

Graph Mining and Multi-Relational Learning: Tools and Applications

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Abstract

Given a large graph, like who-buys-what, which is the most important node? How can we find communities? If the nodes have attributes (say, gender, or, eco-friendly, or fraudster), and we know the values of interest for a few nodes, how can we guess the attributes of the rest of the nodes?

¹<http://www.mlgworkshop.org/>

²<http://heteronam.org/>

Graphs naturally represent a host of processes including interactions between people on social or communication networks, links between webpages on the World Wide Web, interactions between customers and products, relations between products, companies, and brands, relations between malicious accounts, and many others. In such scenarios, graphs that model real-world networks are typically heterogeneous, multi-modal, and multi-relational. With the availability of more varieties of interconnected structured and semi-structured data, the importance of leveraging the heterogeneous and multi-relational nature of networks in being able to effectively mine and learn this kind of data is becoming more evident.

In this proposal, we present time-tested graph mining algorithms (PageRank, HITS, Belief Propagation, METIS), as well as their connection to Multi-relational Learning methods. We cover both traditional, plain graphs, as well as heterogeneous, attributed graphs. Our emphasis is on the intuition behind these tools, with only pointers to the theorems behind them. The tutorial will include many examples from settings of direct interest to the Web Conference community (e.g., social networks, recommender systems, and knowledge graphs).

Topics

- Introduction and Motivation.
- Part 1: Plain Graphs - Traditional tools
 - 1.1: Node Importance, Node Proximity, Link Prediction: SVD, PageRank [1], HITS [2], SALSA [3],
 - 1.2 Community Detection METIS [4], Co-clustering [5], Cross-associations [6] ‘No good cuts’ [7])
 - 1.3: Fraud and Anomaly Detection OddBall [8], CopyCatch [9], EigenSpokes [10], Fraudar [11]; Survey on anomaly detection [12] Applications in Amazon: ClusterCatch
 - 1.4: Belief Propagation (Basic, FastBP, zooBP) [13]; FastBP [14] and extensions [15, 16]; Applications: NetProbe [17], Snare [18], Polonium [19]
- Part 2: Complex and Heterogeneous Graphs
 - 2.1: Factorization Methods: Factorization Machines [20, 21]; PARAFAC [22], Survey on tensors [23, 24], and applications [25, 26, 27]
 - 2.2: Heterogeneous Information Networks and Meta-path-based methods [28, 29]
 - 2.3: Multi-Relational and Statistical Relational Learning: Node Labeling [30], Link Prediction and Recommender Systems [31, 32, 33], Entity Resolution and Knowledge Graph Identification [34, 35]
- Conclusions

Relevance

Importance of leveraging the connectivity between objects of interest, and the heterogeneous and multi-relational nature of networks in being able to effectively mine and learn this kind of data is becoming more evident in many settings. This tutorial includes many examples from settings of direct interest to the Web Conference community (e.g., social networks, recommender systems, and knowledge graphs).

Duration

Three hours, evenly split among the two parts and the two presenters.

Interaction style

Lecture style.

Intended Audience and Level

Intended audience: Data scientists and practitioners, with interest on large graph, heterogeneous graphs, and tensor analysis.

Prerequisites: freshman matrix algebra (matrix multiplication, definition of eigenvalues), basic probability.

Learning Objectives: The participants will gain the intuition behind a set of classic and industry standard methods of graph mining, as well as 'recipes' on when to use them (and the rare cases on when not to). Moreover, they will obtain a quick, intuitive overview of multi-relational Learning methods, as well as applications of all these tools on real-world settings.

Previous Editions

The first part of the tutorial appeared in a KDD 2018 tutorial (<https://www.cs.cmu.edu/~christos/TALKS/18-08-KDD-tut/>)

Tutorial Materials

Attendees will be provided with the slides that contain working examples and many pointers to material for further learning about the presented topics. Presenters will provide necessary copyright permission to the organizers.

Online Format

The slides as well as the presenters' faces will be recorded during the tutorial presentation.

Video Snippet

- Video of distinguished lecture (Faloutsos, 2015, York University, Ontario Canada): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UyjhxEKjceA>
- Video of research talk (Fakhraei, 2016, Allen Institute for AI): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izWoTtsMBIU>

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