^Q = (1 + x_1 x'_1 + \dots + x_d x'_d)^Q$$

For $d=10$, $Q=100$, what is the dimension of ϕ ?

$$K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \exp(-\gamma \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\|_2^2)$$

In this case, ϕ has infinite dimension

Kernel methods: the mapping



Kernels for structures

How do we define kernels for other kinds of objects?

Example

Similarity between sequences of different lengths?

ACGGTTCAA
↕
ATATCGCGGGAA

Idea (Count kernel): counts the number of symbols and take the inner product. Not good for sequences with frequent context change (e.g., coding/non-coding regions of DNA).

Marginalized kernels have been used for this purpose (but won't be covered here).

(More) motivation for graph kernels

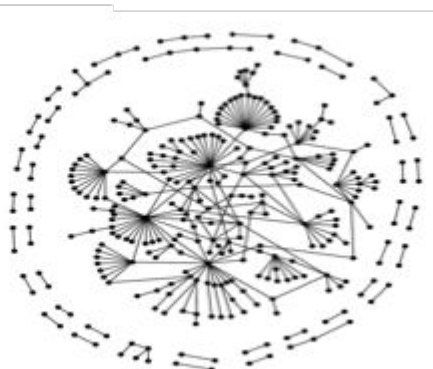
- Existing methods assume "tables"

Serial Num	Name	Age	Sex	Address	...
0001	OO	40	Male	Tokyo	...
0002	X X	31	Female	Osaka	...

- Structure data beyond this framework

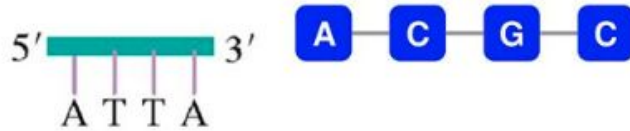
New methods for analysis

AQPERTL	IVNEYS	Y	I	VYLEGCT	P. knowlesi
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AQPERTL	IVNEYS	H	I	VYLEGCT	P. simium
AQPERTL	IVNEYS	H	I	VYLEGCT	P. u/Africa
AQPERTL	IVNEYS	H	I	VYLEGCT	P. u/Thai-1090
AQPERTL	IVNEYS	H	I	VYLEGCT	P. u/Thai-115
AQPERTL	IVNEYS	H	I	VYLEGCT	P. u/N.Korea
AQPERTL	IVNEYS	H	I	VYLEGCT	P. u/Vietnam
AQPERTL	IVNEYS	H	V	VYLEGCT	P. u/Salvador-1
AQPERTL	IVNEYS	H	V	VYLEGCT	P. u/Salvador-2
AQPERTL	IVNEYS	H	V	VYLEGCT	P. u/Brazil-1
AQPERTL	IVNEYS	H	V	VYLEGCT	P. u/Brazil-2
AQPERTL	IVNEYS	H	V	VYLEGCT	P. u/Honduras-1
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AQPERTL	IVNEYS	H	V	VYLEGCT	P. u/Panama

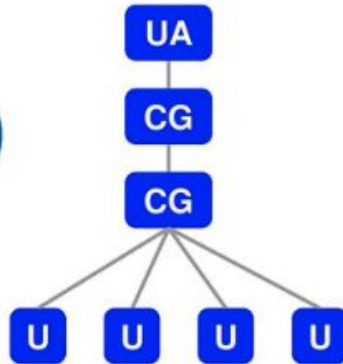


Graph structures in biology

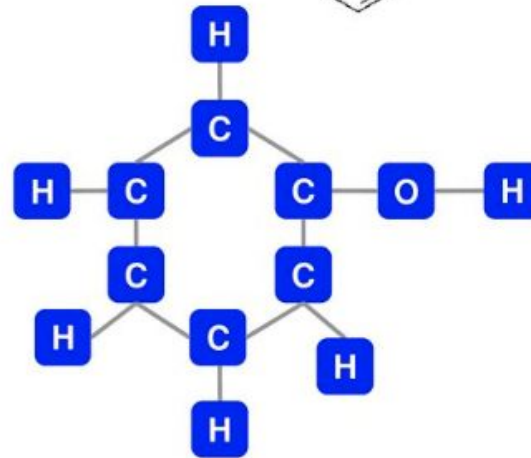
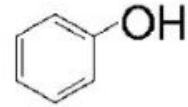
- DNA Sequence



- RNA



- ◆ Compounds



Kernel methods

A natural framework to study these questions.

A kernel $K(x, x')$ is a measure of similarity between two objects x and x' .

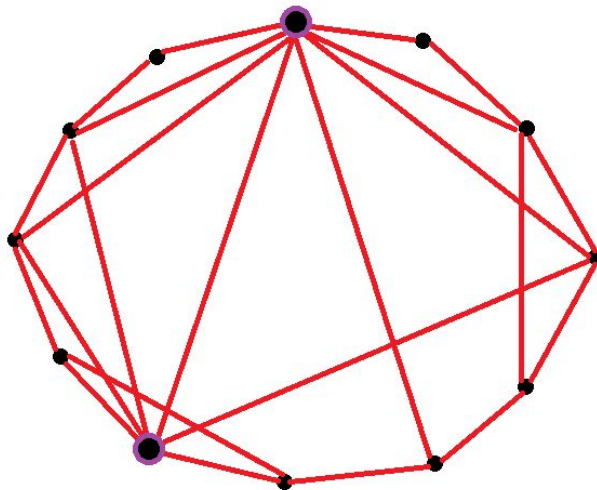
Set of objects X and a kernel $K(.,.)$ define the Gram matrix K , which must satisfy two properties:

- Symmetric
- Positive semi-definite

Kernels on graphs

How to define similarity between 2 nodes u and v ?

- Geodesic distance?
- Probability that a l -length random starting from u visits v ?



Exponential kernels

H: symmetric matrix called generator

Exponential kernel

$$K = \exp(\beta H) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\mathbb{I} + \frac{\beta H}{n} \right)^n = \mathbb{I} + \beta H + \frac{\beta^2 H^2}{2!} + \frac{\beta^3 H^3}{3!} + \dots$$

Where β is the diffusion parameter, and **exp** is matrix exponential, not element-wise.

It is well known that any power of a symmetric matrix is symmetric and positive semidefinite. Replacing n by $2n$, we show that K is positive definite.

Exponential kernels: a dynamic process

Taking the derivative of K yields

$$\frac{d}{d\beta} K_{\beta} = H K_{\beta}$$

Examining the equation with initial condition $K(0)=I$, lends to interpretation that

- $K(\beta)$ is the result of a continuous process,
- gradually transforming identity matrix I to a kernel with stronger and stronger off-diagonal effects as β increases.

Diffusion kernels on graphs

A: adjacency matrix

D: diagonal matrix of degrees

L = D-A: Graph Laplacian matrix

Diffusion kernel matrix

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Where β is the diffusion parameter, $H=-L$, and **exp** is matrix exponential, not element-wise.

Relationship with heat equation in physics.

Intuition: "K(i,j) is that amount of heat transferred from node i to node j"

Relationship to random walks

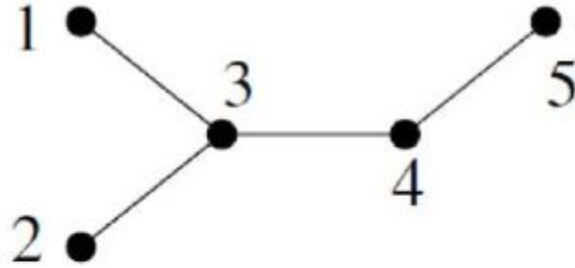
A lazy random walk on graph G with parameter $\beta_0 < 1/\max \text{ degree}$ is a stochastic process $S=\{i_0, \dots, i_N\}$ over V . At step t , let the state of the process be $i_t=v$. Then, it

- Goes to one of v 's neighbors with probability β_0
- Stays at v with probability $1 - \beta_0 \cdot \text{degree}$.

Considering the distribution $\Pr(z_N \mid z_0)$ in the limit $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ with $N=(1/\Delta t)$ and $\beta=\beta_0 \Delta t$ yields exactly the diffusion equation.

Hence, diffusion kernel is the continuous time limit of lazy random walks.

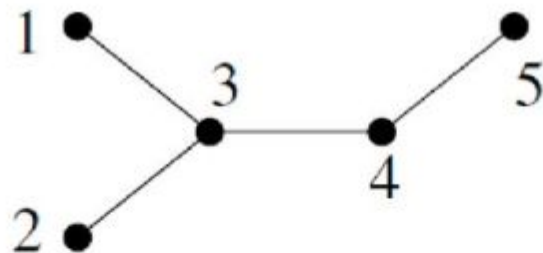
Adjacency matrix and degree matrix



$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

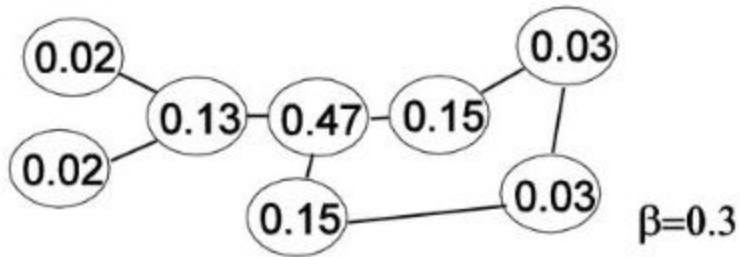
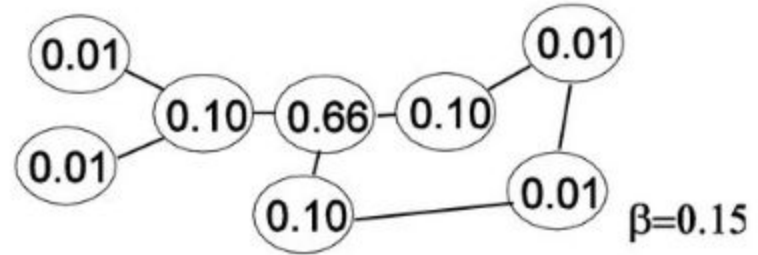
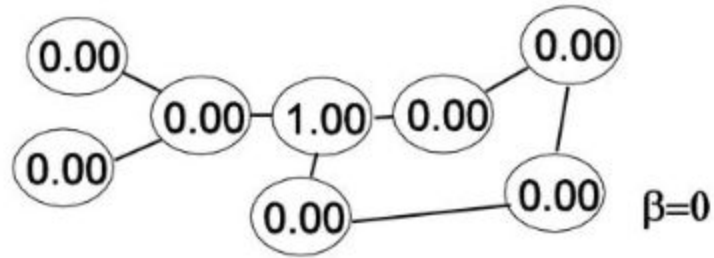
$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Graph Laplacian Matrix L



$$L = D - A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Actual values of diffusion kernels




Closeness from the
“central node”

How to compute $\exp(A)$?

When A is a (n,n) matrix, its eigendecomposition is

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i v_i v_i^T$$

$$\exp(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \exp(\lambda_i) v_i v_i^T$$

Cost of eigendecomposition is $O(n^3)$. 

Special cases where K can be computed directly

- K -regular trees
- Complete graphs
- Closed chains
- The hypercube: $x=(x_1,\dots,x_m)$ onde $x_i \in \{0,1\}$. Two sequences x and x' are neighbors if they differ only in a single digit.

$$K(x, x') \propto \left(\frac{1 - e^{-2\beta}}{1 + e^{-2\beta}} \right)^{d(x, x')} = (\tanh \beta)^{d(x, x')}$$

More generally, for alphabet A ,

$$K(x, x') \propto \left(\frac{1 - e^{|A|\beta}}{1 + (|A| - 1)e^{-|A|\beta}} \right)^{d(x, x')}$$

Using kernels for classification

- Goal: Compare with kernel methods for classifying categorical data
- Use a large margin classifier based on the voted perceptron
- Methods:
 - Diffusion kernel
 - Kernel based on hamming distance: $K_H(x, x') = n - \sum_{i=1}^n \delta(x_i, x'_i)$
- Continuous features were ignored

Results

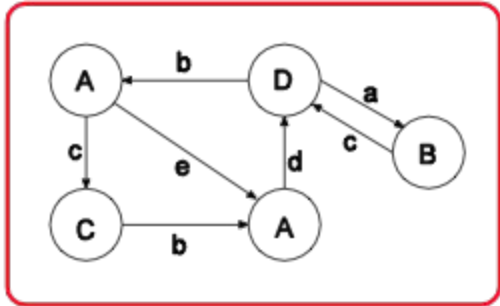
Data Set	#Attr	$\max \mathcal{A} $	<i>Hamming kernel</i>		<i>Diffusion kernel</i>		
			error	$ SV $	error	$ SV $	β
Breast Cancer	9	10	$7.44 \pm 1.70\%$	206.0	$3.70 \pm 0.83\%$	43.3	0.30
Hepatitis	13	2	$19.50 \pm 3.90\%$	420.0	$18.80 \pm 4.13\%$	192.0	1.80
Income	11	42	$19.19 \pm 1.20\%$	1149.5	$18.50 \pm 1.27\%$	1033.4	0.40
Mushroom	22	10	$1.40 \pm 0.44\%$	117.7	$0.007 \pm 0.018\%$	27.2	0.40
Votes	16	2	$4.79 \pm 1.16\%$	176.5	$4.53 \pm 1.44\%$	60.6	1.5

Add some description of datasets

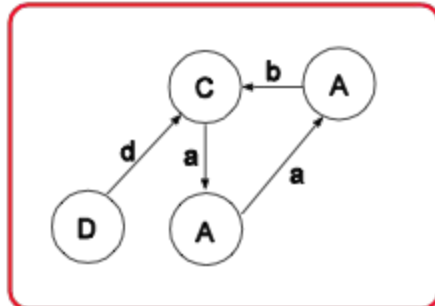
Graph Kernels

We now want to compare a set of graphs.

- Need to define kernel function $K(G, G')$
- Both vertex and edges can be labeled



G



G'

Generalized Random Walk Graph Kernels

Defined for a graph $G = (V, E)$ that can

- Be directed/undirected
- Be weighted/unweighted
- Have (or not) edge labels

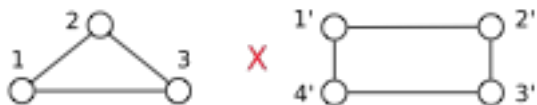
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- Random walk graph kernels
- Marginalized graph kernels

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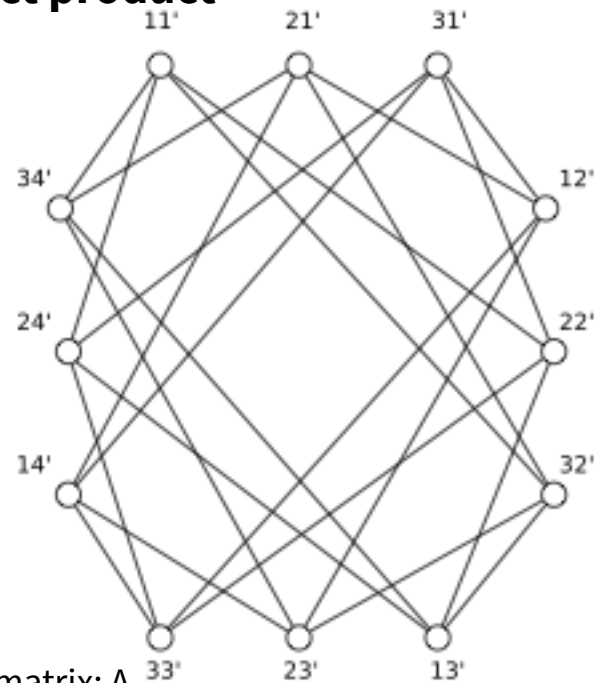
Idea: given a pair of graphs, perform random walks on both and count the number of matching walks

Two graphs



Adj. matrix: A and A'

Direct product



Adj. matrix: A_x

Random walks

Let

- p and p' be respec. the starting probabilities
- q and q' be respec. the starting probabilities

Hence

- $p_x = p \otimes p'$
- $q_x = q \otimes q'$

Weight matrix

$$W_{\times} = \Phi(X) \otimes \Phi(X').$$

- Continuous weights case:

$$W_{\times} = A_{\times}$$

- Categorical weights case (finite set of size d):

$$W_{\times} = \sum_{l=1}^d l_A \otimes l_{A'}.$$

Kernel definition

$$k(G, G') := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mu(k) q_{\times}^{\top} W_{\times}^k p_{\times}.$$

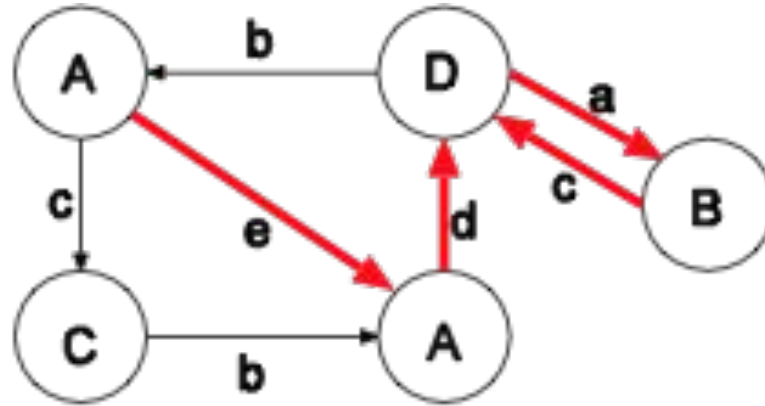
- Choice of $\mu(k)$ allows to (de-)emphasize walks of different lengths

Two special cases:

- Marginalized graph kernel (Kashima et al., 2004)
- Random walk graph kernel

Label path

- Sequence of node and edge labels
 $H = (A, e, A, d, D, a, B, c, D)$
- Generated by random walks
- Simplest case: uniform initial, transition and terminal probabilities



Path-probability vector

Label path h	Probability $p(h G)$
AaA	0.001
⋮	⋮
AcDbE	0.000003
⋮	⋮
AeAdDaBcD	0.00000007
⋮	⋮

Kernel definition

- Kernels for paths

$$K(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{h}') = \begin{cases} 0 & (|\mathbf{h}| \neq |\mathbf{h}'|) \\ k_v(h_1, h'_1) k_e(h_2, h'_2) \cdots k_v(h_\ell, h'_\ell) & (|\mathbf{h}| = |\mathbf{h}'|) \end{cases}$$

- Take expectation over all possible paths!
- Marginalized graph kernels

$$K(G, G') = \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \sum_{\mathbf{h}'} p(\mathbf{h}|G) p(\mathbf{h}'|G') K(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{h}')$$

In the "generalized" version...

They do not (cannot?) consider node labels

Path $h = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_t)$

$$p(h|G) := q_{i_{t+1}} \prod_{j=1}^t P_{i_j, i_{j+1}} p_{i_1}.$$

$$\kappa(h, h') := \prod_{i=1}^t \kappa(h_i, h'_i) = \prod_{i=1}^t \langle \hat{\phi}(h_i), \hat{\phi}(h'_i) \rangle$$

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Graph Kernel Applications

- Chemical Compounds (Mahe et al., 2005)
- Protein 3D structures (Borgwardt et al., 2005)
- RNA graphs (Karklin et al., 2005)
- Pedestrian detection
- Signal Processing

Concluding remarks

- Idea of measuring similarity between nodes via random walks is still very important
- Ideas from word2vec were very influential in area of graph representation
- Embedding techniques construct actual feature maps Φ and similarity is measured on that space
- Do graph embeddings build on graph kernels?

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