



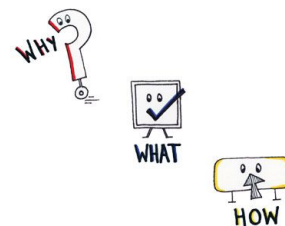
Prediction

Analysis of complex interconnected data



Quick Notes

- Second assignment is due on Oct 4th
 - Submit 2 files (report.pdf, code.zip) as a Group (pairs or two or individual) in Mycourses
- **Tue., Oct. 19, 2021: Project Proposal Presentations**
 - **Why & What:** Introduction and Motivation, Related Work, Problem Definition, Dataset Description
 - Writeup: 2 pages, due Oct 20th [8pt]
 - Presentation: 2 mins (2-3 slides), slides due **Oct 18th** [2pt]
 - Email the slides to the course email, use **Google Slides**
 - We will merge them all together, and you will go over it in class
- Any questions?



Deadlines

- assignment 1 due on Sep. 20th
- assignment 2 due on Oct. 4th
- assignment 3 due on Oct. 18th
- project proposal slides due on Oct. 18th
- project proposal due on Oct. 20th
- Reviews (first round) due on Oct. 27th
- project proposal slides due on Nov. 3rd
- project progress report due on Nov. 5th
- Reviews (second round) due on Nov. 12th
- project final report slides due on Nov. 29th
- project final report due on Dec. 7th
- Reviews (third round) due on Dec. 14th
- project revised report and rebuttal due on Dec. 20th
- note: dates are tentative, subject to change

Common prediction tasks

- Link Prediction
- Node Classification
- Graph Classification

Examples:

<https://paperswithcode.com/task/link-prediction>

<https://paperswithcode.com/task/node-classification>

<https://paperswithcode.com/task/graph-classification>

What is unsupervised node classification?


Link Prediction

Given a graph $G(V,E)$ predict future/missing links between nodes


- Modeling of network evolution
- Predict likely interactions, not explicitly observed (e.g. terrorist network monitoring)
- Link recommendation: “friend” suggestion in social networks

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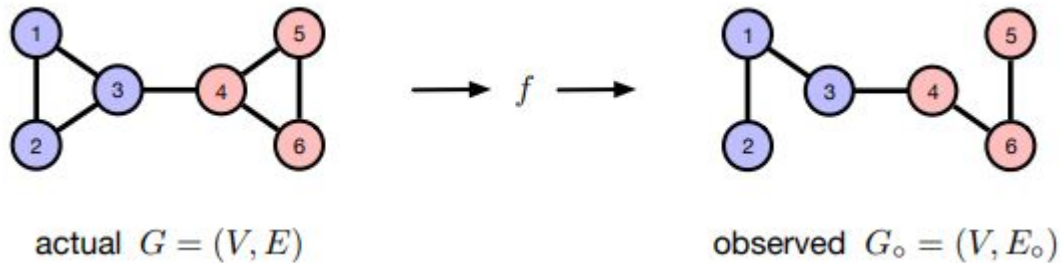
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Predicting missing links

Only a subset of edges are observed

Sparse \Rightarrow searching for $O(n)$ needles in a $\Theta(n^2)$ haystack



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Link prediction

$\text{Score}(i, j)$

local topological predictors

- Number of common neighbors
- Number of shortest paths
- Product of degree
- Same cluster
- etc.

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Link prediction

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What happens to the network if we add edges based on this?

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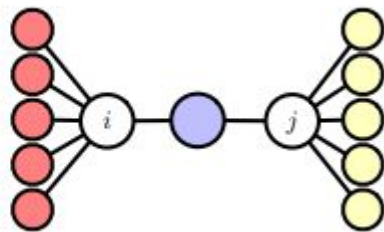
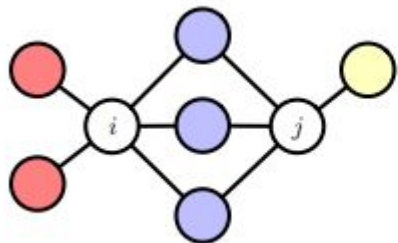
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Example: Jaccard(i, j), what is it for this example ?

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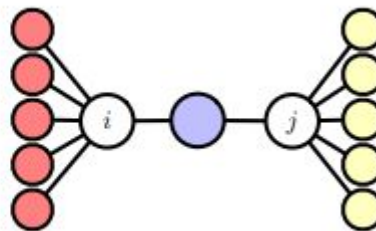
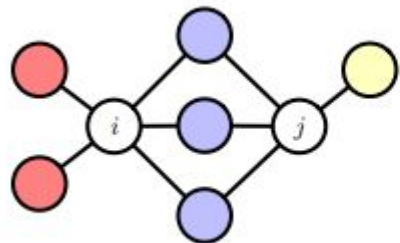
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Example: Jaccard(i, j) of **0.50** (3/6) vs **0.091** (1/11)

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- **Product of degree**
 - nodes with high degrees are likely themselves to be connected
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- etc.

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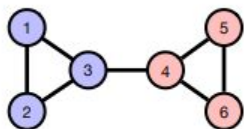
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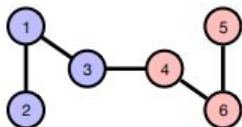
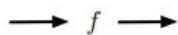


Link prediction

degree product: $\text{score}(i, j) = d_i d_j + \text{Uniform}(0, \epsilon)$



actual $G = (V, E)$



observed $G_o = (V, E_o)$

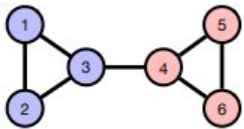
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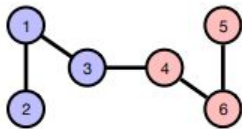
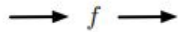
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degree product: $\text{score}(i, j) = d_i d_j + \text{Uniform}(0, \epsilon)$



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Which one is more accurate?

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3	5	$2 + r$
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Measuring performance for ranked output

We can consider a **threshold** and convert it to a **binary classification**

{every i, j is either a missing link or not}

$$\text{Accuracy} = (TP + TN) / (P + N)$$

$$\text{Precision} = TP / RP$$

$$\text{Recall} = TP / P \quad \{\text{also called sensitivity}\}$$

$$\text{F1 score} = 2 \cdot \text{Precision} \times \text{Recall} / (\text{Precision} + \text{Recall})$$

{Harmonic mean}

$$\text{Miss rate} = FN / P$$

$$\text{Fallout} = FP / N \quad \{\text{also called false positive rate}\}$$

$$\text{False discovery rate} = FP / RP$$

$$\text{Selectivity} = TN / N \quad \{\text{also called specificity}\}$$

$$\text{False omission rate} = FN / RN$$

$$\text{Negative predictive value} = TN / RN$$

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Results	TP	FP	RP
	FN	TN	RN
Σ	P	N	

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2	5	r
3	5	r

↑ Predict edge



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Measures depend on the threshold

The tradeoff between precision and recall

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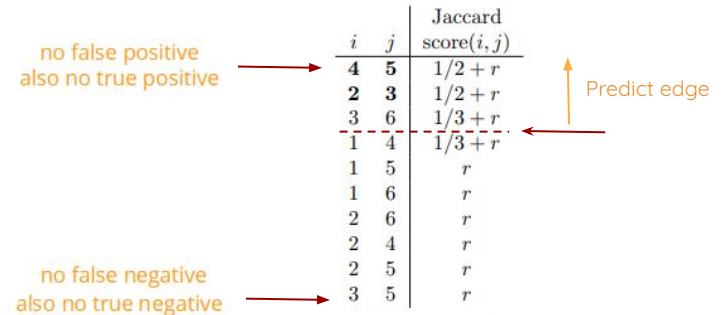
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Threshold invariant: ROC & AUC

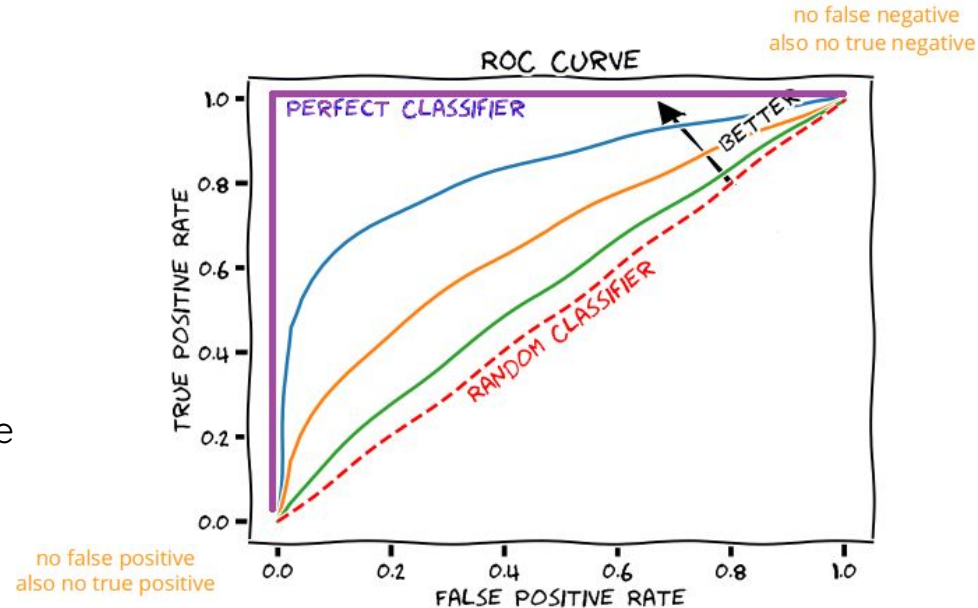
Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) as a function of prediction threshold

$TPR(t) = TP(t)/P$ (recall, sensitivity at t)

$FPR(t) = FP(t)/N$ (fallout, false alarm at t)

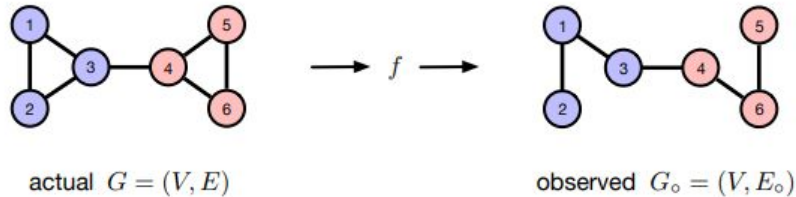
Area Under the Curve (AUC) of ROC

gives the probability of ranking a random positive edge higher than a random negative edge



Threshold invariant: ROC & AUC, example

binary classification \Rightarrow every candidate i, j is either a missing link or not



TPR = TP/P (**recall**, sensitivity)

FPR = FP/N (**fallout**, false alarm)

		i	j	Jaccard score(i, j)	i	j	degree product score(i, j)
link	}	4	5	$1/2 + r$	1	4	$4 + r$
		2	3	$1/2 + r$	1	6	$4 + r$
		3	6	$1/3 + r$	3	6	$4 + r$
		1	4	$1/3 + r$	1	5	$2 + r$
threshold		<hr/>					
nonlink	}	1	5	r	2	3	$2 + r$
		1	6	r	2	6	$2 + r$
		2	6	r	2	4	$2 + r$
		2	4	r	3	5	$2 + r$
		2	5	r	4	5	$2 + r$
		3	5	r	2	5	$1 + r$

Measuring performance

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TPR = TP/P (**recall**, sensitivity)

Links above threshold / Total Positives

FPR = FP/N (**fallout**, false alarm)

Non-links above threshold / Total Negatives

TPR = ?, FPR = ?

	Truth		Σ
results	TP = 2	FP = 2	RP = 4
	FN = 0	TN = 6	RN = 6
Σ	P = 2	N = 8	

Jaccard

TPR = ?, FPR = ?

	Truth		Σ
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Σ	P = 2	N = 8	

degree product

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	2	6	r	2	4	$2+r$
	2	4	r	3	5	$2+r$
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threshold

Measuring performance

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TPR = TP/P (**recall**, sensitivity)

Links above threshold / Total Positives

FPR = FP/N (**fallout**, false alarm)

Non-links above threshold / Total Negatives

TPR = 2/2 = 1, FPR = 2/8=0.25

TPR = 0/2 = 0, FPR = 4/8=0.5

	Truth		Σ
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Σ	P = 2	N = 8	

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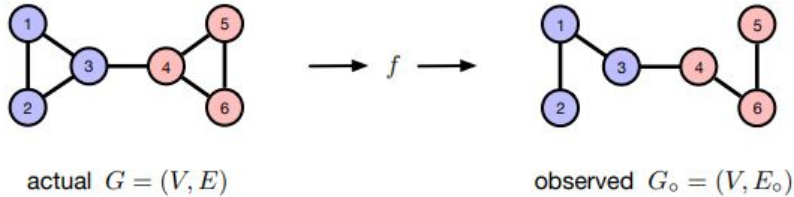
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Threshold invariant: ROC & AUC, example

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2	4	r	3	5	$2 + r$
2	5	r	4	5	$2 + r$
3	5	r	2	5	$1 + r$

TPR = fraction of links above threshold

FPR = fraction of non-links above threshold

$$\text{AUC} = \sum_t \text{TPR}(t) (\text{FPR}(t) - \text{FPR}(t-1))$$

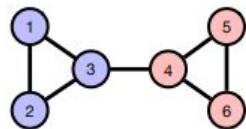
box-rule approximation

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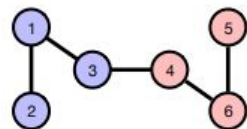
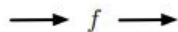


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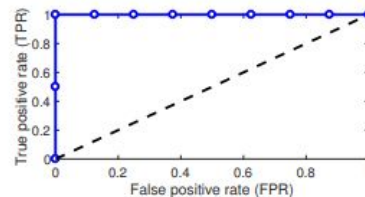
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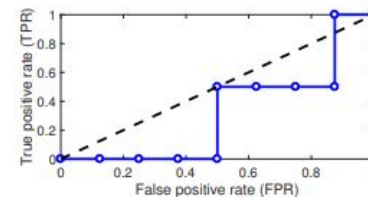
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2	6	r

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1	6	$4 + r$
3	6	$4 + r$
1	5	$2 + r$
2	3	$2 + r$
2	6	$2 + r$
2	4	$2 + r$



Jaccard coefficient, AUC = 1.00



degree product, AUC = 0.31

Topological Link Predictors

CN	common neighbors of i, j
SP	shortest path between i, j
LHN	Leicht-Holme-Newman index of neighbor sets of i, j
PPR	j -th entry of the personalized page rank of node i
PA	preferential attachment (degree product) of i, j
JC	Jaccard's coefficient of neighbor sets of i, j
AA	Adamic/Adar index of i, j
RA	resource allocation index of i, j
LRA	entry i, j in low rank approximation (LRA) via singular value decomposition (SVD)
dLRA	dot product of columns i and j in LRA via SVD for each pair of nodes i, j
mLRA	average of entries i and j 's neighbors in low rank approximation
LRA-approx	an approximation of LRA
dLRA-approx	an approximation of dLRA
mLRA-approx	an approximation of mLRA
LCC_i, LCC_j	local clustering coefficients for i and j
AND_i, AND_j	average neighbor degrees for i and j
$SPBC_i, SPBC_j$	shortest-path betweenness centralities for i and j
CC_i, CC_j	closeness centralities for i and j
DC_i, DC_j	degree centralities for i and j
EC_i, EC_j	eigenvector centralities for i and j
KC_i, KC_j	Katz centralities for i and j
LNT_i, LNT_j	local number of triangles for i and j
PR_i, PR_j	Page rank values for i and j
LC_i, LC_j	load centralities for i and j

There are many **alternatives** to give a score to a given pair of nodes (i, j)

Many also used as similarity measures since **homophily is a strong force in link creation**

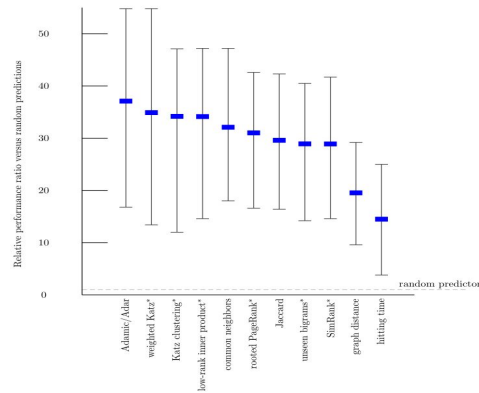
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See also A Survey of Link Prediction in Complex Networks, 2015 & Link prediction in complex networks: A survey, 2011

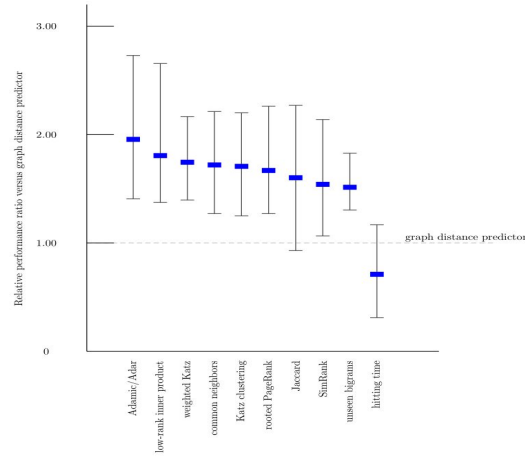


Common neighbour is a decent predictor

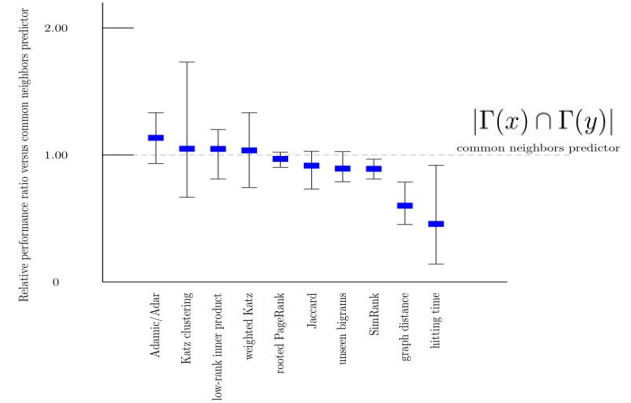
Random



Graph distance



Common neighbor



Adamic/Adar: a notable measure

Sums over size inverse of log of degree of common neighbours

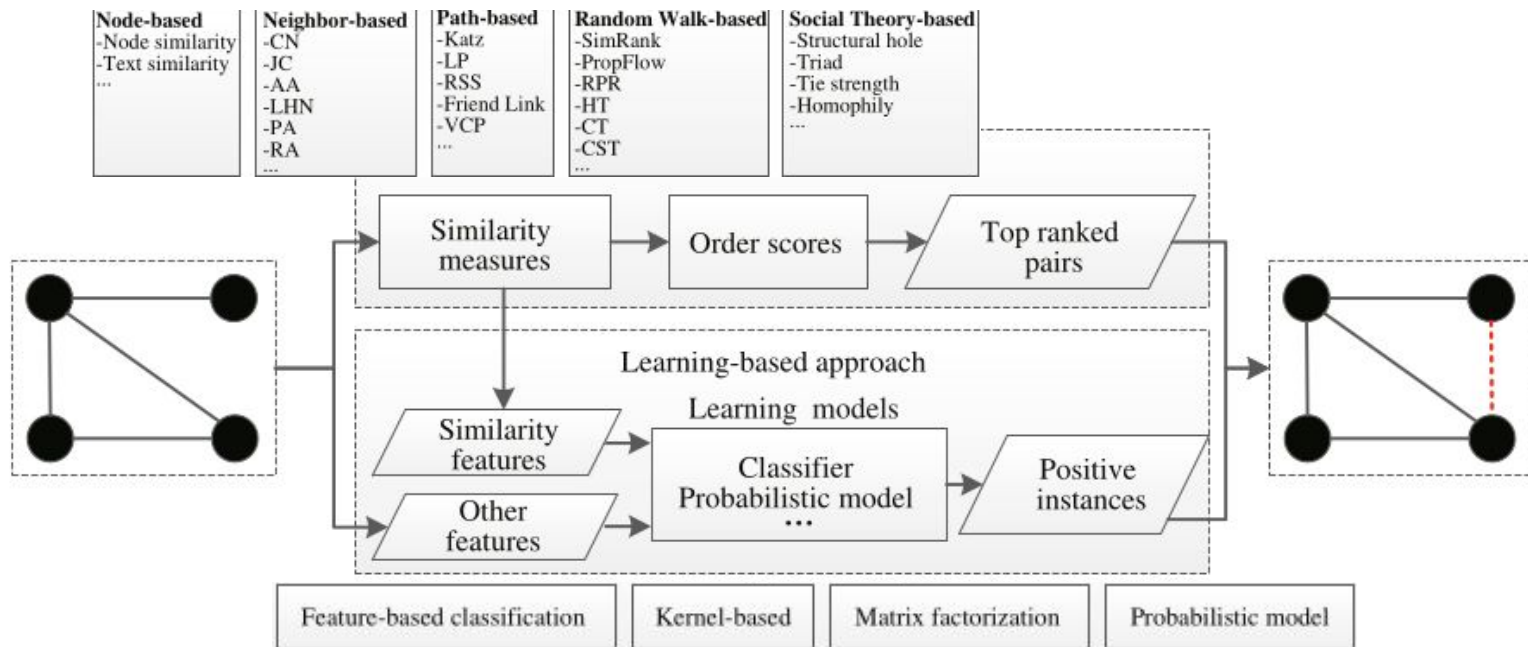
$$\sum_{z \in \Gamma(x) \cap \Gamma(y)} \frac{1}{\log |\Gamma(z)|}$$

Liben-Nowell D, Kleinberg J. The link-prediction problem for social networks. Journal of the American society for information science and technology, 2007 May;58(7):1019-31.



We can learn to link

Wang P, Xu B, Wu Y, Zhou X. Link prediction in social networks: the state-of-the-art. Science China Information Sciences. 2015 Jan 1;58(1):1-38.



Learn the features as well

Instead of explicit features, automatically learn a “heuristic” that suits the current network e.g. by extracting a local enclosing subgraph around it, and uses a GNN to learn general graph structure features for link prediction

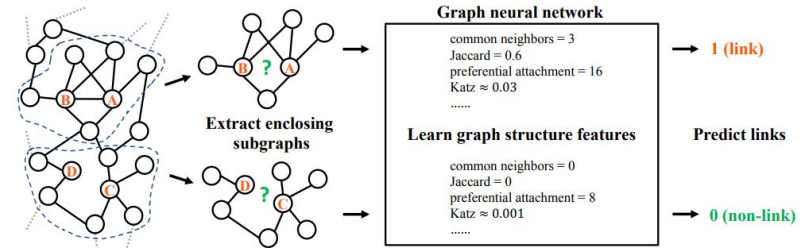


Table 1: Comparison with heuristic methods (AUC).

Data	CN	Jaccard	PA	AA	RA	Katz	PR	SR	ENS	WLK	WLNLM	SEAL
USAir	93.80±1.22	89.79±1.61	88.84±1.45	95.06±1.03	95.77±0.92	92.88±1.42	94.67±1.08	78.89±2.31	88.96±1.44	96.63±0.73	95.95±1.10	96.62±0.72
NS	94.42±0.95	94.43±0.93	68.65±2.03	94.45±0.93	94.45±0.93	94.85±1.10	94.89±1.08	94.79±1.08	97.64±0.25	98.57±0.51	98.61±0.49	98.85±0.47
PB	92.04±0.35	87.41±0.39	90.14±0.45	92.36±0.34	92.46±0.37	92.92±0.35	93.54±0.41	77.08±0.80	90.15±0.45	93.83±0.59	93.49±0.47	94.72±0.46
Yeast	89.37±0.61	89.32±0.60	82.20±1.02	89.43±0.62	89.45±0.62	92.24±0.61	92.76±0.55	91.49±0.57	82.36±1.02	95.86±0.54	95.62±0.52	97.91±0.52
C.cle	85.13±1.61	80.19±1.64	74.79±2.04	86.95±1.40	87.49±1.41	86.34±1.89	90.32±1.49	77.07±2.00	74.94±2.04	89.72±1.67	86.18±1.72	90.30±1.35
Power	58.80±0.88	58.79±0.88	44.33±1.02	58.79±0.88	58.79±0.88	65.39±1.59	66.00±1.59	76.15±1.06	79.52±1.78	82.41±3.43	84.76±0.98	87.61±1.57
Router	56.43±0.52	56.40±0.52	47.58±1.47	56.43±0.51	56.43±0.51	38.62±1.35	38.76±1.39	37.40±1.27	47.58±1.48	87.42±2.08	94.41±0.88	96.38±1.54
E.coli	93.71±0.39	81.31±0.61	91.82±0.58	95.36±0.34	95.95±0.35	93.50±0.44	95.57±0.44	62.49±1.43	91.89±0.58	96.94±0.29	97.21±0.27	97.64±0.22

Table 2: Comparison with latent feature methods (AUC).

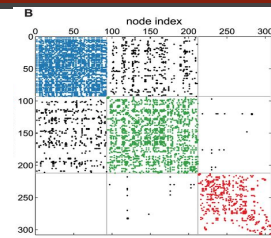
Data	MF	SBM	N2V	LINE	SPC	VGAE	SEAL
USAir	94.08±0.80	94.85±1.14	91.44±1.78	81.47±10.71	74.22±3.11	89.28±1.99	97.09±0.70
NS	74.55±4.34	92.30±2.26	91.52±1.28	80.63±1.90	89.94±2.39	94.04±1.64	97.71±0.93
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Link prediction approaches

- local topological predictors
- Global predictors, learning
 - **Model-based**
 - Fit a model to data by maximizing likelihood which is defined in terms of edge probabilities $\Rightarrow \Pr (i \rightarrow j \mid \theta)$
 - E.g. stochastic block model
 - **Optimization-based**
 - Adding an edge increases a measure, e.g. Q modularity
 - **Embedding-based**
 - Proximity in the embedded space {put connected nodes close together}

[From Clauset's Slides](#)





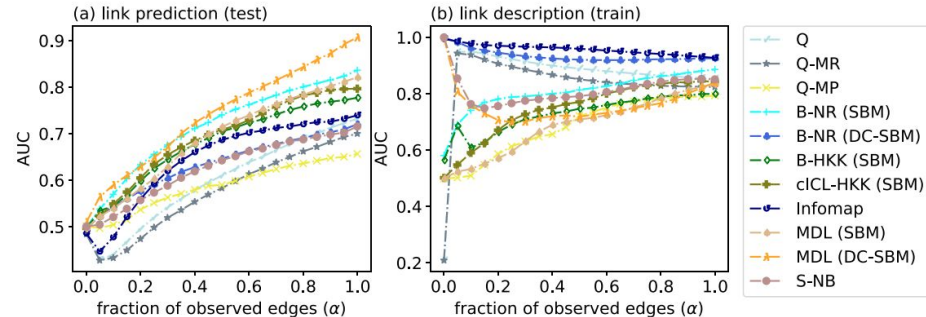
Model based link prediction

Infer $\Pr (i \rightarrow j \mid \theta)$ for each candidate pair based on maximizing likelihood of the observed graph or other optimizations

SBM variants, Q-modularity and Infomap, e.g. Number of edges between module node i and j belong to divided by maximum possible edges between those modules

Assume links are within modules

Abbreviation	Description
Q	modularity, Newman-Girvan
Q-MR	modularity, Newman's multiresolution
Q-MP	modularity, message passing
B-NR (SBM)	Bayesian stochastic block model, Newman and Reinert
B-NR (DC-SBM)	Bayesian degree-corrected stochastic block model, Newman and Reinert
B-HKK (SBM)	Bayesian stochastic block model, Hayashi, Konishi and Kawamoto
cICL-HKK (SBM)	Corrected integrated classification likelihood, stochastic block model
Infomap	Map equation
MDL (SBM)	Minimum description length, stochastic block model
MDL (DC-SBM)	Minimum description length, degree-corrected stochastic block model
S-NB	Spectral with non-backtracking matrix



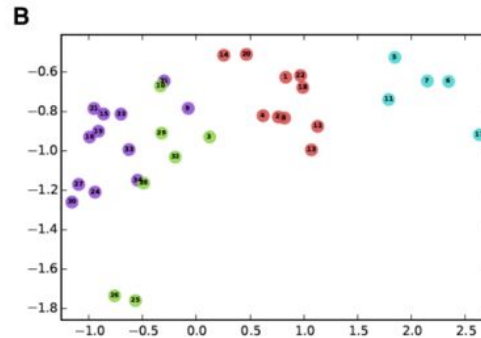
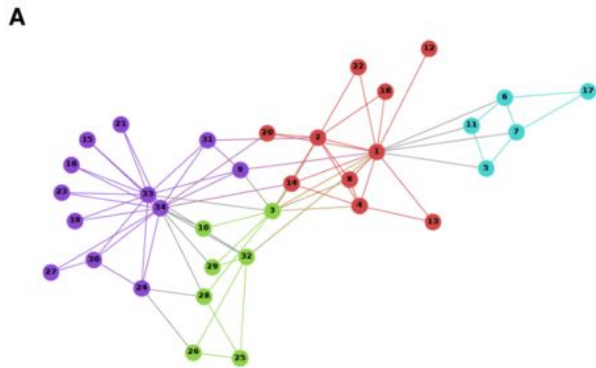
Evaluating Overfit and Underfit in Models of Network Community Structure, TKDE 2020



Embedding based link prediction

$G \rightarrow$ embed in vector space \rightarrow distance in the embedded space

Node embedding methods derive a vector representation per each node in the graph so that connected nodes have similar vectors \Rightarrow close in the embedded space means more likely to be linked



Matrix factorization based
e.g. svd
 \Rightarrow
Deep learning methods
e.g. deepwalk

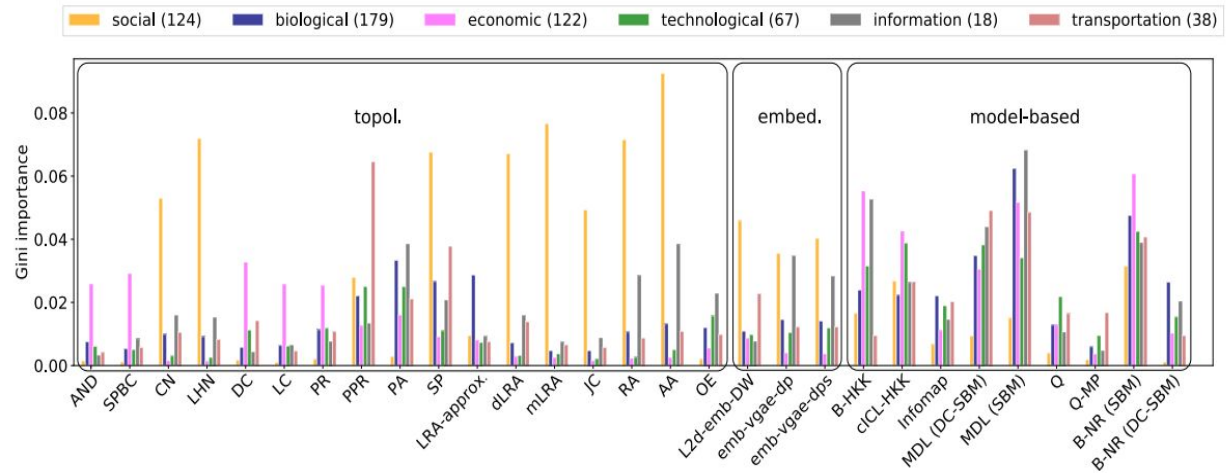
What embedding to use? [Graph Representation Learning](#)

See [A Tutorial on Network Embeddings](#), 2018

Which one is the best?

no one predictor or family is best, or worst, across all realistic inputs

550 structurally diverse networks from six scientific domains



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Which one to choose?

Stack the models

learns to apply the best individual predictor according to the input's characteristics

algorithm	AUC	precision	recall
Q	0.7 ± 0.14	0.14 ± 0.17	0.67 ± 0.15
Q-MR	0.67 ± 0.15	0.12 ± 0.17	0.63 ± 0.13
Q-MP	0.64 ± 0.15	0.09 ± 0.11	0.59 ± 0.17
B-NR (SBM)	0.81 ± 0.13	0.13 ± 0.12	0.65 ± 0.22
B-NR (DC-SBM)	0.7 ± 0.2	0.12 ± 0.12	0.61 ± 0.24
ciCL-HKK	0.79 ± 0.13	0.14 ± 0.14	0.58 ± 0.25
B-HKK	0.77 ± 0.13	0.11 ± 0.1	0.51 ± 0.26
Infomap	0.73 ± 0.14	0.12 ± 0.12	0.68 ± 0.13
MDL (SBM)	0.79 ± 0.15	0.14 ± 0.13	0.57 ± 0.3
MDL (DC-SBM)	0.84 ± 0.1	0.13 ± 0.11	0.78 ± 0.12
S-NB	0.71 ± 0.19	0.12 ± 0.13	0.66 ± 0.17
mean model-based	0.74 ± 0.16	0.12 ± 0.13	0.63 ± 0.21
mean indiv. topol.	0.6 ± 0.13	0.09 ± 0.16	0.53 ± 0.35
mean indiv. topol. & model	0.63 ± 0.15	0.09 ± 0.16	0.55 ± 0.33
emb-DW	0.63 ± 0.23	0.17 ± 0.19	0.42 ± 0.35
emb-vgae	0.69 ± 0.19	0.05 ± 0.05	0.69 ± 0.21
all topol.	0.86 ± 0.11	0.42 ± 0.33	0.44 ± 0.32
all model-based	0.83 ± 0.12	0.39 ± 0.34	0.3 ± 0.29
all embed.	0.77 ± 0.16	0.32 ± 0.32	0.32 ± 0.31
all topol. & model	0.87 ± 0.1	0.48 ± 0.36	0.35 ± 0.35
all topol. & embed.	0.84 ± 0.13	0.4 ± 0.34	0.39 ± 0.33
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Near perfect in social networks

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Q-MP	0.86 ± 0.08	0.25 ± 0.07	0.83 ± 0.09
B-NR (SBM)	0.93 ± 0.06	0.3 ± 0.08	0.85 ± 0.12
B-NR (DC-SBM)	0.93 ± 0.07	0.28 ± 0.08	0.88 ± 0.08
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B-HKK	0.88 ± 0.07	0.17 ± 0.05	0.79 ± 0.17
Infomap	0.91 ± 0.04	0.29 ± 0.08	0.83 ± 0.05
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mean indiv. topol. & model	0.7 ± 0.21	0.22 ± 0.25	0.62 ± 0.32
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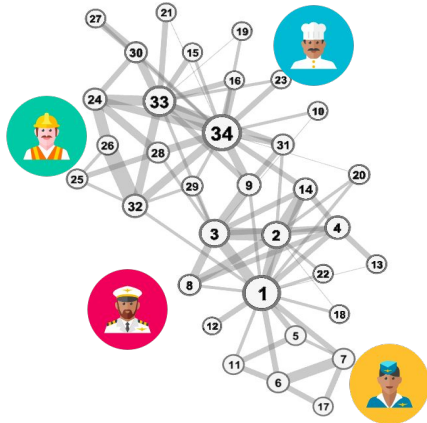
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Link Prediction in Attributed Graphs

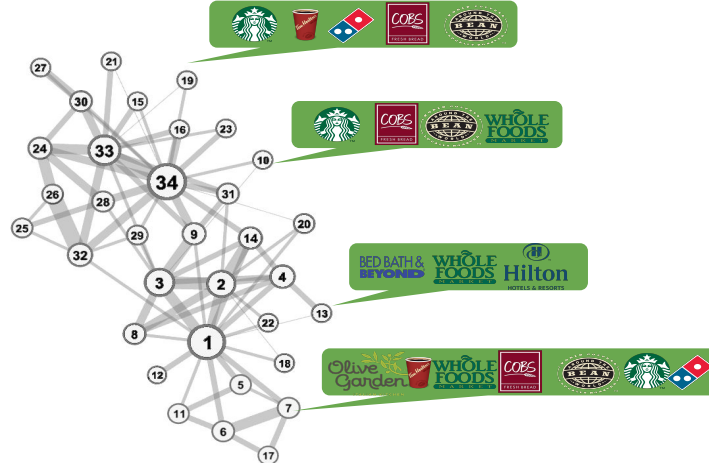
Individual characteristics or activity (attributes) & relations (graph)

Annotated networks, **metadata** on nodes, **side** information



characteristics

age, occupation, salary, sex, etc.



activity & interest

check-ins, page-likes, group memberships, movies

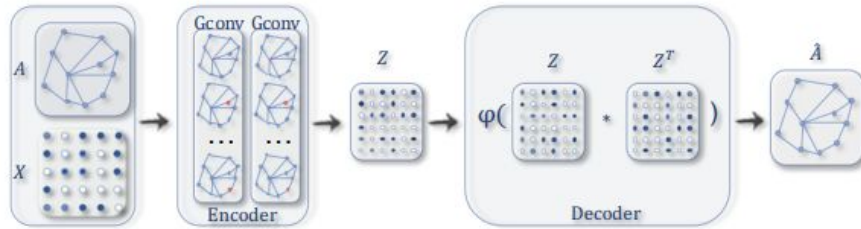
Attributed Graphs

Interplay between attributes and relations, a positive feedback loop derived by two social theories:

- Social Selection
 - Similarity of individuals' characteristics motivates them to form relations
 - ⇒ Similarity of node's attributes is a link predictors in addition to structure proximity
- Social Influence
 - Characteristics of individuals may be affected by the characteristics of their relations
 - ⇒ Your neighbours' attributes can reveal yours

Link Prediction in Attributed Graphs

Graph Neural Networks get attributed graphs as the input and can be used for many tasks including link prediction



numerous methods, multiple surveys, [e.g. this one \(2019\)](#),
two of the notable works: [GCN](#) (2016), [GAT](#) (2018),
an excellent [course last term](#) on this & a [new book](#)!

Approach	Category	Inputs	Pooling	Readout	Time Complexity
GNN* (2009) [15]	RecGNN	A, X, X^c	-	a dummy super node	-
GraphESN (2010) [16]	RecGNN	A, X	-	mean	-
GGNN (2015) [17]	RecGNN	A, X	-	attention sum	-
SSE (2018) [18]	RecGNN	A, X	-	-	-
Spectral CNN (2014) [19]	Spectral-based ConvGNN	A, X	spectral clustering+max pooling	max	$O(n^3)$
Henaff et al. (2015) [20]	Spectral-based ConvGNN	A, X	spectral clustering+max pooling	-	$O(n^3)$
ChebNet (2016) [21]	Spectral-based ConvGNN	A, X	efficient pooling	sum	$O(m)$
GCN (2017) [22]	Spectral-based ConvGNN	A, X	-	-	$O(m)$
CayleyNet (2017) [23]	Spectral-based ConvGNN	A, X	mean/graus pooling	-	$O(m)$
AGCN (2018) [40]	Spectral-based ConvGNN	A, X	max pooling	sum	$O(n^2)$
DualGCN (2018) [41]	Spectral-based ConvGNN	A, X	-	-	$O(m)$
NN4G (2009) [24]	Spatial-based ConvGNN	A, X	-	sum/mean	$O(m)$
DCNN (2016) [25]	Spatial-based ConvGNN	A, X	-	mean	$O(n^2)$
PATCHY-SAN (2016) [26]	Spatial-based ConvGNN	A, X, X^c	-	concat	-
MPNN (2017) [27]	Spatial-based ConvGNN	A, X, X^c	-	attention sum/ set2set	$O(m)$
GraphSage (2017) [42]	Spatial-based ConvGNN	A, X	-	-	-
GAT (2017) [43]	Spatial-based ConvGNN	A, X	-	-	$O(m)$
MoNet (2017) [44]	Spatial-based ConvGNN	A, X	-	-	$O(m)$
PGC-DGCNN (2018) [46]	Spatial-based ConvGNN	A, X	sort pooling	attention sum	$O(n^3)$
CGMM (2018) [47]	Spatial-based ConvGNN	A, X	-	concat	-
LGCN (2018) [45]	Spatial-based ConvGNN	A, X	-	-	-
GAAN (2018) [48]	Spatial-based ConvGNN	A, X	-	-	$O(m)$
FastGCN (2018) [49]	Spatial-based ConvGNN	A, X	-	-	-
SisGCN (2018) [50]	Spatial-based ConvGNN	A, X	-	-	-
Huang et al. (2018) [51]	Spatial-based ConvGNN	A, X	-	-	-
DGCNN (2018) [52]	Spatial-based ConvGNN	A, X	sort pooling	-	$O(m)$
DiffPool (2018) [54]	Spatial-based ConvGNN	A, X	differential pooling	mean	$O(n^2)$
GeniePath (2019) [55]	Spatial-based ConvGNN	A, X	-	-	$O(m)$
DGI (2019) [56]	Spatial-based ConvGNN	A, X	-	-	$O(m)$
GIN (2019) [57]	Spatial-based ConvGNN	A, X	-	concat+sum	$O(m)$
ClusterGCN (2019) [58]	Spatial-based ConvGNN	A, X	-	-	-

More on this later



Common prediction tasks

- Link Prediction
- **Node Classification**
- Graph Classification

Examples:

<https://paperswithcode.com/task/link-prediction>

<https://paperswithcode.com/task/node-classification>

<https://paperswithcode.com/task/graph-classification>

What is unsupervised node classification?

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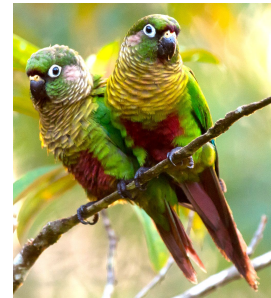
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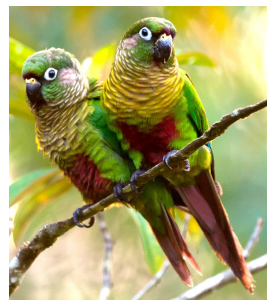
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How to measure occupation homophily?
categorical attribute instead of a numeric one

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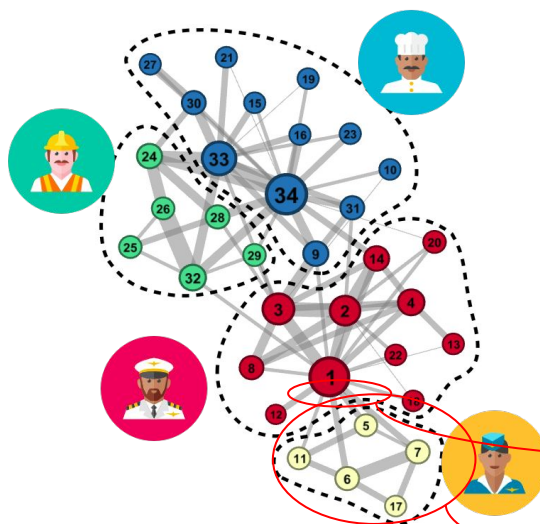










Assortativity & Homophily

Look at the mixing patterns

Mixing matrix shows the number of edges connecting each pair of attribute values

What indicates homophily in this matrix?
How does homophily look like?



	 B	 G	 R	 Y
 B	22	7	2	0
 G	7	6	7	0
 R	2	7	19	4
 Y	0	0	4	6

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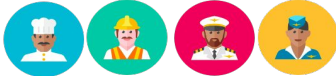
e_{ij} : ratio of edges between each pair of values

Assortativity index

$$r = \frac{\sum_i e_{ii} - \sum_i e_i \cdot e_{\cdot i}}{1 - \sum_i e_i \cdot e_{\cdot i}} = \frac{\text{Tr}[e] - \|e^2\|}{1 - \|e^2\|}$$

Is normalized Q-modularity assuming attributes partition the graph

$$Q = \sum_i e_{ii} - e_i^2 = \text{Tr}[e] - \|e^2\|$$



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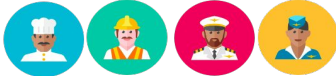
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




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e.g. opposites attract

Structural Correlation

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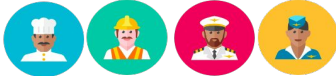
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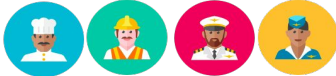
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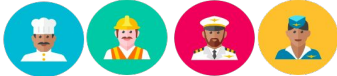
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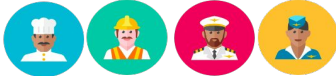
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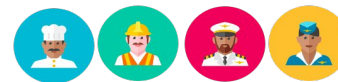
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.02	.07	.04	.17
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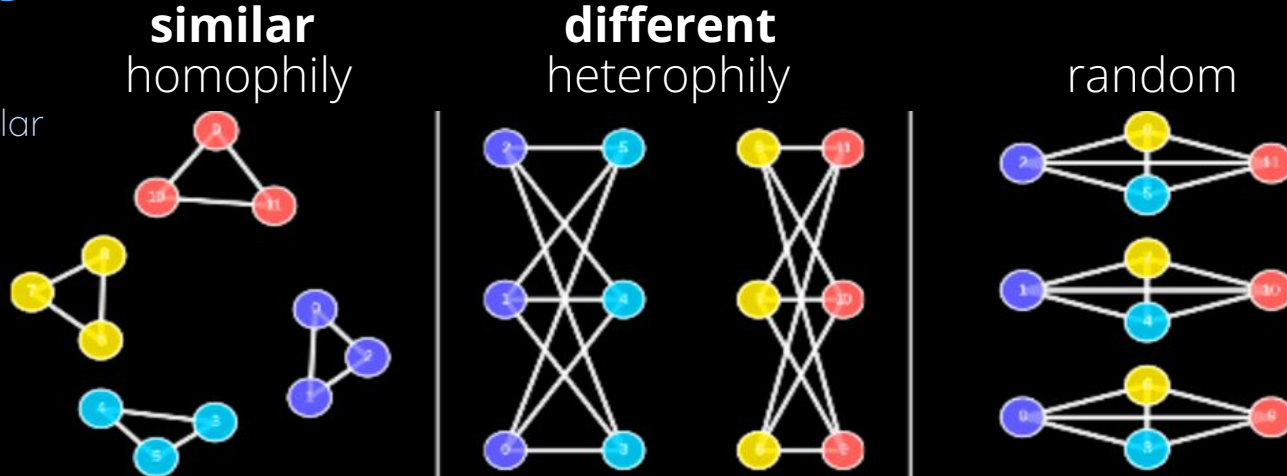
measure the total dispersion similar to clustering agreement indexes

Beyond Assortativity: Proclivity Index for Attributed Networks, PAKDD (2017)

Structural Correlation of Attributes

Proclivity

“inclination or predisposition toward a particular thing”



Assortativity	1.0	-0.33	-0.33
Prone	1.0	1.0	0.11

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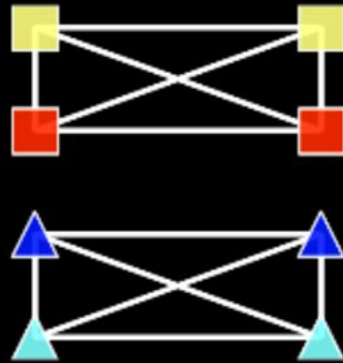
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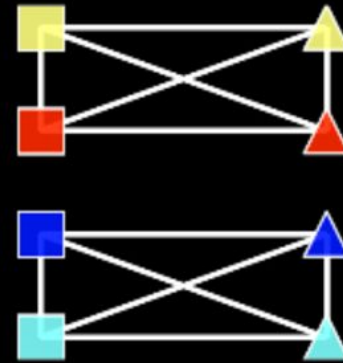
Cross-proclivity
in addition to
self-proclivity

Shape and Color

correlation



no correlation



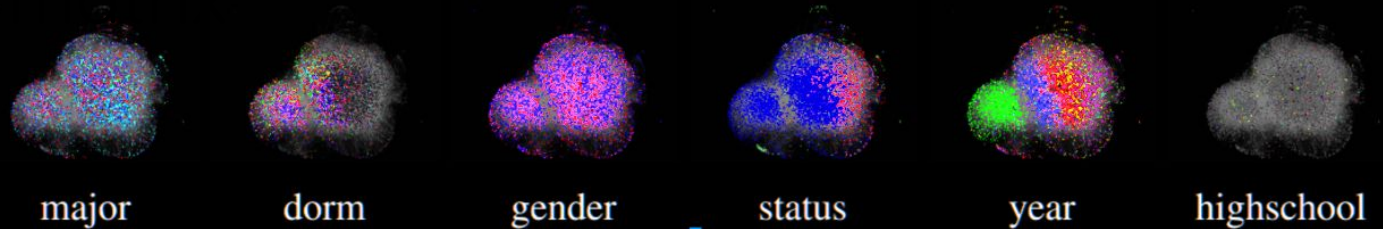
Correlation
between your
income and
occupations of
your friends

Assortativity	X	X
Prone	0.5	0.0

Structural Correlation of Attributes

Facebook
friendship network
of a US college

Color: distinct
attribute values
Placement :
connections



correlation between the entrance year a student based on the high school his friends are from, the dormitory they are in and most of all their entrance year

	major	gender	year	status	dorm	highschool
major	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.05
gender	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
year	0.01	0.00	0.25	0.07	0.07	0.07
status	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.09	0.02	0.02
dorm	0.01	0.00	0.07	0.02	0.16	0.10
highschool	0.05	0.00	0.07	0.02	0.10	0.31

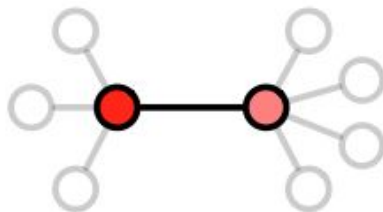
Even if you don't put your information online, that information can be inferred/predicted based on what your friends reveal about themselves

Predicting missing node attributes

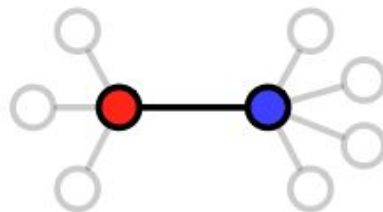
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assortative mixing



disassortative mixing

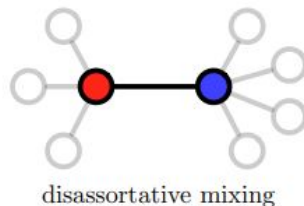
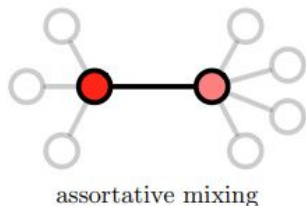
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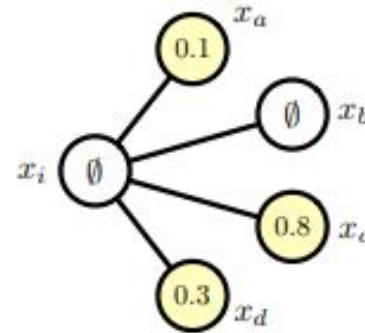
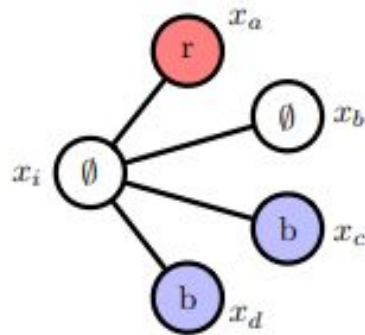


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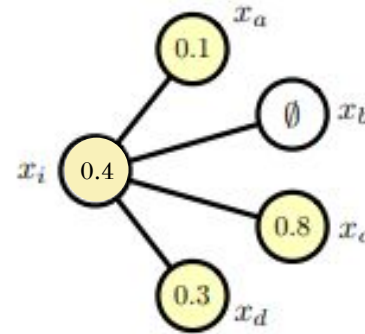
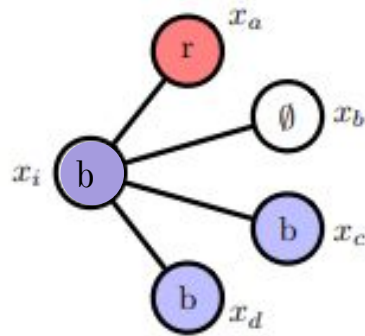


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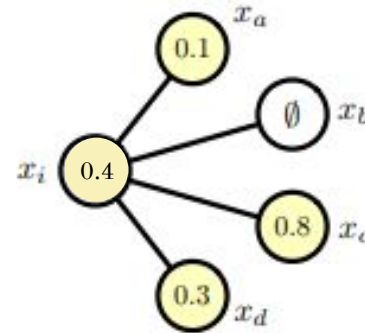
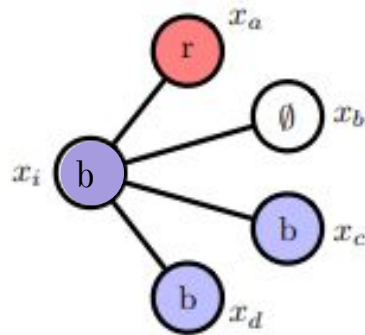


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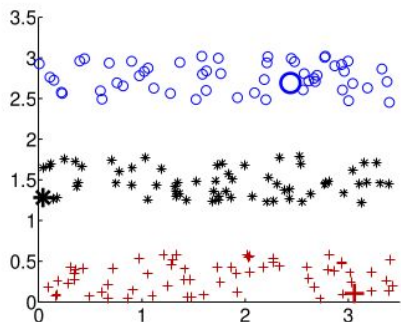


what is the predictions for node x_b ? repeat given current predictions

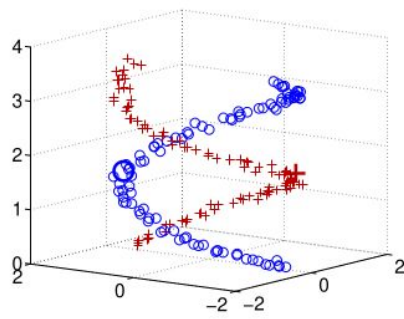
Label Propagation Algorithm

Was proposed for semi-supervised classification of iid data by defining a fully connected distance graph

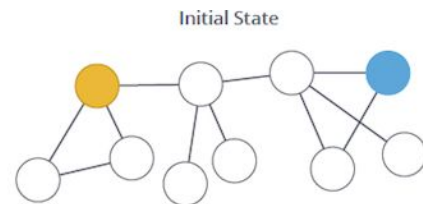
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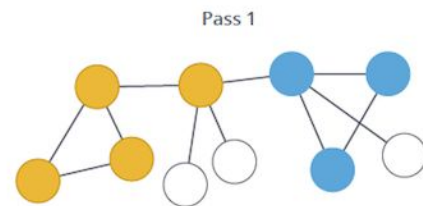
(a) 3-Bands



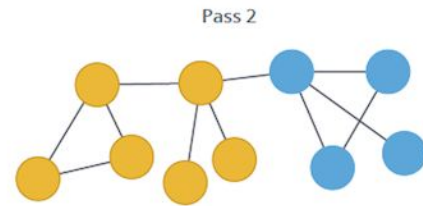
(b) Springs



Some nodes have labels



More labels added



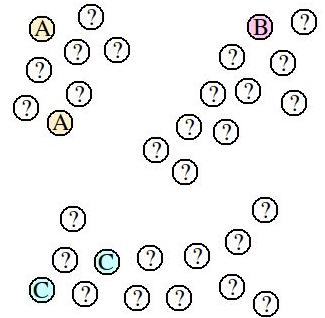
Iterations continue until there is convergence on a solution, a set solution range, or a set number of iterations.

Label Propagation Algorithm

Label Smoothing

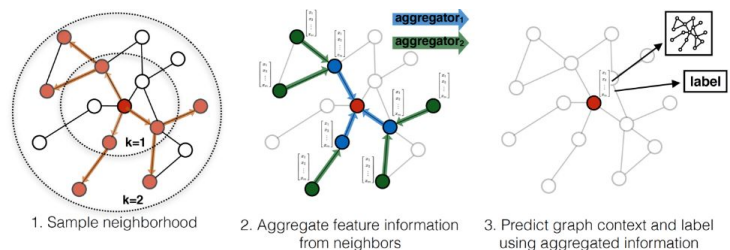
Node classification

- Unsupervised learning
 - clustering, only graph is given, classes/clusters are not predefined
- Supervised learning
 - classifying, input is graph and labels on all nodes
 - You mask some nodes (labels and their connections) for training [inductive]
 - You mask some nodes (only labels) for training [transductive]
- Semi-supervised learning
 - input is graph and labels on some nodes
 - You mask some node labels for training (seeing the whole graph: transductive)
- Active learning
 - Input is graph and a budget that determines how many nodes you can query for labels
 - labels come in sequence and can be queried based on the current set



Semi-Supervised Node classification

- Traditional
 - label propagation & belief propagation
- Recent end-to-end methods (Feature Smoothing)
 - GCN and variants, which use a classification loss
- Embedding based
 - Unsupervised embedding extraction (e.g. node2vec) then apply a classifier



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Categorical values \Rightarrow confusion matrix & average accuracy

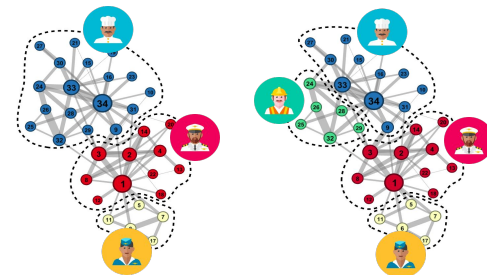
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B	12	6	0	0	18
R	0	0	11	0	11
Y	0	0	0	5	5
Σ	12	6	11	5	34

$$\text{Accuracy} = 1/34 \text{ Tr}(C)$$

What is the accuracy?

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10	0	



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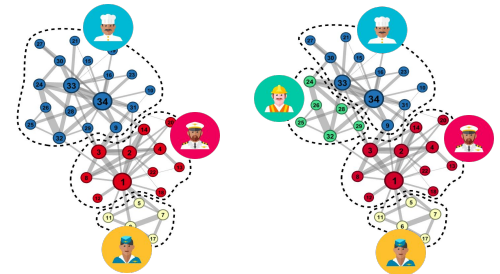
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Class imbalance problem

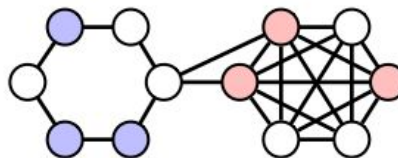


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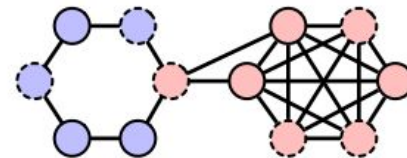
Example

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observed



predicted

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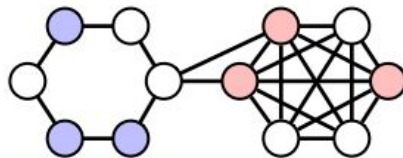
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		r	b
pred.	r	3	1
	b	0	2

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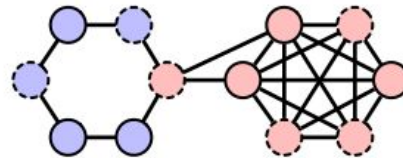
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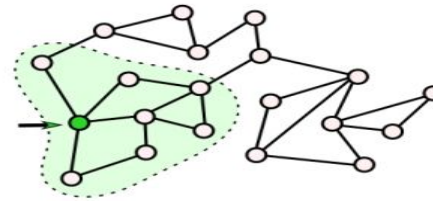
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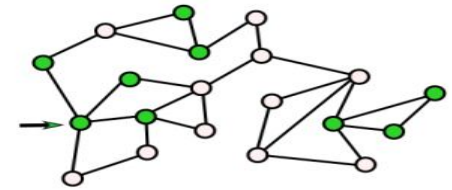
What if you can query with some cost or given a budget?

Semi-supervised \Rightarrow Active learning

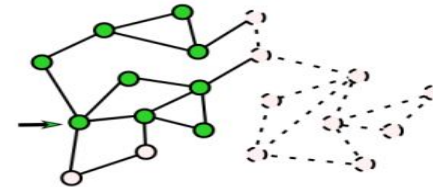
labels are local and depend on the given seed



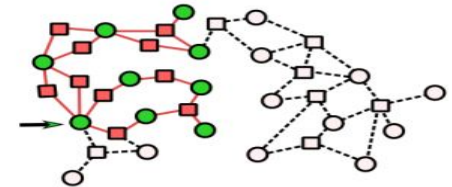
(a) Local Clustering



(b) Active Search on Graph



(c) Active Exploration



(d) Active Search of Connections

[Active Search of Connections for Case Building and Combating Human Trafficking](#), 2018