# MINING BEHAVIORAL NETWORKS

MODELING COMPLEX BEHAVIORS IN SOCIAL MEDIA

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### ROADMAP

# Background

Previous works (6 problems)

Thinking & Future works

### Behavior-based Applications/Systems

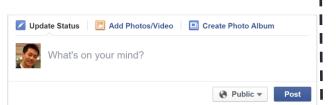
Values, benefits and profits in social media







Post, forward text/image Give ratings to movies Zombie followers, fraud







**News feed ranking** 

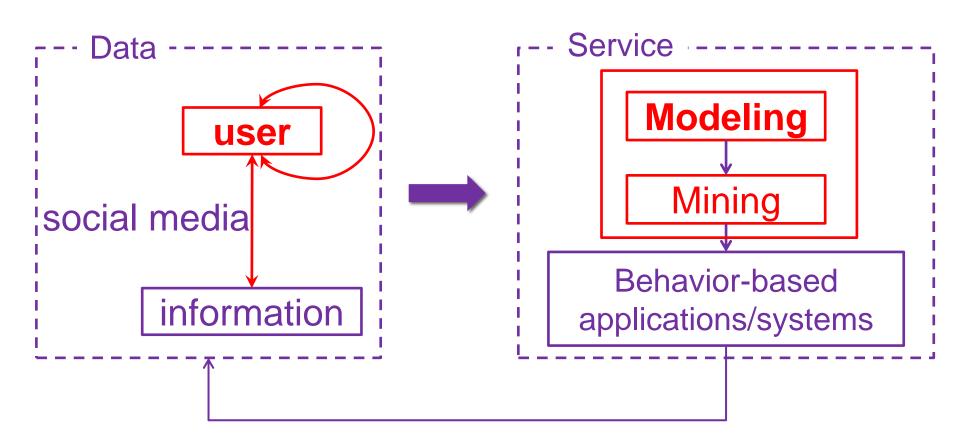


Recommender systems! Anti-spam, anti-fraud





## Behavior Modeling in Social Media



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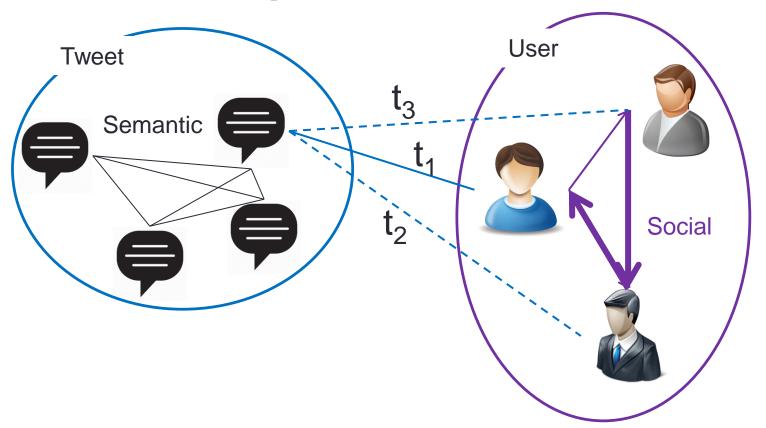
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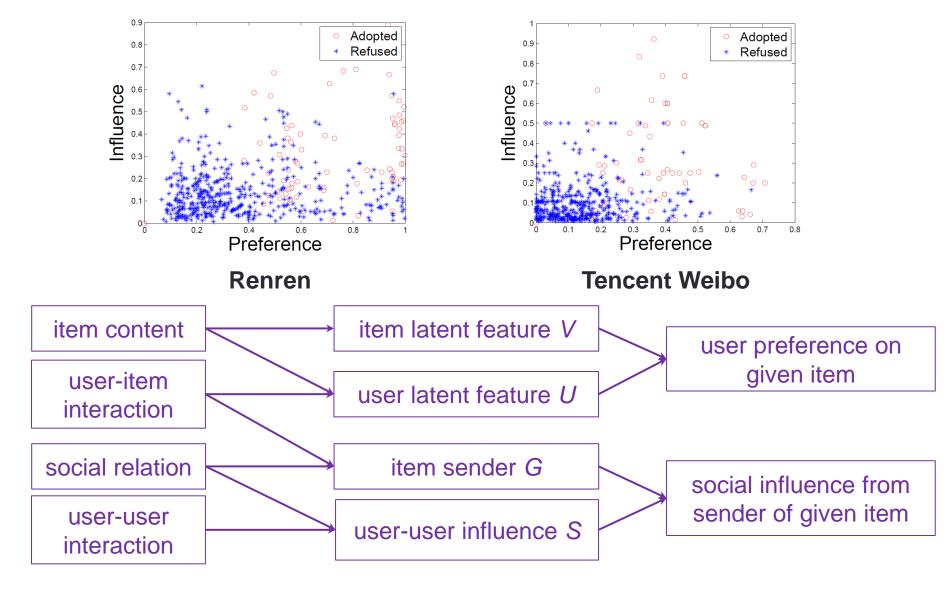
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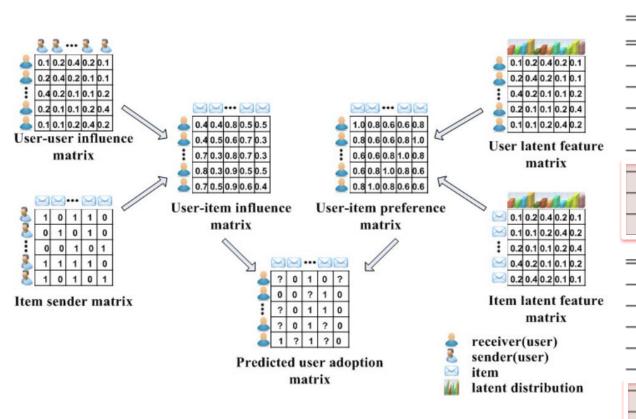
■ Problem 1. Information adoption behavior prediction (predicting who will retweet/share which message) [CIKM'12a, TKDE'14]



#### Social Contextual Behavioral Pattern



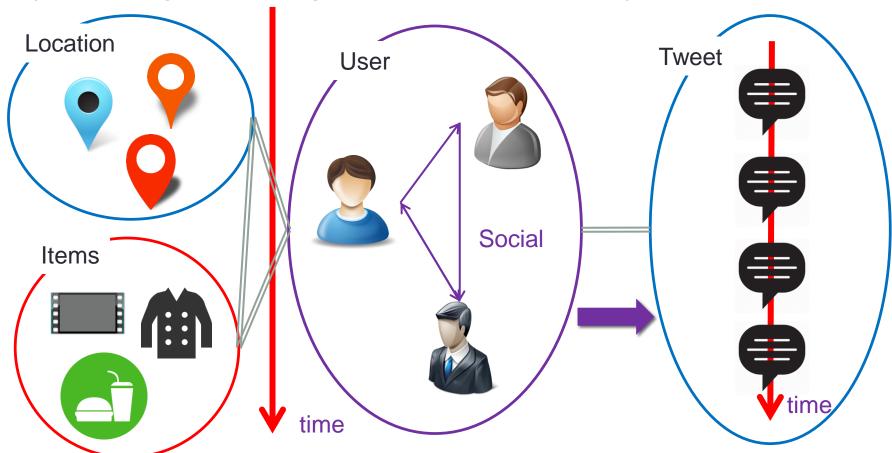
### ContextMF: Social Contextual Model



Method	MAE	RMSE
	Renren Dataset	
Content-based [1]	0.3842	0.4769
Item CF [25]	0.3601	0.4513
FeedbackTrust [22]	0.3764	0.4684
Influence-based [9]	0.3859	0.4686
SoRec [19]	0.3276	0.4127
ScRog [20]	0.2005	0.3537
Influence MF	0.3102	0.3771
Preference MF	0.3032	0.3762
Context MF	0.2416	0.3086
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■ Problem 2. Content generation behavior prediction (predicting who will generate what content) [KDD'14]



Spatial Temporal Contextual Behavioral Pattern

**Behavior** 

Space:

Multi-faceted

Time:

**Dynamic** 

Tasks ----Behavior
modeling

Pattern discovery

Behavior prediction

time Location

Tensor sequence

Decomposition

& Completion

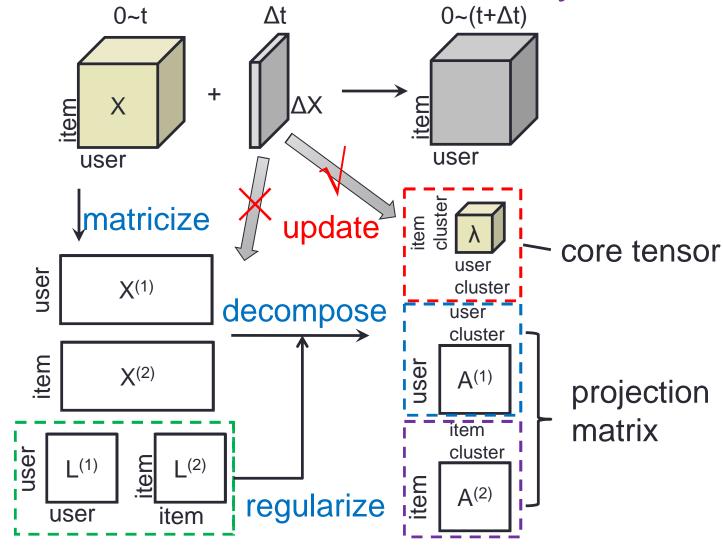






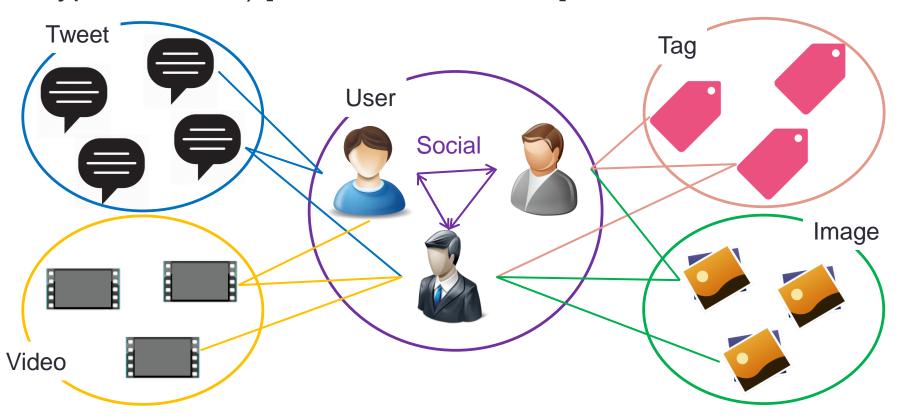


FEMA: Flexible Evolutionary Multi-faceted Analysis on Tensor Perturbation Theory



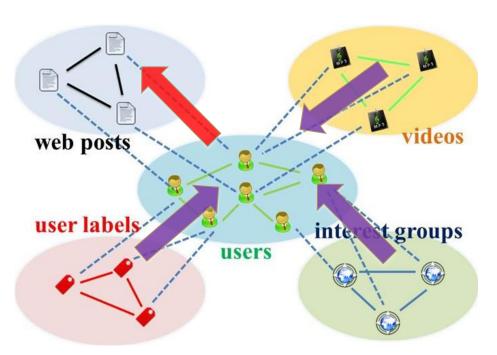
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■ Problem 3. Cross-domain behavior prediction (addressing cold-start problems if users adopt multiple types of items) [CIKM'12b, TKDE'15]



# Hybrid Random Walk

- Star-structured graph with social domain in the center
- ■Auxiliary domain → Social domain → Target domain



$$\mathbf{P}^{(\mathcal{U}\mathcal{D}_{i})^{+}}(t+1) = \delta_{i}\mathbf{R}^{(\mathcal{U})}(t)\mathbf{P}^{(\mathcal{U}\mathcal{D}_{i})^{+}}(t) + (1-\delta_{i})\mathbf{P}^{(\mathcal{U}\mathcal{D}_{i})^{+}}(t)\mathbf{R}^{(\mathcal{D}_{i})}$$

$$\mathbf{P}^{(\mathcal{U}\mathcal{D}_{i})^{-}}(t+1) = \delta_{i}\mathbf{R}^{(\mathcal{U})}(t)\mathbf{P}^{(\mathcal{U}\mathcal{D}_{i})^{-}}(t) + (1-\delta_{i})\mathbf{P}^{(\mathcal{U}\mathcal{D}_{i})^{-}}(t)\mathbf{R}^{(\mathcal{D}_{i})}$$

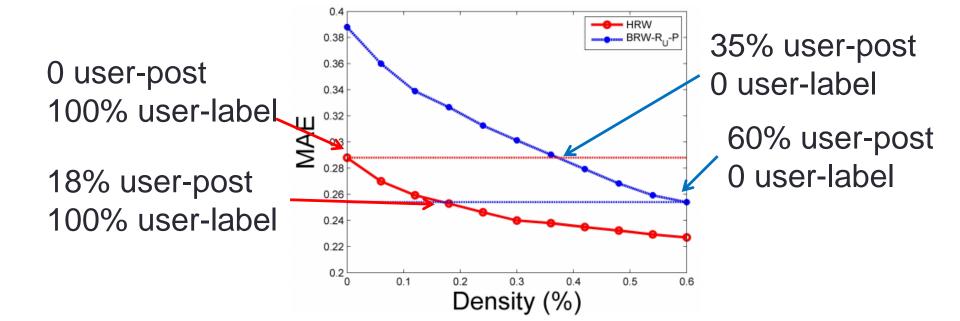
$$\mathbf{R}^{(\mathcal{U})}(t+1) = \sum_{\mathcal{D}_{i}\in\mathcal{D}} \tau_{i}\mu_{i}\mathbf{P}^{(\mathcal{U}\mathcal{D}_{i})^{+}}(t)\mathbf{P}^{(\mathcal{U}\mathcal{D}_{i})^{+}}(t)^{T}$$

$$+ \sum_{\mathcal{D}_{i}\in\mathcal{D}} \tau_{i}(1-\mu_{i})\mathbf{P}^{(\mathcal{U}\mathcal{D}_{i})^{-}}(t)\mathbf{P}^{(\mathcal{U}\mathcal{D}_{i})^{-}}(t)^{T}$$

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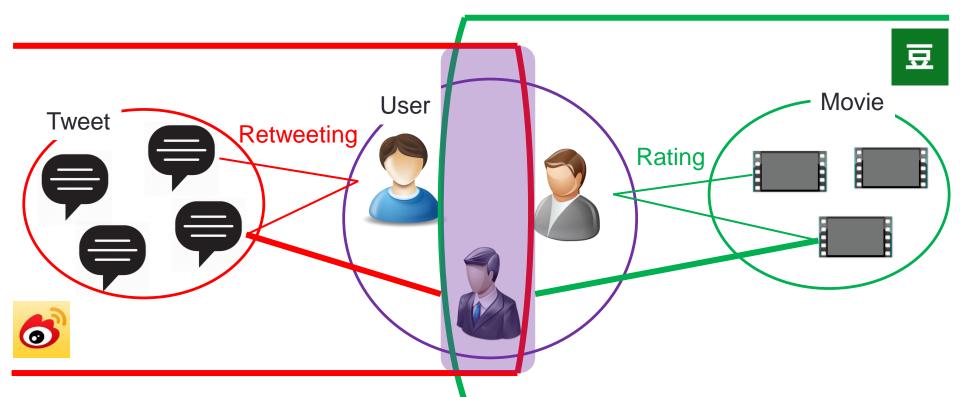
#### Performance on Cold-start Users

- ■Performance("social label" data + 3-day "web post" data)
  - = Performance(10-day "web post" data)



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■ Problem 4. Cross-platform behavior prediction (addressing cold-start problems if platform A and platform B have overlapped users) [New]



# Cross-platform Behavior Modeling with Semi-Supervised MF

#### Input

- Tgt./Aux. platform <u>P/Q;</u>
- Behavior data <u>R<sup>(P)</sup>/R<sup>(Q)</sup></u>;
- Observation <u>W<sup>(P)</sup>/W<sup>(Q)</sup>;</u>
- Overlapping indicator <u>W(P,Q)</u>,

#### Output

- User latent representation <u>U(P)/U(Q)</u>;
- Item latent representation <u>V(P)/V(Q)</u>;
- Missing values in <u>R(P)</u>

#### Objective function

Target platform

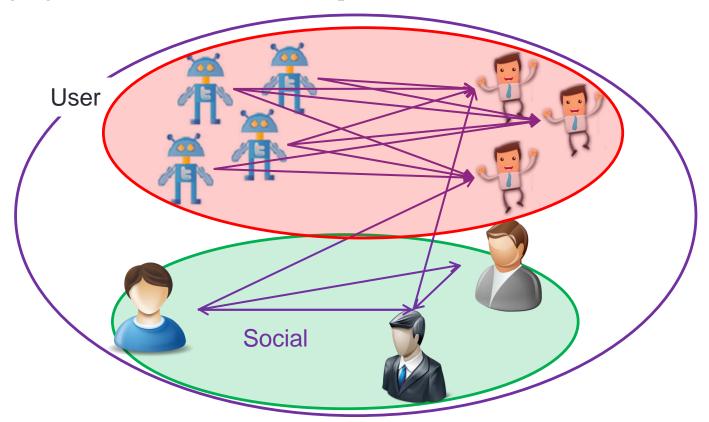
 $\mathcal{J} = \sum_{i,j} W_{i,j}^{(P)} \left( R_{i,j}^{(P)} - \sum_{r} U_{i,r}^{(P)} V_{r,j}^{(P)} \right)^{2} + \lambda \sum_{i,j} W_{i,j}^{(Q)} \left( R_{i,j}^{(Q)} - \sum_{r} U_{i,r}^{(Q)} V_{r,j}^{(Q)} \right)^{2} + \mu \sum_{i_1,j_1,i_2,j_2} W_{i_1,j_1}^{(P,Q)} W_{i_2,j_2}^{(P,Q)} \left( A_{i_1,i_2}^{(P)} - A_{j_1,j_2}^{(Q)} \right)^{2}$ 

Pair-wise similarity of overlapped users

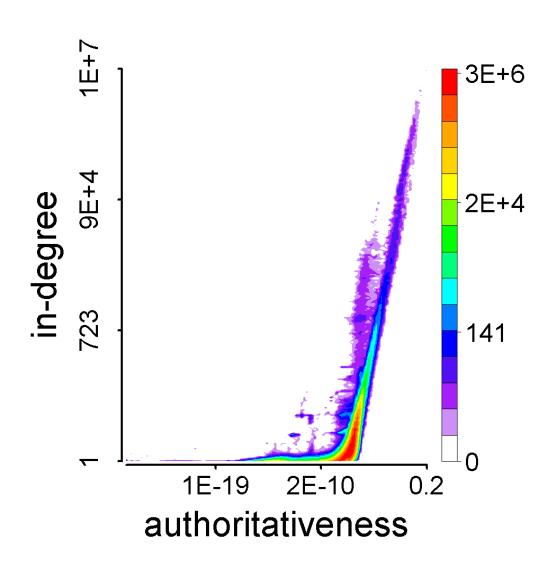
**Supervised term** 

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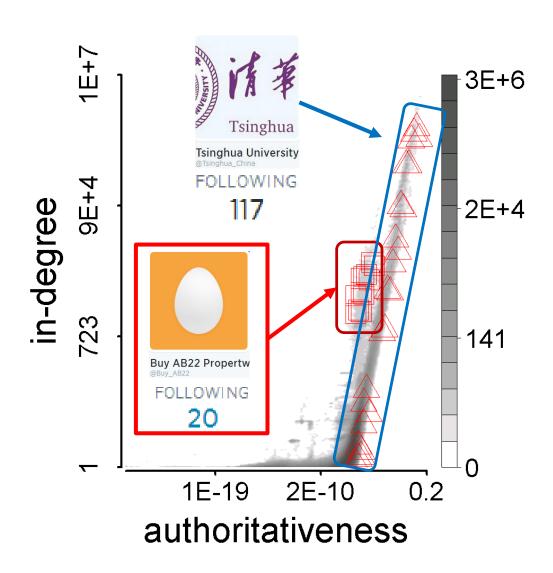
■ Problem 5. Synchronized behavior detection (inferring zombie followers in Twitter networks) [PAKDD'14, KDD'14 best paper finalist, TKDD'15]



# Synchronized Behavioral Patterns



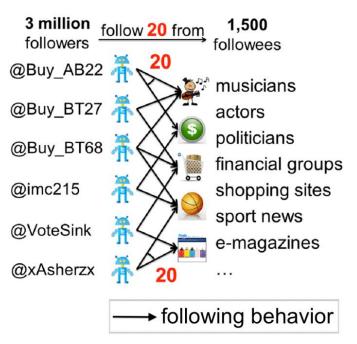
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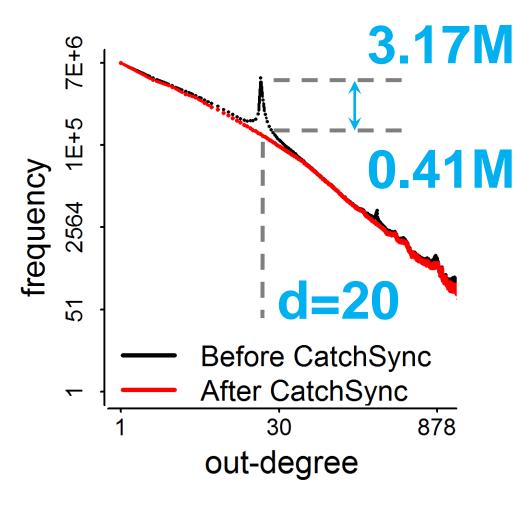


#### Recovering Distorted Out-degree Distribution



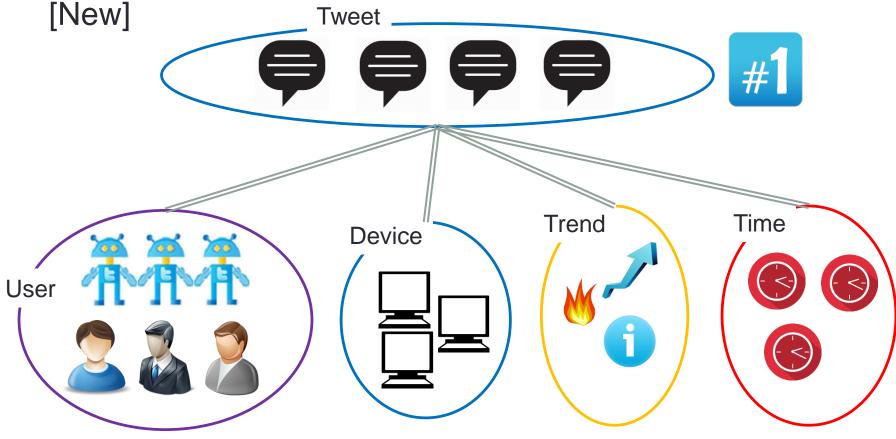
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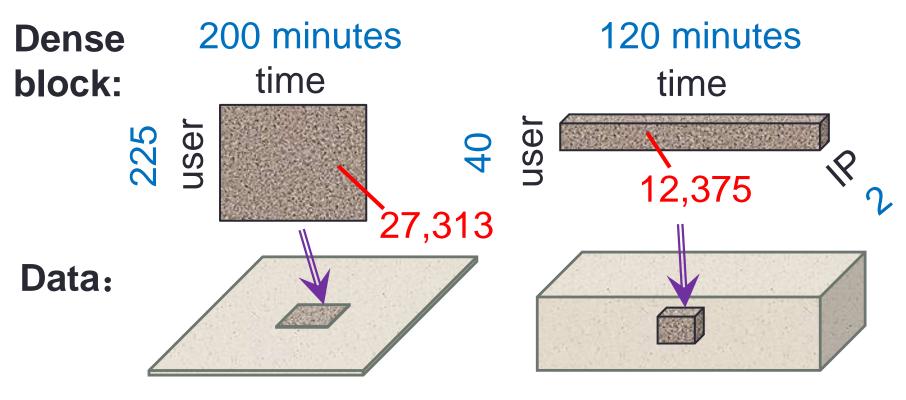
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■ Problem 6. Suspicious behavior detection (catching astroturfing in Twitter retweeting and trending networks)



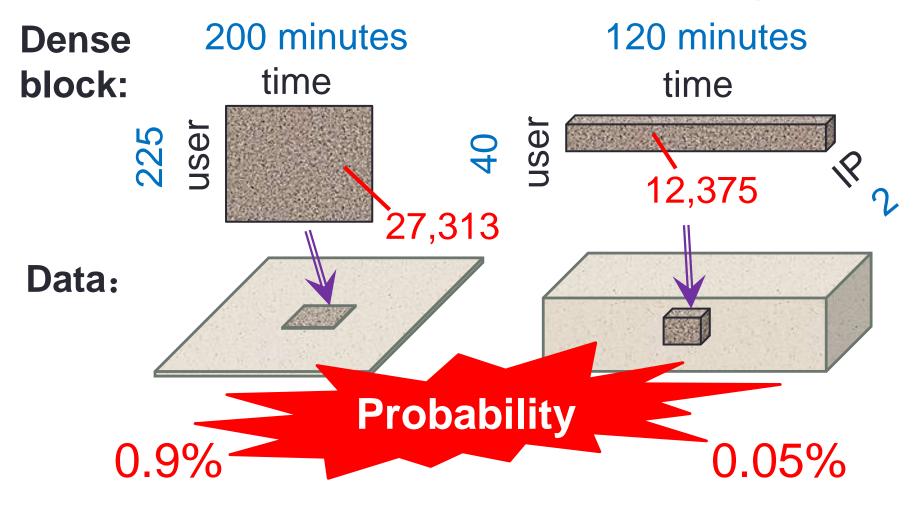
### Measuring Suspiciousness: Multi-modal Dense Blocks

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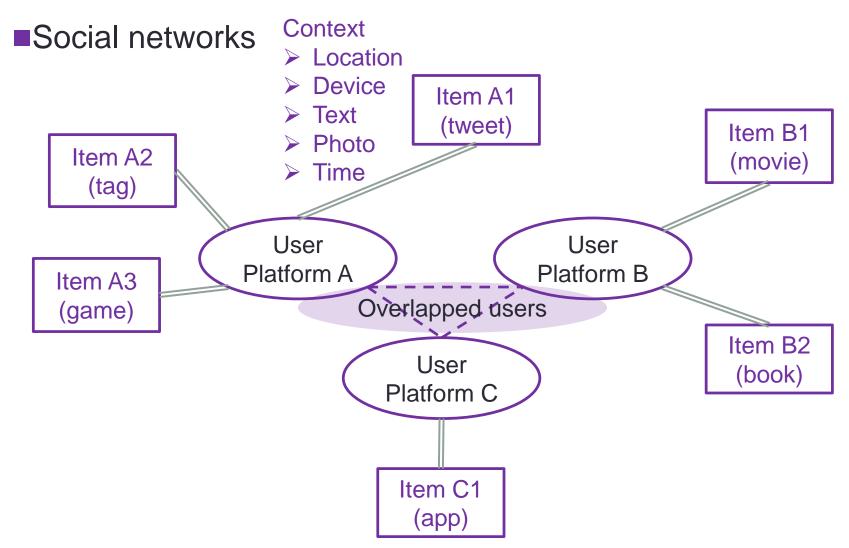
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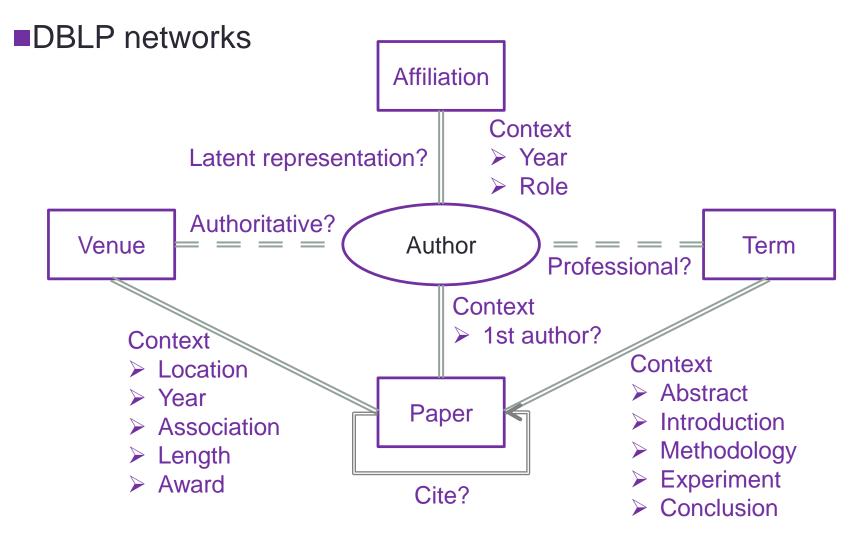
# Challenges in Mining Behavioral Networks (Behavior Modeling)

- ■Sparse, massive, complex behavioral data
  - Social, spatial, temporal contexts (Problem 1,2)
  - Walking across domains and platforms (Problem 3,4)
  - Anomalies/Suspiciousness (Problem 5,6)
- ■Unified, structured, heterogeneous *networks* 
  - Construction and integration
  - OLAP and mining
  - Network-based anomaly detection
- ■Effective, scalable algorithms
- Practical solutions: We are changing users' behaviors.
  - Mining "plans", "strategies" instead of "missing links"?

# Construction and Integration of Behavioral Networks: Human-centered

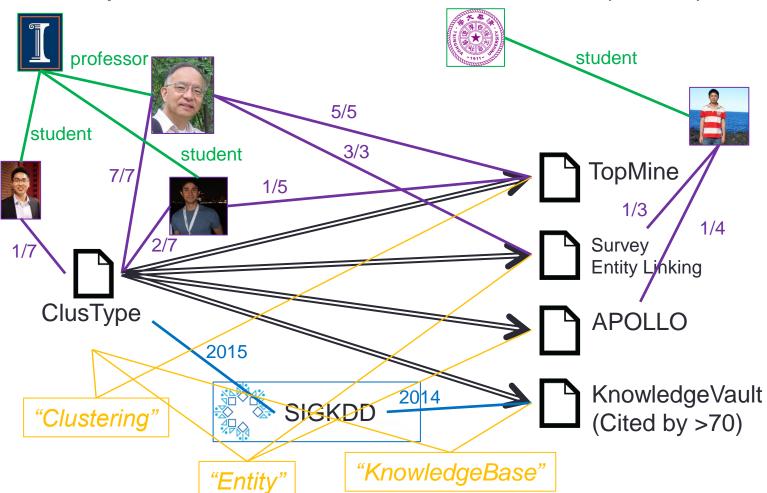


# Construction and Integration of Behavioral Networks: Human-centered



#### **OLAP and Mining Behavioral Networks**

Explainable citation recommendation (DBLP)



Affiliation
Author
Paper
Venue
Term

One-step explanation:

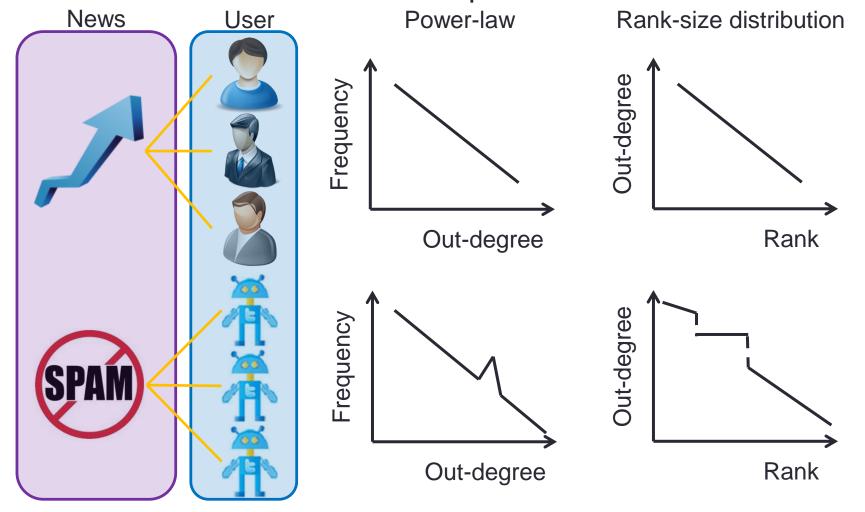
- : -Co-authored students'?
- -Co-authored advisors'?
- -Same affiliation?
- -Same venues?
- -Same terms?
- -Well-cited paper? (Award?)

#### **OLAP and Mining Behavioral Networks**

- Explainable submission recommendation (DBLP)
  - For paper, recommending venues:
    - Paper-<u>Author</u>-Paper-Venue
    - Paper-<u>Term</u>-Paper-Venue
  - For venue, recommending papers ("related to this conference?"):
    - Paper-Author-Paper-Venue
    - Paper-Term-<u>Paper</u>-Venue
- Explainable content/item recommendation (Social media)
  - User-ItemA-ItemA
  - User-<u>User</u>-ItemA
  - User-<u>ItemB</u>-ItemA
  - User-ItemB-User-ItemA
  - User-Context(Social, Spatial, Temporal, Domains, Platforms)-Item
- Explainable APP recommendation (Tencent App Store)
  - User-Context(?)-APP

## **Network-based Anomaly Detection**

■Natural outbreaks vs. Artificial promotions



#### **Practical Solutions**

#### Promotional strategy

- How to promote a policy/news/product ("ObamaCare"/"Rh-Blood"/"Earthquake") on social media?
  - Given an item, a set of promoters, a network, contexts (time, etc.)
  - Find a set of strategies (what, how, when the promoters operate)
  - Maximize #infected\_users\_who\_adopt\_the\_item
- How to promote a research topic/area/direction ("heterogeneous networks", "cascade prediction", "deep learning", etc.) in academic communities?
  - Given a topic, a set of authors (students, friends, etc.), contexts (conferences, journals, time, etc.)
  - Propose a set of papers
  - Maximize #infected\_researchers\_who\_work\_on\_the\_topic

# THANK YOU

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