

SmokeSNET Model

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1 Current Attributes

As it stands, nodes have the following attributes: Edges are directed and their weight is a probability,

Name	Type	Represents
isSmoker	Boolean	True if they're a smoker, false otherwise
willpower	Double	A probability representing willpower, 0 being of strong willpower
health	Double	A value between 0 and 1 for health, where 1 is perfect health
smokedPerDay	Integer	The number of cigarettes smoked per day
givingUp	Boolean	True if they're giving up, false otherwise
stepsSinceGiveUp	Integer	The number of simulation steps since giving up
sociable	Double	A probability representing how sociable someone is, with 1 being very sociable

representing their influence. Currently, all attributes are normally distributed. This can be adjusted to more realistic values later in development. Nodes can also be constrained to a maximum number of in-edges, i.e. nodes which influence them. Within each simulation step, the following happens:

1. The local neighbourhood within three incoming hops is acquired for the given node. Influence between the nodes is calculated as the maximum influence across all possible connections of the two nodes, where influence over multiple hops is the product of the influence of each hop. For example, in Fig. 1, the influence of *Node C* on the *Current Node* is the maximum of $0.8 * 0.8$ and 0.1 , the maximum value here is 0.64 for *Node C* to *D* to *Current*. All nodes within the neighbourhood set are unique.
2. Metrics for this set are calculated for the current node relative to the neighborhood. Some general ones, such as the percentage of the neighbourhood which is giving up smoking, along with the percentage that currently smoke is calculated. For each attribute other than this, the influence weighted average seen in figure 2 is used.
3. The decision tree is run on the nodes. At present, this tree can be drawn as seen in figure 3. The relevant probability calculations are in figure 3. The aim of the decision tree is to adjust the attribute values of the individual.
4. Finally, a nodes connections are adjusted based on its attributes. Currently, the nodes have an upper limit of nodes that can influence them (simulations run with 10 at the moment) to avoid hugely saturating the graph. If a node reaches this maximum but still wishes to add an edge, it can remove a low influence edge e with a probability $p(removal) = (1 - \min_{\forall e \in \text{In Edges}}(influence_e))$. Edges are selected for addition based on a scoring system of each node in the current nodes neighbourhood. The system uses two approaches to determine a score (i.e. a 'worthiness') for each of these nodes:
 - (a) Boolean scoring, where the node either gets all the points, or none of the points
 - (b) Linear scoring, in which the percentage difference of the node being considered from the source node is deducted from a points total, i.e. $score = maxPoints - \% \text{ diff} \times maxPoints$ - if the target node is 100% or over different, then they will score zero on that comparison.

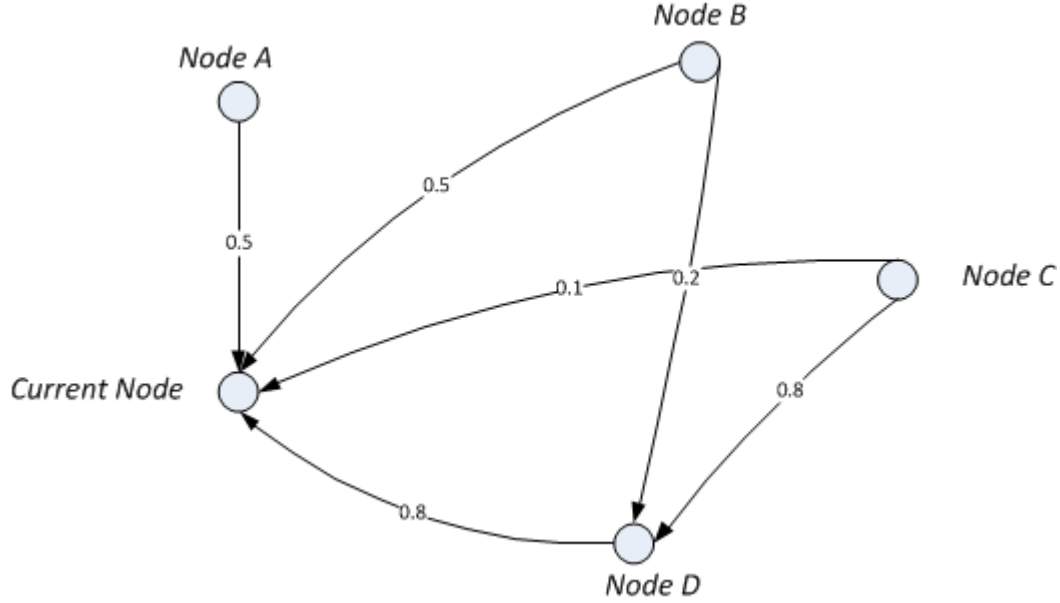


Figure 1: Network Diagram

$$\frac{\sum_{\forall n \in N} \text{attribute}_n \times \text{influence}_n}{\sum_{\forall n \in N} \text{influence}_n} \text{ where } N \text{ is the set of nodes}$$

Figure 2: Influence Calculation

The current scoring algorithm can be seen in figure 4. It is very basic and as such, gives little spread in the scores of nodes. The effect of this is that it becomes difficult to differentiate good connection candidates from average or poor ones - a way to circumvent this is to add in extra attributes and tune the scores per attribute until a reasonable spread is given.

The total score is divided by the maximum available score to give a value between 0 and 1. A threshold is then set to determine whether to add or remove the edge (i.e. if the score is less than 0.1, remove the edge, if it is between 0.1 and 0.2 do nothing, otherwise add it).

2 Upcoming Features

- A more complex decision tree, incorporating all attributes and causing gradual change over time.
- Much more work on incorporating attributes into the connection adjuster to enforce a more slowly-moving network.
- More attributes that affect smoking cessation being added.

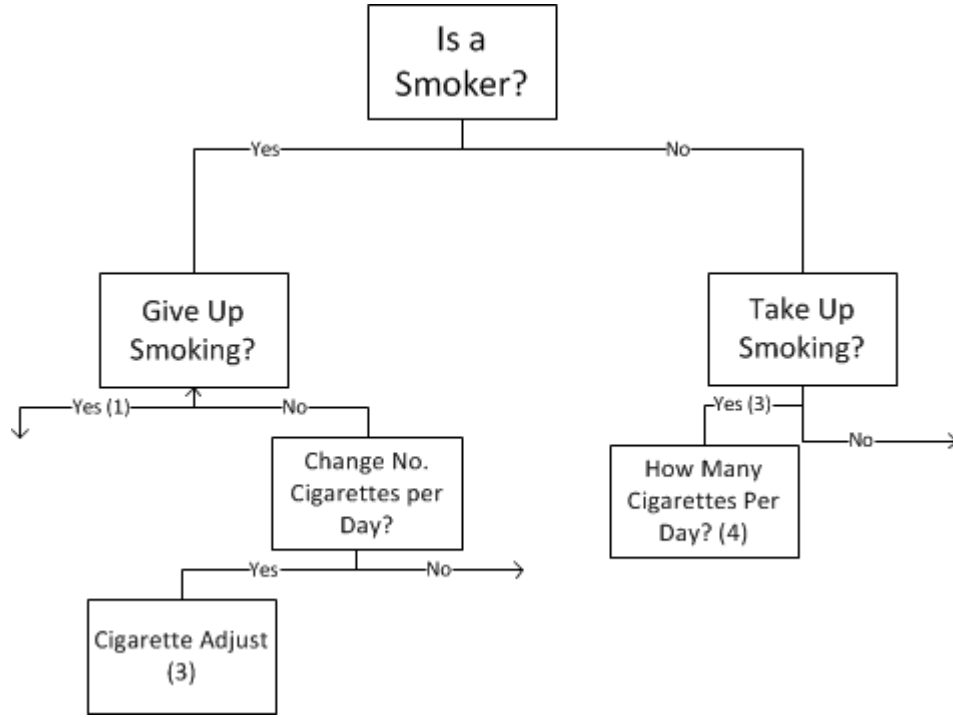


Figure 3: Decision Tree

$\forall n \in Nodes$

- (a) $(1 - health_n) \times \frac{|Nodes \text{ giving up smoking}|}{|Nodes|}$
- (b) If n smokes $\pm 10\%$ of the influence sum for cigarettes smoked, then:
 $change = (influence \text{ sum of smoked per day} - smokedPerDay_n) \times influenceability_n$, else there is no change.
- (c) $health_n \times \frac{|Nodes \text{ giving up smoking}|}{|Nodes|} \times \frac{|Nodes \text{ who smoke}|}{|Nodes|}$
- (d) If the influenced sum of the number of cigarettes per day is < 0 , then $smokedPerDay = 5$, otherwise

$$smokedPerDay = \text{round}\left(\frac{\sum_{n \in Neighbours} smokedPerDay_n \times influence_n}{\sum_{n \in N} influence_n}\right)$$

Figure 4: Decision Tree Calculations

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for(Node n : Neighbours)
{
    if(current.isSmoker == n.isSmoker)
    {
        score + 1
        if(current.isGivingUp && n.isGivingUp)
            score + 2
        if(current.isSmoker)
        {
            score + linearScore(smokedPerDay)           //Max 5 pts
        }
    }
    score + linearScore(health)           //Max 5 pts

    return score/13
}

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Figure 5: Scoring Algorithm