



Node ranking in labeled networks

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What do we do?

Explainable Node Ranking Problem

- Rank nodes according to some hierarchy.
- Giving some explanation for each hierarchy (rank).

Explainable node ranking problem

Input:

- Directed graph. (Weighted or unweighted)
- Node labels.
- Input parameter: k .

Output:

- Rank the nodes.
- Assign an integer to each node between 0 and $k - 1$.

Such that:

- A penalty score is minimized.
- Each rank is explained by a set of labels.

Agony score ($q(r, G)$)

- $r(i)$: The rank of node i .
- Edge (u, v) is **forward**: if $r(u) < r(v)$.
- Edge (u, v) is **backward**: if $r(u) \geq r(v)$.
- **Agony score**: penalizes the backward edges (u, v) based on the difference between the ranks $r(u) - r(v)$.
 - ▶ penalty function $p(d) = \max(0, d + 1)$ where d is the difference between ranks.
 - ▶ Example:
 - ▶ $r(u) = r(v)$ gives $q(r) = 1$.
 - ▶ $r(u) = r(v) + 1$ gives $q(r) = 2$.

Node Ranking Problem (No labels)

- Given a directed graph $G = (V, E)$ and an integer k ,
find a rank assignment r minimizing the agony
such that $0 \leq r(v) \leq k - 1$ for every $v \in V$.
- This problem is polynomial time solvable.
 - ▶ Unweighted problem.¹
 - ▶ Weighted problem.²

¹Gupte, M., Shankar, P., Li, J., Muthukrishnan, S. and Iftode, L., 2011, March. Finding hierarchy in directed online social networks. In Proceedings of the 20th international conference on World wide web (pp. 557-566).

²Tatti, N., 2017. Tiers for peers: a practical algorithm for discovering hierarchy in weighted networks. Data mining and knowledge discovery, 31, pp.702-738.

Node ranking with labels

Our Approach:

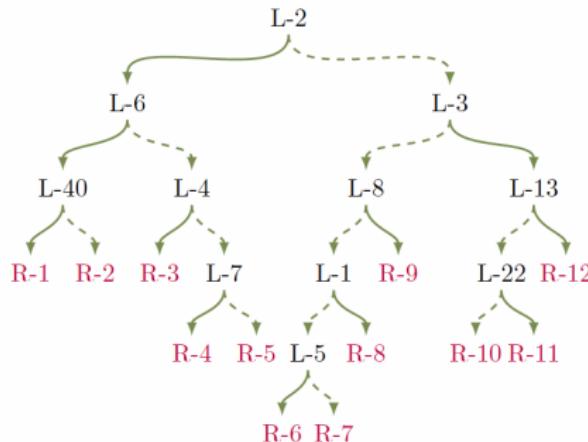
1. Construct a label tree.
2. Find explainable hierarchies from using label tree.

Complexity:

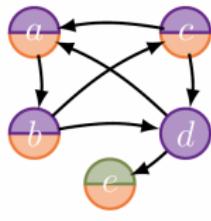
- It turns out that finding agony minimizing label tree is **NP-Hard**.

Label tree

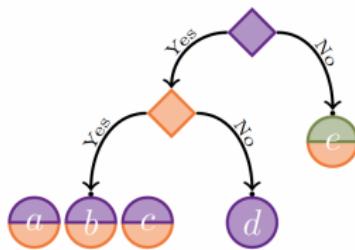
- Binary tree like structure.
- Each leaf represents a rank.
- Each non-leaf represents a label.
- Each leaf or non-leaf contains a Boolean value. (criterion)
- Ordered tree: Left leaves with lower ranks, Right leaves with higher ranks.



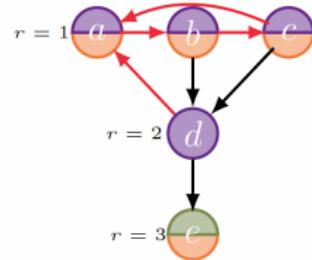
Toy example



(a) Input



(b) Label tree



(c) Explainable ranks

Figure: Explainable ranking

Greedy Algorithm - Main loop

Finding the label tree which minimizes the agony is computationally intractable.

- Greedy heuristic.
- Divide-and-conquer approach.

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1 find optimal label  $t$  and criterion  $c$ 
   using TEST;
2  $\Delta \leftarrow$  reduction in score when
   splitting with  $(t, c)$ ;
3 if  $\Delta < 0$  then
4    $\beta, \gamma \leftarrow$  CONSTRUCT( $\alpha, t, c$ );
5   GREEDY( $\beta$ ); GREEDY( $\gamma$ );
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Subroutines:

- TEST: Gain due to split of leaf α , with label t .
- CONSTRUCT: Updating counters.

Cardinality constraint

Enforce number of ranks to be k :

- Prune the tree.
- Dynamic programming approach.

DP recurrence formula:

- β : The left child.
- γ : The right child.
- $o(\alpha; h)$: The optimal gain that obtained in the branch in T starting from the node α by using only h leaves.
- $\Delta(\alpha)$: The improvement in agony as recorded in GREEDY algorithm.

$$o(\alpha; h) = \Delta(\alpha) + \min_{1 \leq \ell \leq h-1} o(\beta; \ell) + o(\gamma; h - \ell)$$

Experiments with Synthetic Datasets

- θ - The percentage of vertices which contains false labels.
- μ - The percentage of vertices which contains noise labels.
- η - The percentage of forward edges.
- h - The number of ranks.

<i>Dataset</i>	$ V $	$ E $	h	θ	μ	η
<i>Syn-1</i>	4 000	3 200	5	0.04	0.05	0.6
<i>Syn-2</i>	5 000	7 000	8	0.04	0.06	0.7
<i>Syn-3</i>	1 200	1 200	5	0.05	0.07	0.65
<i>Syn-4</i>	1 000	1 750	6	0.05	0.08	0.9
<i>Syn-5</i>	4 000	4 200	7	0.06	0.09	0.85
<i>Syn-6</i>	1 000	5 600	15	0.08	0.1	0.8
<i>Syn-7</i>	40 000	135 000	10	0.08	0.11	0.75

Experiments with Synthetic Datasets

- q_{true} and q_{dis} : The ground truth and discovered agony scores
- q_{base} is the discovered agony excluding labels.
- h_{dis} and h_{base} : The discovered number of ranks using our algorithm and baseline.
- k_{tau} is the Kendall's τ coefficient.
- $time$ gives the computational time in seconds for our algorithm.

<i>Dataset</i>	q_{true}	q_{dis}	q_{base}	h_{dis}	h_{base}	$k\tau_{dis}$	$k\tau_{base}$	<i>time</i>
Syn-1	2242	2322	10	5	25	0.97	0.1	2.78
Syn-2	4160	4453	648	8	47	0.97	0.29	6.47
Syn-3	782	798	2	5	20	0.97	0.15	0.5
Syn-4	388	535	2	7	27	0.96	0.58	0.62
Syn-5	1268	1591	16	8	22	0.96	0.26	4.21
Syn-6	2262	3237	2158	15	19	0.95	0.96	1.29
Syn-7	66978	89017	51504	10	24	0.93	0.79	189.95

Effect of noise

- θ - The percentage of vertices which contains false labels.
- μ - The percentage of vertices which contains noise labels.
- η - The percentage of forward edges.

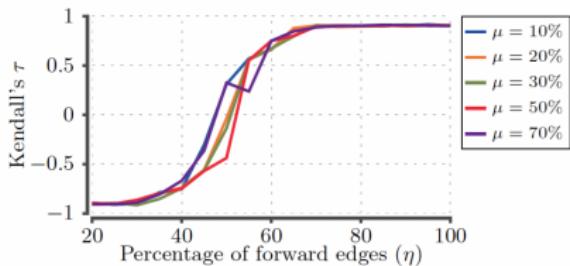
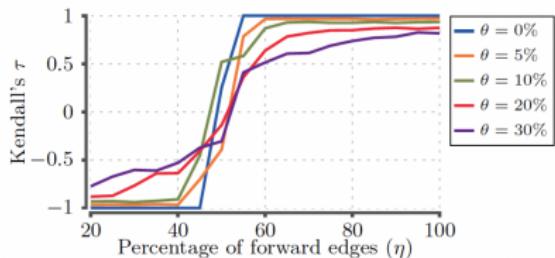
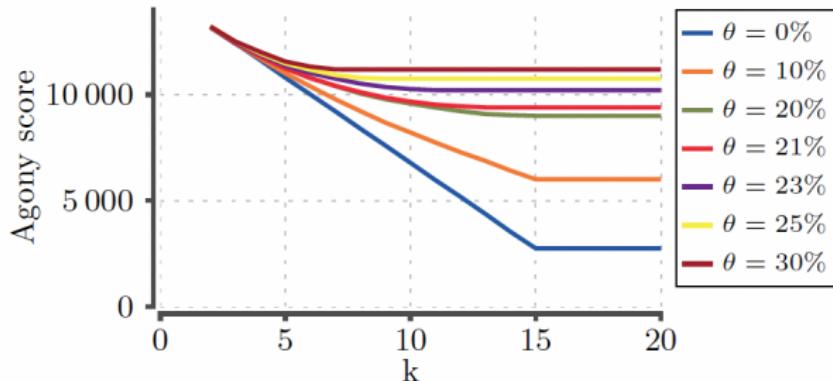


Figure: Kendall's τ coefficient as a function of η for the cases of several false label probabilities (θ) (left) and noise label probabilities (μ) (right). Experimental setting: $|V| = 4\,000$, $|E| = 7\,000$, $\mu = 0.05$, and $h = 10$.

Effect of cardinality constraint

- θ - The percentage of vertices which contains false labels.
- k - Number of ranks.



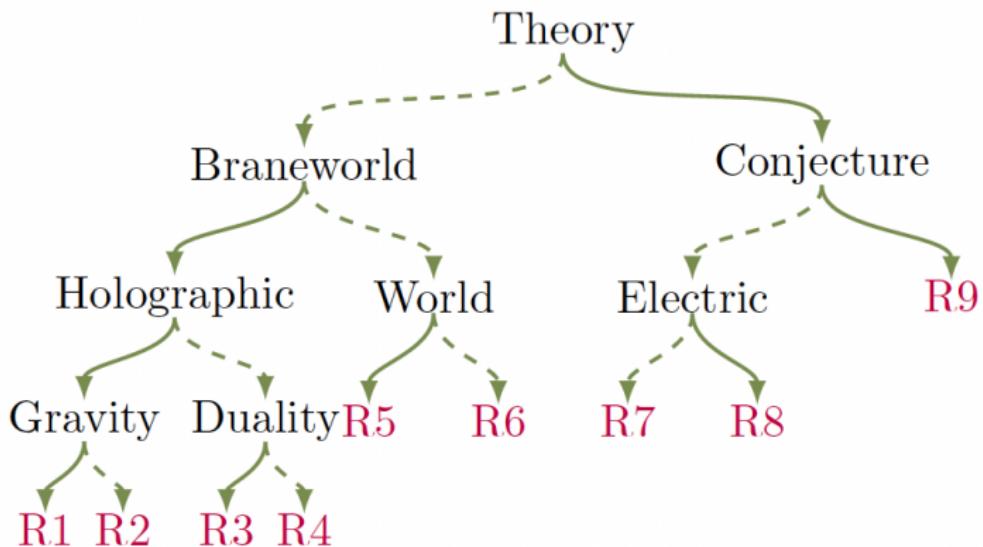
Experiments with Real-world Datasets

- $|T|$: The number of labels.
- d : The height of the label tree.

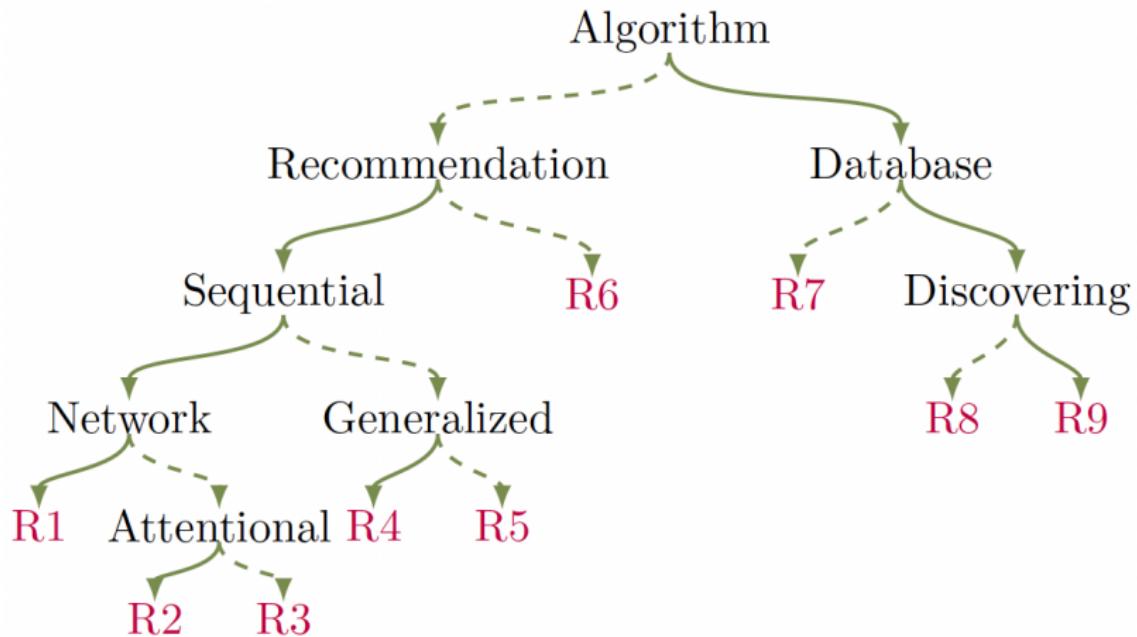
<i>Dataset</i>	$ V $	$ E $	$ T $
<i>EIES</i>	32	460	9
<i>School</i>	329	502	9
<i>Cora</i>	2 708	5 429	7
<i>Cite-seer</i>	3 264	4 536	6
<i>Patent-citation</i>	5 439	4 232	394
<i>DBLP-citation</i>	30 581	70 972	10 245
<i>Physics-citation</i>	29 555	352 807	4 715

<i>Dataset</i>	q_{dis}	q_{base}	h_{dis}	h_{base}	d	<i>time</i>
<i>EIES</i>	14 035	12 682	4	3	4	3.4ms
<i>School</i>	1 426	982	3	10	3	20ms
<i>Cora</i>	5 351	340	3	18	3	35s
<i>Cite-seer</i>	4 397	0	3	16	3	1.3s
<i>Patent-citation</i>	4 074	0	7	3	4	4m
<i>DBLP-citation</i>	68 511	329	10	38	6	43m
<i>Physics-citation</i>	339 475	2 268	9	236	5	22m

Case study : Physics citation dataset



Case study : DBLP dataset



Conclusion

- Introduced a novel tree-based, hierarchy mining problem for vertex-labeled, directed graphs.
- Our goal was to rank the nodes into tiers so that ideally the edges are directing from the lower ranks.
- The construction of such a label tree optimally was an **NP-hard** problem.
- We showed that this problem is inapproximable when we limit the number of leaves.
- Proposed a heuristic algorithm.
- Complexity of our algorithm is $\mathcal{O}((n + m) \log n + \ell R)$, where $R = \sum_v |L(v)|$ is the number of node-label pairs in given graph, ℓ is the number of nodes in the resulting label tree, and n and m are the number of nodes and edges respectively.
- The synthetic experiments showed that our approach accurately recovers the latent hierarchy.
- Showed experimentally with real-world datasets that label-driven algorithm achieved a good quality ranks and computational time is reasonable.

Thank you for your attention!!!