MA4M4: Bow-tie Decomposition of Vaccination Views in Social Media

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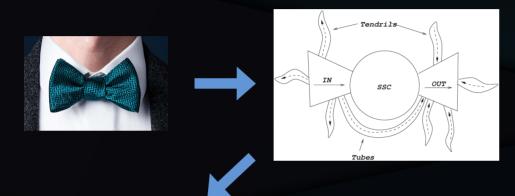
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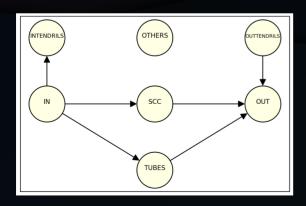
Presentation Structure

- Introduction of Bow-tie Structure
- Algorithm for Bow-tie Decomposition
- Evaluation of Bow-tie Component
- Data Background and Analysis
- Summary and Limitations

Introduction of Bow-tie Structure

What is bow-tie structure?





Why interesting?

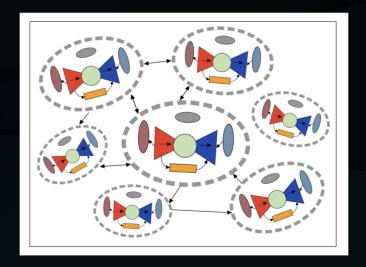
- Provide a systematic understanding of behaviour ecology
- IN Listeners, OUT Producers, SCC Broadcast
- Large OUT:
 - more democratic, open to information
 - active in producing new content
 - prone to misinformation

Large SCC:

- messages keep being repeat
- trap people inside an information bubble

Algorithm for Bow-tie Decomposition

- Primitive bow-tie detection algorithm is provided by Yang in 2011.
- Current recursive bow-tie decomposition relies on either different choices of SCC or community detection.

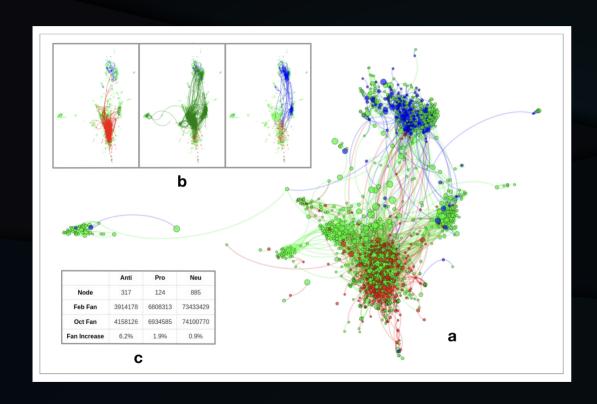


Evaluation of Bow-tie Component

Empirical Criterion

- Statistical Significance
 - Presence of some large bow-tie component simply results from degree distribution rather than their initiative?
 - Benchmark: Newman's directed configuration model

Data Background

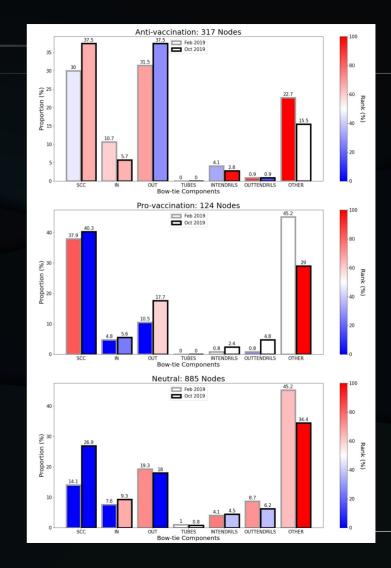


Data

- Node: Facebook page with polarity
- Edge: A → B means A recommends
 B to all its members at the page level

<u>Data Analysis</u>

- Multi-scale Bow-tie Decomposition
- Analysis based on vaccine view groups
 - Anti: SCC and OUT dominate
 - → active in content production + quick message transmission
 - Pro: Large SCC and small OUT
 - → mostly repeat content
 - → infomation bubble
 - Neu: OTHER statistically dominates
 - → less involved in vaccine topic



Summary and Limitations

Summary

- Organize a systematic framework for analysis based on bow-tie decomposition
- Explain its application in an online social network, particularly about information bubble effect

Limitations

- Newman's directed configuration model is used without checking its robustness
- Part of our real-life interpretations in bow-tie component currently has no empirical evidence to support