Graph Learning Sparse Matrices

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Motivation

Large graphs are typically sparse

Dataset	#nodes	#edges	Density
Flights	2,939	30,500	$pprox 10^{-3}$
Amazon products	335k	925k	$pprox 10^{-5}$
Actors	382k	33M	$pprox 10^{-4}$
Wikipedia (en)	12M	378M	$pprox 10^{-6}$
Twitter	42M	1.5G	$pprox 10^{-6}$
Friendster	68M	2.5G	$pprox 10^{-7}$

Sparse matrices

Efficient coding in Python

> from scipy import sparse

Coordinate format

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 9 & 2 & 2 & & 4 \\ 5 & & & 7 & & & \\ & 5 & & & 3 & & \\ 6 & & & & 1 & 3 \\ & & 5 & & & 9 & \end{bmatrix}$$

with vector v, we can do A.dot(v)

$$\mathsf{shape} = (6,8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{data} &= (5,6,9,2,2,4,5,7,5,3,6,1,3,5,9) \\ \text{row} &= (0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,3,3,4,4,4,5,5) \\ \text{col} &= (0,1,2,4,5,7,0,4,1,5,0,6,7,2,6) \end{aligned}$$

Compressed Sparse Row

shape =
$$(6, 8)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{data} = (5,6,9,2,2,4,5,7,5,3,6,1,3,5,9) \\ \text{\tiny col = indices} = (0,1,2,4,5,7,0,4,1,5,0,6,7,2,6) \\ \text{\tiny index pointer = } & \text{indptr} = (0,6,8,8,10,13,15) \\ \text{\tiny \begin{bmatrix} 0,6 \end{bmatrix} & 6 \text{ non-zero entries in row 1 (0,1,2,4,5,7)} \\ \text{\tiny \begin{bmatrix} 8-6 \end{bmatrix} & 2 \text{ entries in row 2 (0,4)} \\ \text{\tiny [8,8]} & 0 \text{ entries in row 3 (1,5)} \\ \text{\tiny [10-8] & 2 entries in row 4 (1,5)} \end{array}$$

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$$row = (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5)$$

Matrix-vector multiplication (CSR format)

> matrix.dot(vector)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 9 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 5 & & 7 & & & \\ & 5 & & 3 & & \\ 6 & & & & 1 & 3 \\ & & 5 & & & 9 & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Compressed Sparse Column

CSC = CSR^T

$$\mathsf{shape} = (8,6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{data} &= (5,5,6,6,5,9,5,2,7,2,3,1,9,4,3) \\ \text{indices} &= (0,1,4,0,3,0,5,0,1,0,3,4,5,0,4) \\ \text{indptr} &= (0,3,5,7,7,9,11,13,15) \end{aligned}$$

List of Lists

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 9 & 2 & 2 & & 4 \\ 5 & & & 7 & & & \\ & 5 & & & 3 & & \\ 6 & & & & & 1 & 3 \\ & 5 & & & 9 & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathsf{data} = [[5,6,9,2,2,4],[5,7],[],[5,3],[6,1,3],[5,9]] \\ &\mathsf{rows} = [[0,1,2,4,5,7],[0,4],[],[1,5],[0,6,7],[2,6]] \end{aligned}$$

Choosing the right format

	COO	CSR	CSC	LIL
Arithmetic		✓	✓	
Row slicing		✓		
Column slicing			✓	
Modification				✓
Loading	✓			

Loading a graph

Data		ta		Adjacency matrix (COO format)
	From	То		
	12	38	-	(,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
	71	98	\rightarrow	row = (12, 71, 25, 12,)
	25	21		col = (38, 98, 21, 38,)
	12	38		$data = (1,1,1,1,\ldots)$

Coding in Python

- > adjacency = sparse.coo_matrix((data, (row, col))
- > adjacency.sum_duplicates()