

On the Power of Mining Heterogeneous Information Networks

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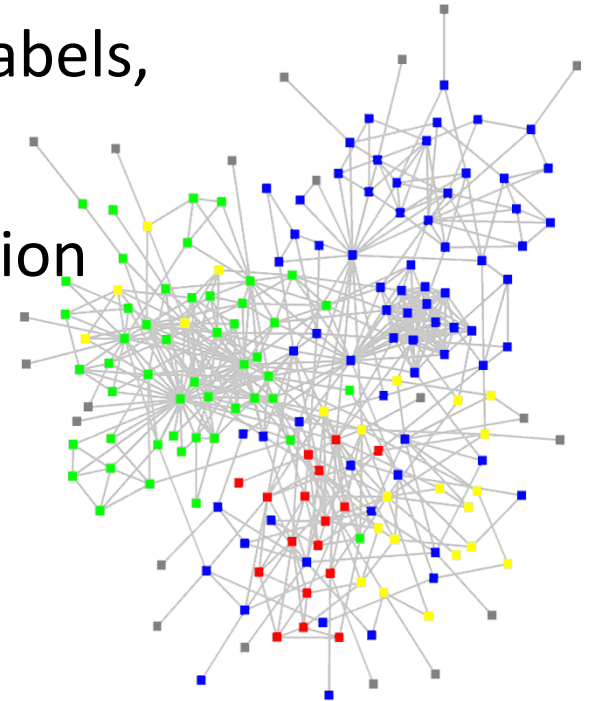
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What Are Information Networks?

- Information network: A network where each node represents an entity (e.g., actor in a social network) and each link (e.g., tie) a relationship between entities
 - Each node/link may have attributes, labels, and weights
 - Link may carry rich semantic information



Information Networks Are Everywhere

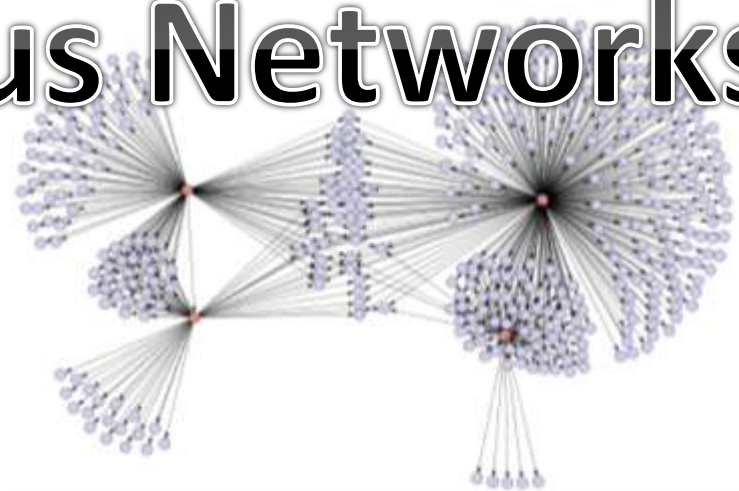
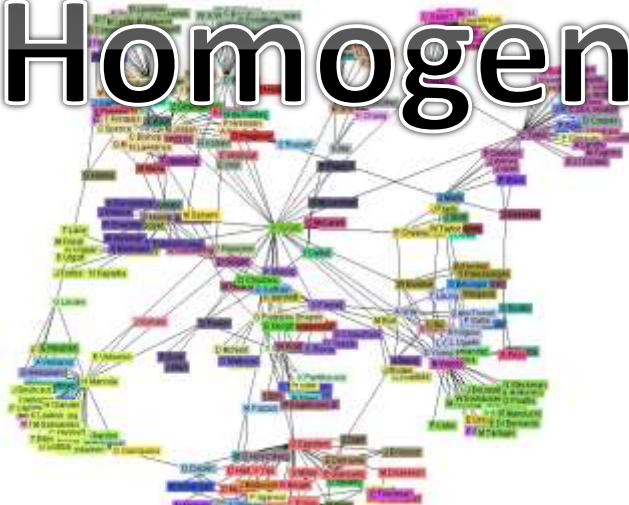
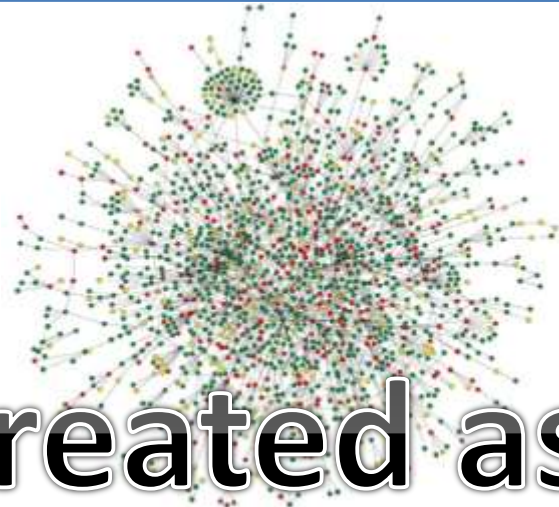


They are all treated as

Social Networking Websites

Biological Network: Protein Interaction

Homogeneous Networks!



Research Collaboration Network

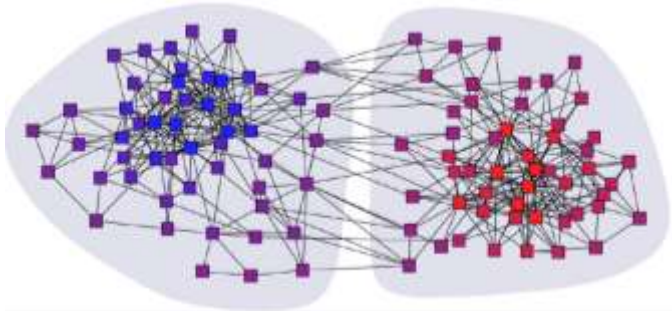
Product Recommendation Network via Emails

Homogeneous Information Networks

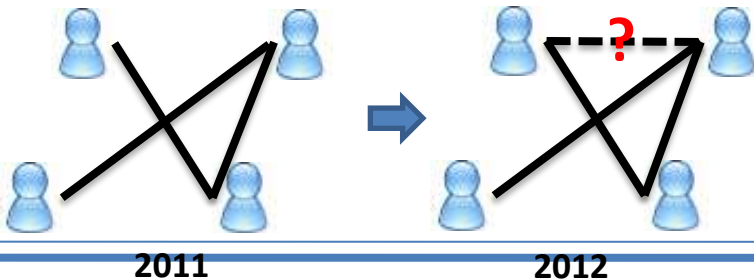
- Single object type and single link type
 - Link analysis based applications



Ranking web pages [Brin and Page, 1998]



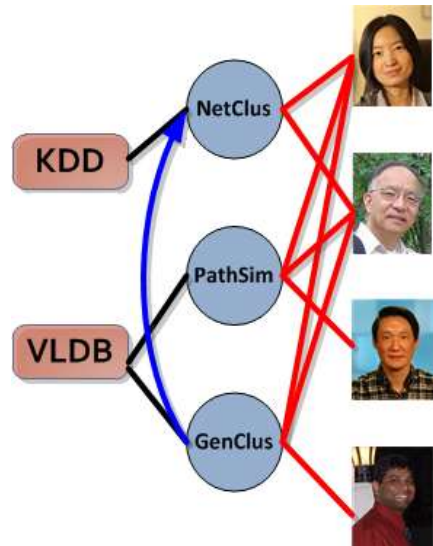
Clustering books about politics [Newman, 2006]



Link Prediction [Kleinberg, 2003]

Heterogeneous Information Networks

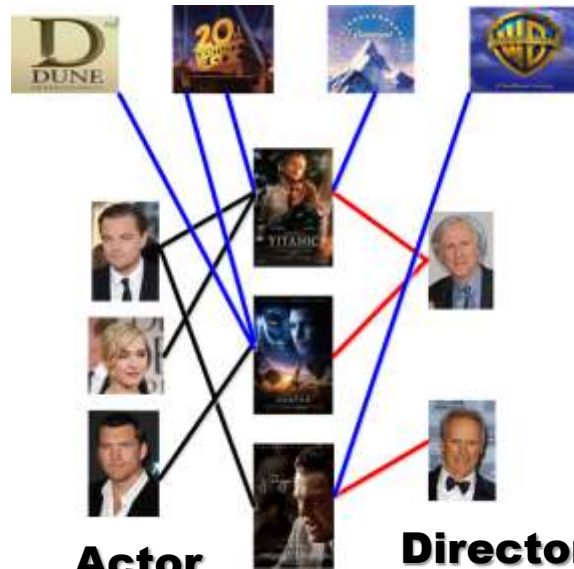
- Multiple object types and/or multiple link types



Venue Paper Author

DBLP Bibliographic Network

Movie Studio



Actor

Movie

Director

The IMDB Movie Network



The Facebook Network

- Homogeneous networks are **Information loss** projection of heterogeneous networks!
- New problems** are emerging in heterogeneous networks!



Directly Mining information richer heterogeneous networks

Heterogeneous Networks Are Ubiquitous

- Healthcare
 - Doctor, patient, disease, treatment
- Content sharing websites
 - Video, image, user, comment
- E-Commerce
 - Seller, buyer, product, review
- News
 - Person, organization, location, text



What Can be Mined from Heterogeneous Networks?

- DBLP: A Computer Science bibliographic database



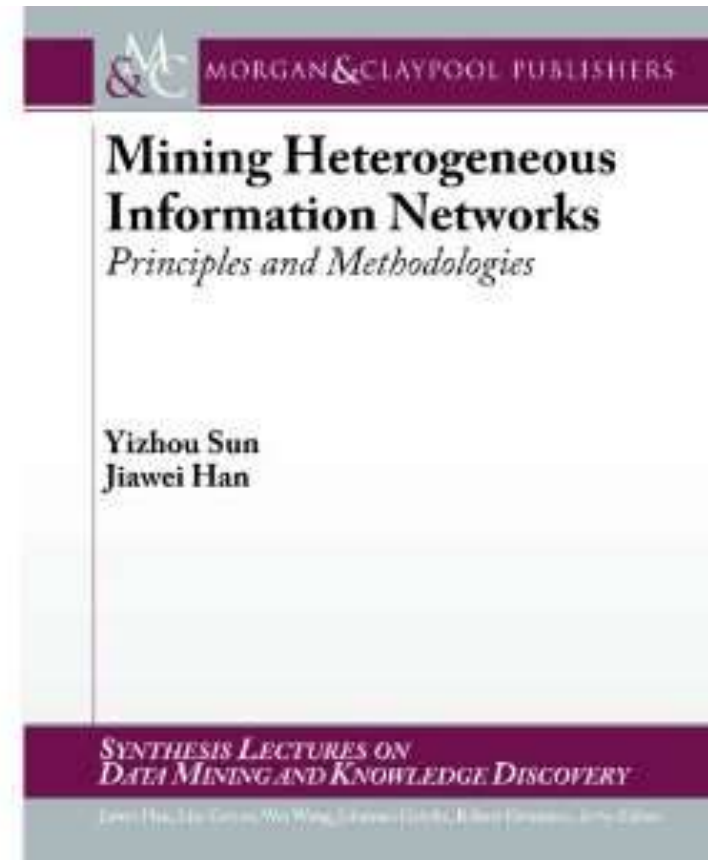
Yizhou Sun, Jiawei Han, Charu C. Aggarwal, Nitesh V. Chawla: When will it happen?: relationship prediction in heterogeneous information networks. WSDM 2012: 663-672

A sample publication record in DBLP (>1.8 M papers, >0.7 M authors, >10 K venues)


Knowledge hidden in DBLP Network	Mining Functions	Publications
How are CS research areas structured ?	Clustering	EDBT'09, KDD'09, ICDM'09
Who are the leading researchers on Web search?	Ranking	EDBT'09, KDD'09,
Who are the peer researchers of Jure Leskovec?	Similarity Search	VLDB'11
Whom will Christos Faloutsos collaborate with in the future?	Relationship Prediction	ASONAM'11
Whether will an author publish a paper in KDD, and when ?	Relationship Prediction with Time	WSDM'12
Which types of relationships are most influential for an author to decide her topics?	Relation Strength Learning	VLDB'12, KDD'12

Principles of Mining Heterogeneous Information Networks

- **Principle 1:** Use Holistic Network Information
 - Study information propagation across different types of objects and links
- **Principle 2:** Explore Network Meta Structure
 - Meta-path-based similarity search and mining
- **Principle 3:** User-Guided Exploration
 - Relation strength-aware mining with user guidance



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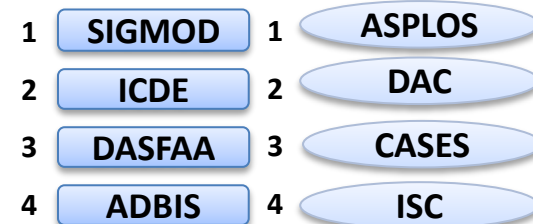
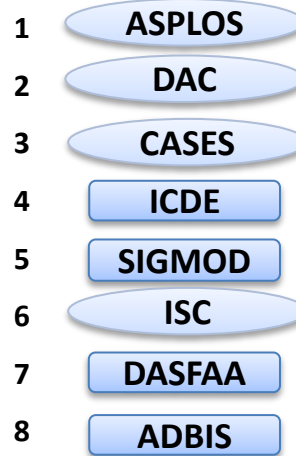
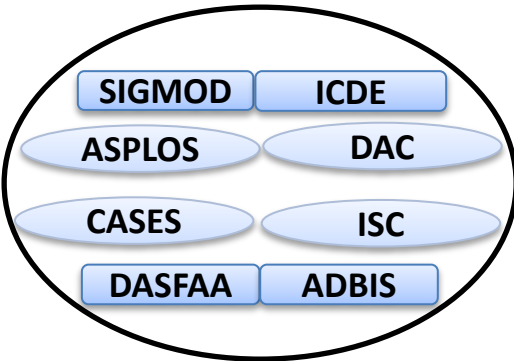
Ranking and Clustering: Two Critical Functions

Ranking

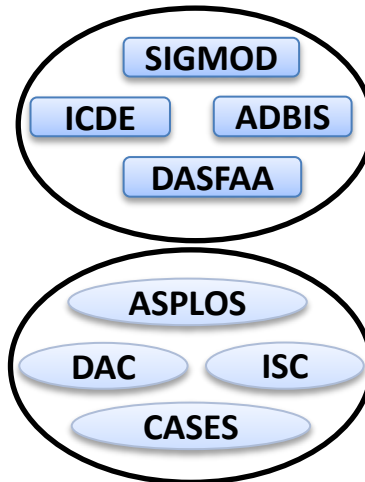
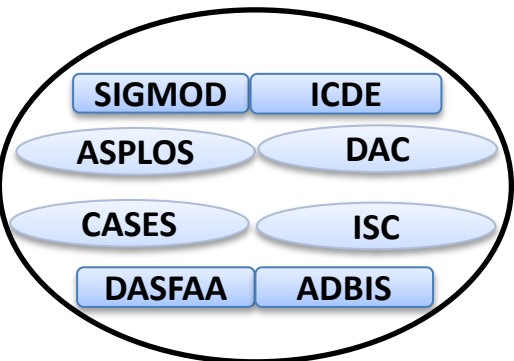
Comparing apples and oranges?

 : Database Conferences

 : Hardware and Architecture Conferences



Clustering



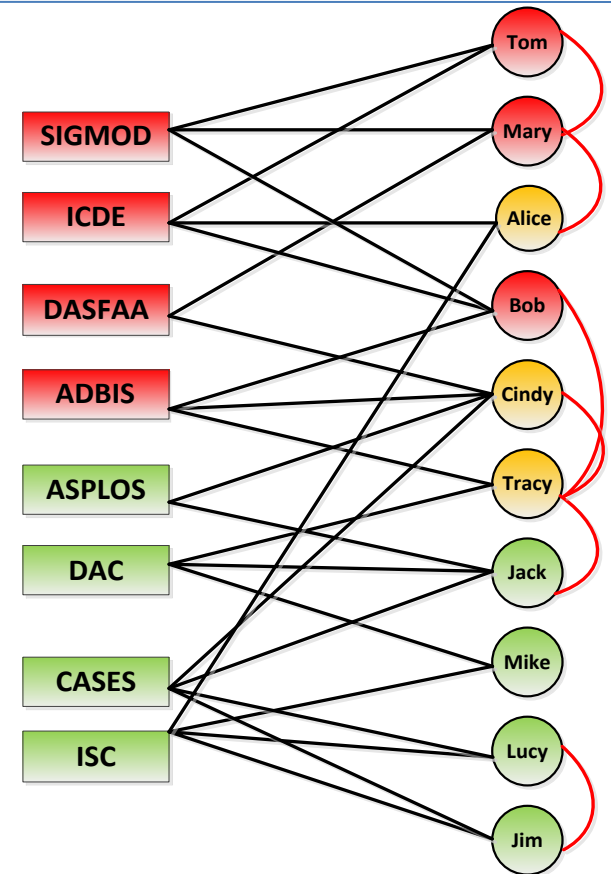
**A better solution:
Integrating clustering
with ranking**

Not distinguishing objects in each cluster?

RankClus: Integrating Clustering with Ranking

[Sun et al., EDBT'09]

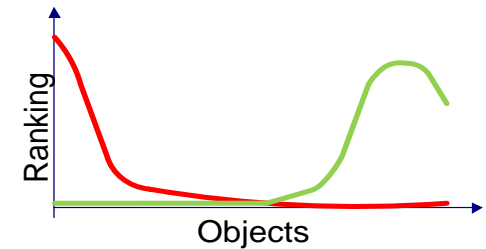
- A case study on bi-typed DBLP network
 - Links exist between
 - Conference (X) and author (Y)
 - Author (Y) and author (Y)
 - A matrix denoting the weighted links
 - $W = \begin{bmatrix} W_{XX} & W_{XY} \\ W_{YX} & W_{YY} \end{bmatrix}$
 - Goal:
 - Clustering and ranking conferences via authors
 - **Simple solution: Project the bi-typed network into homogeneous conference network + spectral clustering [Shi & Malik, 2000]**



Idea: Ranking and Clustering Mutually Enhance Each Other

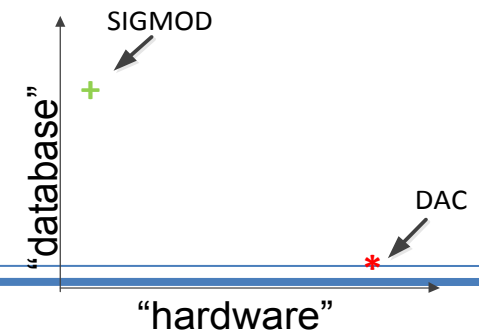
- Better clustering => Conditional ranking distributions are more distinguishing from each other
 - Conditional ranking distribution serves as the **feature** of each cluster

$P(\bullet | \text{area} = \text{"database"})$ vs. $P(\bullet | \text{area} = \text{"hardware"})$

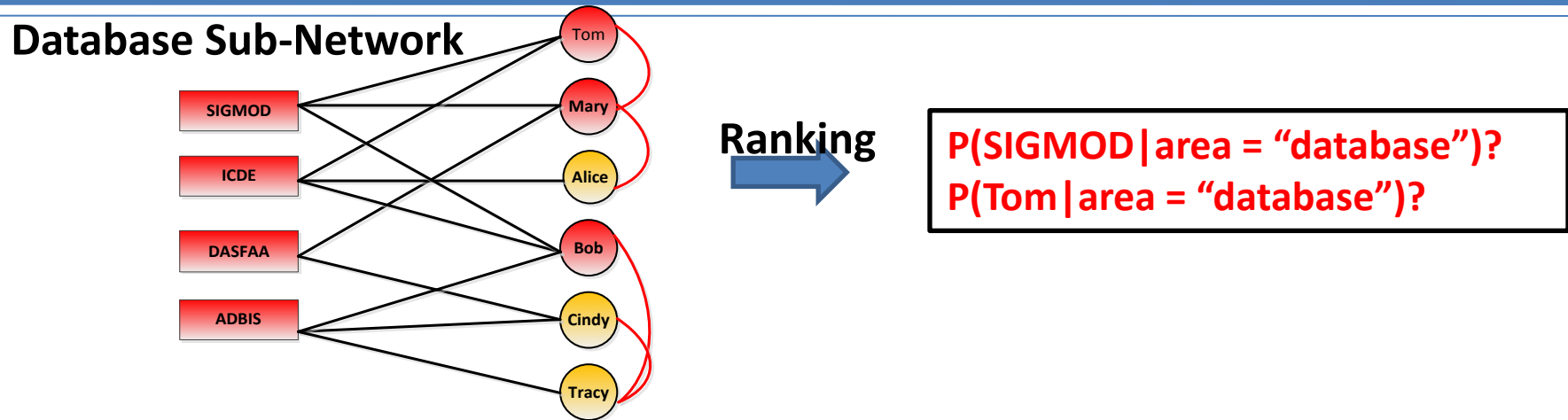


- Better ranking => Better metric for objects can be learned from the ranking for better clustering
 - Posterior probabilities for each object in each cluster serves as the **new metric** for each object

$(P(\text{area} = \text{"database"} | \text{SIGMOD}), P(\text{area} = \text{"hardware"} | \text{SIGMOD}))$



Simple Ranking vs. Authority Ranking



- Simple Ranking

- Proportional to # of publications of an author / a conference
- Considers only **immediate neighborhood** in the network

What about an author publishing 100 papers in low reputation conferences?

- Authority Ranking:

- More sophisticated “rank rules” are needed
- **Propagate** the ranking scores in the network over different types

Rules for Authority Ranking

- Rule 1: Highly ranked authors publish *many* papers in highly ranked conferences

$$\vec{r}_Y(j) = \sum_{i=1}^m W_{YX}(j, i) \vec{r}_X(i)$$

- Rule 2: Highly ranked conferences attract *many* papers from *many* highly ranked authors

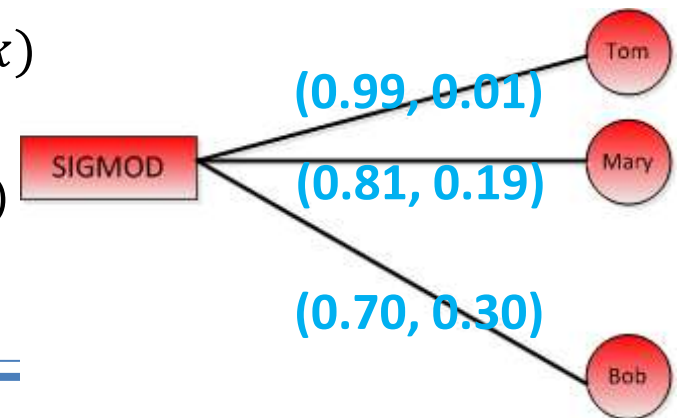
$$\vec{r}_X(i) = \sum_{j=1}^n W_{XY}(i, j) \vec{r}_Y(j)$$

- Rule 3: The rank of an author is enhanced if he or she co-authors with *many* highly ranked authors

$$\vec{r}_Y(i) = \alpha \sum_{j=1}^m W_{YX}(i, j) \vec{r}_X(j) + (1 - \alpha) \sum_{j=1}^n W_{YY}(i, j) \vec{r}_Y(j)$$

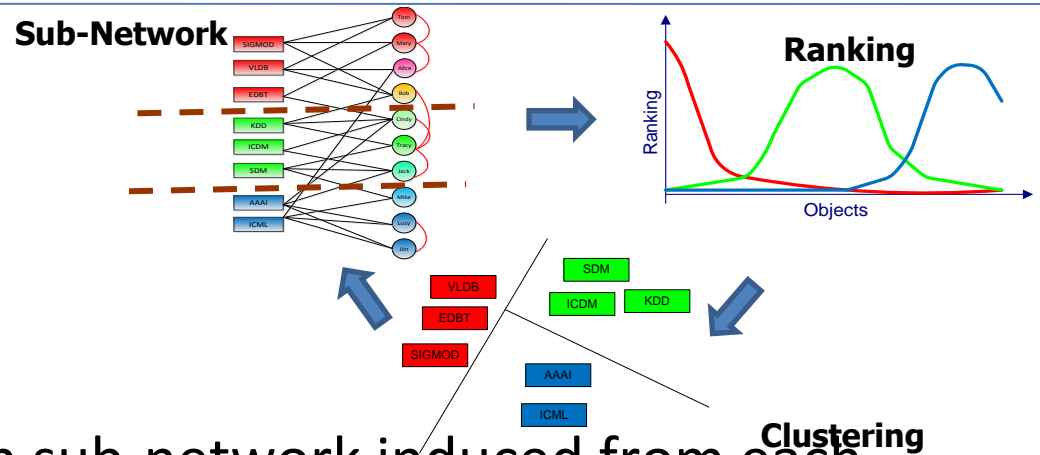
Generating New Measure Space

- Input: Conditional ranking distributions for each cluster
 - $P_X(i|k)$: e.g., $P_X(\text{SIGMOD}|\text{area} = \text{"database"})$
- Output: Each conference i is mapped into a new measure space
 - $i: (\pi_{i,1}, \dots, \pi_{i,K})$, where $\pi_{i,k} = P_X(k|i)$
 - E.g., SIGMOD: $(P(\text{"database"}|\text{SIGMOD}), P(\text{"hardware"}|\text{SIGMOD}))$
- Solution
 - $P_X(k|i) \propto P(k) \times P_X(i|k)$
 - Calculate cluster size $P(k)$
 - Maximize the log-likelihood of generating all the links
 - $P(i,j) = \sum_k P(k) \times P_X(i|k) \times P_Y(j|k)$
 - EM algorithm
 - $P(k|i,j) \propto P(k) \times P_X(i|k) \times P_Y(j|k)$
 - $P(k) \propto \sum_{ij} W_{XY}(i,j)P(k|i,j)$



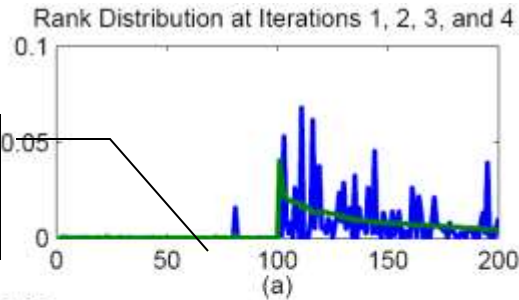
The Algorithm Framework

- Step 0: Initialization
 - Randomly partition
- Step 1: Ranking
 - Ranking objects in each sub-network induced from each cluster
- Step 2: Generating new measure space
 - Estimate **mixture model coefficients** for each target object
- Step 3: Adjusting cluster
- Step 4: Repeating Steps 1-3 until stable

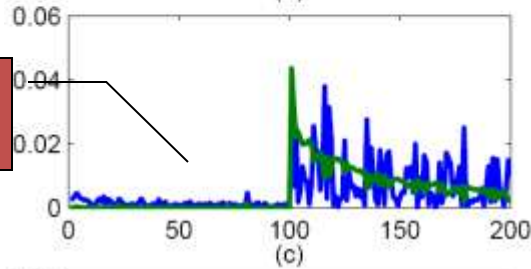


Step-by-Step Running Case Illustration

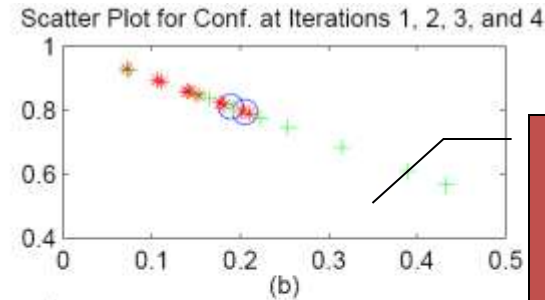
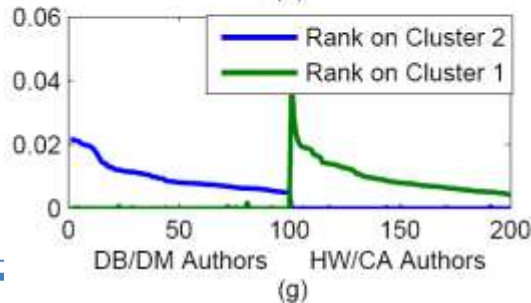
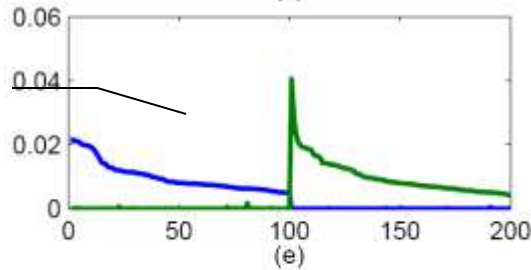
Initially, ranking distributions are mixed together



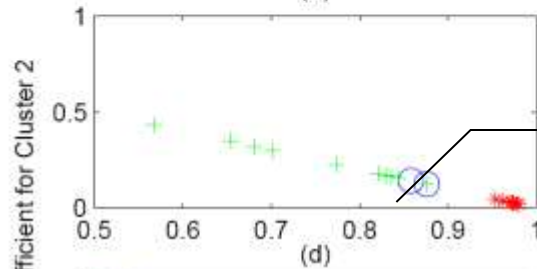
Improved a little



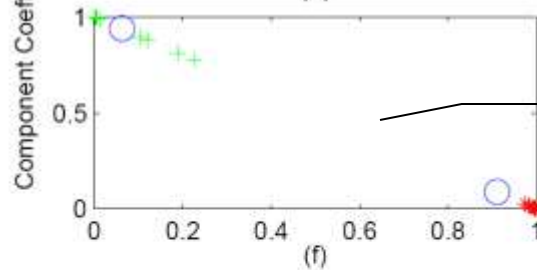
Improved significantly



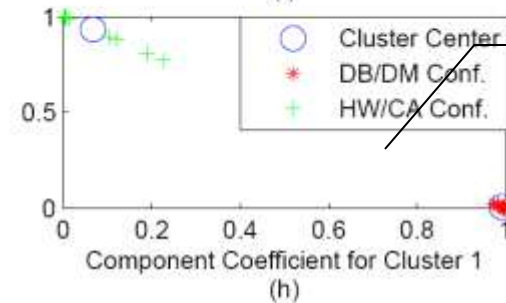
Two clusters of objects mixed together, but preserve similarity somehow



Two clusters are almost well separated



Well separated

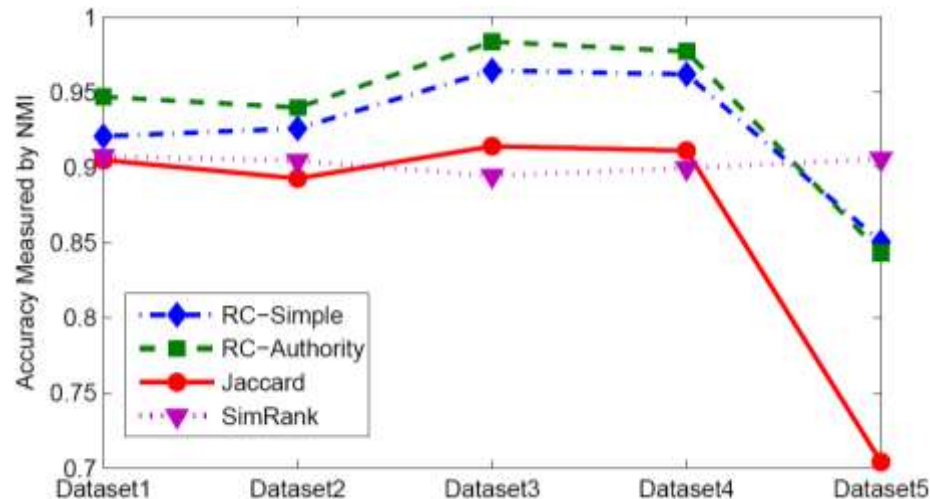


Stable

Clustering and Ranking CS Conferences by RankClus

	DB	Network	AI	Theory	IR
1	VLDB	INFOCOM	AAMAS	SODA	SIGIR
2	ICDE	SIGMETRICS	IJCAI	STOC	ACM Multimedia
3	SIGMOD	ICNP	AAAI	FOCS	CIKM
4	KDD	SIGCOMM	Agents	ICALP	TREC
5	ICDM	MOBICOM	AAAI/IAAI	CCC	JCDL
6	EDBT	ICDCS	ECAI	SPAA	CLEF
7	DASFAA	NETWORKING	RoboCup	PODC	WWW
8	PODS	MobiHoc	IAT	CRYPTO	ECDL
9	SSDBM	ISCC	ICMAS	APPROX-RANDOM	ECIR
10	SDM	SenSys	CP	EUROCRYPT	CIVR

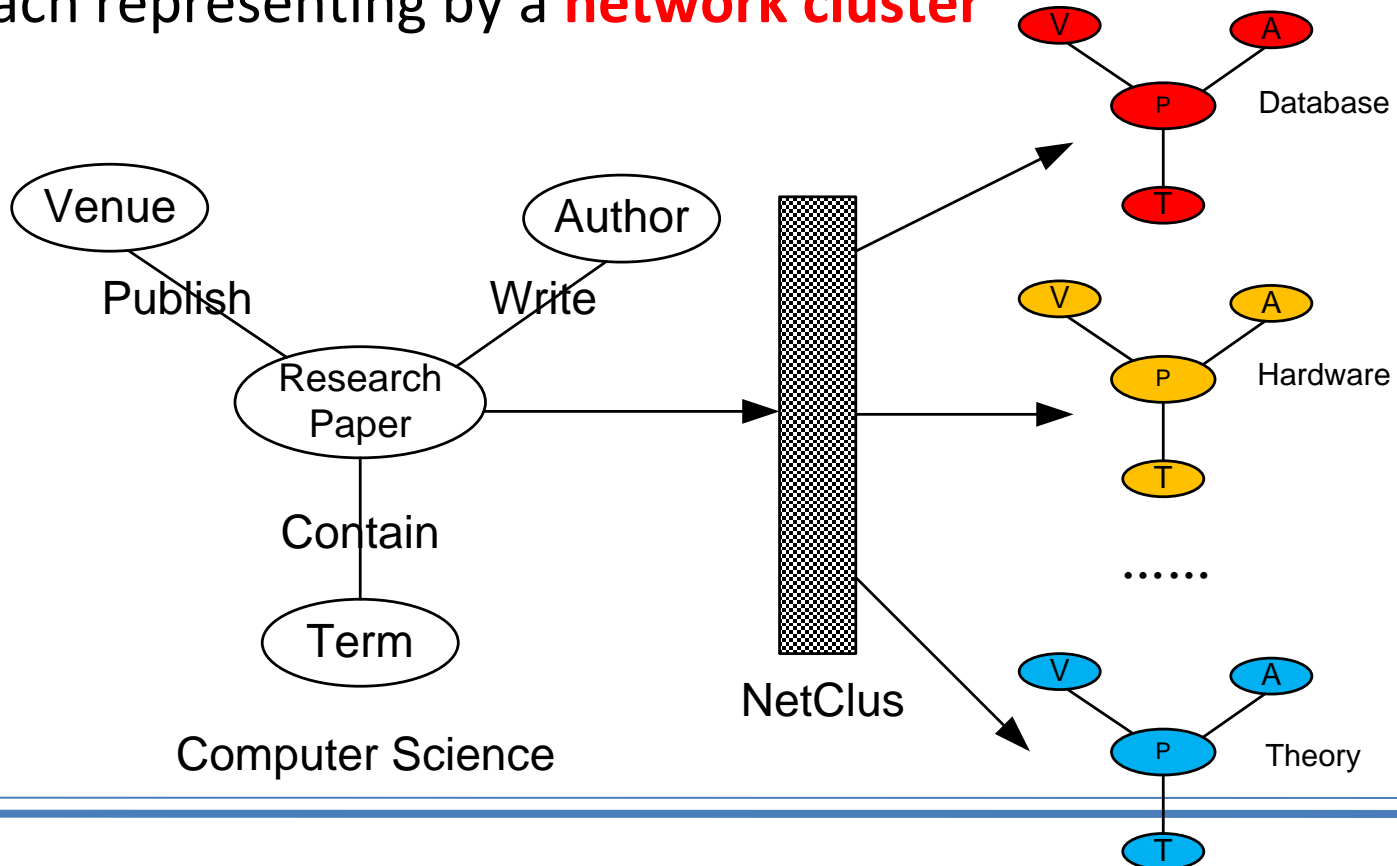
Top-10 conferences in 5 clusters using RankClus in DBLP



RankClus outperforms *spectral clustering* [Shi and Malik, 2000] algorithms on projected homogeneous networks

NetClus [Sun et al., KDD'09]: Beyond Bi-Typed Networks

- Beyond bi-typed information network
 - A Star Network Schema [**richer information**]
- Split a network into different layers
 - Each representing by a **network cluster**



Multi-Typed Networks Lead to Better Results

- The network cluster for **database area**: Conferences, Authors, and Terms
 - Better clustering and ranking than RankClus

Conference	Rank Score	Author	Rank Score	Term	Rank Score
SIGMOD	0.315	Michael Stonebraker	0.0063	database	0.0529
VLDB	0.306	Surajit Chaudhuri	0.0057	system	0.0322
ICDE	0.194	C. Mohan	0.0053	query	0.0313
PODS	0.109	Michael J. Carey	0.0052	data	0.0251
EDBT	0.046	David J. DeWitt	0.0051	object	0.0138
CIKM	0.019	H. V. Jagadish	0.0043	management	0.0113
...

- NetClus vs. RankClus: **16%** higher accuracy on conference clustering in terms of Normalized Mutual Information

Impact of RankClus Methodology

- RankCompete [Cao et al., WWW'10]
 - Extend to the domain of web images
- RankClus in Medical Literature [Li et al., Working paper]
 - Ranking treatments for diseases
- RankClass [Ji et al., KDD'11]
 - Integrate classification with ranking
- Trustworthy Analysis [Gupta et al., WWW'11] [Khac Le et al., IPSN'11]
 - Integrate clustering with trustworthiness score
- Topic Modeling in Heterogeneous Networks [Deng et al., KDD'11]
 - Propagate topic information among different types of objects
- ...

Interesting Results from Other Domains



RankCompete: Organize images automatically!

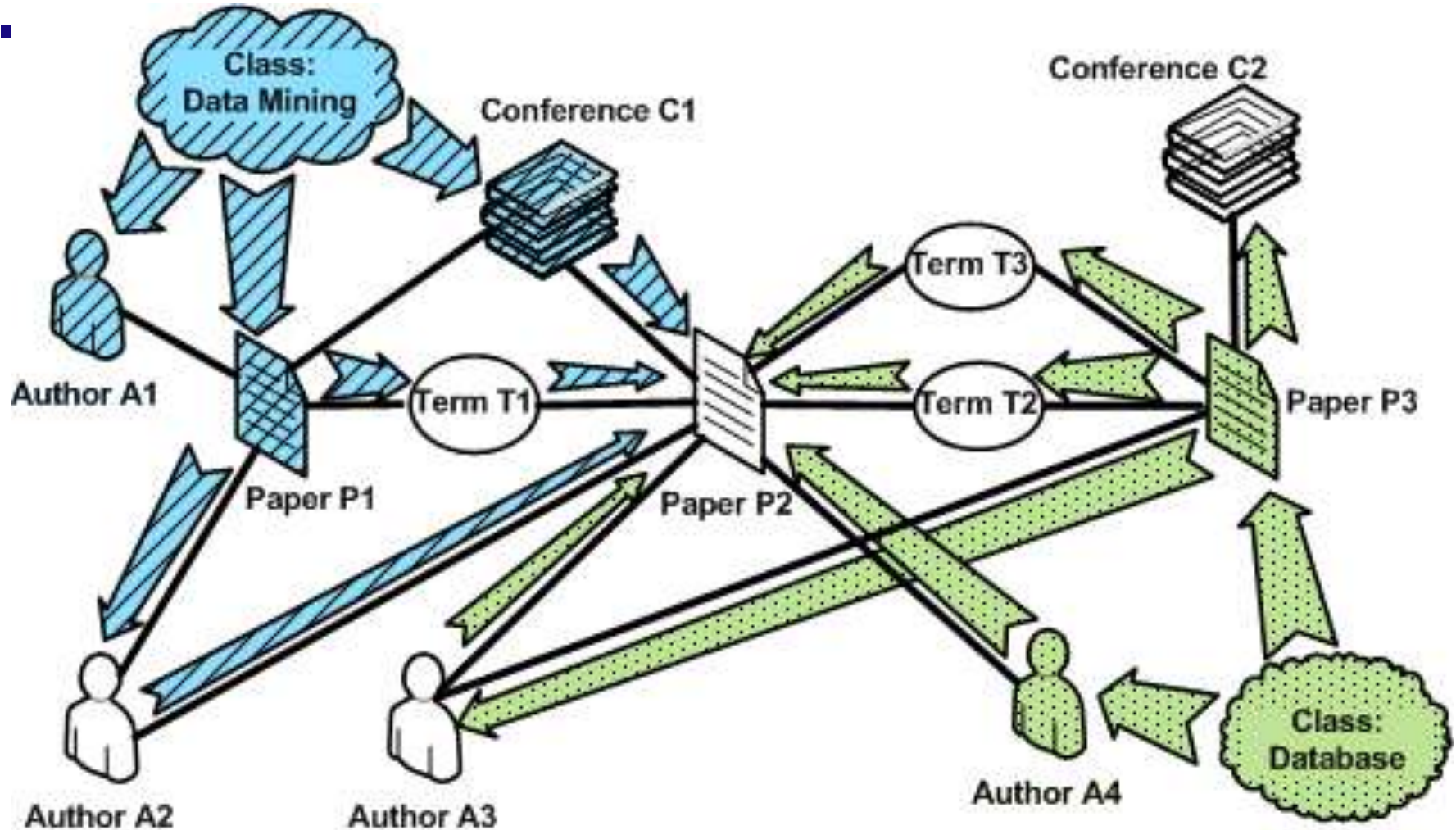
	Top 10 Treatments	Ranking
1	Zidovudine/therapeutic use	0.1679
2	Anti-HIV Agents/therapeutic use	0.1340
3	Antiretroviral Therapy, Highly Active	0.0977
4	Antiviral Agents/therapeutic use	0.0718
5	Anti-Retroviral Agents/therapeutic use	0.0236
6	Interferon Type I/therapeutic use	0.0147
7	Didanosine/therapeutic use	0.0132
8	Ganciclovir/therapeutic use	0.0114
9	HIV Protease Inhibitors/therapeutic use	0.0105
10	Antineoplastic Combined Chemotherapy	0.0103

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Classification: Knowledge Propagation



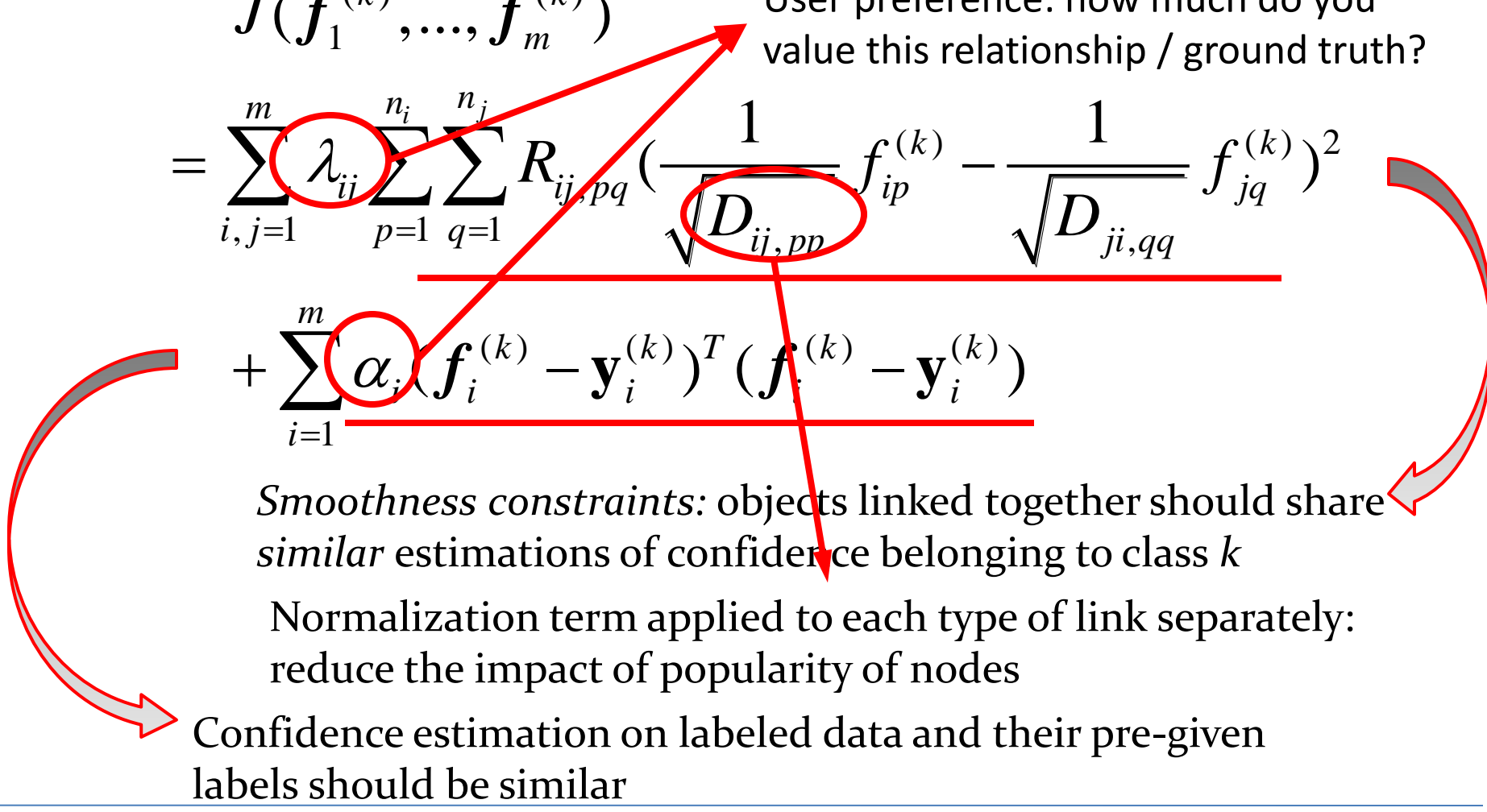
M. Ji, M. Danilevski, et al., "Graph Regularized Transductive Classification on Heterogeneous Information Networks", ECMLPKDD'10

GNetMine: Graph-Based Regularization [Ji, PKDD'10]

- Minimize the objective function

$$J(\mathbf{f}_1^{(k)}, \dots, \mathbf{f}_m^{(k)})$$

User preference: how much do you value this relationship / ground truth?

$$= \sum_{i,j=1}^m \lambda_{ij} \sum_{p=1}^{n_i} \sum_{q=1}^{n_j} R_{ij,pq} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{D_{ij,pp}}} f_{ip}^{(k)} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{D_{ji,qq}}} f_{jq}^{(k)} \right)^2$$
$$+ \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i (\mathbf{f}_i^{(k)} - \mathbf{y}_i^{(k)})^T (\mathbf{f}_i^{(k)} - \mathbf{y}_i^{(k)})$$


Smoothness constraints: objects linked together should share *similar* estimations of confidence belonging to class k

Normalization term applied to each type of link separately:
reduce the impact of popularity of nodes

Confidence estimation on labeled data and their pre-given labels should be similar

From RankClus to GNetMine & RankClass

- ❑ **RankClus [EDBT'09]: Clustering and ranking working together**
 - ❑ No training, no available class labels, no expert knowledge
- ❑ **GNetMine [PKDD'10]: Incorp. prior knowledge in networks**
 - ❑ Classification in heterog. networks, but objects treated equally
- ❑ **RankClass [KDD'11]: Integration of ranking and classification in heterogeneous network analysis**
 - ❑ Ranking: informative understanding & summary of each class
 - ❑ Class membership is critical information when ranking objects
 - ❑ Let ranking and classification mutually enhance each other!
 - ❑ Output: Classification results + ranking list of objects within each class

Experiments on DBLP

- ❑ Class: Four research areas (communities)
 - Database, data mining, AI, information retrieval
- ❑ Four types of objects
 - Paper (14376), Conf. (20), Author (14475), Term (8920)
- ❑ Three types of relations
 - Paper-conf., paper-author, paper-term
- ❑ Algorithms for comparison
 - Learning with Local and Global Consistency (LLGC) [Zhou et al. NIPS 2003] – also the homogeneous version of our method
 - Weighted-vote Relational Neighbor classifier (wvRN) [Macskassy et al. JMLR 2007]
 - Network-only Link-based Classification (nLB) [Lu et al. ICML 2003, Macskassy et al. JMLR 2007]

Performance Study on the DBLP Data Set

Table 3: Comparison of classification accuracy on authors (%)

($a\%$, $p\%$) of authors and papers labeled	nLB (A-A)	nLB (A-C-P-T)	wvRN (A-A)	wvRN (A-C-P-T)	LLGC (A-A)	LLGC (A-C-P-T)	GNetMine (A-C-P-T)	RankClass (A-C-P-T)
(0.1%, 0.1%)	25.4	26.0	40.8	34.1	41.4	61.3	82.9	83.9
(0.2%, 0.2%)	28.3	26.0	46.0	41.2	44.7	62.2	83.4	85.6
(0.3%, 0.3%)	28.4	27.4	48.6	42.5	48.8	65.7	86.7	88.3
(0.4%, 0.4%)	30.7	26.7	46.3	45.6	48.7	66.0	87.2	88.8
(0.5%, 0.5%)	29.8	27.3	49.0	51.4	50.6	68.9	87.5	89.2
average	28.5	26.7	46.3	43.0	46.8	64.8	85.5	87.2

Table 4: Comparison of classification accuracy on papers (%)

($a\%$, $p\%$) of authors and papers labeled	nLB (P-P)	nLB (A-C-P-T)	wvRN (P-P)	wvRN (A-C-P-T)	LLGC (P-P)	LLGC (A-C-P-T)	GNetMine (A-C-P-T)	RankClass (A-C-P-T)
(0.1%, 0.1%)	49.8	31.5	62.0	42.0	67.2	62.7	79.2	77.7
(0.2%, 0.2%)	73.1	40.3	71.7	49.7	72.8	65.5	83.5	83.0
(0.3%, 0.3%)	77.9	35.4	77.9	54.3	76.8	66.6	83.2	83.6
(0.4%, 0.4%)	79.1	38.6	78.1	54.4	77.9	70.5	83.7	84.7
(0.5%, 0.5%)	80.7	39.3	77.9	53.5	79.0	73.5	84.1	84.8
average	72.1	37.0	73.5	50.8	74.7	67.8	82.7	82.8

Table 5: Comparison of classification accuracy on conferences (%)


($a\%$, $p\%$) of authors and papers labeled	nLB (A-C-P-T)	wvRN (A-C-P-T)	LLGC (A-C-P-T)	GNetMine (A-C-P-T)	RankClass (A-C-P-T)
(0.1%, 0.1%)	25.5	43.5	79.0	81.0	84.5
(0.2%, 0.2%)	22.5	56.0	83.5	85.0	85.5
(0.3%, 0.3%)	25.0	59.0	87.0	87.0	87.0
(0.4%, 0.4%)	25.0	57.0	86.5	89.5	90.5
(0.5%, 0.5%)	25.0	68.0	90.0	94.0	95.0
average	24.6	56.7	85.2	87.3	88.5

Experiments with Very Small Training Set

- ❑ DBLP: 4-fields data set (DB, DM, AI, IR) forming a heterog. info. network
- ❑ Rank objects within each class (with extremely limited label information)
- ❑ Obtain High classification accuracy and excellent rankings within each class

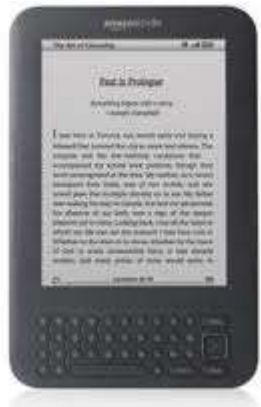
	Database	Data Mining	AI	IR
Top-5 ranked conferences	VLDB	KDD	IJCAI	SIGIR
	SIGMOD	SDM	AAAI	ECIR
	ICDE	ICDM	ICML	CIKM
	PODS	PKDD	CVPR	WWW
	EDBT	PAKDD	ECML	WSDM
Top-5 ranked terms	data	mining	learning	retrieval
	database	data	knowledge	information
	query	clustering	reasoning	web
	system	classification	logic	search
	xml	frequent	cognition	text

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Similarity Search: Find Similar Objects in Networks [Sun et al., VLDB'11]

- DBLP
 - Who are the most similar to “Christos Faloutsos”?
- IMDB
 - Which movies are the most similar to “Little Miss Sunshine”?
- E-Commerce
 - Which products are the most similar to “Kindle”?



How to systematically answer these questions in heterogeneous information networks?

Existing Link-based Similarity Functions

- Existing similarity functions in networks
 - Personalized PageRank (P-PageRank) [Jeh and Widom, 2003]
 - SimRank [Jeh and Widom, 2002]
- Drawbacks
 - Do not distinguish object type and link type
 - Limitations on the similarity measures
 - To return highly visible objects or pure objects in the network

Network Schema and Meta-Path

Objects are connected together via different types of relationships!

“Jim-P1-Ann”

“Mike-P2-Ann”

“Mike-P3-Bob”

Author-Paper-Author

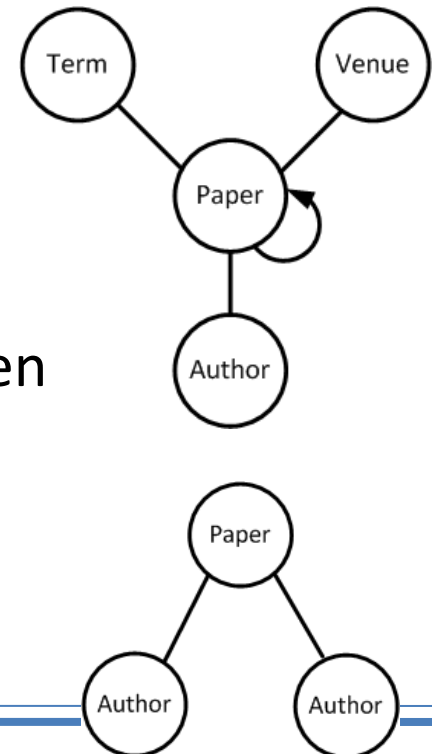
“Jim-P1-SIGMOD-P2-Ann”

“Mike-P3-SIGMOD-P2-Ann”

“Mike-P4-KDD-P5-Bob”

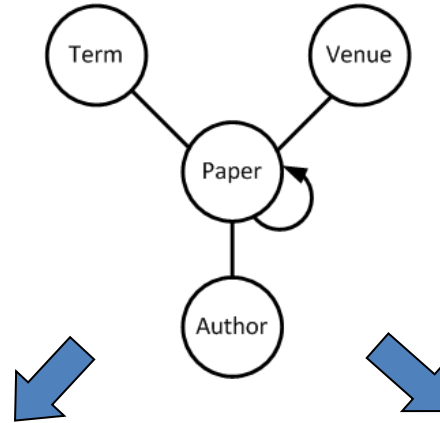
Author-Paper-Venue-Paper-Author

- Network schema
 - Meta-level description of a network
- Meta-Path
 - **Meta-level description** of a path between two objects
 - **A path** on network schema
 - Denote an existing or concatenated **relation** between two object types



Different Meta-Paths Tell Different Semantics

- Who are most similar to Christos Faloutsos?



Meta-Path: Author-Paper-Author

Rank	Author	Score
1	Christos Faloutsos	1
2	Spiros Papadimitriou	0.127
3	Jimeng Sun	0.12
4	Jia-Yu Pan	0.114
5	Agma J. M. Traina	0.110
6	Jure Leskovec	0.096
7	Caetano Traina Jr.	0.096
8	Hanghang Tong	0.091
9	Deepayan Chakrabarti	0.083
10	Flip Korn	0.053

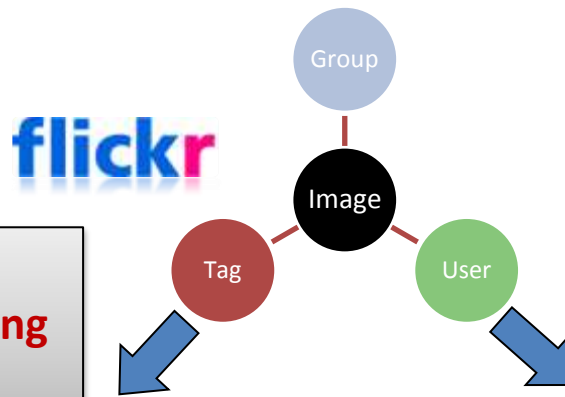
Meta-Path: Author-Paper-Venue-Paper-Author

Rank	Author	Score
1	Christos Faloutsos	1
2	Jiawei Han	0.842
3	Rakesh Agrawal	0.838
4	Jian Pei	0.8
5	Charu C. Aggarwal	0.739
6	H. V. Jagadish	0.705
7	Raghu Ramakrishnan	0.697
8	Nick Koudas	0.689
9	Surajit Chaudhuri	0.677
10	Divesh Srivastava	0.661

Christos's students or close collaborators **Work on similar topics and have similar reputation**

Some Meta-Path Is “Better” Than Others

- Which pictures are most similar to  ?



**Evaluate the similarity
between images according
to their linked tags**

Meta-Path: *Image-Tag-Image*



(a) top-1

(b) top-2

(c) top-3



(d) top-4

(e) top-5



(f) top-6

**Evaluate the similarity
between images according
to tags and groups**

Meta-Path: *Image-Tag-Image-Group-Image-Tag-Image*



(a) top-1

(b) top-2

(c) top-3



(d) top-4

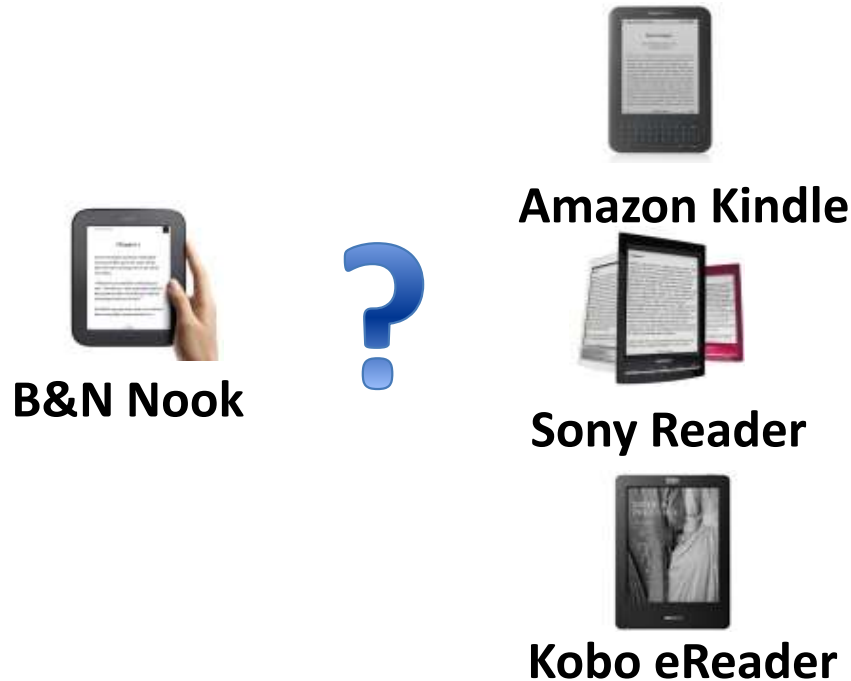
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(f) top-6



PathSim: Similarity in Terms of “Peers”

- Why peers?
 - Strongly connected, while **similar visibility**

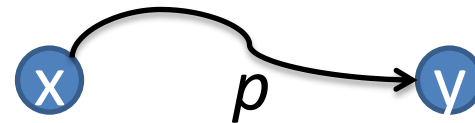


- In addition to meta-path
 - Need to consider **similarity measures**

Limitations of Existing Similarity Measures

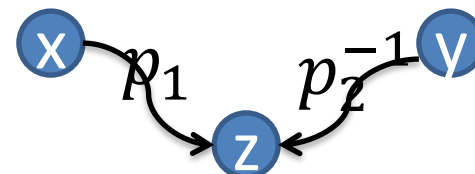
- Random walk (RW)

- $s(x, y) = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \text{Prob}(p)$
- Used in **Personalized PageRank (P-PageRank)**
- Favor **highly visible** objects
 - objects with large degrees

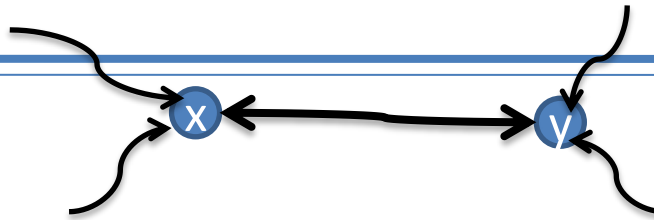


- Pairwise random walk (PRW)

- $s(x, y) = \sum_{(p_1, p_2) \in (\mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{P}_2)} \text{Prob}(p_1) \text{Prob}(p_2^{-1})$
- Used in **SimRank**
- Favor **“pure”** objects
 - objects with highly skewed distribution in their in-links or out-links



Only PathSim Can Find Peers



- PathSim

- Normalized path count between x and y following meta-path \mathcal{P}

$$s(x, y) = \frac{2 \times |\{p_{x \rightsquigarrow y} : p_{x \rightsquigarrow y} \in \mathcal{P}\}|}{|\{p_{x \rightsquigarrow x} : p_{x \rightsquigarrow x} \in \mathcal{P}\}| + |\{p_{y \rightsquigarrow y} : p_{y \rightsquigarrow y} \in \mathcal{P}\}|}$$

Visibility of x

Visibility of y

- Favor **“peers”**:

- objects with strong connectivity and similar visibility under the given meta-path

- Calculation

- For $\mathcal{P}: A_1 - A_2 - \dots - A_l - A_{l-1} - \dots - A_1$

- $M = W_{A_1 A_2} W_{A_2 A_3} \dots W_{A_{l-1} A_l} W_{A_l A_{l-1}} \dots W_{A_3 A_2} W_{A_2 A_1}$

- $s(x, y) = \frac{2M_{xy}}{M_{xx} + M_{yy}}$

- A co-clustering based pruning algorithm is provided

» 18.23% - 68.04% efficiency improvement over the baseline

Properties of PathSim

- Symmetric
 - $s(x, y) = s(y, x)$
- Self-Maximum
 - $s(x, y) \in [0, 1]$, and $s(x, x) = 1$
- Balance of visibility
 - $$s(x, y) \leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{M_{xx}/M_{yy}} + \sqrt{M_{yy}/M_{xx}}}$$
 - M_{xx} is the number of path instances starting from x and ending with x following the given meta path
- Limiting behavior
 - If repeating a pattern of meta path infinite times, PathSim degenerates to authority ranking comparison

Long meta-path without introducing new relationships is not that helpful!

Find Academic Peers by PathSim

- Anhai Doan

- CS, Wisconsin
- Database area
- PhD: 2002



- Jignesh Patel

- CS, Wisconsin
- Database area
- PhD: 1998

Meta-Path: *Author-Paper-Venue-Paper-Author* ↓

Rank	P-PageRank	SimRank	PathSim
1	AnHai Doan	AnHai Doan	AnHai Doan
2	Philip S. Yu	Douglas W. Cornell	<u>Jignesh M. Patel</u>
3	Jiawei Han	Adam Silberstein	<u>Amol Deshpande</u>
4	Hector Garcia-Molina	Samuel DeFazio	<u>Jun Yang</u>
5	Gerhard Weikum	Curt Ellmann	<u>Renée J. Miller</u>



- Amol Deshpande

- CS, Maryland
- Database area
- PhD: 2004




- Jun Yang

- CS, Duke
- Database area
- PhD: 2001

Meta-Path: A Key Concept for Mining Heterogeneous Networks

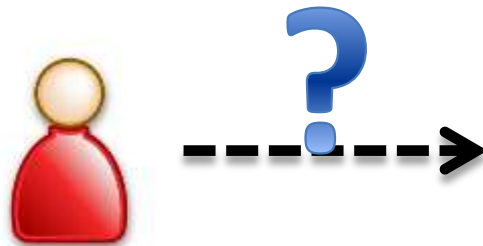
- Search and Query System
 - PathSim [Sun et al., VLDB'11]
 - User-guided similarity search [Yu et al., CIKM'12]
- Relationship Prediction
 - PathPredict [Sun et al., ASONAM'11]
 - Co-authorship prediction using meta-path-based similarity
 - PathPredict_when [Sun et al., WSDM'12]
 - When a relationship will happen
 - Citation prediction [Yu et al., SDM'12]
 - Meta-path + topic
- User-Guided Clustering
 - PathSelClus [Sun et al., KDD'12]
 - Meta-path selection + clustering
- Recommendation System
 - Ongoing work

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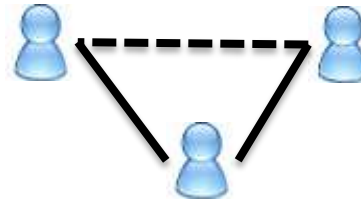
Meta-Path-Based Relationship Prediction

- Wide applications
 - Whom should I **collaborate** with?
 - Which paper should I **cite** for this topic?
 - Whom else should I **follow** on Twitter?
 - Whether Ann will **buy** the book “Steve Jobs”?
 - Whether Bob will **click** the ad on hotel?
 - ...



Relationship Prediction vs. Link Prediction

- Link prediction in homogeneous networks [Liben-Nowell and Kleinberg, 2003, Hasan et al., 2006]
 - E.g., friendship prediction



- Relationship prediction in heterogeneous networks
 - **Target:** Different types of relationships need different prediction models

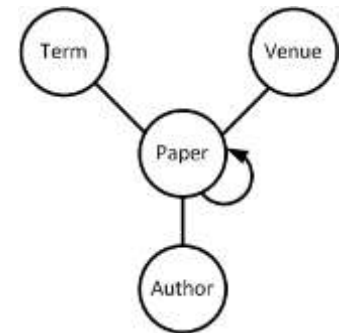


- **Features:** Different connection paths need to be treated separately!
 - **Meta-path-based approach** to define topological features.



PathPredict: Meta-Path Based Co-authorship Prediction in DBLP [Sun et al., ASONAM'11]

- Co-authorship prediction problem
 - Whether two authors are going to collaborate for the first time
- Co-authorship encoded in meta-path
 - Author-Paper-Author
- Topological features encoded in meta-paths



Meta-Path	Semantic Meaning
$A - P \rightarrow P - A$	a_i cites a_j
$A - P \leftarrow P - A$	a_i is cited by a_j
$A - P - V - P - A$	a_i and a_j publish in the same venues
$A - P - A - P - A$	a_i and a_j are co-authors of the same authors
$A - P - T - P - A$	a_i and a_j write the same topics
$A - P \rightarrow P \rightarrow P - A$	a_i cites papers that cite a_j
$A - P \leftarrow P \leftarrow P - A$	a_i is cited by papers that are cited by a_j
$A - P \rightarrow P \leftarrow P - A$	a_i and a_j cite the same papers
$A - P \leftarrow P \rightarrow P - A$	a_i and a_j are cited by the same papers

Meta-paths between authors under length 4

The Power of PathPredict

- Explain the prediction power of each meta-path

- Wald Test for logistic regression

Social relations play very important role?

- Higher prediction accuracy than using projected homogeneous network

- **11%** higher in prediction accuracy

Meta Path	p-value	significance level ¹
$A - P \rightarrow P - A$	0.0378	**
$A - P \leftarrow P - A$	0.0077	***
$A - P - V - P - A$	1.2974e-174	****
$A - P - A - P - A$	1.1484e-126	****
$A - P - T - P - A$	3.4867e-51	****
$A - P \rightarrow P \rightarrow P - A$	0.7459	
$A - P \leftarrow P \leftarrow P - A$	0.0647	*
$A - P \rightarrow P \leftarrow P - A$	9.7641e-11	****
$A - P \leftarrow P \rightarrow P - A$	0.0966	*

¹ *: $p < 0.1$; **: $p < 0.05$; ***: $p < 0.01$; ****: $p < 0.001$

Rank	Hybrid heterogeneous features	# Shared authors
1	Philip S. Yu	Philip S. Yu
2	Raymond T. Ng	Ming-Syan Chen
3	Osmar R. Zaiane	Divesh Srivastava
4	Ling Feng	Kotagiri Ramamohanarao
5	David Wai-Lok Cheung	Jeffrey Xu Yu

Co-author prediction for **Jian Pei**: Only 42 among 4809 candidates are true first-time co-authors!

(Feature collected in [1996, 2002]; Test period in [2003,2009])

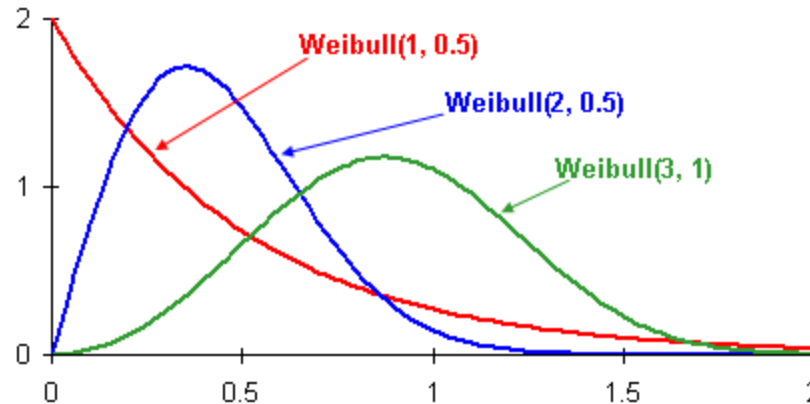
When Will It Happen? [Sun et al., WSDM'12]

- From “whether” to “when”

- “Whether”: Will *Jim* rent the movie “*Avatar*” in Netflix?

Output: $P(X=1)=?$

- “When”: When will *Jim* rent the movie “*Avatar*”?



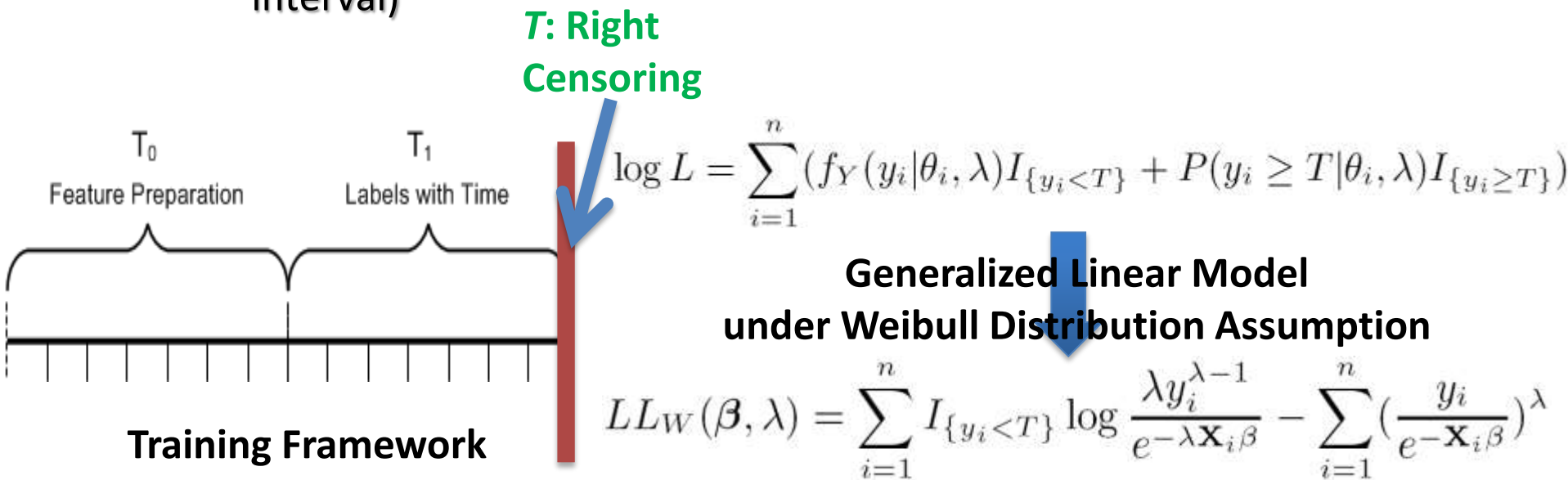
Output: A distribution of time!

- What is the probability Jim will rent “Avatar” *within 2 months*?
 - $P(Y \leq 2)$
- By when** Jim will rent “Avatar” with 90% probability?
 - $t: P(Y \leq t) = 0.9$
- What is the **expected time** it will take for Jim to rent “Avatar”?
 - $E(Y)$

May provide useful information to supply chain management

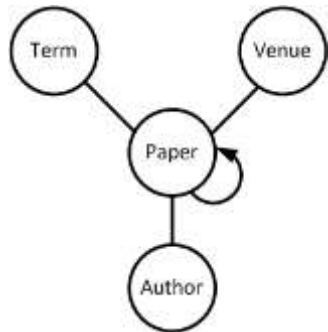
The Relationship Building Time Prediction Model

- Solution
 - Directly **model relationship building time**: $P(Y=t)$
 - Geometric distribution, Exponential distribution, Weibull distribution
 - Use **generalized linear model**
 - Deal with censoring (relationship builds beyond the observed time interval)



Author Citation Time Prediction in DBLP

- Top-4 meta-paths for author citation time prediction



$A - P - T - P - A$

Study the same topic

$A - P \leftarrow P \rightarrow P - A$

Co-cited by the same paper

$A - P - A - P \rightarrow P - A$

Follow co-authors' citation

$A - P - T - P - A - P \rightarrow P - A$

Follow the citations of authors who study the same topic


Social relations are less important in author citation prediction than in co-author prediction.

- Predict when Philip S. Yu will cite a new author

a_i	a_j	Ground Truth	Median	Mean	25% quantile	75% quantile
Philip S. Yu	Ling Liu	1	2.2386	3.4511	0.8549	4.7370
Philip S. Yu	Christian S. Jensen	3	2.7840	4.2919	1.0757	5.8911
Philip S. Yu	C. Lee Giles	0	8.3985	12.9474	3.2450	17.7717
Philip S. Yu	Stefano Ceri	0	0.5729	0.8833	0.2214	1.2124
Philip S. Yu	David Maier	9+	2.5675	3.9581	0.9920	5.4329
Philip S. Yu	Tong Zhang	9+	9.5371	14.7028	3.6849	20.1811
Philip S. Yu	Rudi Studer	9+	9.7752	15.0698	3.7769	20.6849

Under Weibull distribution assumption

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Relation Strength-Aware Clustering of Heterogeneous InfoNet with Incomplete Attributes [Sun et al., VLDB'12]

- **Content-Rich** Heterogeneous information networks become increasingly popular
 - Heterogeneous links + (incomplete) attributes
 - Examples
 - Social media
 - E-Commerce
 - Cyber-physical system
- **Soft clustering** objects using both link information and attribute information
 - E-Commerce: customers, products, comments, ...
 - Social websites: people, groups, books, posts, ...
- Understanding the **strengths for different relations** in determining object's cluster

The Attribute-Based Clustering Problem

Age	Salary	Interests	Locations
20	10K	Sports, Music	Champaign, Boston
22	50K	Movie, Music, Football	New York
50	150K	Shopping, Books	Chicago
52	120K	Painting, Music	Boston
25	100K	Cooking, Books	Chicago, Seattle

Customer Segmentation According to Customer Profiles

Temperature (F)	Precipitation (mm)
60	5
70	15
56	0
80	12
85	15

Weather Pattern Clustering According to Weather Sensor Records

Incomplete Attributes

Age	Salary	Interests	Locations
20	10K	Sports, Music	Champaign, Boston
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
50	N/A	Shopping, Books	N/A
52	120K	N/A	Boston
N/A	100K	Cooking, Books	Chicago, Seattle

**Object level:
Missing data obs.**

Customer Segmentation According to Customer Profiles

Temperature (F)	Precipitation (mm)
N/A	5
N/A	15
N/A	20
80	N/A
85	N/A

Schema level: Some type of objects only contains partial attribute types


Precip. Sensor Type


Temp. Sensor Type

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The Links Help!

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Friendship

Family relationship

Schoolmate relationship

Colleague relationship

.....

KNN relationship

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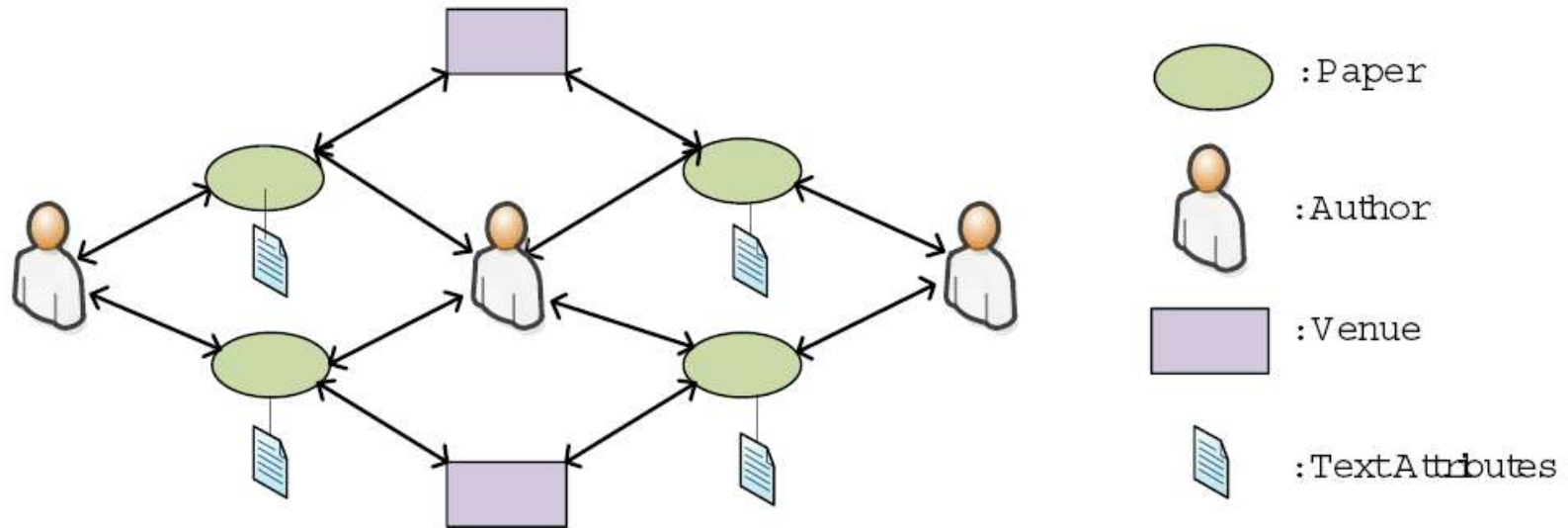
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Temp. Sensor Type

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Example 1: Bibliographic Information Network



Link type:

- Paper-Author, Paper-Venue, (Paper->Paper)

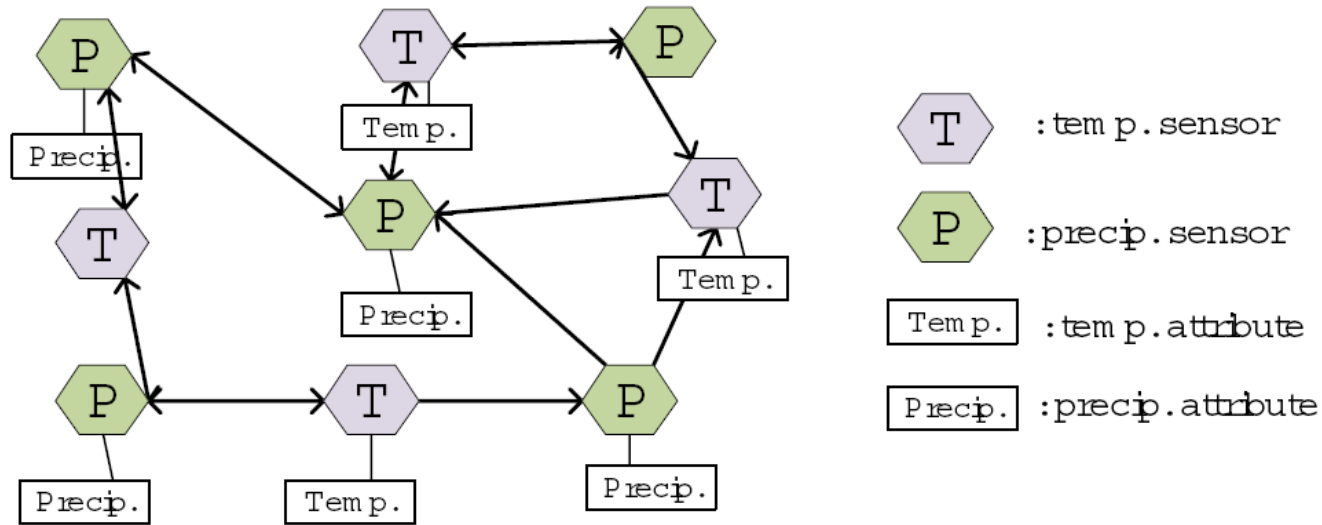
Attribute type:

- Text attribute for Paper type

Goal:

- Clustering authors, venues, papers into different research areas

Example 2: Weather Sensor Information Network



Link type:

- T->P, T->T, P->P, P->T (According to KNN relationships)

Attribute type:

- Temperature attribute for T-typed sensors, Precipitation attribute for P-typed sensors

Goal:

- Clustering both types of sensors into different regional weather patterns

Challenges

- Attributes are **incomplete** for objects
 - Not every type of objects contained the user specified attributes
 - E.g., Temperature typed sensors are only associated with temperature attributes
 - Missing value
 - E.g., some sensor may contain no observations due to malfunctioning
- Links are **heterogeneous**
 - Different types of links carry different importance in enhancing the quality of attribute-based clustering results
 - E.g., which type of links are more trustable to determine a person's political interest: friendship or person-like-book relationship?

Solution Overview

- Modeling **attribute generation** and **structural consistency** in a unified framework

$$p(\{\{v[X]\}_{v \in V_X}\}_{X \in \mathcal{X}}, \Theta | G, \gamma, \beta) = \prod_{X \in \mathcal{X}} p(\{v[X]\}_{v \in V_X} | \Theta, \beta) p(\Theta | G, \gamma)$$

- Attribute generation as a mixture model

- $$p(\{v[X]\}_{v \in V_X} | \Theta, \beta) = \prod_{v \in V_X} \prod_{x \in v[X]} \sum_{k=1}^K \theta_{v,k} p(x | \beta_k)$$

- $v[X]$: *observed values for Attribute X on Object v*
- Θ : *soft clustering membership matrix*
- β : *parameters associated with each mixture model component*

- Structural consistency as a log-linear model

- $$p(\Theta | G, \gamma) = \frac{1}{Z(\gamma)} \exp\left\{ \sum_{e=\langle v_i, v_j \rangle \in E} f(\theta_i, \theta_j, e, \gamma) \right\}$$

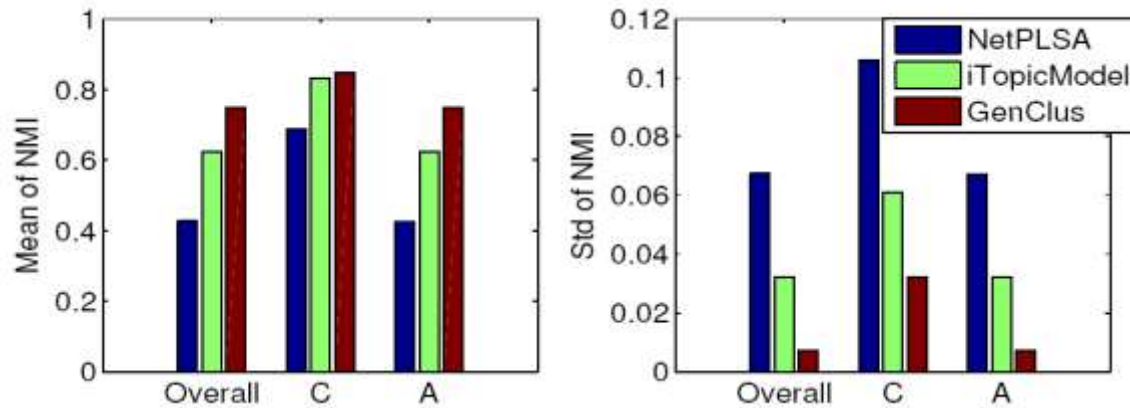
- γ : *relation strength vector*

The Objective Function and the Algorithm Overview

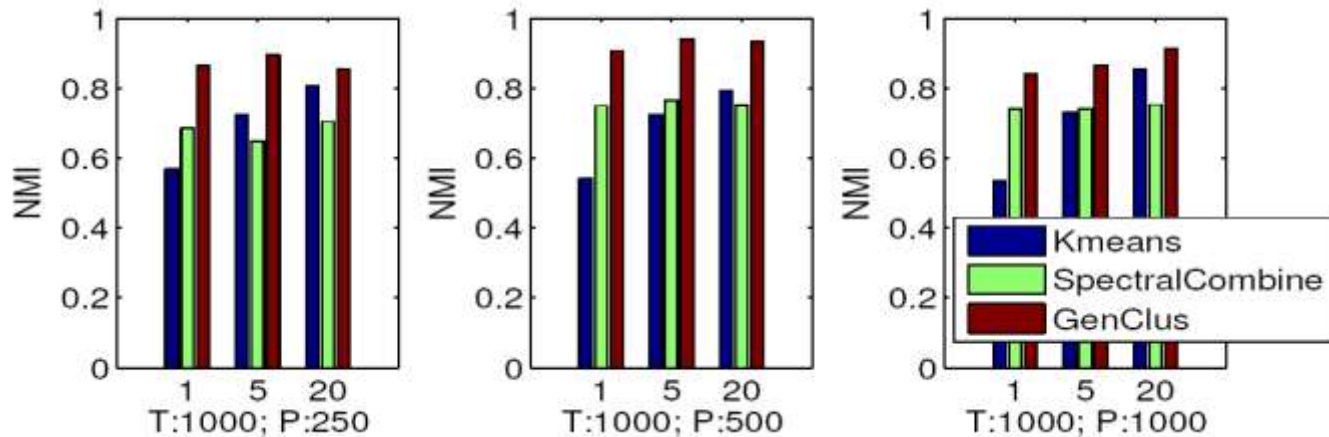
$$g(\Theta, \beta, \gamma) = \underbrace{\log \sum_{X \in \mathcal{X}} p(\{v[X]\}_{v \in V_X} | \Theta, \beta)}_{\text{Attribute Generation}} + \underbrace{\log p(\Theta | G, \gamma)}_{\text{Structural Consistency}} - \underbrace{\frac{||\gamma||^2}{2\sigma^2}}_{\text{Regularization Term}}$$

- The clustering algorithm
 - Iterative algorithm
 - Step 1: Fix the relation strength and optimize the clustering result
 - Cluster optimization
 - Step 2: Fix the clustering result and optimize the relation strength
 - Relation strength learning

Higher Accuracy and More Stable Clustering Results

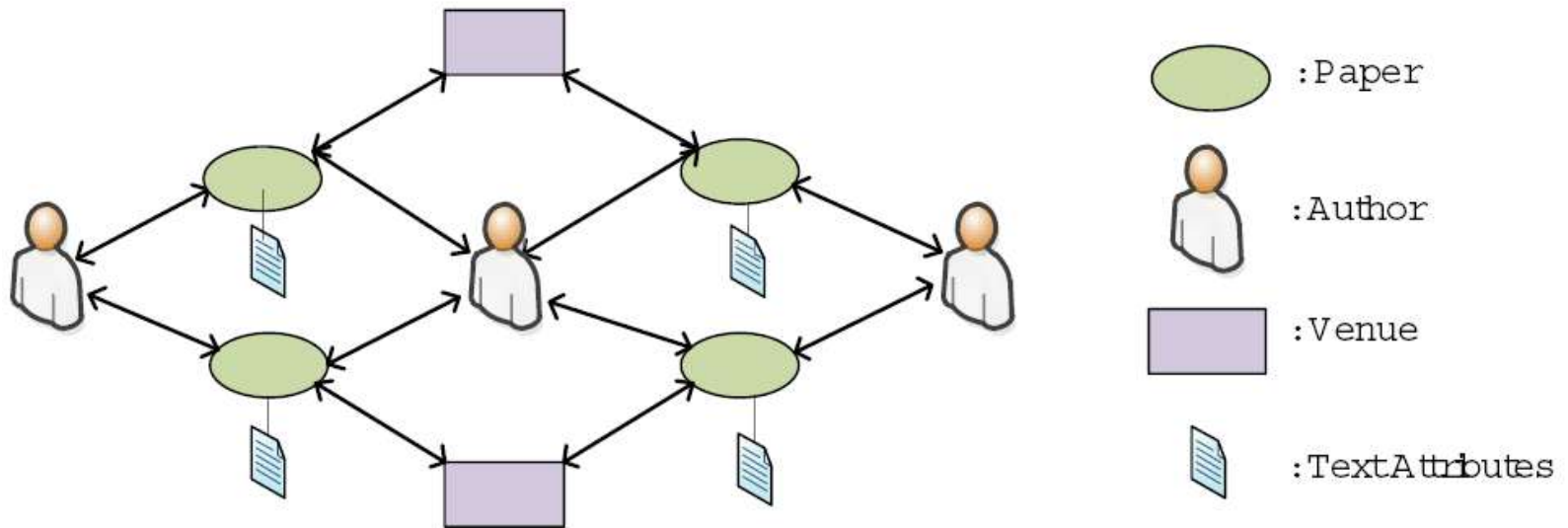


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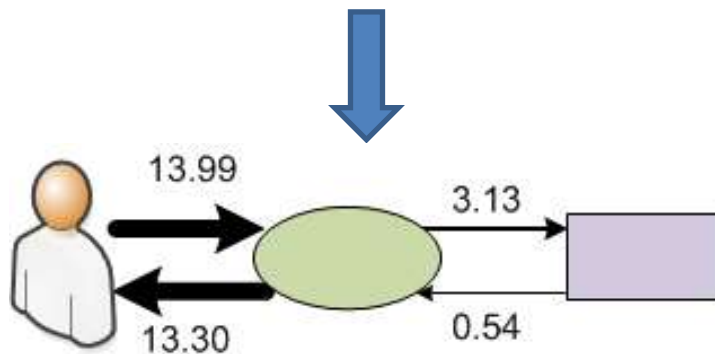


Clustering Accuracy Comparisons for Weather Sensor Network

Intuitive relation strength weights



DBLP Bibliographic Network



A paper's research area is more determined by its authors than its venue (13.30 vs. 3.13)

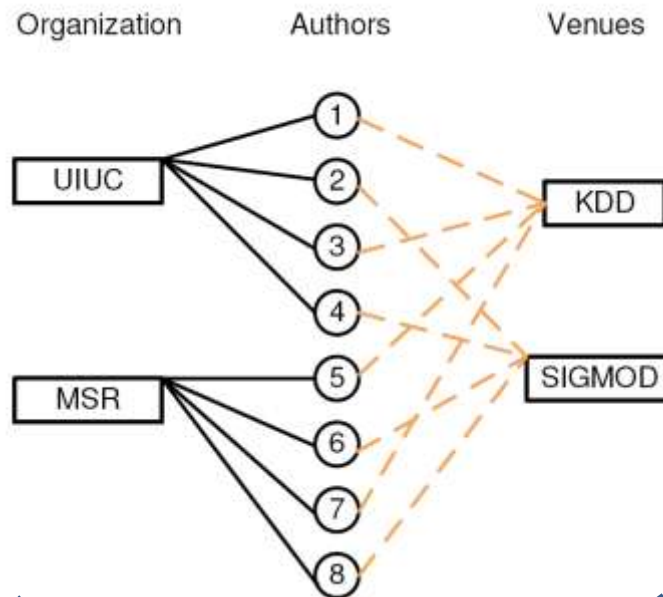
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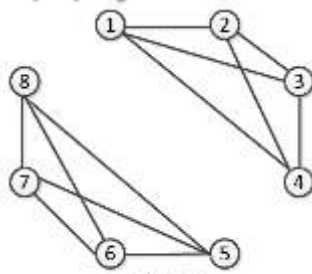
Why Meta-Path Selection? [Sun et al., KDD'12]

- Goal: Clustering authors based on their connection in the network

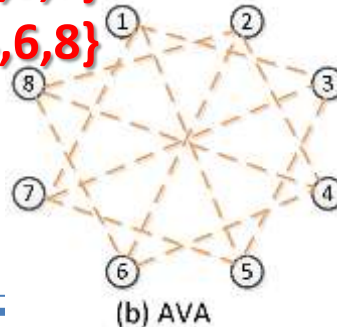


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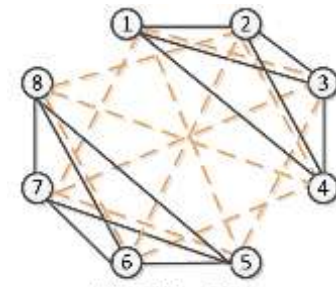
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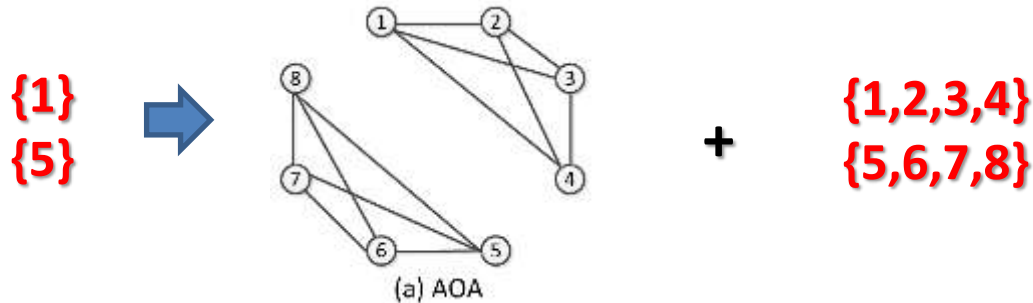


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The Role of User Guidance

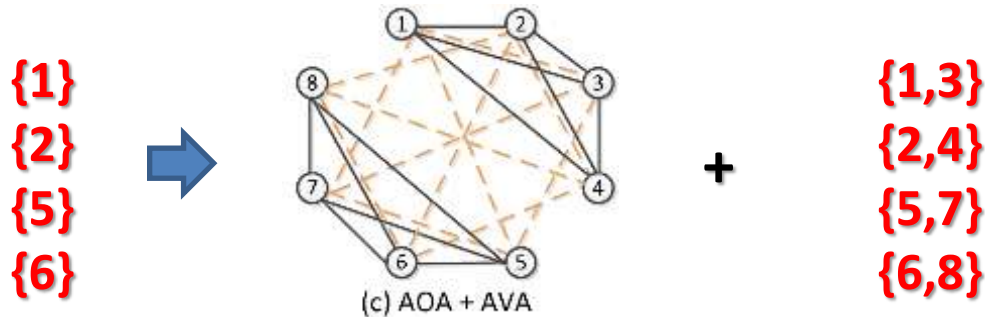
- It is users' responsibility to specify their clustering purpose
 - Say, by giving seeds in each cluster



Seeds

Meta-path(s)

Clustering Result



Seeds

Meta-path(s)

Clustering Result

The Problem of User-Guided Clustering with Meta-Path Selection

- Input:
 - The target type for clustering: T
 - Number of clusters: K
 - Seeds in *some* of the clusters: L_1, L_2, \dots, L_K
 - M Candidate meta-paths starting from T : $\mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{P}_2, \dots, \mathcal{P}_M$
- Output:
 - The **quality weight** for each candidate meta-path in the clustering process
 - α_m
 - The **clustering results** that are consistent with the user guidance
 - θ_i

Existing Link-based User-Guided Clustering Approaches

- Link-based clustering algorithms on homogeneous networks
 - Treat all types of links equally important (Zhu et al., 2003)
- Distinguish different relations in HIN, but use *ALL* the relations in the network
 - Do not distinguish different clustering tasks with different semantic meanings (Long et al., 2007)

The Probabilistic Model

- Part 1: Modeling the Relationship Generation
 - A good clustering result should lead to high likelihood in observing existing relationships
 - Keep in mind: higher quality relations should count more in the total likelihood
- Part 2: Modeling the Guidance from Users
 - The more consistent with the guidance, the higher probability of the clustering result
- Part 3: Modeling the Quality Weights for Meta-Paths
 - The more consistent with the clustering result, the higher quality weight



Objective Function

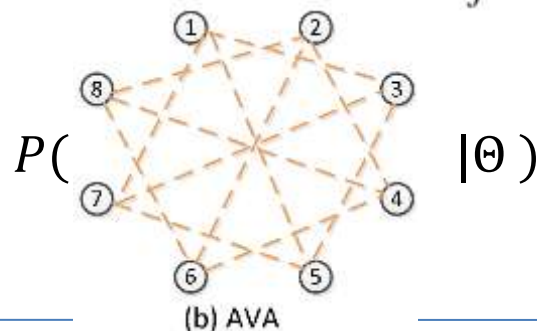
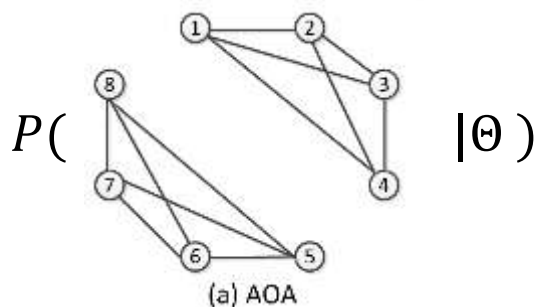
$$J = \sum_i \left(\sum_m \log P(\boldsymbol{\pi}_{i,m} | \alpha_m \mathbf{w}_{i,m}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_i, B_m) \right) + \sum_k \mathbf{1}_{\{t_i \in \mathcal{L}_k\}} \lambda \log \theta_{ik}$$

Part 1: Modeling the Relationship Generation

- For each meta path \mathcal{P}_m , let the relation matrix be W_m :
 - The relationship $\langle t_i, f_{j,m} \rangle$ is generated under **a mixture of multinomial distributions**
 - $\pi_{ij,m} = P(j|i, m) = \sum_k P(k|i)P(j|k, m) = \sum_k \theta_{ik}\beta_{kj,m}$
 - θ_{ik} : the probability that t_i belongs to Cluster k
 - $\beta_{kj,m}$: the probability that feature object $f_{j,m}$ appearing in Cluster k
 - The probability to observing all the relationships in \mathcal{P}_m

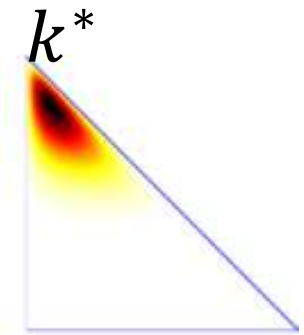
$$P(W_m | \Pi_m, \Theta, B_m) = \prod_i P(\mathbf{w}_{i,m} | \boldsymbol{\pi}_{i,m}, \Theta, B_m) = \prod_i \prod_j (\pi_{ij,m})^{w_{ij,m}}$$

E.g.,



Part 2: Modeling the Guidance from Users

- For each soft clustering probability vector θ_i :
 - Model it as generated from a **Dirichlet prior**
 - If t_i is labeled as a seed in Cluster k^*
 - $\theta_i \sim \text{Dir}(\lambda \mathbf{e}_{k^*} + \mathbf{1})$
 - » \mathbf{e}_{k^*} is an all-zero vector except for item k^* , which is 1
 - » λ is the user confidence for the guidance
 - If t_i is not labeled in any cluster
 - $\theta_i \sim \text{Dir}(\mathbf{1})$
 - » The prior density is uniform, a special case of Dirichlet distribution



$$p(\theta_i | \lambda) = \begin{cases} \prod_k \theta_{ik}^{\mathbf{1}_{\{t_i \in \mathcal{L}_k\}} \lambda} = \theta_{ik^*}^\lambda, & \text{if } t_i \text{ is labeled and } t_i \in \mathcal{L}_{k^*}, \\ 1, & \text{if } t_i \text{ is not labeled.} \end{cases}$$

Part 3: Modeling the Quality Weights for Meta-Paths

- Model quality weight α_m as the **relative weight** for each relationship in W_m
 - Observation of relationships: $W_m \rightarrow \alpha_m W_m$
- Further assume relationship generation with Dirichlet Prior: $\pi_{i,m} \sim \text{Dir}(\mathbf{1})$
- The best α_m : the most likely to generate current clustering-based parameters

Dirichlet Distribution

- $$\alpha_m^* = \arg \max_{\alpha_m} \prod_i P(\pi_{i,m} | \alpha_m \mathbf{w}_{i,m}, \theta_i, B_m)$$

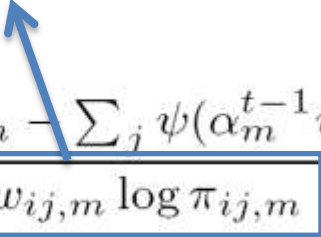
- when α_m is **small**, $\pi_{i,m}$ is more likely to be a uniform distribution
 - Random generated**
- when α_m is **large**, $\pi_{i,m}$ is more likely to be $\frac{w_{i,m}}{n_{i,m}}$, what we observed
 - Consistent with the observation**

The Learning Algorithm

- An *Iterative algorithm* that the clustering result Θ and quality weight vector α mutually enhance each other
 - Step 1: Optimize Θ given α
 - θ_i is determined by all the relation matrices with different weights α_m , as well as the labeled seeds

$$\theta_{ik}^t \propto \sum \alpha_m \sum w_{ij,m} p(z_{ij,m} = k | \Theta^{t-1}, B^{t-1}) + \mathbf{1}_{\{t_i \in \mathcal{L}_k\}} \lambda$$

- Step 2: Optimize α given Θ
 - In general, the higher **likelihood of observing W_m given Θ** , the higher α_m

$$\alpha_m^t = \alpha_m^{t-1} \frac{\sum_i (\psi(\alpha_m^{t-1} n_{im} + |F_m|) n_{i,m} - \sum_j \psi(\alpha_m^{t-1} w_{ij,m} + 1) w_{ij,m})}{-\sum_i \sum_j w_{ij,m} \log \pi_{ij,m}}$$


Experiments

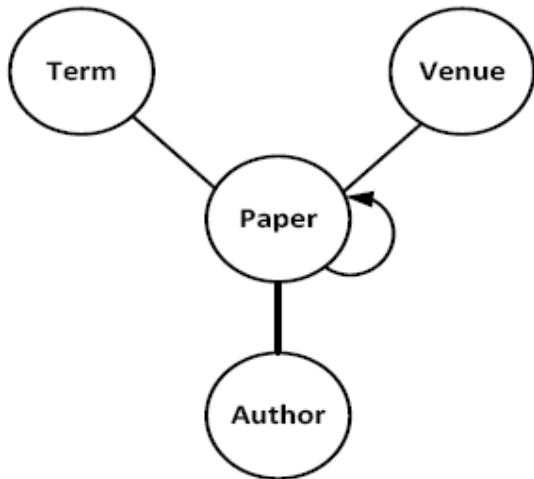
- Datasets

- DBLP

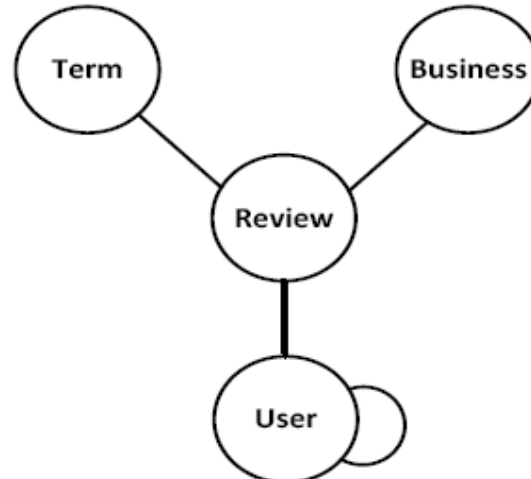
- Object Types: Authors, Venues, Papers, Terms
 - Relation Types: AP, PA, VP, PV, TP, PT

- Yelp

- Object Types: Users, Businesses, Reviews, Terms
 - Relation Types: UR, RU, BR, RB, TR, RT



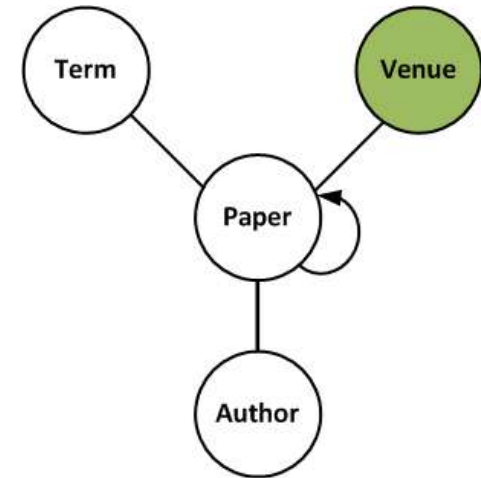
(a) DBLP



(b) Yelp

DBLP-T1: Clustering Venues According to Research Areas

- Task:
 - Target objects: venues
 - Number of clusters: 4;
 - Candidate meta-paths: $V-P-A-P-V$, $V-P-T-P-V$
- Output:
 - Weights:
 - $V-P-A-P-V$: 1576 (0.0017 per relationship)
 - $V-P-T-P-V$: 17001 (0.0003 per relationship)
 - Clustering results:



#S	Measure	PathSelClus	LP	ITC	LP_voting	LP_soft	ITC_voting	ITC_soft
1	Accuracy	0.9950	0.6500	0.6900	0.6500	0.6650	0.6450	0.5100
	NMI	0.9906	0.6181	0.6986	0.6181	0.5801	0.5903	0.5316
2	Accuracy	1	0.7500	0.8450	0.7500	0.8200	0.8950	0.8700
	NMI	1	0.6734	0.7752	0.6734	0.7492	0.8321	0.7942

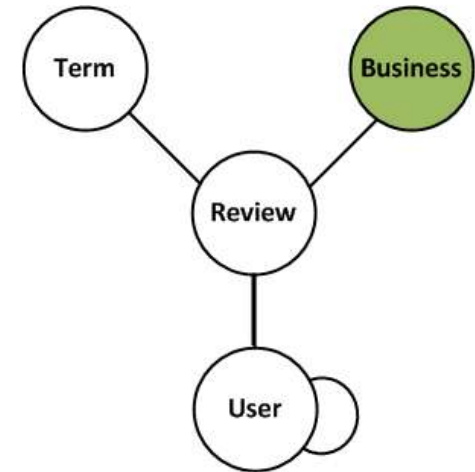
Yelp-T2: Clustering Restaurants According to Categories

- Task:

- Target objects: restaurants
- Number of clusters: 6;
- Candidate meta-paths: $B-R-U-R-B$, $B-R-T-R-B$.

- Output:

- Weights:
 - $B-R-U-R-B$: 6000 (0.1716 per relationship, compared with 0.5864 for clustering shopping categories)
 - $B-R-T-R-B$: 2.9522×10^7 (0.0138 per relationship)



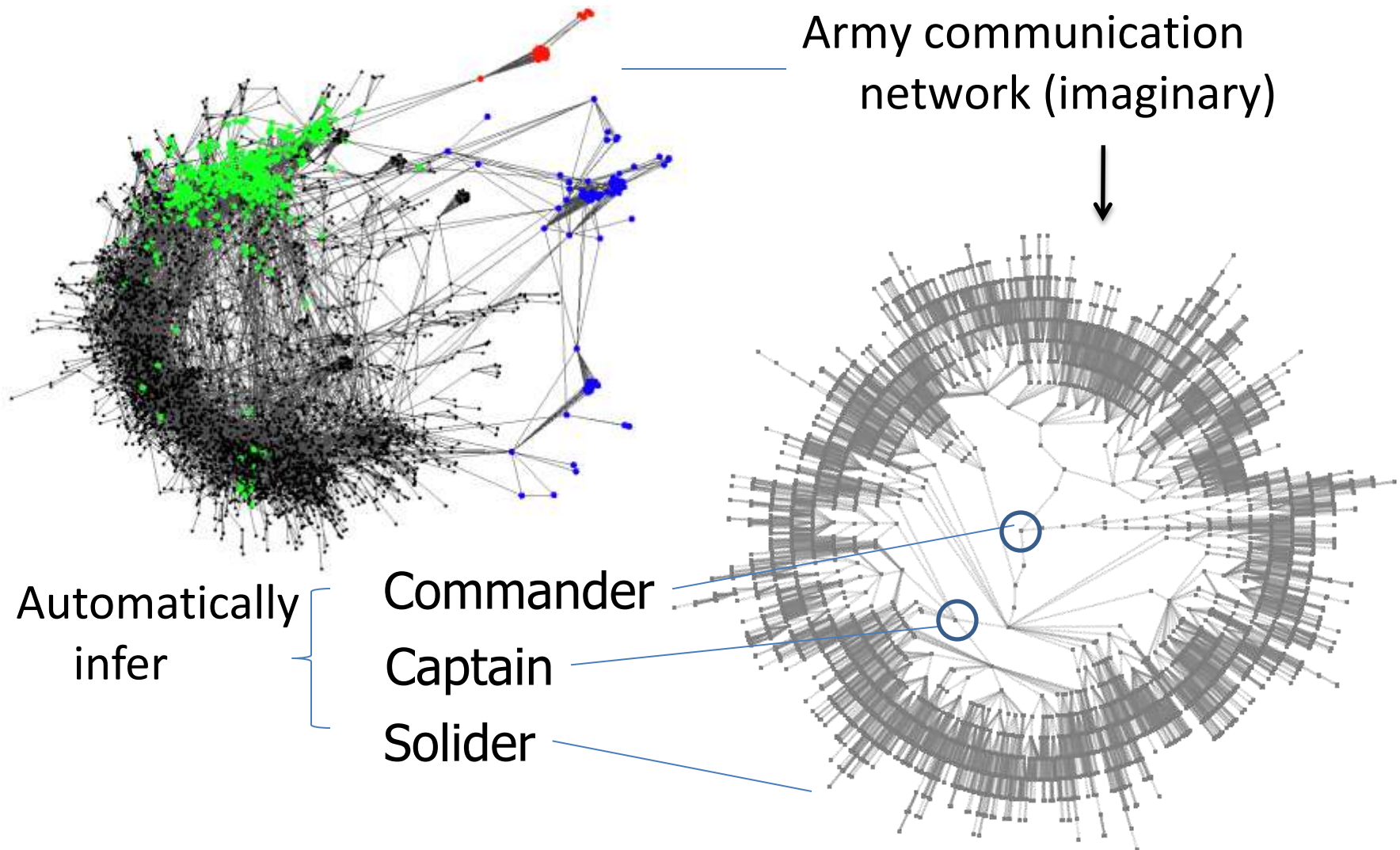
%S	Measure	PathSelClus	LP	ITC	LP_voting	LP_soft	ITC_voting	ITC_soft
1%	Accuracy	0.7435	0.1137	0.1758	0.2112	0.2112	0.2430	0.2022
	NMI	0.6517	0.0323	0.0178	0.0578	0.0578	0.2308	0.2490
2%	Accuracy	0.8004	0.1264	0.1910	0.2202	0.2202	0.2762	0.2792
	NMI	0.6803	0.0487	0.0150	0.0801	0.0801	0.2099	0.2907
5%	Accuracy	0.8125	0.2653	0.2200	0.2437	0.2437	0.3049	0.3240
	NMI	0.6894	0.1111	0.0220	0.1212	0.1212	0.2252	0.2692

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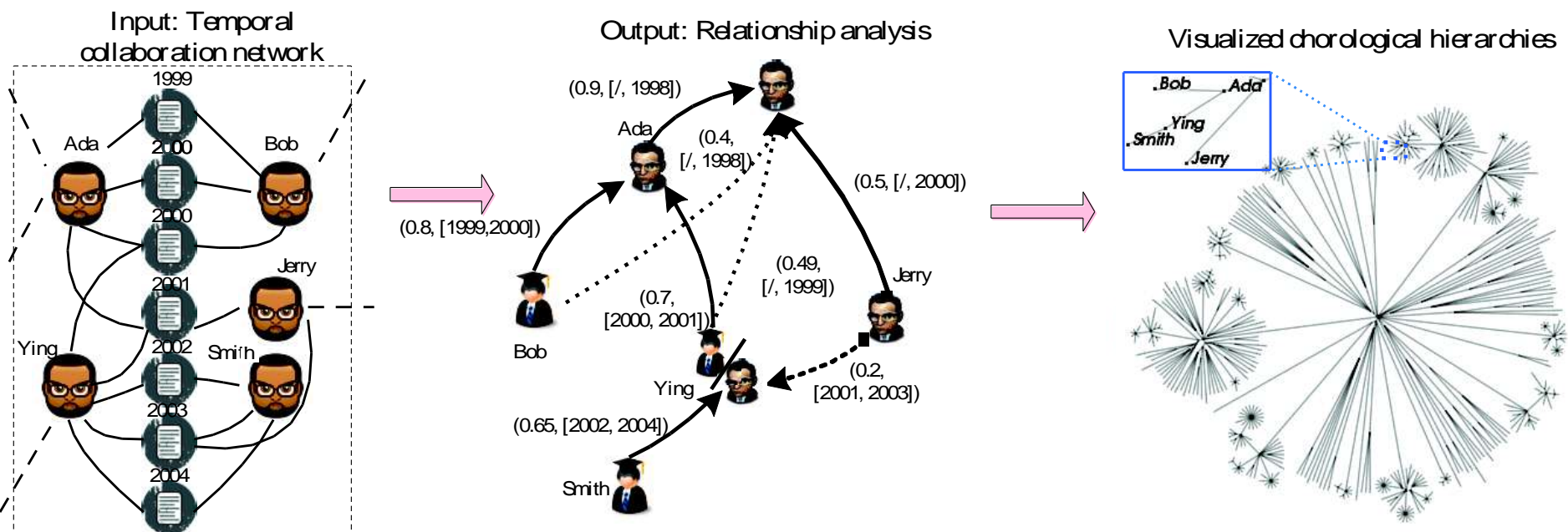


1. Role Discovery in Network: Why It Matters?



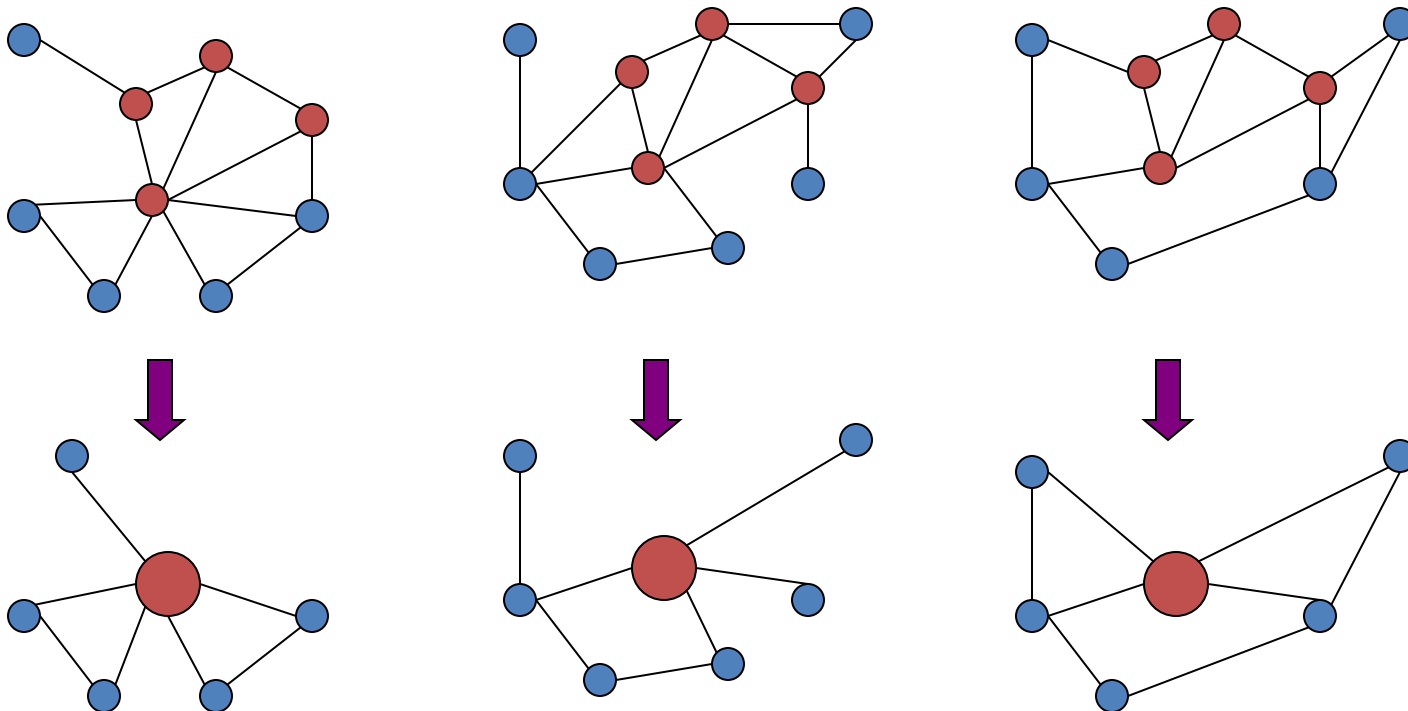
Discovery of Advisor-Advisee Relationships in DBLP Network [Wang, KDD'10]

- Input: DBLP research publication network
- Output: Potential advising relationship and its ranking $(r, [st, ed])$
- Ref. C. Wang, J. Han, et al., “Mining Advisor-Advisee Relationships from Research Publication Networks”, SIGKDD 2010



2. Graph/Network Summarization: Graph Compression

- Extract common subgraphs and simplify graphs by condensing these subgraphs into nodes

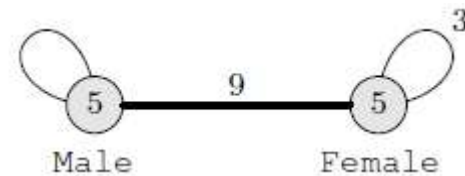


OLAP on Information Networks [Chen, ICDM'08]

- Why OLAP information networks?
- Advantages of OLAP: Interactive exploration of multi-dimensional and multi-level space in a data cube Infonet
 - Multi-dimensional: Different perspectives
 - Multi-level: Different granularities
- InfoNet OLAP: Roll-up/drill-down and slice/dice on information network data
 - Traditional OLAP cannot handle this, because they ignore links among data objects
- Handling two kinds of InfoNet OLAP
 - Informational OLAP
 - Topological OLAP

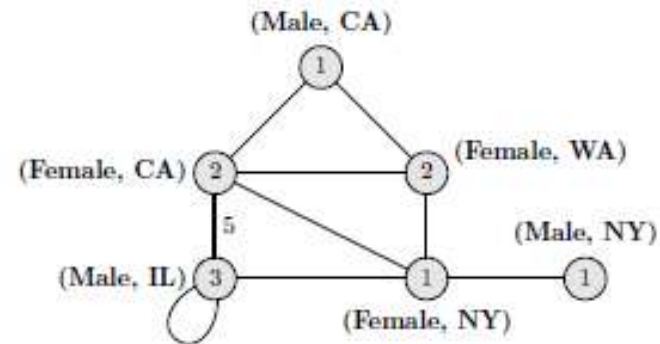
Conventional Group-by v.s. Network Summarization

Gender	COUNT(*)
Male	5
Female	5



Group by “Gender”

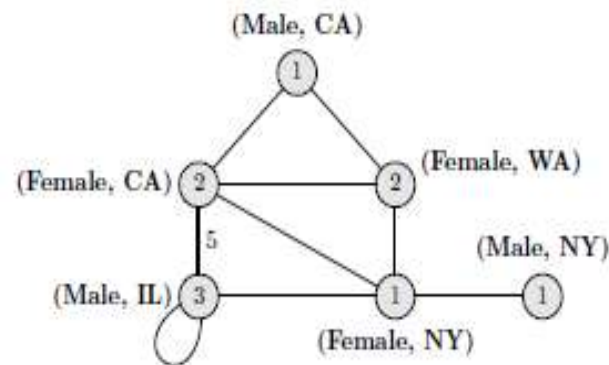
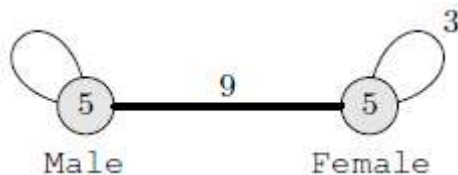
Gender	Location	COUNT(*)
Male	CA	1
Female	CA	2
Female	WA	2
Male	IL	3
Male	NY	1
Female	NY	1



Group by “Gender” and “Location”

OLAP on Graph Cube [Zhao et al., SIGMOD' 11]

- Cuboid query
 - Return as output the aggregate network corresponding to a specific multidimensional space (**cuboid**)
 - *What is the aggregate network between various **genders**?*
 - *What is the aggregate network between various **gender and location** combinations?*



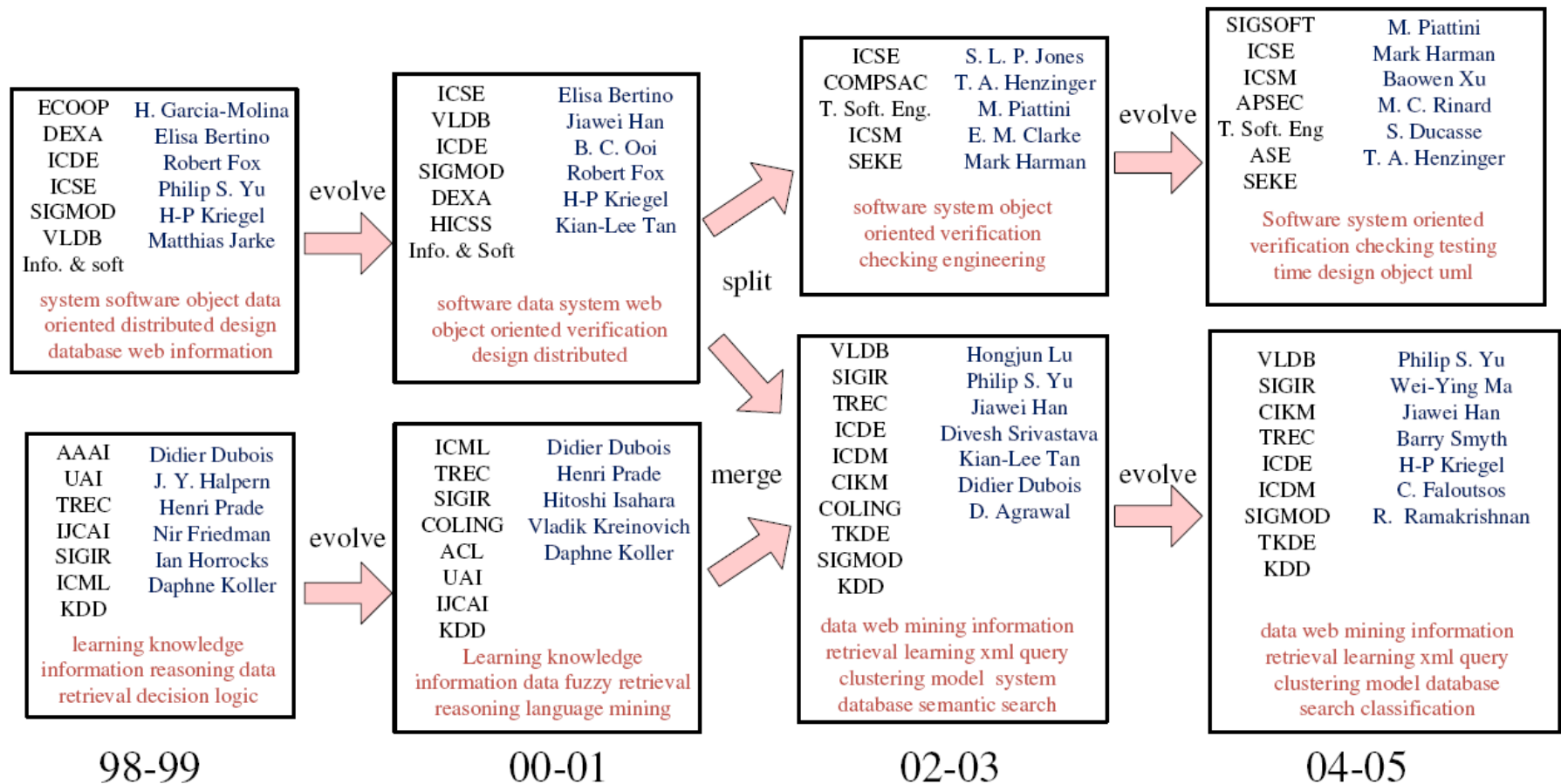
3. Mining Evolution and Dynamics of InfoNet

[Sun et al., MLG'10]

- Many networks are with time information
 - E.g., according to paper publication year, DBLP networks can form network sequences
- Motivation: Model evolution of communities in heterogeneous network
 - Automatically detect the best number of communities in each timestamp
 - Model the smoothness between communities of adjacent timestamps
 - Model the evolution structure explicitly
 - Birth, death, split

Case Study on DBLP

- Tracking database and information system community evolution



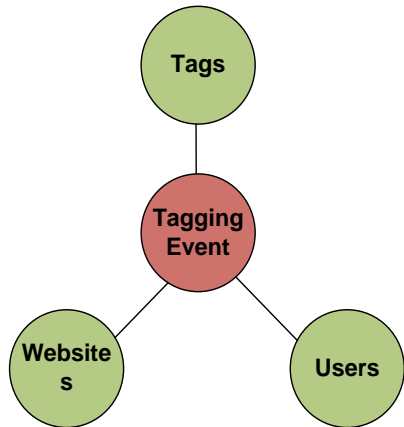
Case Study on Delicious.com

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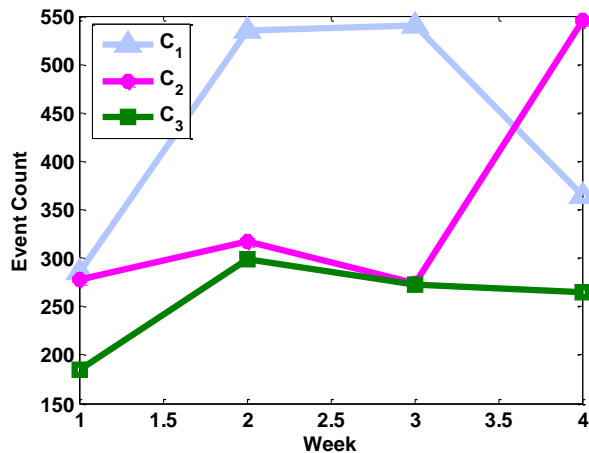
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Conclusions

- Rich knowledge can be mined from information networks
- What is the magic?
 - ***Heterogeneous, semi-structured information networks!***
- Clustering, ranking and classification: Integrated clustering, ranking and classification: RankClus, NetClus, GNetMine, ...
- Meta-Path-based similarity search and relationship prediction
- User-guided relation strength-aware mining
- Knowledge is power, but knowledge is hidden in massive links!
- ***Mining heterogeneous information networks:*** Much more to be explored!!

Future Research

- Discovering **ontology** and structure in information networks
- Discovering and mining **hidden** information networks
- Mining information networks formed **by structured data linking with unstructured data** (text, multimedia and Web)
- Mining **cyber-physical** networks (networks formed by dynamic sensors, image/video cameras, with information networks)
- Enhancing the power of knowledge discovery by transforming massive **unstructured data**: Incremental information extraction, role discovery, ... \Rightarrow multi-dimensional structured info-net
- Mining **noisy, uncertain, un-trustable** massive datasets by information network analysis approach
- Turning **Wikipedia and/or Web** into structured or semi-structured databases by heterogeneous information network analysis

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