

Network Inference from Node Embedding: Deep Autoencoding

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1 Introduction

I started from the Zekarias T. Kefato's paper: *DeepInfer: Diffusion Network Inference through Representation Learning*.

The problem tackled in this paper (as described by its title) is inferring a network starting from series of interactions between the elements in play. The goal is to obtain a reconstruction as precise as possible of the actual **Interaction Network** without using any kind of exact information on the actual graph.

Note: for simplicity and immediacy sake, during the explanation I will make references to a specific example in order to show an instance of the problem:

Twitter: the interactions observed are formed by:

- *contagiant element*: the ones taken in consideration are the *hashtags*
- *infection spreading*: each contagiant has a list of user infected (with the timestamp). This indicates which users used that hashtag.

2 Reproduction of the SoA Technique

2.1 Brief Overview

The State of Art technique has precise, consequential steps:

- Cascade Linearization
- Node embedding
- Top Pairs fetching
- Inference evaluation

2.2 Description

The desired input formatting is a list of sequences of interaction, the contagiant element and the time between each infection isn't relevant. This kind of lists are called cascades.

In order to obtain this kind of representation - for each hashtag cascade - asd