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Profile Inference

Profile: A complete profile is a boon:

Hometown: Palo Alto People are easily searchable

High school: Gunn Tailored news recommendations

College: Stanford Group recommendations

Employer: Facebook Ad targeting (especially local)

Current city: Sunnyvale

 $\label{eq:hobbies} \mbox{Hobbies, politics, music, } \dots \mbox{} \mbox$

profile fields?

Relational Neighbor

- The relational neighbor (RN) classifier estimates class probabilities solely based on entities of the same type whose class labels are known.
- The classifier works by making two strong, yet often reasonable, assumptions:
 - Some entities' class labels are known within the same linked structure.
 - The entities exhibit homophily—entities related to each other are similar and likely belong to the same class along one or more dimensions.
 - The classifier may not perform well if entities are isolated or if no labels are known.

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Motivation

- The conventional relational classification model focuses on the single-label classification problem.
- Real-world relational data sets contain instances associated with multiple labels.
- Connections between instances in multilabel networks are driven by various casual reasons.

Previous Work

- Random Walks: Talukdar and Crammer (2009), Baluja et al. (2008)
- Statistical Relational Learning: Lu and Getoor (2003), Macskassy and Provost (2007)
- Relational Dependency Networks: Neville and Jensen (2007)
- Latent Models: Palla, Knowles, and Ghahramani (2012)
- Either:
 - Too generic; require too much labeled data
 - Do not handle multiple label types
 - Are outperformed by label propagation (Macskassy & Provost 2007)

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Contribution

- A new multilabel iterative relational neighbor classifier (SCRN).
- Extract social context features using edge clustering to represent a node's potential group membership.
- Use of social features boosts classification performance over benchmarks on several real-world collaborative networked data sets.

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 - Hometown orâ
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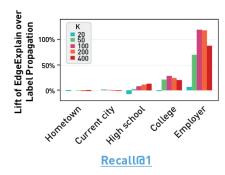
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- Use k-Nearest Neighbors
- Probabilistic model

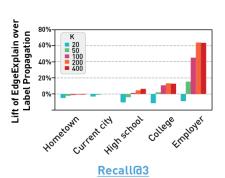
Experiments

- 1.1B users of the Facebook social network
- O(10M) labels
- Fivefold cross-validation
- Measure recall
 - Did we get the correct label in our top prediction?
 Top three?
- Inference:
 - Proximal gradient descent
 - Implemented via message passing in Apache Giraph (Ching 2013)
- Sparsify graph by considering k closest friends by age

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Results (vs. Label Propagation)





- Joint modeling helps most for employers
- Significant gains for high school and college as well

EdgeExplain Algorithm Conclusions

- Assumption: Each friendship has one reason.
- Model: Explain friendships via user attributes.
- Results: Up to 120% lift for recall at 1 and 60% for recall at 3.

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