

intermediacy of publications

“pomembnost prispevkov za razvoj znanstvene tematike”

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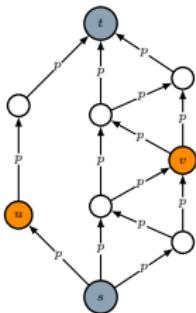
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Tjaša, Nevi & Mažo, biking, boating & skating etc.

introduction & motivation

algorithmic historiography for evolution of field (**Garfield, 1964–**)
relying on **citations** between scientific **publications** from **WoS & Scopus**



existing approaches include **main paths** (**Hummon & Doreian, 1989**)
(**longest/shortest paths**) many **irrelevant**/miss **relevant** publications
(**intermediacy**) important publications should only be **well-connected**

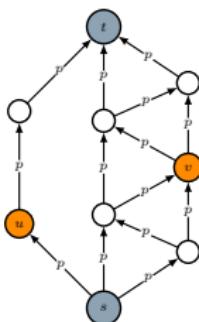
intermediacy measure

(**input**) selected **source** & **target** publications **s** & **t**

(**method**) each citation is relevant/active with **probability p**

(**measure**) importance of **publication u** called **intermediacy** ϕ_u

$$\phi_u = \Pr(X_{st}^u) = \Pr(X_{su}) \Pr(X_{ut})$$

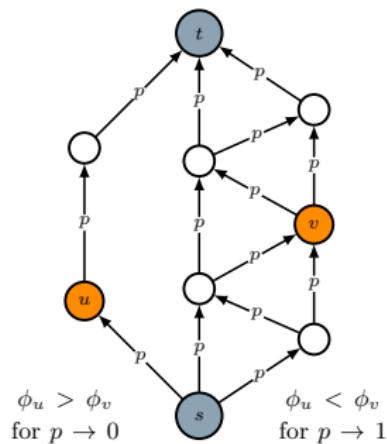


X_{st} exists path **from s to t** & X_{st}^u exists path **through u**

intermediacy for $p \rightarrow 0$

for $p \rightarrow 0$ intermediacy ϕ governed by ℓ (**proof**)

for $p \rightarrow 0$ if $\ell_u < \ell_v$ then $\phi_u > \phi_v$

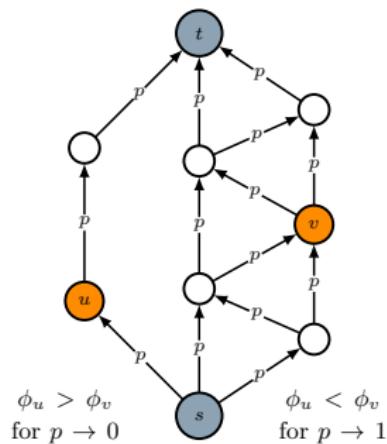


ℓ_u is **length** of **shortest paths** from s to t through u

intermediacy for $p \rightarrow 1$

for $p \rightarrow 1$ intermediacy ϕ governed by σ (**proof**)

for $p \rightarrow 1$ if $\sigma_u < \sigma_v$ then $\phi_u < \phi_v$

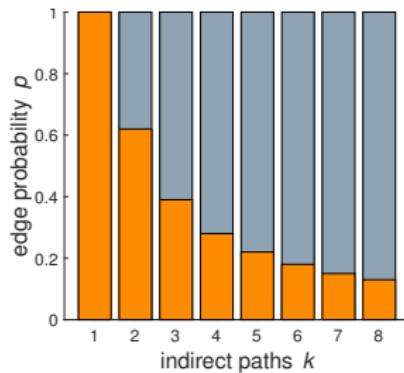
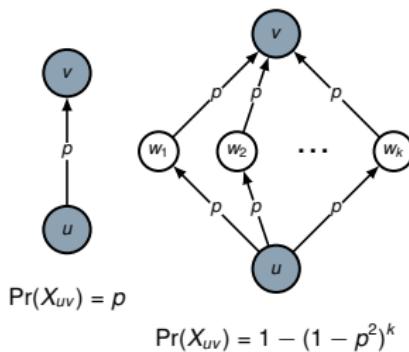


σ_u is **number** of **edge-disjoint paths** from s to t through u

intuition for p

for what p is **direct citation** equivalent to k **indirect citations**

$$\Pr(X_{uv}) = p = 1 - (1 - p^2)^k$$

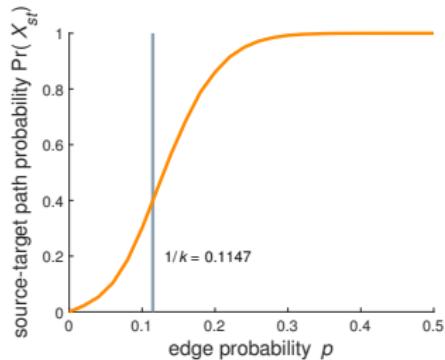
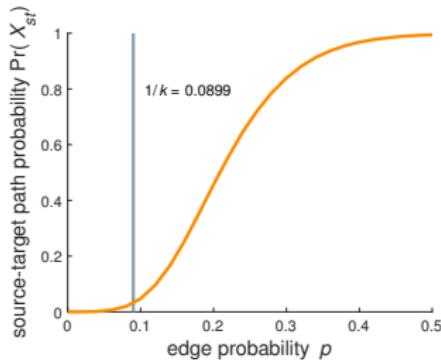


k is **number** of **indirect paths** from u to v

p phase transition

for what p source-target path $\Pr(\mathbf{X}_{st}) > 0$ & intermediacy $\exists \mathbf{u} : \phi_{\mathbf{u}} > 0$

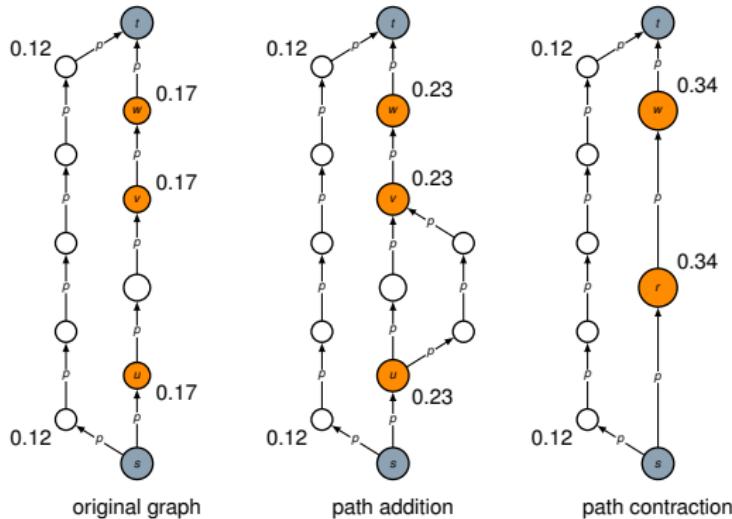
$$p \geq n/2m = 1/k$$



k is **average** number of **citations/references**

properties of intermediacy

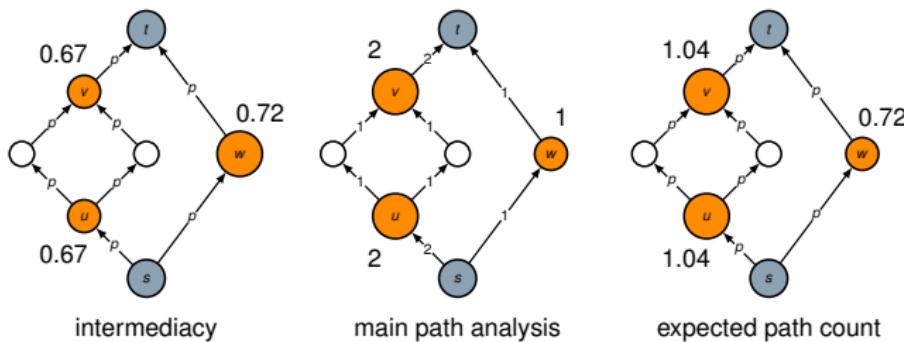
path **addition** & **contraction** increase intermediacy (**proof**)



path from source to target becomes "**easier**" (**intuition**)

alternatives to intermediacy

alternatives are **main paths** & **expected paths** (**state of the art**)

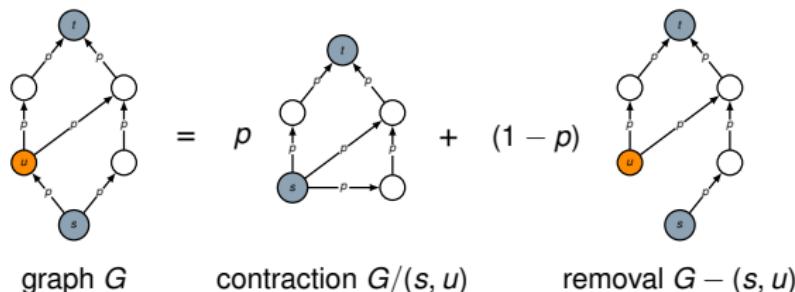


alternatives **violate** path contraction property (**example**)

exact algorithm

decomposition algorithm by edge **contraction** & **removal** (Ball, 1979)

$$\Pr(X_{st} | G) = p \Pr(X_{st} | G/(s, u)) + (1 - p) \Pr(X_{st} | G - (s, u))$$

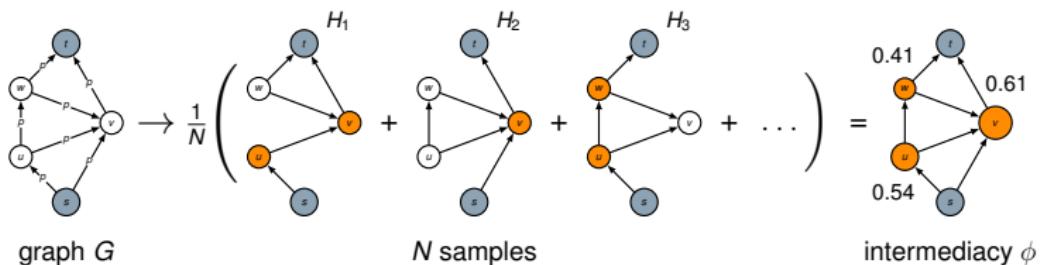


runs in **exponential time** since NP-hard even in DAG (Johnson, 1984)

approximate algorithm

simple **Monte Carlo** simulation algorithm by edge **sampling**

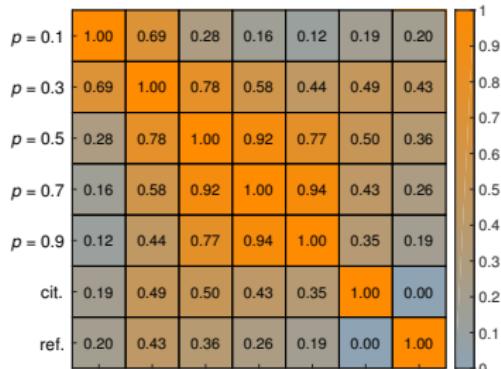
$$\phi_u = \Pr(X_{st}^u \mid G) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \mathbb{I}(X_{st}^u \mid H_k)$$



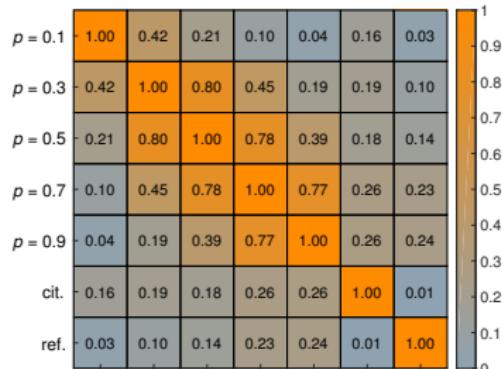
runs in quasi **linear time** using probabilistic DFS over say **10^6 samples**

intermediacy \neq centrality

correlation coefficient between **intermediacies ϕ** & **citations/references**



Pearson correlation



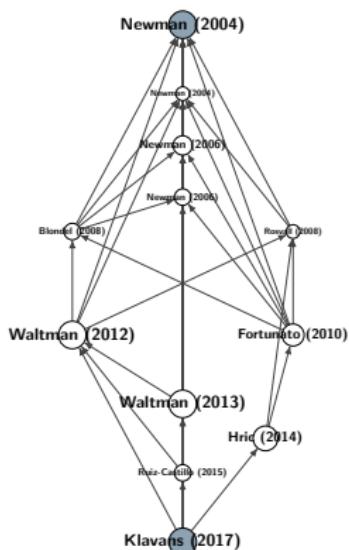
Pearson correlation

intermediacy ϕ **uncorrelated** with standard **centrality measures**

modularity example

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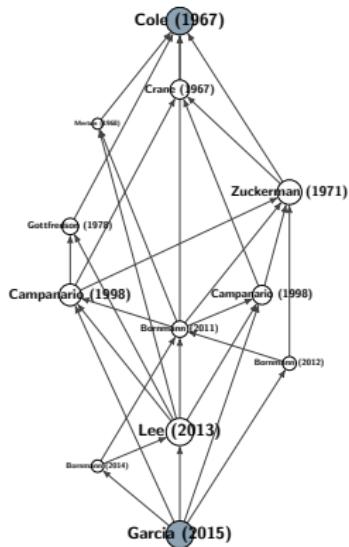


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peer review example

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sensing example

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rendering example

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chess example

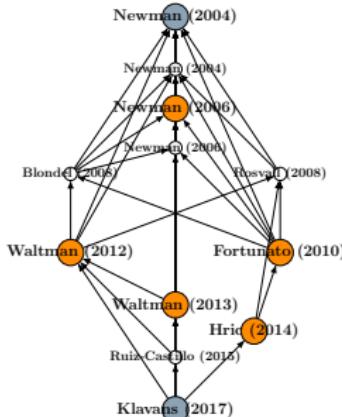
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conclusions & future work

- (**proposal**) measure of importance of publications called **intermediacy**
- (**theory**) conceptually clear & provable behavior in **extreme cases**
- (**practice**) intermediacy shows promising results in **case studies**
- (**future**) online **research app!** applicability to **other networks?**



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