

N2N: Network Derivative Mining

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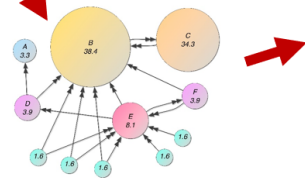
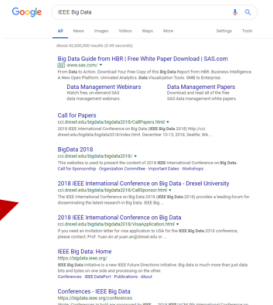
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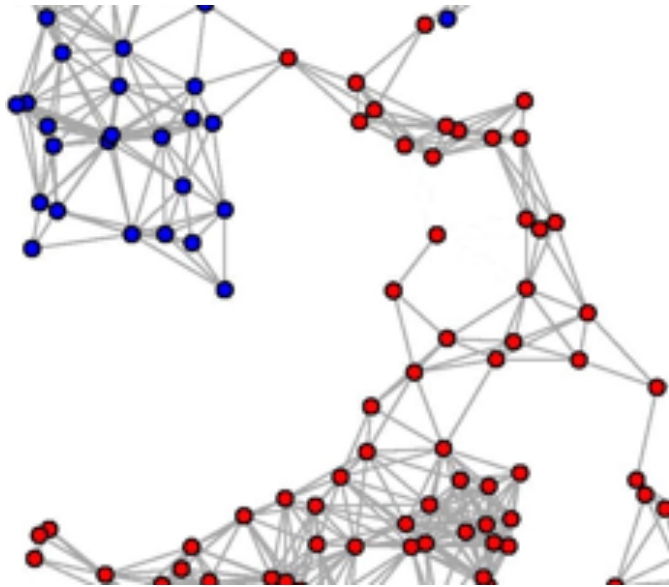
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Network Mining: Ranking

- **Information Retrieval:** which webpages are the most important in WWW?



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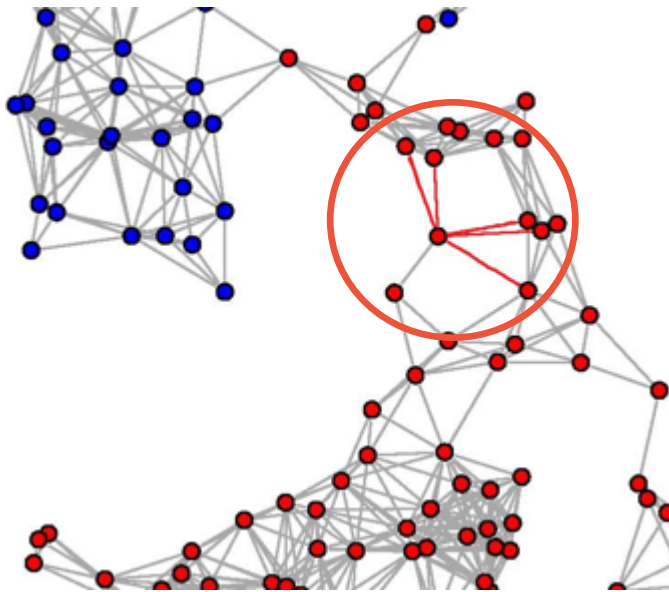
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Network Mining: Ranking

- Question: **WHY** does ranking algorithm act sensitive to malicious links?



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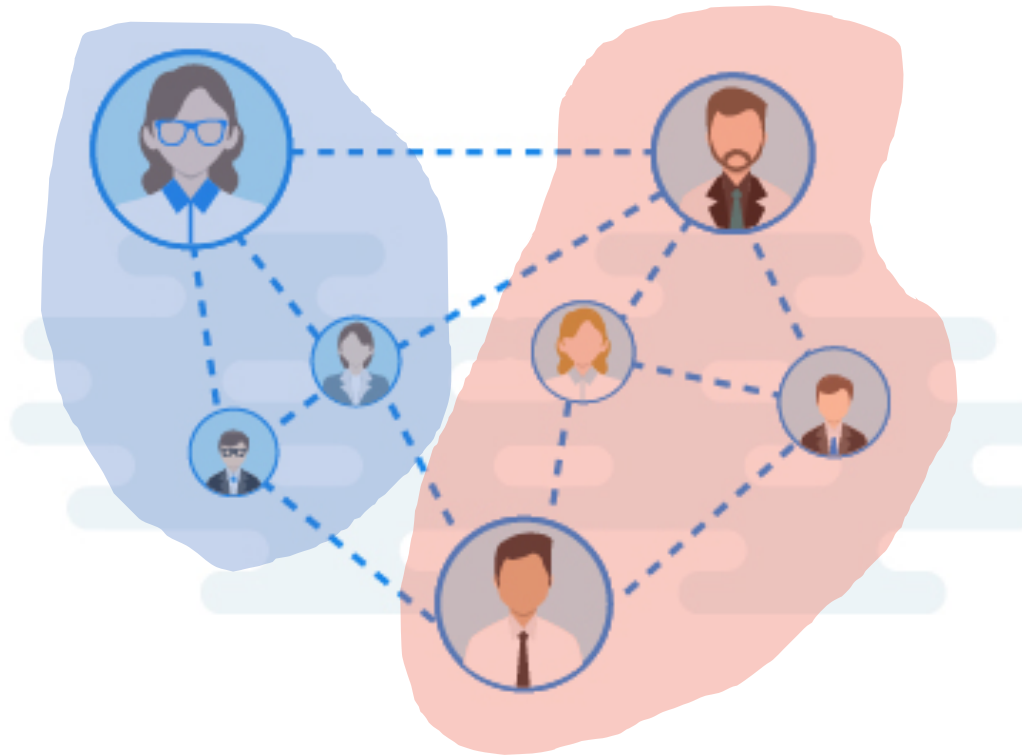
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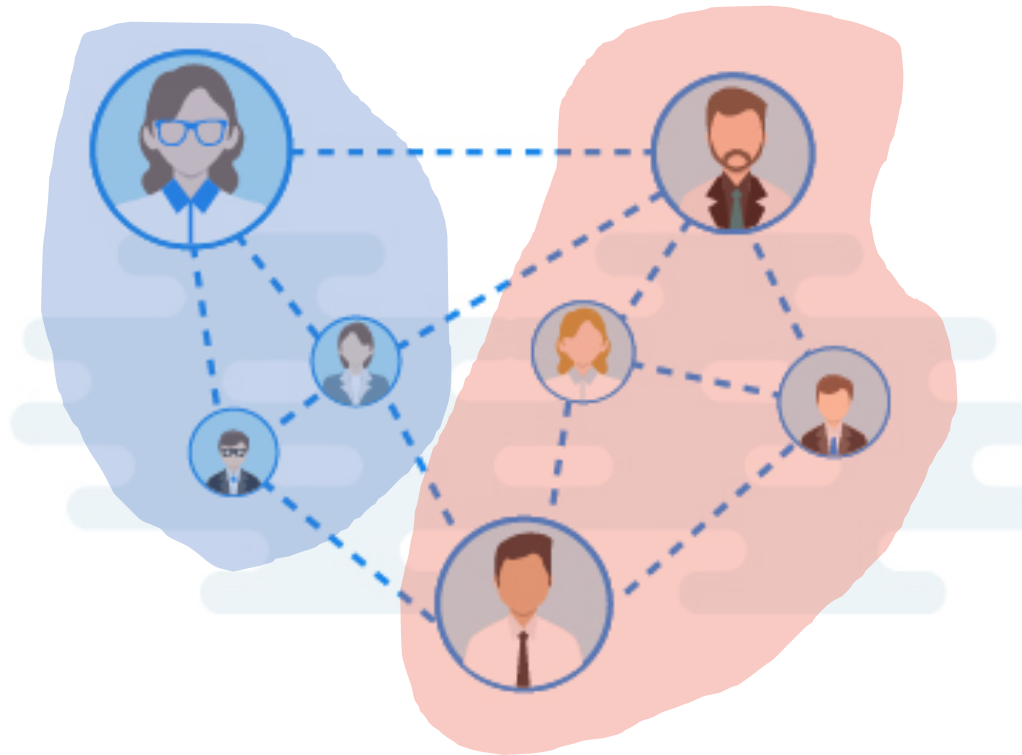
Network Mining: Clustering

- **Clustering:** who will be grouped into the same community?



Network Mining: Clustering

- Question: **WHY** do  and  belong to the same community?



Network Mining: Recommendation

- Recommendation: which item best suits a user's taste?

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Network Mining: Recommendation

- Question: **HOW** do fake ratings affect recommender system?

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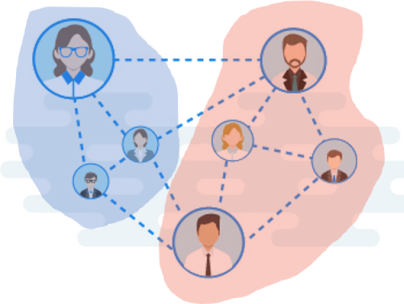
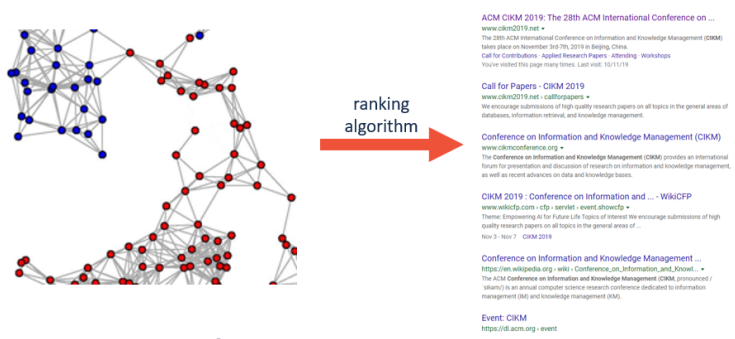
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Network Mining: Limitations

- **Advantage:** good at answer *what/which* questions.



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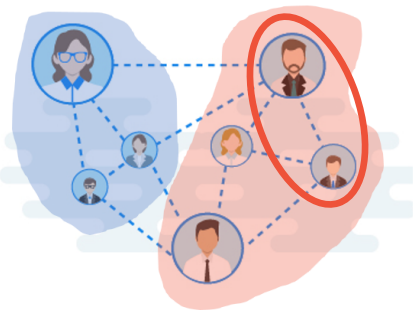
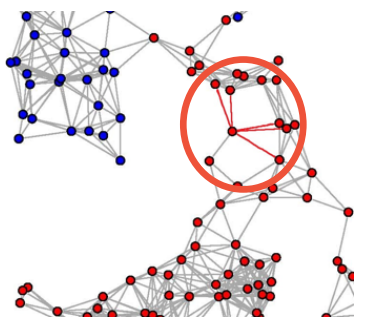
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- **Disadvantage:** cannot answer *why/how* questions.



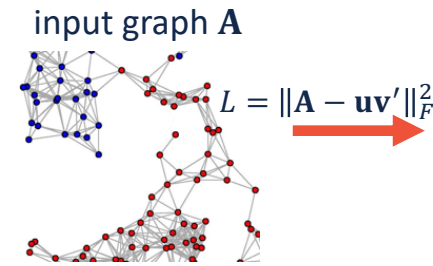
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- **Key Question:** how do network mining results relate to underlying structure?



Problem Definition: Network Derivative Mining (N2N)

- **N2N:** *network* to *derivative network*
- **Input:**
 - (1) an adjacency matrix \mathbf{A}
 - (2) a network mining algorithm $L(\mathbf{A}, Y, \theta)$
 - loss function $L(\cdot)$
 - optimal model output $Y^* = \operatorname{argmin}_Y L(\mathbf{A}, Y, \theta)$
 - additional set of parameters θ
 - (3) a scalar function over optimal model output $f(Y^*)$
- **Output:** a derivative network \mathbf{B}
 - $\mathbf{B}(i, j) =$ influence of edge $\mathbf{A}(i, j)$ on Y^*
 - $\mathbf{B}(i, j) = 0$ if $\mathbf{A}(i, j)$ does not exist



ranked webpages Y^*

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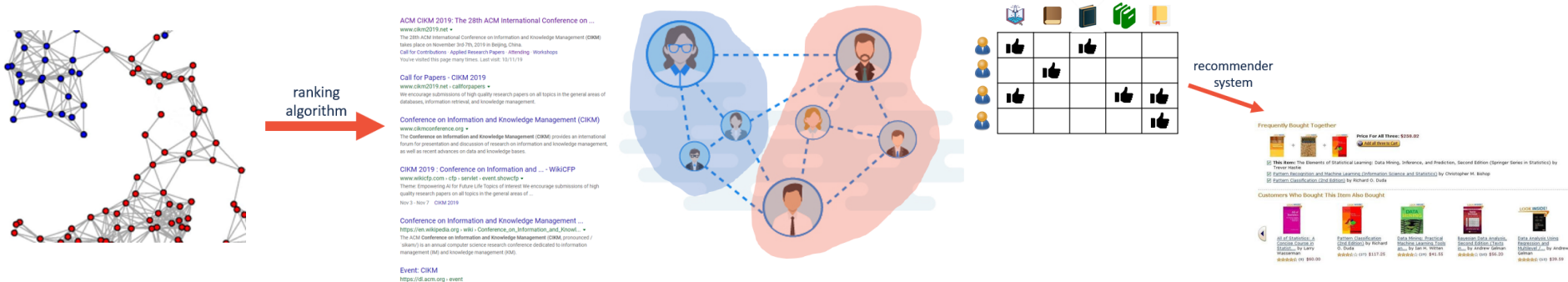
* We focus on the derivatives for the existing edges here, but it naturally applies to non-existing edges.

Problem Definition

Examples of Network Mining Algorithm

Mining Task	Loss Function $L()$	Mining Result Y^*	Parameters	Scalar function $f()$
HITS	$\min_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}} \ \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}'\ _F^2$	hubs \mathbf{u} authorities \mathbf{v}	none	$f(Y^*) = \lambda_1 - \lambda_2$
Spectral Clustering	$\min_{\mathbf{U}} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{U}'\mathbf{L}\mathbf{U})$ s. t. $\mathbf{U}'\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}$	eigenvectors \mathbf{U}	# clusters k	$f(Y^*) = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{U}'\mathbf{L}\mathbf{U})$
Matrix Completion	$\min_{\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}} \ \text{proj}_{\Omega}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{U}\mathbf{V}')\ _F^2 + \lambda_u \ \mathbf{U}\ _F^2 + \lambda_v \ \mathbf{V}\ _F^2$	user matrix \mathbf{U} item matrix \mathbf{V}	latent dimension k λ_u, λ_v	$f(Y^*) = \ \mathbf{U}\mathbf{V}'\ _F^2$

* The choice of scalar function $f()$ is flexible.



N2N: Formulation

- **Intuition:** influential \rightarrow high impact if perturbed
- **Definition of Edge Influence:** the derivative of $f(Y^*)$ w.r.t. the edge.

$$\mathbf{B}(i, j) = \frac{df(Y^*)}{d\mathbf{A}(i, j)}$$

- **Mathematical Formulation:**

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{df(Y^*)}{d\mathbf{A}} = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial f(Y^*)}{\partial \mathbf{A}} + \left(\frac{\partial f(Y^*)}{\partial \mathbf{A}}\right)' - \text{diag}\left(\frac{\partial f(Y^*)}{\partial \mathbf{A}}\right), & \text{if undirected} \\ \frac{\partial f(Y^*)}{\partial \mathbf{A}}, & \text{if directed} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{s. t. } Y^* = \text{argmin}_Y L(\mathbf{A}, Y, \theta)$$

key component to calculate

Potential Benefits

- Derivative is a powerful tool.
- **Application Scenarios:**
 - Explainable network mining
 - Adversarial attacks on network mining
 - Active learning
 - Optimal network learning
 - Counterfactual learning

derivative analysis

Challenges

- **C1: Efficiency**

- Network mining $Y^* = \operatorname{argmin}_Y L(\mathbf{A}, Y, \theta)$
 - Influence calculation $\mathbf{B}(i, j) = \frac{df(Y^*)}{dA(i, j)}$
 - **Question:** how to construct the derivative network efficiently?
- } potentially complicated

- **C2: Scalability**

- Iterating the influence calculation over all edges.
 - **Question:** how to scale up the derivative network generation ?
- possibly super-linear time and space complexities



Roadmap

- Motivations
- N2N Instantiations
 - Task #1: HITS
 - Task #2: Spectral Clustering
 - Task #3: Matrix Completion
- Experimental Results
- Conclusions



N2N: Algorithmic Framework

- **Input:** the adjacency matrix \mathbf{A} , a network mining algorithm $L(\mathbf{A}, Y, \theta)$, a scalar function $f(\cdot)$.
- **Output:** the derivative network \mathbf{B} .

3-step strategy:

1. Run network mining algorithm $Y^* = \operatorname{argmin}_Y L(\mathbf{A}, Y, \theta)$
2. Calculate partial derivative $\frac{\partial f(Y^*)}{\partial \mathbf{A}}$
3. Construct derivative network

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{df(Y^*)}{d\mathbf{A}} = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial f(Y^*)}{\partial \mathbf{A}} + \left(\frac{\partial f(Y^*)}{\partial \mathbf{A}}\right)' - \operatorname{diag}\left(\frac{\partial f(Y^*)}{\partial \mathbf{A}}\right), & \text{if undirected} \\ \frac{\partial f(Y^*)}{\partial \mathbf{A}}, & \text{if directed} \end{cases}$$



Task #1: HITS

- **Goal:** importance of nodes = hub scores \mathbf{u} + authority scores \mathbf{v}

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{A}'\mathbf{u}$$

- **Optimization Problem:**

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}} \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}'\|_F^2$$

- **Solution:** rank-1 SVD

- \mathbf{u} = first left singular vector of \mathbf{A} = principal eigenvector of $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}'$

- \mathbf{v} = first right singular vector of \mathbf{A} = principal eigenvector of $\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{A}$

- **Question:** how does the network topology influence the quality of ranking by HITS?

N2N for HITS

- **Choice of $f(\cdot)$ Function:** $f(Y^*) = \lambda_1 - \lambda_2$
 - Sensitive to eigengap [Ng et al. 2001].
- **Constructing the Derivative Network:**

– **Chain Rule:**

$$\frac{\partial f(Y^*)}{\partial A(i,j)} = \text{Tr} \left[\left(\frac{\partial(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)}{\partial AA'} \right)' \frac{\partial AA'}{\partial A(i,j)} \right] = 2\mathbf{u}_1(i)(\mathbf{u}'_1 \mathbf{A})(j) - 2\mathbf{u}_2(i)(\mathbf{u}'_2 \mathbf{A})(j)$$

– **Matrix Form Solution:**

$$\frac{\partial f(Y^*)}{\partial A} = 2(\mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{u}'_1 \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{u}'_2 \mathbf{A}) = 2(\mathbf{u}_1 \delta_1 \mathbf{v}'_1 - \mathbf{u}_2 \delta_2 \mathbf{v}'_2)$$

- Avoid matrix multiplication ($O(n^3)$ in time).
- Construct while optimizing HITS.

rank-2 SVD

- **Time and Space Complexities:**

– $O(m + n)$ in time and $O(m + n)$ in space.

[1] Ng, A. Y., Zheng, A. X., & Jordan, M. I. Stable algorithms for link analysis. SIGIR 2001.

Task #2: Spectral Clustering

- **Goal:** find k clusters such that
 - maximize intra-connectivity
 - minimize inter-connectivity

- **Optimization Problem:**

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{U}} \quad & \text{Tr}(\mathbf{U}'\mathbf{L}\mathbf{U}) \\ \text{s. t.} \quad & \mathbf{U}'\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I} \end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{L} is Laplacian matrix of \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{U} is a matrix with k orthonormal column vectors.

- **Solution:** rank- k eigen-decomposition.
 - \mathbf{U} = eigenvectors with k smallest eigenvalues
- **Question:** what would happen if an edge is perturbed between two nodes?



N2N for Spectral Clustering

- **Choice of $f(\cdot)$ Function:** $f(Y^*) = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{U}'\mathbf{L}\mathbf{U})$
 - Consistent with the objective.

- **Constructing the Derivative Network:**

- **Chain Rule:**

$$\frac{\partial f(Y^*)}{\partial A(i,j)} = \text{Tr} \left[\left(\frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i}{\partial \mathbf{L}} \right)' \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial A(i,j)} \right] = \mathbf{U}'(i,:) [\mathbf{U}(i,:) - \mathbf{U}(j,:)]$$

- **Matrix Form Solution:**

$$\frac{\partial f(Y^*)}{\partial \mathbf{A}} = \underline{\text{diag}(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}')\mathbf{1}_{n \times n}} - \underline{\mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}'}$$

$\mathbf{1}_{n \times n}$: $n \times n$ full matrix with 1 as entries.

- **Limitation:** $O(n^3)$ in time complexity and $O(n^2)$ in space.
- **Question:** how to scale up the computation to large networks?

N2N for Spectral Clustering

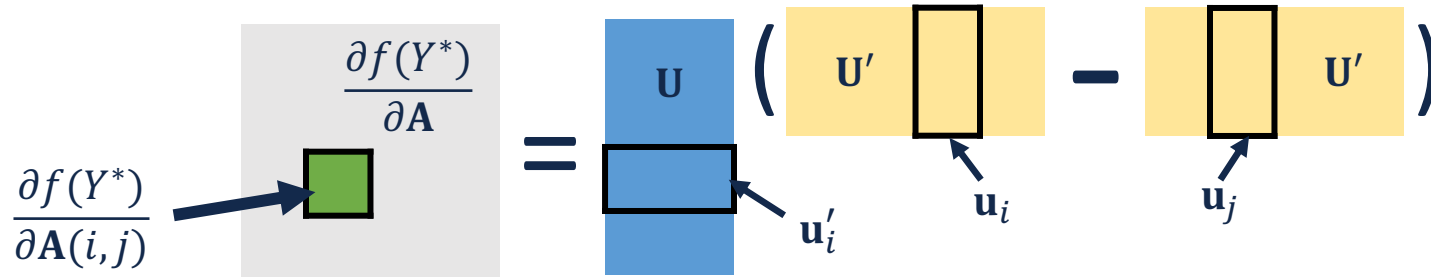
- **Scale-Up Computation:** $\frac{\partial f(Y^*)}{\partial A} = \text{diag}(UU')\mathbf{1}_{n \times n} - UU'$

– **Solution:** explore the low-rank structure.

$$\text{diag}(UU')\mathbf{1}_{n \times n} = \text{diag}(UU')\mathbf{1}_{n \times 1}\mathbf{1}_{1 \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}'_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \\ \dots \\ \mathbf{u}'_n \mathbf{u}_n \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{1}_{1 \times n} \text{ and } UU' = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}'_1 \\ \dots \\ \mathbf{u}'_n \end{bmatrix} [\mathbf{u}_1 \dots \mathbf{u}_n]$$

$\mathbf{u}'_i = i^{\text{th}}$ row of matrix U

- $\frac{\partial f(Y^*)}{\partial A(i,j)} = \mathbf{u}'_i(\mathbf{u}_i - \mathbf{u}_j) \rightarrow O(k)$ time for one edge and $O(km)$ in total.



- **Time and Space Complexities:**

– $O(k(m + n) + k^2n)$ in time and $O(kn + m)$ in space.



Task #3: Matrix Completion

- **Goal:** learn two low-rank matrices for all users and items
- **Optimization Problem:**

$$\min_{\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}} \quad \underline{\|\text{proj}_{\Omega}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{UV}')\|_F^2 + \lambda_u \|\mathbf{U}\|_F^2 + \lambda_v \|\mathbf{V}\|_F^2}$$

$\Omega = \{\text{observations}\}, \lambda_u, \lambda_v$ for regularization

not jointly convex for \mathbf{U} and \mathbf{V}

- **Solution:** Alternating Least Square (ALS)
 - Fix \mathbf{U} , solve for \mathbf{V}
 - Fix \mathbf{V} , solve for \mathbf{U}
- **Question:** how sensitive are the recommendation results due to users' ratings?

N2N for Matrix Completion

- **Choice of $f(\cdot)$ Function:** $f(Y^*) = \|\mathbf{UV}'\|_F^2$
 - Measure the overall sensitivity of the recommender system.

- **Constructing the Derivative Network:**

- **Chain Rule:** $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{UV}'$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f(Y^*)}{\partial \mathbf{A}(i,j)} &= \sum_l^{n_1} \sum_t^{n_2} \frac{\partial f(Y^*)}{\partial \mathbf{X}(l,t)} \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}(l,t)}{\partial \mathbf{A}(i,j)} \\ &= 2 \sum_l^{n_1} \sum_t^{n_2} \mathbf{X}(l,t) \left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}(l,:)}{\partial \mathbf{A}(i,j)} \mathbf{V}'(t,:) + \mathbf{U}'(l,:) \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}(t,:)}{\partial \mathbf{A}(i,j)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

involve optimization procedure

- **Observation:** optimization procedure is involved.
- **Solution:** consider KKT conditions [Li et al. 2016]

[1] Li, B., Wang, Y., Singh, A., & Vorobeychik Y.. Data Poisoning Attacks on Factorization-Based Collaborative Filtering. NIPS 2016.

N2N for Matrix Completion

- **Solution:** consider KKT conditions.

- $\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}(l,:)}{\partial \mathbf{A}(i,j)} = \mathbf{V}(j,:) [\lambda_u \mathbf{I} + \sum_{k \in \Omega_l} \mathbf{V}(k,:) \mathbf{V}(k,:)', \text{ only if } i = l$

- $\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}(t,:)}{\partial \mathbf{A}(i,j)} = \mathbf{U}(i,:) [\lambda_v \mathbf{I} + \sum_{k \in \Omega_t} \mathbf{U}(k,:) \mathbf{U}(k,:)', \text{ only if } j = t$

- 0 otherwise

- **Element-wise Solution:** $\mathbf{C}_i = \lambda_u \mathbf{I} + \sum_{k \in \Omega_i} \mathbf{V}(k,:) \mathbf{V}(k,:)', \mathbf{D}_j = \lambda_v \mathbf{I} + \sum_{k \in \Omega_j} \mathbf{U}(k,:) \mathbf{U}(k,:)'$

$$\frac{\partial f(Y^*)}{\partial \mathbf{A}(i,j)} = 2 \mathbf{U}(i,:) \mathbf{V}' \mathbf{V} \mathbf{C}_i^{-1} \mathbf{V}(j,:) + 2 \mathbf{V}(j,:) \mathbf{U}' \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D}_j^{-1} \mathbf{U}(i,:)'$$

many matrix multiplications rating-specific terms

- **Observation:**

- need to calculate \mathbf{C}_i and \mathbf{D}_j for each rating made by a user.
- many matrix multiplications involved.

- **Question:** how to scale up to large networks?

N2N for Matrix Completion

- **Element-wise Solution:**

$$\frac{\partial f(Y^*)}{\partial \mathbf{A}(i,j)} = 2\mathbf{U}(i,:) \mathbf{V}' \mathbf{V} \mathbf{C}_i^{-1} \mathbf{V}(j,:)' + 2\mathbf{V}(j,:) \mathbf{U}' \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D}_j^{-1} \mathbf{U}(i,:)'$$

- **Scale-up computation:**

- **U, V:** mining results.
- **U'U, V'V:** shared for all users and items.
- **C_i, D_j:** calculated during ALS.
- Precompute **U'U, V'V, C_i** and **D_j** during ALS.

- **Time and Space Complexities:**

- $O(k^3(n_1 + n_2) + k^2m)$ amortized time complexity
- $O(k^2(n_1 + n_2) + m)$ space complexity.



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Experimental Settings

- **Questions:**
 - Effectiveness in attacking network mining tasks
 - Scalability
- **Datasets:** 10+ various types of real-world datasets.
 - **Types:** directed, undirected, bipartite
- **Baseline Methods:**

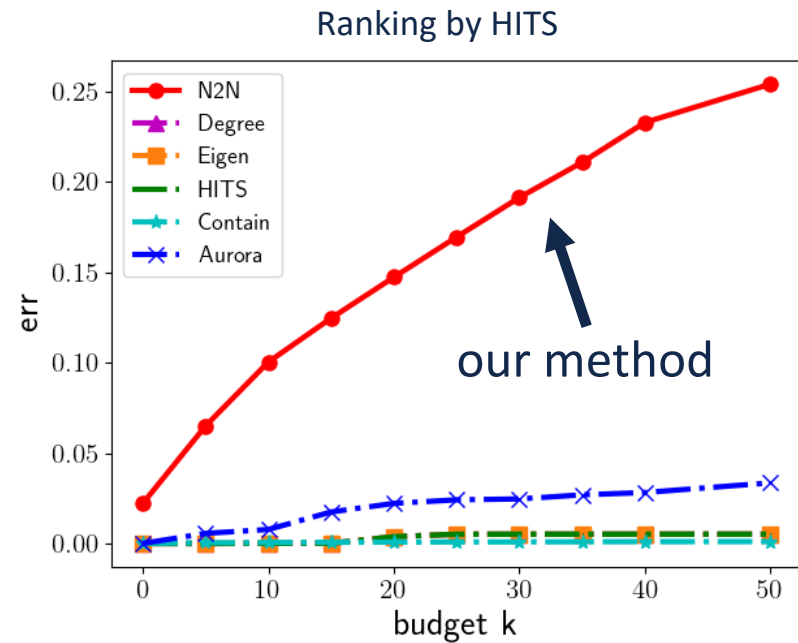
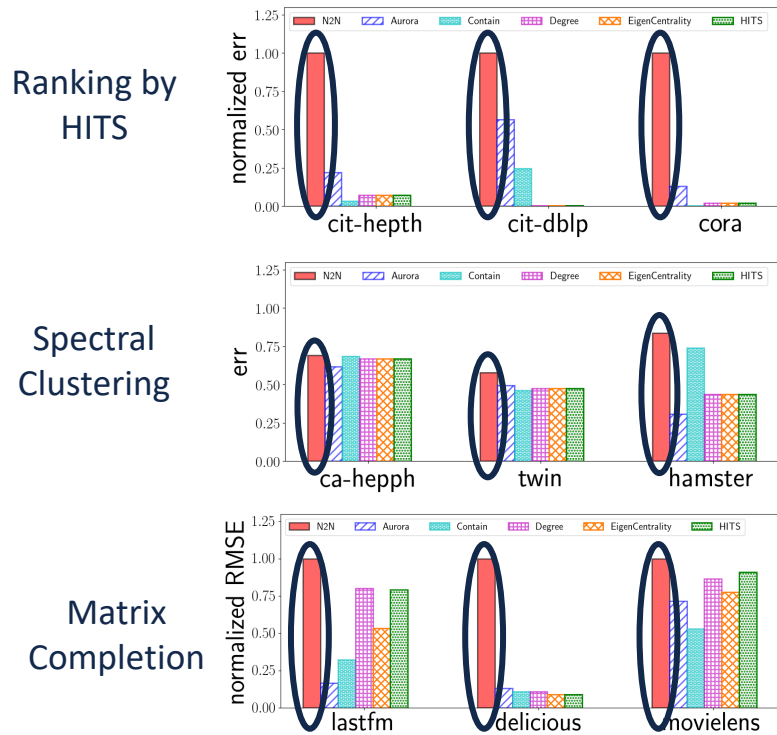
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HITS	-
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AURORA ^[2]	$c = 1/2\lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{A})$

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Effectiveness

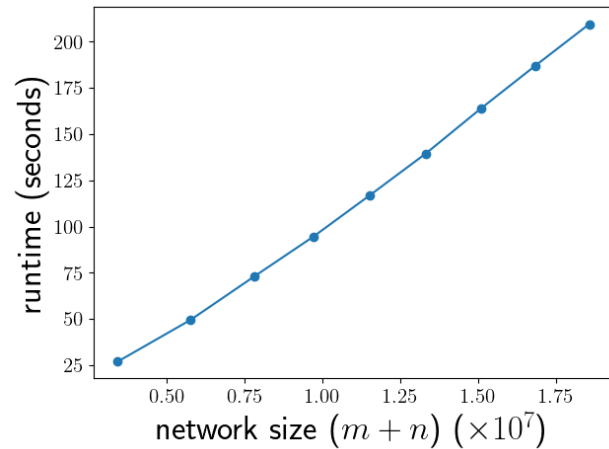
- **Observation:** outperform baseline methods across three different instantiations and over different budget size.



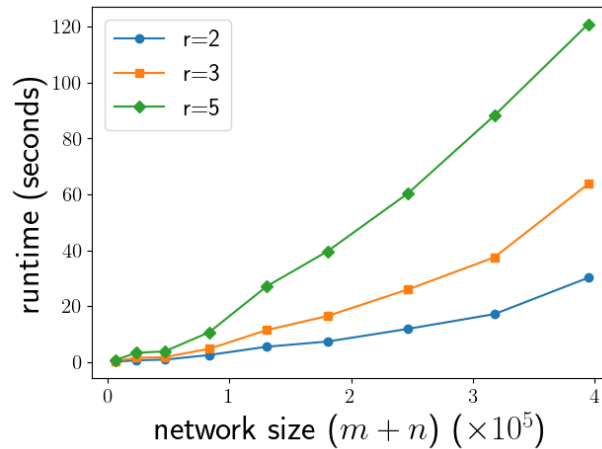
Scalability

- **Observation:** scale linearly w.r.t. network size.

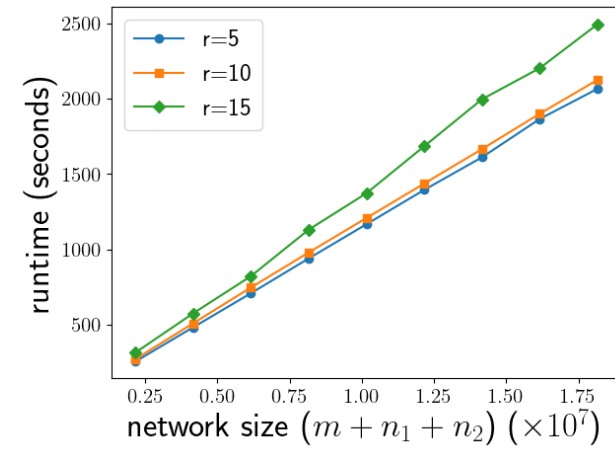
Ranking by HITS



Spectral Clustering



Matrix Completion





Roadmap

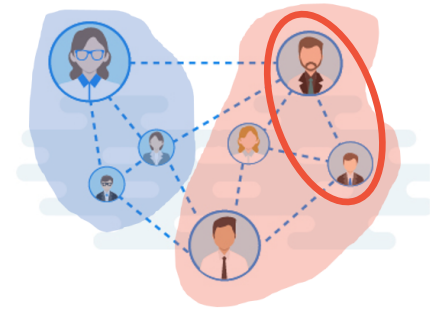
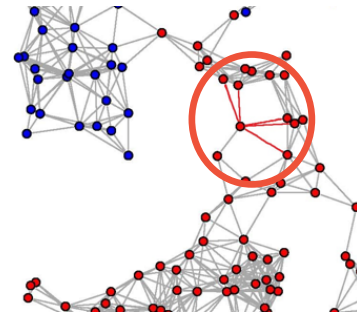
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Conclusions

- **Problem:** Network Derivative Mining

- **Solution:**

- An algorithmic framework (N2N) to construct the derivative network.
 - Three different instantiations: HITS, spectral clustering, matrix completion
- Ability to scale up to large networks.

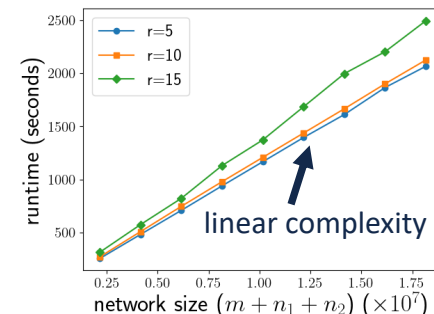
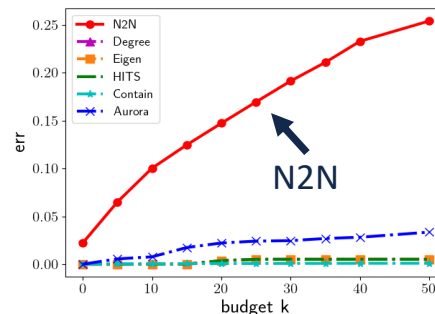


- **Results:**

- Effective in adversarial attack on network mining tasks.
- Linear time and space complexity.

- More details in the paper.

- Detailed experimental settings.
- Additional experimental results.
- Proofs and analysis for each instantiation.





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