Most Probable Triangles in Uncertain Graphs

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Problem Description

Given a probabilistic graph detect the k most probable triangles.

Graph

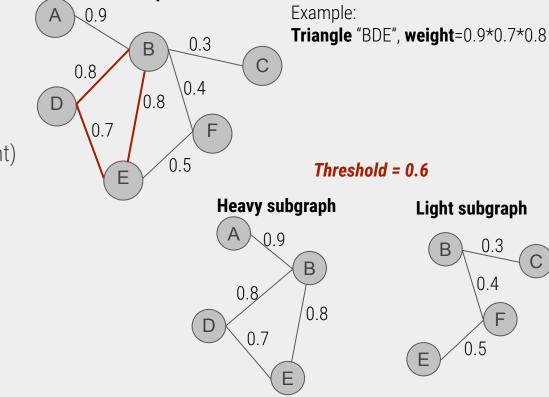
Definitions

- Probabilistic Undirected Graph, G(V,E,w)
- Edges' weights distribution

Top-k heaviest triangles

- Triangles and Triangle probability (weight)
- Heavy and Light subgraphs





Algorithms (x3) Implementations (x2) **GraphFrames** Baseline Optimization 1 02 Optimizes the baseline RDD Optimization 2 03

Optimizes the Optimization 1





Identify all triangles in the graph

Step 2

Calculate the triangles' probabilities.

Step 3

Return the top-k heaviest triangles

Advantages

Easy to understand and implement.

Major Drawback

Doesn't Scale on large Graphs, because it calculates **all** the triangles to find the k heaviest

Theorem to optimize Baseline



- Let G=(V,E,w) be a probabilistic uncertain graph
- ❖ Let g=(V',E',w') be a subgraph of G
- Let Topk=(t1,...,tk) be the topk heaviest triangles of g
- Let tmin be the triangle with the lowest probability in TopK
- Let e1' and e2' the edges with the highest probability in E'

Let $e_x \in E - E'$ and w_x the corresponding probability If for w_x is valid that

$$w_x \times w'_{max1} \times w'_{max2} < t_{min}$$

Then for $g' = g(V', E \cup e_x, w \cup w_x)$ is valid that

$$TopK' = TopK$$

Consequently no need to calculate *TopK*'

Theorem (Optimization 1)

(1)

Let $G_h = (V_h, E_h, w_h)$ be the heavy subgraph and $G_l = (V_l, E_l, w_l)$ be the light subgraph of G = (V, E, w) Let $TopK_h = \{t_1, t_2, ..., t_k\}$ be the topk heavist triangles of G_h and t_{min} the triangle with the minimum probability in $TopK_h$ Let e_{max1} and $e_{max2} \in E_h$ be the 2 edges with the highest probabilities w_{max1} and $w_{max2} \in w_h$

Minimum Probability (2)

$$x \times w_{max1} \times w_{max2} > t_{min} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x > \frac{t_{min}}{w_{max1} \times w_{max2}}$$

(3)

If $G_h' = G_h \cup G_l'$, where $G_l' = (V_l', E_l', w_l') \subseteq G_l$, \forall edge probability \in w_l' is valid that $edge \ probability > x \ (minimum \ probability)$

Then the $TopK_{h}$ contains the global topk heaviest triangles of G



ALGORITHMS: Optimization 1



- 1. Decompose the graph into **Heavy and light** subgraphs based on Threshold T
- Calculates the **topk heaviest triangles** of Heavy subgraph
- 3. Calculates Minimum Probability
- 4. Creates the **updated** Heavy subgraph based on the Minimum probability
- 5. Calculates the **topk heaviest triangles** of the updated Heavy subgraph

Hyperparameter T. The assignment of the Threshold value and its reduce steps in Case 2 has great impact in its efficiency

Case1

Optimization 1 implements only **steps**, if initial Heavy subgraph has at least k triangles

Case2

- If initial Heavy subgraph has less than k triangles
 - Reduce threshold T
 - Executes Steps again
 - If new heavy subgraph has less than k tringles, executes Case2 again until a heavy subgraph has K triangles

Drawback. In Case2 already calculated triangles are calculated again leading to recomputations



ALGORITHMS: Optimization 2



Steps

- 1. Decompose the graph into **Heavy and light** subgraphs based on Threshold T
- Calculates the **topk heaviest triangles** of Heavy subgraph
- 3. Stores in **Memory** the topk heaviest triangles calculated at step 2
- 4. Calculates Minimum Probability
- 5. Creates the **updated** Heavy subgraph based on the Minimum probability
- 6. Calculates the topk heaviest triangles of the updated Heavy subgraph, **except those stored at step 3**
- 7. Stores in **Memory** the triangles from step 3 and 6

Case1

Optimization 1 implements only **steps**, if initial Heavy subgraph has at least k triangles

Case2

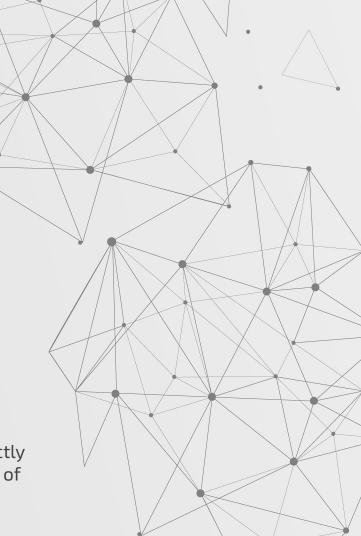
- If initial Heavy subgraph has less than k triangles
 - Reduce threshold T
 - Executes Steps again (at step 2 calculates not calculate edges that were stores in memory at step 7)
 - If new heavy subgraph has less than k tringles, executes Case2 again until a heavy subgraph has K triangles

Limitation. The memory capacity must be able to store the triangles

Algorithms Implementations

- → Implementation based Spark's GraphFrames and RDD APIs
- → **Focus** on triangles identification and their probability calculation.

* **GraphFrames optimization 2**, can not be implemented exactly as described in the previous section, because the incapability of the **find()** function to utilize the stored triangles in memory.

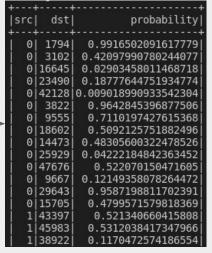


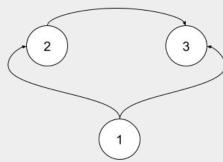
Implementations: Graphframes

Steps

- 1. Re-order the edges direction in **Edge Dataframe**
- 2. Create **GraphFrame()** object based on Nodes and Edges (Dataframes)
- Find triangles using the *find()* function on GraphFrame() object and the corresponding query. This will return a **subgraph Data Frame** with each distinct triangle information in rows.

- 4. Use **withColumn()** function to create a new column that will store the triangle's label.
- 5. Use **withColumn()** function to create a new column that will store the triangle's probability





Triangles edge structure after edges direction re-ordering.

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{7226}|{7226, 28753, 0.8...|{28753}|{23, 28753,
                              {39082}
       {271, 39082, 0.31...
                              {39082}
                              {39082}
                              {33767}
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1, 2, 0.80

5, 1, 0.56

1, 8, 0.44

2, 5, 0.40

6, 2, 0.79

2, 8, 0.30

Implementations: RDD (I)

(1, (2, 0.80))Map() (2, (6, 0.79))

(1, (5, 0.56))(1, (8, 0.44))

(2, (5, 0.40))

(2, (8, 0.30))

(2)

groupByKey()



(1, [(2, 0.80), (5, 0.56), (8, 0.44)])(2, [(5, 0.40), (6, 0.79), (8, 0.30)])

(3)

flatMap()



((1,2), (0.80,-1))((1,5), (0.56,-1))

(4)

((1,8), (0.44,-1))((2,5), (0.40,-1))

((2,6), (0.79,-1))

((2,8), (0.33, -1))

((2,5),(X,1))

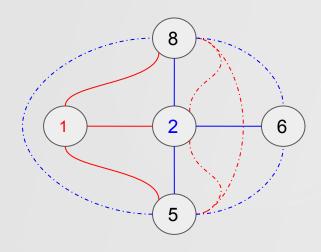
((2,8),(X,1))

((5,8),(X,1))

((5,6),(X,2))

((5,8),(X,2))

((6,8),(X,2))



(4)

Candidate Edge

Implementations: RDD (II)

((1,2), (0.80,-1))
((1,5), (0.56,-1))
((1,40), (0.44,-1))
((2,5), (0.40,-1))
((2,6), (0.79,-1))
((2,40), (0.33, -1))
((2,5), (X, 1))
((2,40), (X, 1))
((5,40), (X, 1))
((5,6), (X, 2))
((5,40), (X, 2))
((6,40), (X, 2))

(4)

(5) ((1,2), [(0.80,-1)]) ((1,5), [(0.56,-1)]) ((1,40), [(0.30,-1)]) ((2,5), [(X,1), (0.40,-1)]) ((2,40), [(X,1), (0.30,-1)]) ((2,6), [(0.79,-1)]) ((5,40), [(X,1), (X,2)]) ((6,40), [(X,2)]) ((5,6), [(X,2)])

(7)

flatMap() (1,((1,2),0.80))(1,((1,5),0.56))(1,((1,40),0.44))(2,((2,5),0.40))(1,((2,5),0.40))(2,((2,40),0.30))(1,((2,40),0.30))(2,((2,6),0.79))

5 1/ 0

groupByKey() (1, [((1,2),0.80), ((1,5),0.56), ((1,40),0.30), ((2,5),0.40), ((2,40),0.30)]) (2, [((2,5),0.40), ((2,40),0.30), ((2,6),0.79)])

flatMap() ((1,2,

((1,2,5), 0.1792) ((1,2,40), 0.1056)

(8)

Experiments

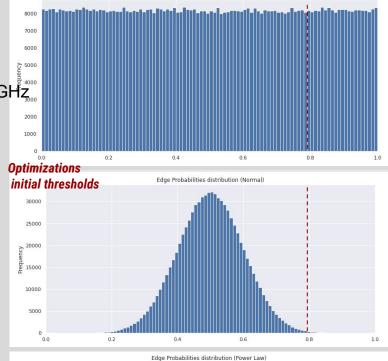
Artists Dataset

- → 50.515 nodes
- → 819.306 edges
- → 2.273.700 triangles

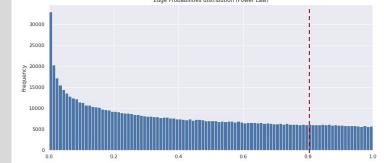
Hardware setup

- ☐ Ubuntu 18.04.5 LTS
- ☐ Intel® Core™ i7-8550U CPU @1.80GHz
- 8 cores
- → 20Gb RAM

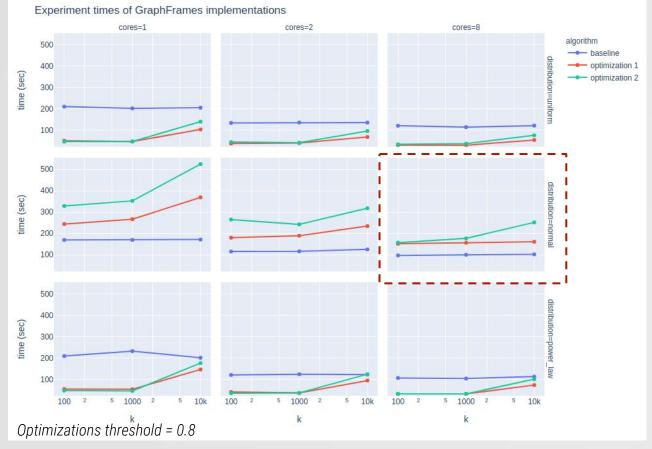
| Experimental setting 6 x 3 x 3 x 3 = 162 experiments | |
|--|--|
| Algorithms | Baseline GraphFrames Optimization 1 GraphFrames Optimization 2 GraphFrames Baseline RDD Optimization 1 RDD Optimization 2 RDD |
| Edges weight Distribution | UniformNormalPower Law |
| Cores | 1, 2, 8 |
| Total triangles to return (k) | 10, 100, 10.000 |



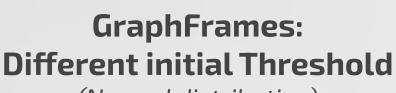
Edge Probabilities distribution (Uniform)



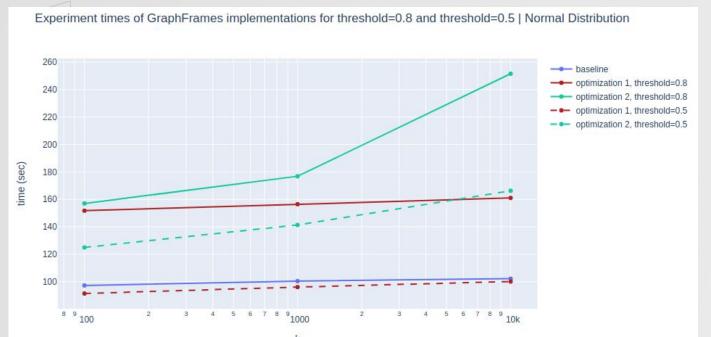
Results: GraphFrames



- Algorithms scale well based on number of cores.
- The **2 optimizations**implementations are faster than the **baseline** implementation, except the **Normal distribution**case, because the optimizations algorithms can not find the top-k heaviest triangles with the first **decomposition** (heavy and light subgraphs), leading to re-computations.
- **Optimization 2** is slower compared to **Optimization 1**, because of GraphFrames drawback in optimization 2 implementation.



(Normal distribution)



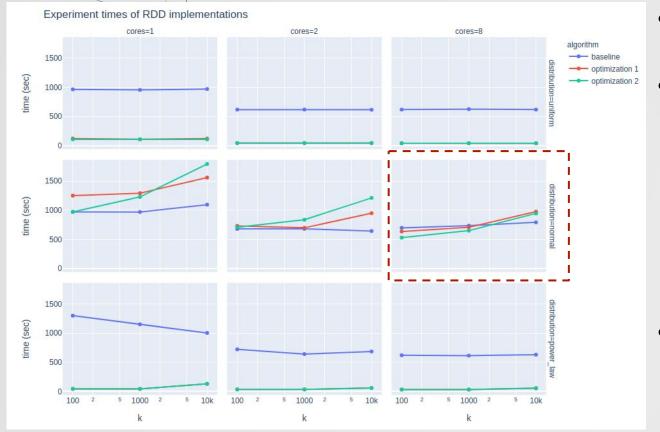
Giving as input a **lower initial threshold**, the corresponding **optimizations** cases outperform the **baseline-case**.

Conclusion

Selecting the appropriate initial threshold, based on edges' weight distribution, has a great impact in implementations' performance.

The same applies for the RDD implementations.

Results: RDD

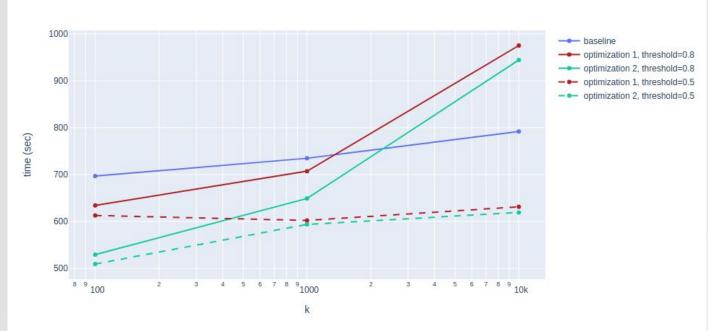


Optimizations threshold = 0.8

- Baseline execution times do not affected by the value of k.
- The **2 optimizations**implementations are faster than the **baseline** implementation, except the **Normal distribution** case, because the optimizations algorithms can not find the top-k heaviest triangles with the first **decomposition** (heavy and light subgraphs), leading to re-computations.
 - Optimization 1 and Optimization 2 have equal execution times, for Uniform and Power Law distributions. In general, there isn't a clear winner between optimization 1 and 2.

RDD: Different initial Threshold (Normal distribution)

Experiment times of RDD implementations for threshold=0.8 and threshold=0.5 | Normal Distribution



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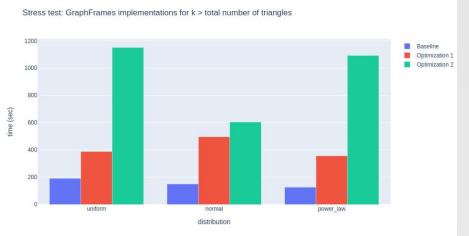
Conclusion

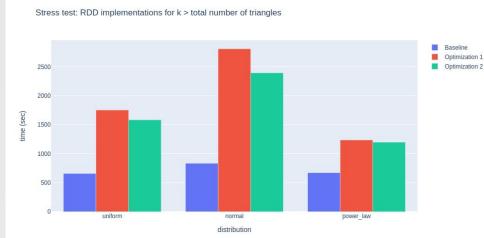
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Stress Test: GraphFrames & RDD *k>Total triangles*







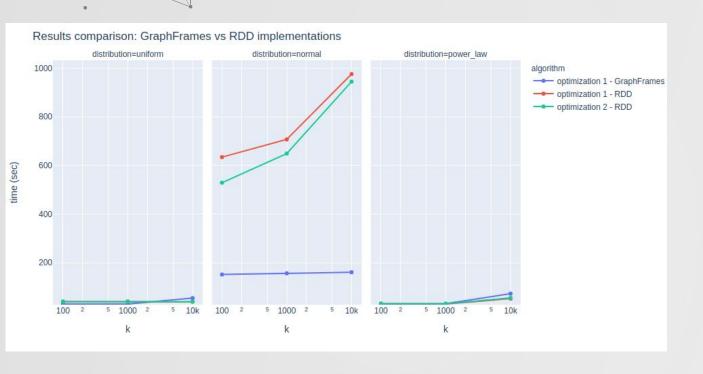
CONCLUSION

Baseline is always faster than **Optimizations**, for both GraphFrames and RDD implementations.



Because the whole graph will be surely examined. The **baseline** iterates the graph once, while the **optimized implementations** will make re-computations for each updated (reduced) threshold, until finally the threshold will equal to 0 (examine full graph).

Comparison: GraphFrames and RDD implementations



- GraphFrames runs faster than RDD implementation, in Normal distribution.
- RDD implementations are slightly better in Uniform and Power-Law distributions.

CONCLUSIONS

- → The decision which implementation to use is probability-distribution dependent.
- → The threshold value has great impact on the execution times of the optimizations implementations.
- \rightarrow Baseline implementation runs always faster than the optimizations implementations for k > all triangles exist in the graph.

"In order to understand the true behavior of the optimizations implementations, they must be examined on a true massive probabilistic uncertain graph!"

For example, the baseline implementation will not be faster than optimizations implementation in normal distribution

