

# CS246 Homework 3 Answers

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## 1 Question 1 – Latent Features for Recommendations

### 1.1 (a)

$$\epsilon_{iu} = r_{iu} - q_i * p_u^T$$

$$q_i \leftarrow q_i + \eta(\epsilon_{iu} p_u - \lambda q_i)$$

$$p_u \leftarrow p_u + \eta(\epsilon_{iu} q_i - \lambda p_u)$$

Where  $\eta$  is the learning rate.

## 1.2 (b)

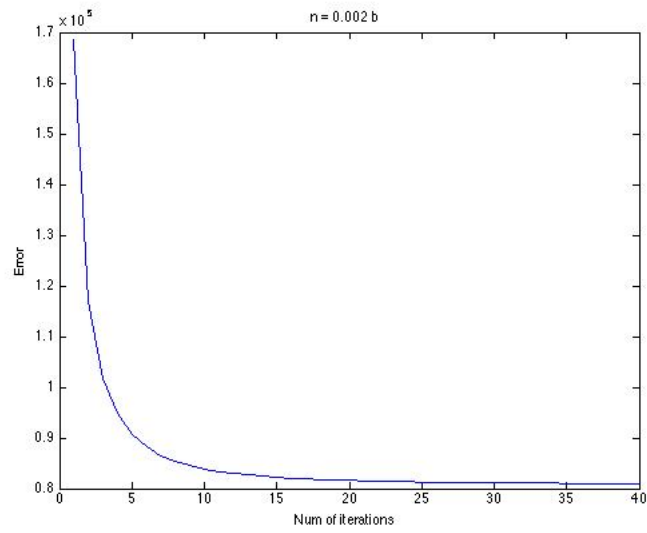


Figure 1: Error in first 40 iterations with  $\eta = 0.002$ :

### 1.3 (c)

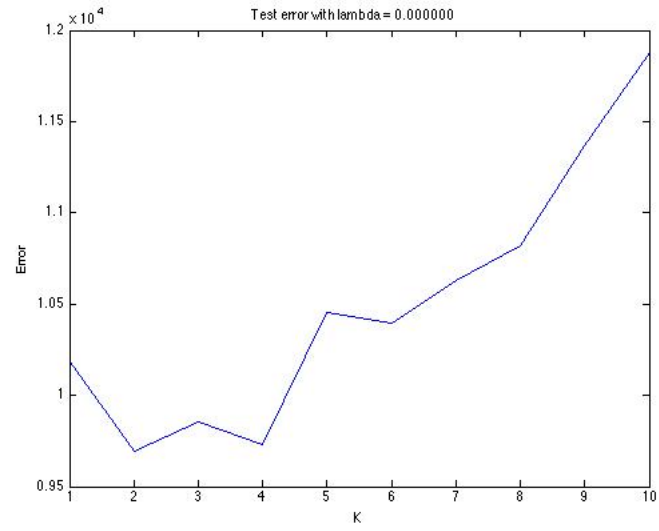


Figure 2:  $E_{te}$  as of K with  $\lambda = 0.0$ :

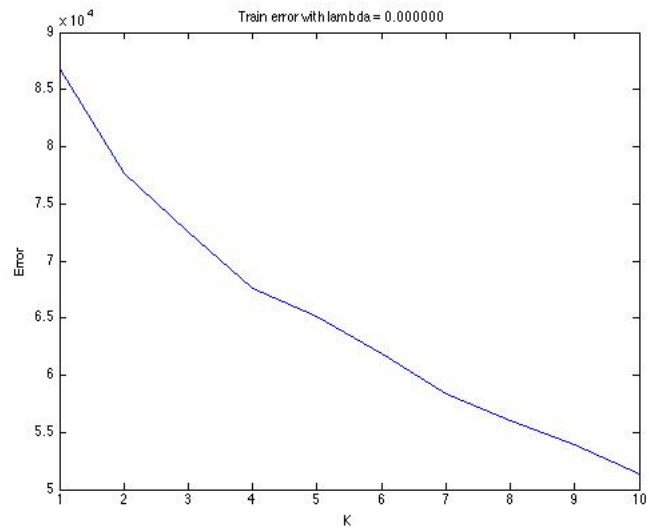


Figure 3:  $E_{tr}$  as of K with  $\lambda = 0.0$ :

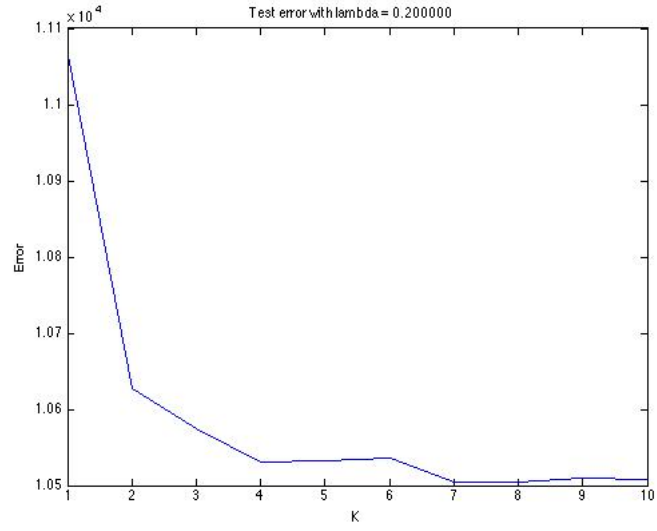


Figure 4:  $E_{te}$  as of K with  $\lambda = 0.2$ :

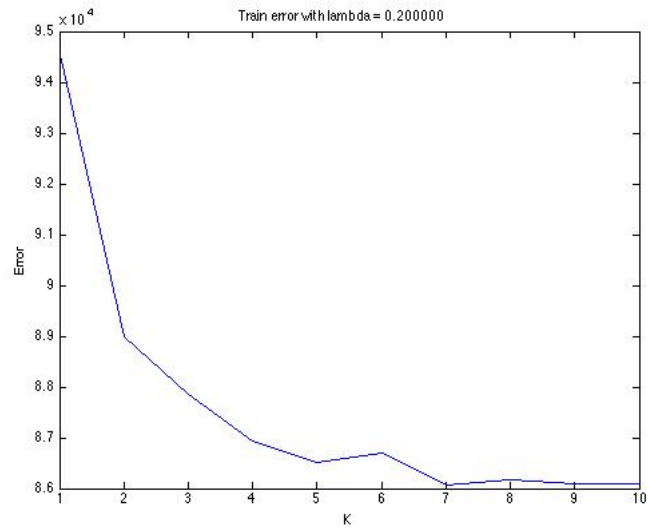


Figure 5:  $E_{tr}$  as of K with  $\lambda = 0.2$ :

True statements are: **B, D, H**

## 1.4 (d)

Update model as:

$$R_{iu} = \mu + b_u + b_i + q_i \cdot p_u^T$$

The update equations are:

$$\epsilon_{iu} = r_{iu} - \mu - b_u - b_i - q_i \cdot p_u^T$$

$$q_i \leftarrow q_i + \eta(\epsilon_{iu}p_u - \lambda q_i)$$

$$p_u \leftarrow p_u + \eta(\epsilon_{iu}q_i - \lambda p_u)$$

$$b_i \leftarrow b_i + \eta(\epsilon_{iu} - \lambda b_i)$$

$$b_u \leftarrow b_u + \eta(\epsilon_{iu} - \lambda b_u)$$

Where  $\eta$  is the learning rate.

And plot the following:

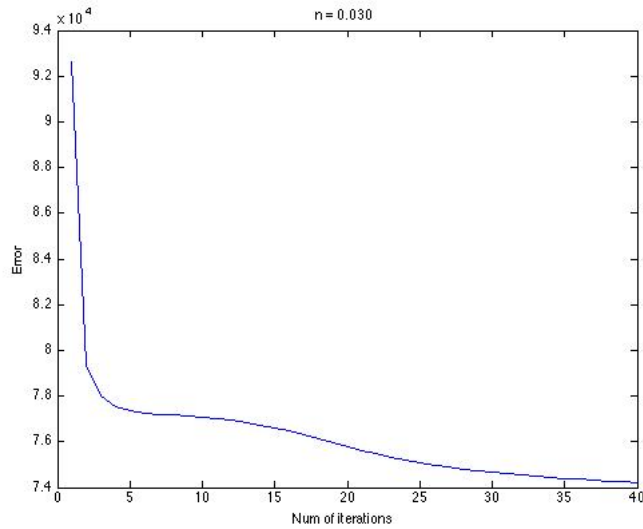


Figure 6: Error in first 40 iterations with  $\eta = 0.03$ :

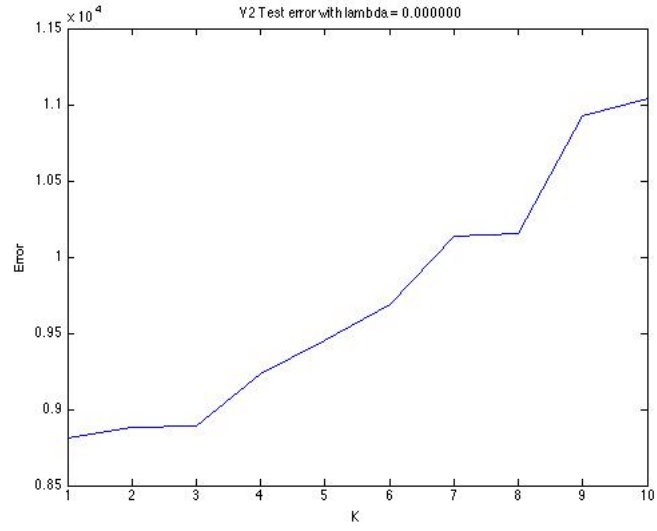


Figure 7:  $E_{te}$  as of K with  $\lambda = 0.0$ :

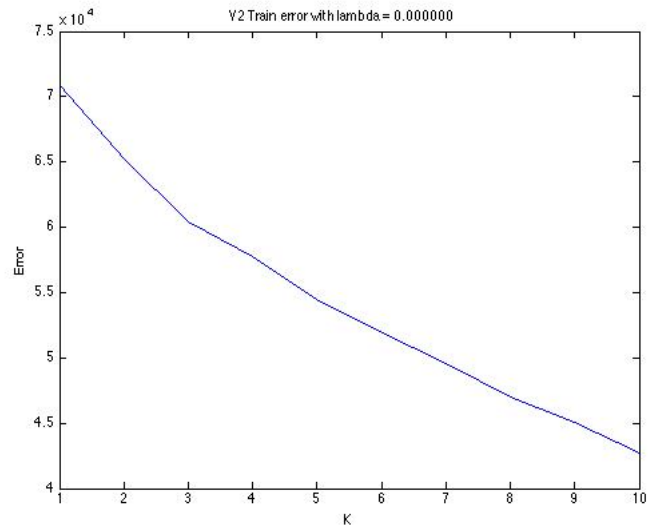


Figure 8:  $E_{tr}$  as of K with  $\lambda = 0.0$ :

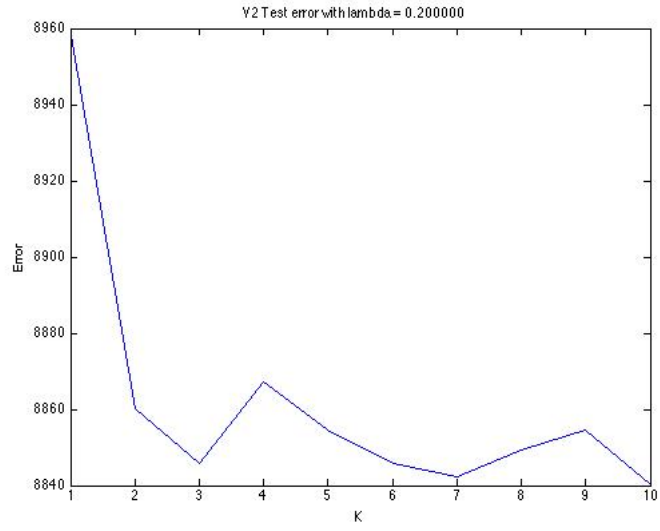


Figure 9:  $E_{te}$  as of K with  $\lambda = 0.2$ :

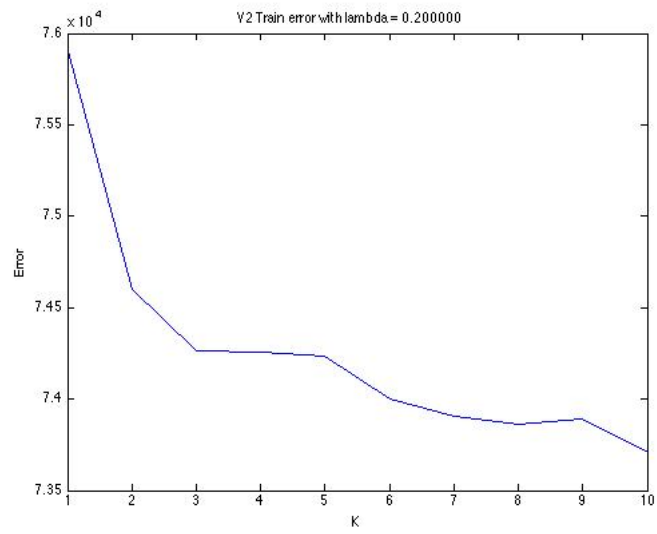


Figure 10:  $E_{tr}$  as of K with  $\lambda = 0.2$ :

## 2 Question 2 – PageRank Computation

### 2.1 (a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 r - r^{(k)} &= \beta M r - \beta M r^{(k-1)} \\
 &= \beta M (r - r^{(k-1)}) \\
 &= \beta^2 M^2 (r - r^{(k-2)}) \\
 &= \dots \\
 &= \beta^k M^k (r - r^{(0)})
 \end{aligned}$$

$M$  is stochastic,  $\|M^k r\|_1 \leq 1$ ,  $\|M^k r^{(0)}\|_1 \leq 1$

So  $\|r - r^{(k)}\|_1 \leq \|\beta^k M^k r\|_1 + \|\beta^k M^k r^{(0)}\|_1 \leq 2\beta^k$

### 2.2 (b)

Let  $I$  be the number of iterations.

$$\|r - r^{(I)}\|_1 \leq 2\beta^I \leq \delta$$

$I \geq \log_{\beta}(\delta/2) = \frac{\log(2/\delta)}{\log(1/\beta)}$  We need iterate through every edge one time for each

iteration. So total running time is:

$$Im = m \frac{\log(2/\delta)}{\log(1/\beta)} = O\left(\frac{m}{\log(1/\beta)}\right)$$

### 2.3 (c)

Let  $c_j$  be the total number of visits at node  $j$ , Then  $r_j = c_j \frac{1-\beta}{nR}$

Based on the algorithm, we have:  $E[c_j] = \sum_{i \rightarrow j} \beta \frac{E[c_i]}{\deg(i)} + R$

So,  $E[\tilde{r}_j] = E[c_j] \frac{1-\beta}{nR} = \sum_{i \rightarrow j} \beta \frac{E[c_i] \frac{1-\beta}{nR}}{\deg(i)} + \frac{1-\beta}{n}$

$$= \sum_{i \rightarrow j} \beta \frac{E[c_i \frac{1-\beta}{nR}]}{\deg(i)} + \frac{1-\beta}{n}$$

$$= \sum_{i \rightarrow j} \beta \frac{E[\tilde{r}_i]}{\deg(i)} + \frac{1-\beta}{n}$$

Which can be re-written as:  $E[\tilde{r}_j] = \frac{1-\beta}{n} \mathbf{1}^T + \beta M E[\tilde{r}_j]$



We also have:  $r_j = \frac{1-\beta}{n} \mathbf{1}^T + \beta M r_j$

So  $E[\tilde{r}_j] = r_j$

## 2.4 (d)

Expected run time of one random walker  $E[w] = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i(1-\beta)\beta^{i-1} = \frac{1}{1-\beta}$

Expected running time of MC algorithm is:  $E[w] \cdot nR = \frac{nR}{1-\beta}$

## 2.5 (e)

Power Iteration CPU time(40 Iterations): 13.341 ms

MC Algorithm with R=1,

CPU time: 0.701 ms

Average errors at Top 10, 30, 50, 100:

0.0028874375033

0.00381215746702

0.00337883645241

0.00257711933559

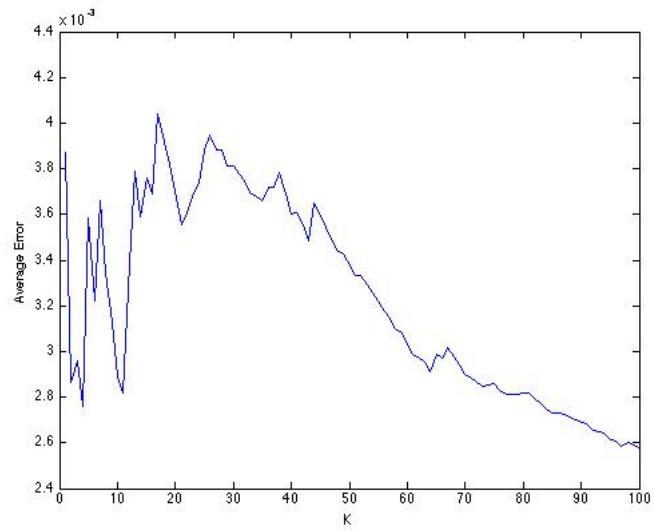


Figure 11: Error at Top K,  $R = 1$

MC Algorithm with  $R=3$ ,

CPU time: 1.800 ms

Average errors at Top 10, 30, 50, 100:

0.00258007835315

0.00231232051217

0.00199818494762

0.00149559856577

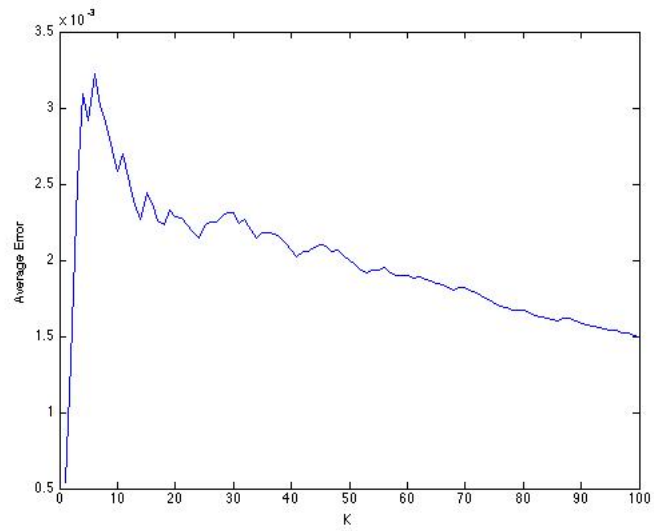


Figure 12: Error at Top K,  $R = 3$

MC Algorithm with  $R=5$ ,

CPU time: 2.577 ms

Average errors at Top 10, 30, 50, 100:

0.00299232555129

0.00228341943338

0.00180001027051

0.00131482088127

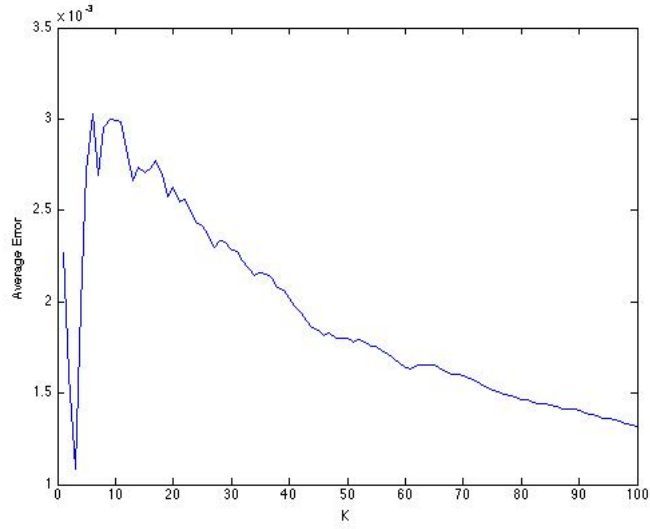


Figure 13: Error at Top K, R = 5

### 3 Question 3 – Similarity Ranking

#### 3.1 (a)

$$s_A(camera, phone) = 0.343$$

$$s_A(camera, printer) = 0.0$$

In first iteration,  $s_A(camera, phone) =$

$$C1 \frac{s_B(nokia, nokia) + s_B(nokia, apple) + s_B(kodak, nokia) + s_B(kodak, apple) + s_B(cannon, nokia) + s_B(cannon, apple)}{6} =$$

$$C1 \frac{1+0+0+0+0+0}{6} = 0.133$$

Intermediate results (Nodes are indexed based on the order in graph, e.g. 'cameras' == 1, 'phones' == 2):

Round 1:

$s_A$ :  
(1, 2): 0.133333  
(1, 3): 0.000000  
(3, 3): 1.000000  
(2, 3): 0.000000  
(2, 2): 1.000000  
(1, 1): 1.000000

$s_B$ :  
(1, 2): 0.000000  
(1, 3): 0.000000  
(3, 3): 1.000000  
(4, 5): 0.000000  
(4, 4): 1.000000  
(5, 5): 1.000000  
(1, 4): 0.000000  
(2, 4): 0.400000  
(1, 5): 0.000000  
(2, 3): 0.400000  
(2, 2): 1.000000  
(2, 5): 0.400000  
(3, 4): 0.000000  
(1, 1): 1.000000  
(3, 5): 0.800000

Round 2:

$s_A$ :  
(1, 2): 0.293333  
(1, 3): 0.000000  
(3, 3): 1.000000  
(2, 3): 0.000000  
(2, 2): 1.000000  
(1, 1): 1.000000

$s_B$ :  
(1, 2): 0.000000  
(1, 3): 0.000000  
(3, 3): 1.000000  
(4, 5): 0.106667  
(4, 4): 1.000000  
(5, 5): 1.000000  
(1, 4): 0.000000  
(2, 4): 0.453333  
(1, 5): 0.000000  
(2, 3): 0.453333  
(2, 2): 1.000000  
(2, 5): 0.453333  
(3, 4): 0.106667  
(1, 1): 1.000000  
(3, 5): 0.800000

Round 3:

$s_A$ :  
(1, 2): 0.343111

(1, 3): 0.000000  
 (3, 3): 1.000000  
 (2, 3): 0.000000  
 (2, 2): 1.000000  
 (1, 1): 1.000000  
 $s_B$ :  
 (1, 2): 0.000000  
 (1, 3): 0.000000  
 (3, 3): 1.000000  
 (4, 5): 0.234667  
 (4, 4): 1.000000  
 (5, 5): 1.000000  
 (1, 4): 0.000000  
 (2, 4): 0.517333  
 (1, 5): 0.000000  
 (2, 3): 0.517333  
 (2, 2): 1.000000  
 (2, 5): 0.517333  
 (3, 4): 0.234667  
 (1, 1): 1.000000  
 (3, 5): 0.800000

### 3.2 (b)

Similarity equation incorporating link weights:

$$s_A(X, Y) = C1 \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{|O(X)|} \sum_{j=1}^{|O(Y)|} s_B(O_i(X), O_j(Y)) \cdot W_i(X) \cdot W_j(Y)}{\sum_{i=1}^{|O(X)|} \sum_{j=1}^{|O(Y)|} W_i(X) \cdot W_j(Y)}$$

Where  $W_i(X)$  is the weight of the  $i_{th}$  edge originating from  $X$ . Similarly, we

define  $s_B$  as following:

$$s_B(x, y) = C2 \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{|I(x)|} \sum_{j=1}^{|I(y)|} s_A(I_i(x), I_j(y)) \cdot w_i(x) \cdot w_j(y)}{\sum_{i=1}^{|I(x)|} \sum_{j=1}^{|I(y)|} w_i(x) \cdot w_j(y)}$$

Where  $w_i(x)$  is the weight of the  $i_{th}$  edge originating from  $x$ .

### 3.3 (c)

In  $K_{2,1}$ ,  $s_A(1, 2) = 0.800$

In  $K_{2,2}$ ,  $s_A(1, 2) = 0.624$

For  $K_{2,1}$ :

If first iteration,

$$s_A(1, 2) =$$

$$C1 \frac{s_B(1,1)}{1} =$$

$$C1 \frac{1}{1} = 0.8$$

$$s_A(1, 1) = 1$$

$$s_A(2, 2) = 1$$

$$s_B(1, 1) = 1$$

Intermediate results:

Round 1:

$$s_A:$$

$$(1, 2): 0.800000$$

$$(1, 1): 1.000000$$

$$(2, 2): 1.000000$$

$$s_B:$$

$$(1, 1): 1.000000$$

Round 2:

$$s_A:$$

$$(1, 2): 0.800000$$

$$(1, 1): 1.000000$$

$$(2, 2): 1.000000$$

$$s_B:$$

$$(1, 1): 1.000000$$

Round 3:

$$s_A:$$

$$(1, 2): 0.800000$$

$$(1, 1): 1.000000$$

$$(2, 2): 1.000000$$

$$s_B:$$

$$(1, 1): 1.000000$$

For  $K_{2,2}$ :

If first iteration,

$$\begin{aligned}
s_A(1, 2) &= \\
C1 \frac{s_B(1,1)+s_B(1,2)+s_B(2,1)+s_B(2,2)}{4} &= \\
C1 \frac{1+0+0+1}{4} &= 0.4 \\
s_A(1, 1) &= 1 \\
s_A(2, 2) &= 1 \\
s_A(2, 1) &= s_A(1, 2) = 0.4
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
s_B(1, 2) &= \\
C2 \frac{s_A(1,1)+s_A(1,2)+s_A(2,1)+s_A(2,2)}{4} &= \\
C2 \frac{1+0+0+1}{4} &= 0.4 \\
s_B(1, 1) &= 1 \\
s_B(2, 2) &= 1 \\
s_B(2, 1) &= s_B(1, 2) = 0.4
\end{aligned}$$

Intermediate results:

Round 1:

$s_A$ :

(1, 2): 0.400000

(1, 1): 1.000000

(2, 2): 1.000000

$s_B$ :

(1, 2): 0.400000

(1, 1): 1.000000

(2, 2): 1.000000

Round 2:

$s_A$ :

(1, 2): 0.560000

(1, 1): 1.000000

(2, 2): 1.000000

$s_B$ :

(1, 2): 0.560000

(1, 1): 1.000000

(2, 2): 1.000000

Round 3:

$s_A$ :

(1, 2): 0.624000



(1, 1): 1.000000  
 (2, 2): 1.000000  
 $s_B$ :  
 (1, 2): 0.624000  
 (1, 1): 1.000000  
 (2, 2): 1.000000

### 3.4 (d)

Update the equations as:

$$N_A(X, Y) = |O(X)| * |O(Y)|,$$

$$s_A(X, Y) = \frac{(1 - (1 - C1)^{N_A(X, Y)})}{N_A(X, Y)} \sum_{i=1}^{|O(X)|} \sum_{j=1}^{|O(Y)|} s_B(O_i(X), O_j(Y))$$

$$N_B(x, y) = |I(x)| * |I(y)|,$$

$$s_B(x, y) = \frac{(1 - (1 - C2)^{N_B(x, y)})}{N_B(x, y)} \sum_{i=1}^{|I(x)|} \sum_{j=1}^{|I(y)|} s_A(I_i(x), I_j(y))$$

The algorithm will converge. And final values are symmetric, and between  $[0, 1]$  (Replaced C1/C2 with another const  $(1 - (1 - C1)^{N_A(X, Y)})$  and  $(1 - (1 - C1)^{N_A(X, Y)})$  that varies depending on the number of supporting evidences. More support, higher C1/C2)

Converged value of  $s_A(1, 2)$  for  $K_{2,1}$ :

0.49107427590144004

and for  $K_{2,2}$ :

0.996805111821086

The algorithm assigns higher score for  $s_A(1, 2)$  in  $K_{2,2}$  since there are more support.

### 3.5 (e)

Suppose we have two random walkers, one starting at  $x \in A$ , one starting at  $y \in A$ , in each iteration, if the walkers are in  $A$ , the process terminates with probability of  $(1 - C1)$ , otherwise they walk to one of their neighbor nodes in  $B$  with uniform probability respectively. If the walkers are in  $B$ , the process terminates with probability of  $(1 - C2)$ , otherwise they walk to one of their neighbor nodes in  $A$  with uniform probability respectively. Then  $s_A(x, y)$  is the probability that the two random walkers from  $x, y$  meet each other at some time, (at any round of the iteration).

## 4 Question 4 – Dense Communities in Networks

### 4.1 (a)

#### 4.1.1 (i)

Suppose  $|A(S)| < \frac{\epsilon}{1+\epsilon}|S|$ ,

We denote  $S \setminus A(S)$  as  $B(S)$

Then  $|B(S)| = |\{i \in S | \deg_s(i) > 2(1 + \epsilon)\rho(S)\}| > \frac{1}{1+\epsilon}|S|$

$|E[B(S)]| \geq |B(S)| \cdot 2(1 + \epsilon)\rho(S)/2 > \frac{1}{1+\epsilon}|S| \cdot (1 + \epsilon) \frac{|E[S]|}{|S|} = |E[S]|$ , which is impossible.

So  $|A(S)| \geq \frac{\epsilon}{1+\epsilon}|S|$

#### 4.1.2 (ii)

We denote  $S$  in the  $i_{th}$  iteration as  $S_i$

Based on the proof in **i**, we have:  $|S_{i+1}| < \frac{1}{1+\epsilon}|S|$

$$|S_k| < \frac{1}{(1+\epsilon)^k}|S| = \frac{1}{(1+\epsilon)^k}n$$

$S_k \neq \emptyset$ , So  $|S_k| \geq 1$ ,  $k < \log_{1+\epsilon}(n)$

## 4.2 (b)

### 4.2.1 (i)

If  $\exists v \in S^* | \deg_{S^*}(v) < \rho^*(G)$

We can remove  $v$  from  $S^*$ , let the resulting set be  $S' = S^* \setminus \{v\}$

$$\rho(S') = \frac{|E[S']|}{|S'|} = \frac{|E[S^*]| - \deg_{S^*}(v)}{|S^*| - 1}$$

Since  $\deg_{S^*}(v) < \rho^*(G) = \frac{|E[S^*]|}{|S^*|}$ ,

$$\rho(S') = \frac{|E[S^*]| - \deg_{S^*}(v)}{|S^*| - 1} > \frac{|E[S^*]|}{|S^*|}$$

$S'$  is 'denser' than  $S^*$ . Which is contrary to the statement that  $S^*$  is the densest subgraph of  $G$ .

So such  $v$  doesn't exist.

### 4.2.2 (ii)

In the first iteration of the while loop in which there exists a node  $v \in$

$S^* \cap A(S)$ , Since  $v \in S^*$ , base on proof in **i**, we have  $\deg_{S^*}(v) \geq \rho^*(G)$

Since  $v \in A(S)$ , we have  $\deg_S(v) \leq 2(1 + \epsilon)\rho(S)$

$A(S) \in S$ , So  $S^* \cap A(S) \in S$ , So  $\deg_{S^*}(v) \leq \deg_S(v)$

$$2(1 + \epsilon)\rho(S) \geq \deg_S(v) \geq \deg_{S^*}(v) \geq \rho^*(G)$$

In conclusion,  $2(1 + \epsilon)\rho(S) \geq \rho^*(G)$

### 4.2.3 (iii)

There should be at least 1 iteration (Assume in  $j_{th}$  iteration) in which there exist node  $v$  such that  $v \in S^* \cap A(S)$ .

Then  $2(1 + \epsilon)\rho(S_j) \geq \rho^*(G)$

$$\rho(\bar{S}) = \max_{i=1}^{NumIter} \{\rho(S_i)\} \geq \rho(S_j) \geq \frac{1}{2(1+\epsilon)} \rho^*(G)$$

### 4.3 (c)

#### 4.3.1 (i)

Number of iterations when  $\epsilon = \{0.1, 0.5, 1, 2\}$  are:

$\{7, 5, 4, 3\}$  Corresponding theoretical bounds are:

$\{137, 32, 18, 11\}$

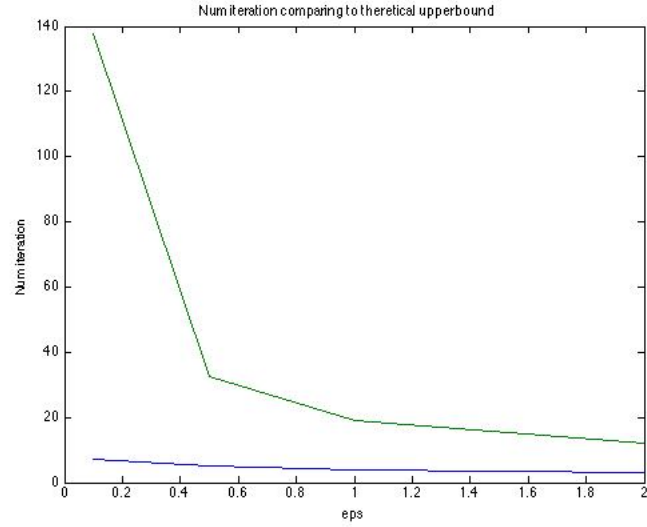


Figure 14: Num iterations and bounds

#### 4.3.2 (ii)

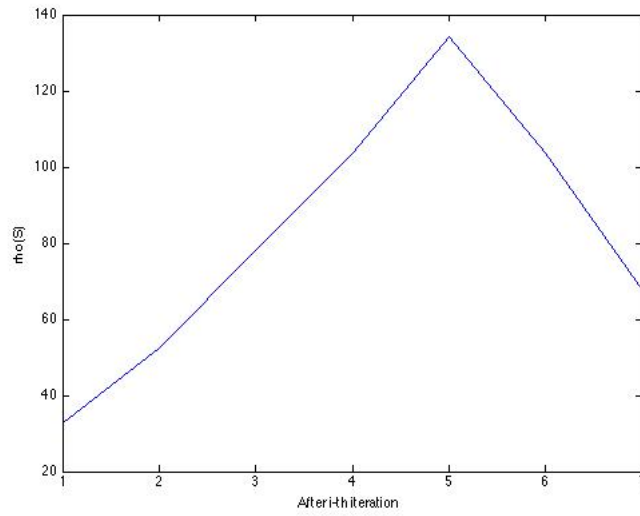


Figure 15:  $\rho(S_i)$  as of  $i$

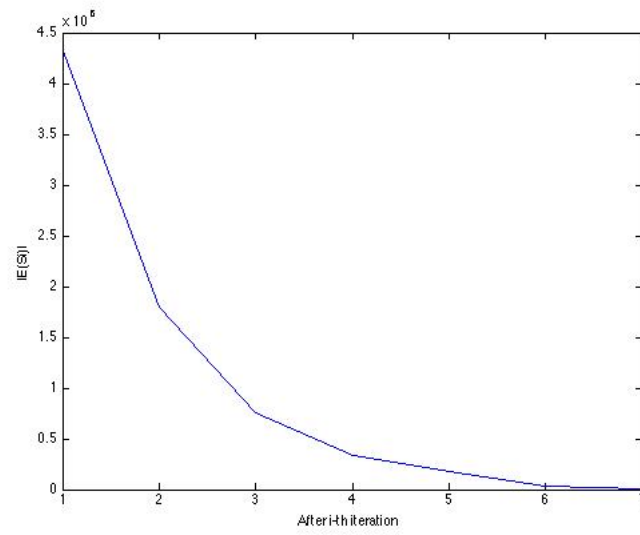


Figure 16:  $|E(S_i)|$  as of  $i$

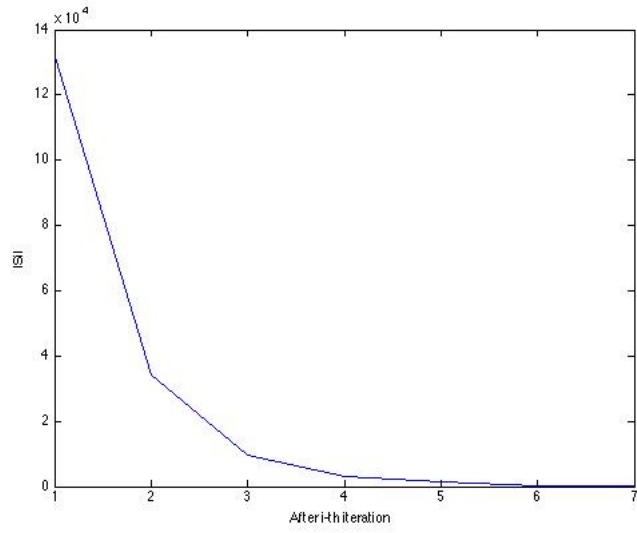


Figure 17:  $|S_i|$  as of  $i$

#### 4.3.3 (iii)

The plot of  $\rho(\bar{S}_j)$ ,  $|E[\bar{S}_j]|$  and  $|\bar{S}_j|$ :

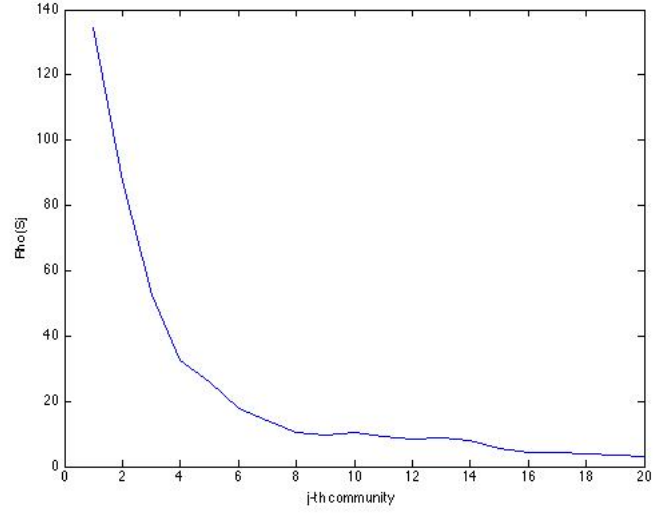


Figure 18:  $\rho(\bar{S}_j)$  as of  $j$

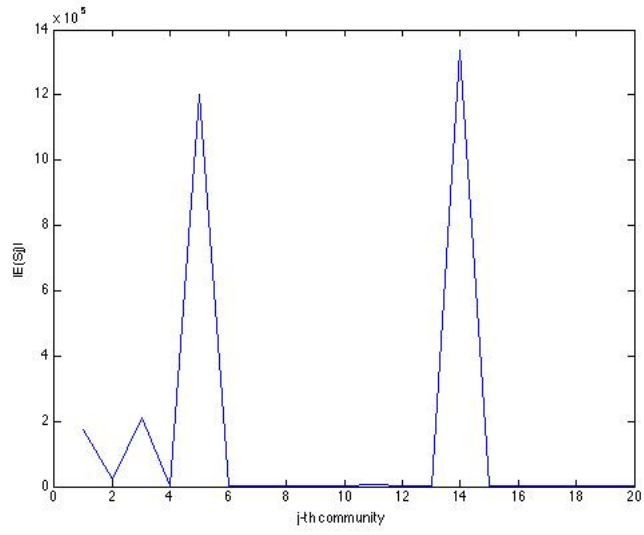


Figure 19:  $|E[\bar{S}_j]|$  as of  $j$

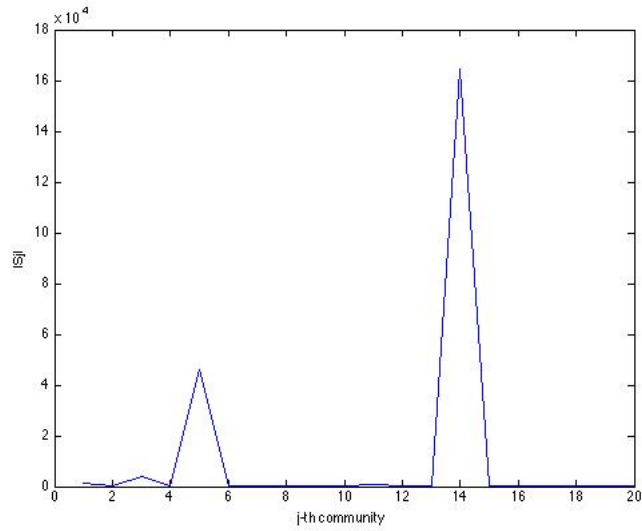


Figure 20:  $|\bar{S}_j|$  as of  $j$

The code:

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from collections import defaultdict
import copy
import itertools
from optparse import OptionParser
import random
import sets
import sys
import time

def preprocess(graph_file, removed):
    f = open(graph_file)
    V = sets.Set()
    num_edge = 0
    for line in f:
        a, b = line.strip().split('\t')
        if removed and ((a in removed) or (b in removed)):
            continue
        if a not in V:
            V.add(a)
        if b not in V:
            V.add(b)
        num_edge += 1
    f.close()
    return V, num_edge

def count_edge(graph_file, S):
    f = open(graph_file)
    count = 0
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for line in f:
    a, b = line.strip().split('\t')
    if (a in S) and (b in S):
        count += 1
f.close()
return count

def find_dense(graph_file, eps, removed=None):
    V, e = preprocess(graph_file, removed)
    if len(V) == 0:
        return None, None, None, None, None
    S_bar = copy.copy(V)
    rho_S_bar = float(e) / len(V)
    S = copy.copy(V)
    num_iter = 0
    list_rho = []
    list_num_edge = []
    list_size_s = []
    while len(S) > 0:
        num_iter += 1
        deg = defaultdict(int)
        num_edge = 0
        f = open(graph_file)
        for line in f:
            a, b = line.strip().split('\t')
            if removed and ((a in removed) or (b in removed)):
                continue
            if (a not in S) or (b not in S):
                continue
            deg[a] += 1
            deg[b] += 1
            num_edge += 1
        f.close()
        rho_S = float(num_edge) / len(S)

        A = sets.Set()
        for v in S:
            if deg[v] <= 2 * (1 + eps) * rho_S:
                A.add(v)
        S.difference_update(A)
        num_edge = count_edge(graph_file, S)
        if len(S) == 0:
            break
        rho_S = float(num_edge) / len(S)
        if rho_S > rho_S_bar:
            rho_S_bar = rho_S
            S_bar = copy.copy(S)

        list_rho.append(rho_S)
        list_num_edge.append(num_edge)
        list_size_s.append(len(S))
    return S_bar, num_iter, list_rho, list_num_edge, list_size_s

def main():
    parser = OptionParser()
    parser.add_option("-f", "--file", dest="file", type="string",
                      help="File containing the graph.")

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(options, args) = parser.parse_args()

for eps in [0.05, 0.1, 0.5, 1, 2]:
    S_bar, num_iter, list_rho, list_num_edge, list_size_s = find_dense(options.file, eps)
    print "Eps: %f, num iteration: %d" % (eps, num_iter)
    print list_rho
    print list_num_edge
    print list_size_s

removed = sets.Set()
eps = 0.05
list_rho = []
list_num_edge = []
list_size_s = []
for j in xrange(1, 21):
    print "%d-th iter" % j
    S_bar, t1, t2, t3, t4 = find_dense(options.file, eps, removed)
    if not S_bar:
        print "Remaining graph is empty"
        break
    num_edge = count_edge(options.file, S_bar)
    print "rho: %f" % (float(num_edge) / len(S_bar))
    list_rho.append(float(num_edge) / len(S_bar))
    print "num_edge: %d" % num_edge
    list_num_edge.append(num_edge)
    print "size_S_bar: %d" % len(S_bar)
    list_size_s.append(len(S_bar))
    removed = removed.union(S_bar)
    print S_bar
print list_rho
print list_num_edge
print list_size_s

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()

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