

Representation Learning on Graphs Yu Rong Machine Learning Group

Agenda

- Problem Definition
- Representation Learning on Graph Structure
- Representation Learning on Attributed Graph





Problem Definition

• What is the representation learning on graphs?



- Why we want to do this on graphs?
 - Graphs usually represented as adjacency list/matrix.

 - Machine Learning algorithms are not friendly to such adjacency representations. • Continuous valued vectors are much more model friendly.
 - Can apply classical ML methods.

Our Goal: Conduct the graph inference & analytics in vector space.





Two perspectives

- topology in vector space. (Representation Learning on Graph Structure)
 - A is adjacency matrix. $d \ll n$



- - W is constructed from graph topology.





• From graph theory and data mining perspective: how to represent/preserve the graph

From machine learning perspective: how to generate the new features with the help of topological information of data points. (Representation Learning on Attributed Graph)





Representation Learning on Graph Structure

Representation Learning on Graph Structure

- dimension reduction techniques.
 - High complexity.
 - Can not represent the topological relation between vertexes.
- Preserve graph topology \rightarrow Model the proximity between vertexes.
- There are many ways to define the graph proximities.

Co-occurrence (neighborhood)

High-order proximities





Different algorithms try to preserve different kinds of proximities in the vector space.



• Naïve Approach : Since we need: $n \times n \rightarrow n \times d$, Y can be naturally constructed by classical

Communities



Modeling Vertex neighborhood

- The vertex neighborhood relation is important in networks.
- The vertex representation should be able to reflect its neighborhood information.
- How to define neighborhood in graphs?

• Exploit truncated random walk to define neighborhood of a vertex.









Random Walks on Graph • $V_{26} - V_{25} - V_{32} - V_3 - V_{10} \dots$ • $V_5 - V_7 - V_{17} - V_6 - V_{11} \dots$ • $V_{31} - V_{33} - V_{21} - V_{33} - V_{15}$



Deepwalk

• Framework



- Core idea
 - Sample the truncated random walk path to represent the vertex neighborhood.
- Extension: many xxx2vec papers. ③



• Treat the vertex path as "sentences" and employ the NLP model (word2vec) to learn the vertex embedding.





Extensions of Deepwalk

Node2vec

- Motivation: The truncated random walk is not good enough.
- Core idea: replace the truncated random walk with a biased random walk.

$$\alpha_{pq}(t,x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{p} & \text{if } d_{tx} = 0\\ 1 & \text{if } d_{tx} = 1\\ \frac{1}{q} & \text{if } d_{tx} = 2 \end{cases}$$



Smaller p: BFS Smaller q: DFS

• Struc2vec

- Motivation: Capture the structural identity.
- Core idea: Establish the new graph based on the structural similarity.

Metapath2vec

- Motivation: Different kinds of Graph type. (Heterogenous Graph)
- Core idea: Random walk with predefined meta-path. e.g. author – conference – paper – author





Homophily (community): DFS search Structural equivalence: BFS search













Representation Learning on Attributed Graph

Representation Learning on Attributed Graph

- Instead of preserve topology, machine learning people is interested in generate the new vertex feature based on the graph topology.
- What we have now: Convolutional Neural Network -- A powerful and success representation learning tool.



- View CNN as Euclidean domains or Grids:
 - Translation Invariance (yielding convolutions).
 - Multiscale structure (yielding downsampling).
- Inductive bias that exploits stationarity and deformation stability of many tasks. Roadmap: extend CNNs to non-Euclidean geometries by replacing filtering and pooling by appropriate operators.









Representation Learning on Attributed Graph

- Graphs vs Euclidean grids:
 - Irregular sampling.
 - Weighted edges.
 - No orientation or ordering (in general).
- Challenge: efficient formulation of convolution and down-sampling on graphs.
- **Graph Convolutional Network (GCN)**

 $H^{(l+1)} = \sigma \left(\tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{A} \tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} H^{(l)} W^{(l)} \right) \,.$



(a) Graph Convolutional Network

(b) Hidden layer activations

• The supervised loss:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\sum_{l \in \mathcal{Y}_L} \sum_{f=1}^F Y$$







 $Z = f(X, A) = \operatorname{softmax} \left(\hat{A} \operatorname{ReLU} \left(\hat{A} X W^{(0)} \right) W^{(1)} \right) \,.$

 $Y_{lf} \ln Z_{lf}$,

 $\tilde{A} = A + I_N$: Adjacency matrix with self-connections. $\widetilde{D} = \sum_{i} \widetilde{A}_{ij}$: Degree matrix. *H*: Feature map. W: Trainable parameters.





GCN: From Spectral to Spatial

of a signal (a scalar for every node) with a filter.

$$y = x *_{\mathcal{G}} g = U \begin{bmatrix} \hat{g}(\lambda_1) & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & \hat{g}(\lambda_n) \end{bmatrix} U^T x = U \hat{g}(\Lambda) U^T x = \hat{g}(L) x$$

U: the matrix of eigenvectors of the normalized graph Laplacian $L = I_N - D^{\frac{1}{2}}AD^{\frac{1}{2}} = U\Lambda U^T$ U is the graph Fourier basis, Λ are graph `frequencies`.

- **Parametrization:** replace $\hat{g}(\Lambda)$ to $\hat{g}_{\theta} = diag(\theta)$
 - Still computationally expensive (multiplication with the eigenvector matrix U is $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$).
- Polynomial parametrization by Chebyshev polynomials

$$y = \hat{g}_{\theta}(L)x = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \theta_k T_k(\tilde{L})x = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \theta_k \bar{x}_k, \quad \tilde{L} = \frac{2}{\lambda_n} L - I_n$$

When K = 1 (only consider the neighborhood), we have:

$$g_{\theta} \star x \approx \theta \left(I_N + D^{-\frac{1}{2}} A D^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) x$$



• Consider spectral convolutions on graphs defined as the multiplication Spectral Param. No.

 $n \times |g|$

n

Spatial



- Recall: $H^{(l+1)} = \sigma \left(\tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{A} \tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} H^{(l)} W^{(l)} \right) \,.$
- Another simpler perspective: GCN is the aggregation of neighbor features.
- GraphSAGE: simple aggregation is not enough.
 - Inductive Learning Setting vs Transductive Learning Setting.
 - Provide the la





2. Aggregate feature information from neighbors

• FastGCN: aggregate all neighbor is not efficient.

- Sample fixed number of vertex per layer with bottom-up style.
- The sampler is designed for variance reduction.
- Avoid the explosion of expanded neighborhood.





INPUT GRAPH

3. Predict graph context and label using aggregated information



Graph convolution view

- AS-GCN: A more efficient sample strategy
 - Top-down sampler, ensure the connection between two layers are dense.



• Two more things: skip connection and attentions

I. Skip Connections





II. New Attentions



- Gated Graph Neural Networks: State and Message Passing
 - Parameter sharing across layers.



• Graph Attention Networks.



INPUT GRAPH







- SEAL: Towards complex graph structures.
- Graph-based Representation Learning.



• Combine node-level and graph-level optimization goals.









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Take-away

- According to random walk technique, the graph representation problem can be converted to a NLP-like problem. A huge amount of methods are based on this conversion.
- Graph proximity is a very useful measurement in the unsupervised graph representation learning. A huge amount of papers are based on the redefinition of this measurement.
- Sampling and attention are two very powerful techniques when we build graph representation models.





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