Graph Representation Learning for Web-Scale Recommender Systems

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Tutorial Outline

- 1. Introduction & Motivations
- 2. Homogenous Graph Representation Learning
- 3. Heterogeneous Graph Representation Learning
- 4. Break
- 5. Graph Neural Networks
- 6. Graph-based Representations for Recommender Systems



Intro and Motivation

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Recommender Systems

Technical Definition

- Given candidate *items* (i), rank items by relevance for a given user *u*'s preferences
- CTR model: Relevance is probability of "engagement" (click, watch, follow, like, etc.)

Caveats

 Other formulations and variations exist (e.g, LTV, non-personalized, etc.)
 Production systems have many more components and rules



Recommender Systems

Many Applications For Different "items"

- Ads ranking [Ads]
- Account recommendations for social networks [Suggested User]
- Content recommendation for streaming services (e.g, Netflix, Disney+, etc.) [Videos]

Importance

Recommender systems are typically the ML models closest to business objectives (e.g, Ads revenue, growing social graph, watch time)

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Approaches To Recommender Systems

Content-Based

Item-item similarity. Useful when few engagements

- Vector space document model
- Transformer-based representations of items (E.g, BERT or CLIP)



Collaborative Filtering (CF)

Leverage (user, item) engagement behavior

- Matrix factorization
- Predictive models (i.e, DLRM)

Production systems are usually mixture of both approaches

This tutorial focused on collaborative filtering, but some content-based extensions

Recommender System Challenges

Sparsity and Cold-Start

- CF works reasonably well when there is (user, item) *density*
- Cold-start: When user or item has little-to-no past engagements to power CF.
 - a. Prevalent for sparse engagement targets (e.g, performance ad actions like e-commerce purchases)
- This tutorial: Pre-trained graph
 embeddings can address cold-start and
 sparse recommendation problems



Tutorial In A Nutshell

- Build graph of interactions between users, items, and other domain entities (e.g, ads, advertisers, content tags, etc.)
- Embed all graph entities





Tutorial In A Nutshell

- These pre-trained entity embeddings can be used for many different tasks involving business entities
 - Entity classification (e.g, account classification)
 - Recommendation candidate retrieval
 - Inputs to recommendations ranking models



Homogenous Graph Representation

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Homogeneous Graph Representations

Homogeneous Graphs

Single node type and single edge type

O Twitter

a. users *follow* other users

Running Application Example

- Nodes represent users and (single) edge type for user following relation
- Account recommendation: What account should a user follow?

Future sections will generalize to heterogeneous graphs (multiple edge types)



homogeneous

Homogeneous Graph Representations

Node Embeddings

- Represent each graph node u by a vector, or embedding, f(u) in Rⁿ
- Learn **f** so that "similar" nodes (u, v) map to vectors **f**(u) and **f**(v) close together



Homogeneous Graph Representations

Why bother with embeddings?

 Translate complex relational data into representation more amenable for Deep ML models

 Querying for "similarity" is more efficient leveraging approximate nearest neighbor (ANN) algorithms







Defining Objective

- O Very similar to word2vec
- Given nodes "similar" to node u, denoted S(u), assign node embedding to maximize probability of this "observed" data

$$P(\mathbf{S}(u)|u) = \prod_{v \in \mathbf{S}(u)} P(v|u)$$
$$= \prod_{v \in \mathbf{S}(u)} \left[\frac{\exp\left(\mathbf{f}(u)^T \mathbf{f}(v)\right)}{\sum_{v' \in V} \exp\left(\mathbf{f}(u)^T \mathbf{f}(v')\right)} \right]$$

Two Modeling Choices

- O How do we choose "similar" nodes S(u)?
 - a. Determines kind of similarity captured by embeddings
- O How to avoid computing denominator of $P(v \mid u)$?



DeepWalk (KDD '14, Perrozi et. al.)

Similar Nodes S(u): Sample fixed-length random walks from each node. S(u) are nodes in a window around u weighed by window co-occurrence in sampled walks



DeepWalk (KDD '14, Perrozi et. al.)

- \bigcirc Model P(v | u) using *hierarchical softmax*
- © Create binary tree, where leaves are nodes **V**.
 - a. Each binary branch has a probability of going left (or right) given input embedding, f(u).
 - b. P(v | u) is product of binary choices in path to v



Sigmoid

Recap of **DeepWalk** (KDD '14, Perrozi et. al.)

- © Learn embeddings of dimension *d* for each node in **V**
 - a. This entails d |V | parameters to learn (e.g, embedding table)
- \bigcirc Sample short random walks for each node, use context window frequency for similarity multiset **S**(*u*)
- \bigcirc Hierarchical-softmax to model P(v|u) as sequence of binary decisions conditioned on embedding of u
 - a. Can use arbitrary coding mechanism, but Huffman encoding used originally (what benefit?)
 - b. This adds d (**|V|**-1) parameters (why?)

- Similar Nodes S(u): Similar to DeepWalk, but richer parametrization of random walks to allow flexibility
- Steadth-first search (BFS) and Depth-First search (DFS) yield a microscopic (local) and macroscopic (global) view of the graph respectively



- Biased Random Walk: Introduce hyper-parameters p and q which will allow you
 to interpolate between a more BFS vs DFS-like random walk
- Imagine we just traversed (s, u) edge in our random walk. Compute 2nd order transition probabilities P(t | s, u)

$$P(t|s,u) = \frac{\alpha(t,u)}{\sum_{t' \in N(u)} \alpha(t',u)} \alpha(t',u) = \begin{cases} p^{-1} & t = u \text{ [Return]} \\ 1 & d(t,u) = 1 \text{ [Adjacent]} \\ q^{-1} & d(t,u) = 2 \text{ [Wander]} \end{cases}$$

- Small p (large p⁻¹) is more BFS-like since encourage walk to stay close to start
- Small q (large q⁻¹) is more DFS-like since encourage walk to wander further away
- Recover DeepWalk sampling for p=q=1

$$\alpha(t, u) = \begin{cases} p^{-1} & t = u \text{ [Return]} \\ 1 & d(t, u) = 1 \text{ [Adjacent]} \\ q^{-1} & d(t, u) = 2 \text{ [Wander]} \end{cases}$$



- SkipGram Objective
 - a. **Negative Sampling**: Approximate denominator by sampling from distribution, **D**(u), over "negative" contexts for node u
 - b. Noise Contrastive Estimation (NCE): optimize probability of true vs false "negative samples"

$$\sum_{v \in \mathbf{S}(u)} \lg \sigma(\mathbf{f}(u)^T \mathbf{f}(v)) + \sum_{v' \in \mathbf{D}(u)} \lg \sigma(-\mathbf{f}(u)^T \mathbf{f}(v))$$

Recap

- Embed graph nodes by preserving pairwise node similarity, where node similarity is defined by co-occurence of nodes in a random walk
- O DeepWalk samples short random walks uniformly, but node2vec has hyper-parameters to encourage walks to interpolate between DFS and BFS (to capture macro- and micro- concepts of similarity)
- Solution For the user following graph, this yields user embeddings capturing similar follow behavior
 - a. **Similar Accounts**: Retrieve nearest neighbors of a given user's embedding
 - b. **Account Classification**: Build a model with user embeddings as input

- Instead of obtaining "similar" nodes via random walk sampling, can we directly model graph properties?
- **O** Graph Proximity
 - a. **First-Order (L1)**: pairwise proximity between two nodes that are connected (typically an edge weight)
 - b. **Second-Order (L2)**: pairwise proximity between two nodes, not connected but sharing neighbors





Large-Scale Information Network Embedding (LINE) [WWW '15, Tang et. al.]

Define an empirical measure of First-Order proximity and a model-based prediction. We want to tune embedding table to bring empirical close to model. Note: Only applies to undirected graphs.

Empirical

 $\hat{P}(u,v) \propto w_{u,v}$

Proportional to edge-weight (or 0 otherwise) Model

$$P(u, v) = \sigma(\mathbf{f}(u)^T \mathbf{f}(v))$$

Sigmoid of embedding dot product

Large-Scale Information Network Embedding (LINE) [WWW '15, Tang et. al.]

Objective function to minimize KL-divergence from empirical distribution to model-base prediction

$$O_1 \propto \sum_{(u,v) \in \mathbf{E}} w_{u,v} \lg P(u,v)$$

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Large-Scale Information Network Embedding (LINE) [WWW '15, Tang et. al.]

- Second-Order proximity: Define a directed graph over V where edge weights represent neighborhood similarity of nodes (e.g, jaccard between two nodes neighbors)
- O Use a secondary embedding, f', for embedding a "context" node (similar to word2vec)

Empirical

Model

 $= \frac{w_{u,v}}{\sum_{v'} w_{u,v'}} \quad P(v|u) = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{f}(u)^T \mathbf{f}'(v))}{\sum_{v'} \exp(\mathbf{f}(u)^T \mathbf{f}'(v'))}$ 28

Large-Scale Information Network Embedding (LINE) [WWW '15, Tang et. al.]

- Define a KL-divergence loss from the empirical second-order proximity distribution to the model-based one
- **NOTE**: Denominator of model-based term involves intractable summation



Large-Scale Information Network Embedding (LINE) [WWW '15, Tang et. al.]

- Negative sampling (like node2vec) to sample "negative" edges for model-based term denominator.
- \bigcirc Learn embeddings for O₁ and O₂ independently and concatenate
- © Rather than SGD with raw edge weights, sample edges w/ Walker Alias method
- © Experiments on text networks (co-occurring terms) in Wikipedia analogy
 - a. 2nd order helps

Algorithm	Semantic (%)	Syntactic (%)	Overall (%)	Running time	
GF	61.38	44.08	51.93	2.96h	
DeepWalk	50.79	37.70	43.65	16.64h	
SkipGram	69.14	57.94	63.02	2.82h	
LINE-SGD(1st)	9.72	7.48	8.50	3.83h	
LINE-SGD(2nd)	20.42	9.56	14.49	3.94h	
LINE(1st)	58.08	49.42	53.35	2.44h	
LINE(2nd)	73.79	59.72	66.10	2.55h	

GraRep [WWW '15, Cao et. al.]

Can represent a single-step dynamics of a graph walk starting from u using matrix algebra:

Normalized transition probs
$$A {f 1}_{u}$$
 One-hot vector on node u

Similarly, can represent probability k-step walk starting from u will end at node v by iterative matrix multiplication

$$P_k(v|u) = (A^k)_{u,v}$$

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GraRep [WWW '15, Cao et. al.]

Similar to LINE, formulate "empirical" and "model" quantities to represent transition probabilities for u → v for a k-step uniform random walk. Use a separate source-destination embedding table (f and f'):

Empirical

Model

$$\hat{P}_k(v|u) \propto (A^k)_{u,v} P_k(v|u) = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{f}(u)^T \mathbf{f}'(v))}{\sum_{v'} \exp(\mathbf{f}(u)^T \mathbf{f}'(v'))}$$

GraRep [WWW '15, Cao et. al.]

Define loss over KL-divergence between "empirical" k-step transition probability and model-defined. Using negative sampling to approximate model denominator (ala node2vec), and skipping some math

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{k}(v|u) &= A_{u,v}^{k} \lg \sigma(\mathbf{f}'(v)^{T} \mathbf{f}(u)) + \\ & \beta \sum_{v' \in D(u)} A_{u,v'}^{k} \lg \sigma(-\mathbf{f}'(v')^{T} \mathbf{f}(u)) \end{aligned}$$

Constant involving negative sampling and number vertices

GraRep [WWW '15, Cao et. al.]

O Differentiating wrt $\mathbf{f}^{\prime}(v)^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{f}(u)$ and setting to 0, we obtain

$$\mathbf{f}'(v)^T \mathbf{f}(u) = \lg \frac{A_{u,v}^k}{\sum_{v'} A_{u,v'}^k} - \lg \beta$$

 \bigcirc Equivalent to the matrix factorization problem $A^* = (F^*)^T F$

- a. F and F' are matrices where rows are node embeddings
- b. A* represents matrix of right-hand-side expression

GraRep [WWW '15, Cao et. al.]

- Similar to GLOVE where word embeddings becomes matrix-factorization
 - a. Similar pro/cons versus SkipGram word embeddings in terms of memory vs compute trade-offs
- © Compute representations for different *k* lengths and concatenate

	200 samples			all data		
Algorithm	3NG(200)	6NG(200)	9NG(200)	3NG(all)	6NG(all)	9NG(all)
GraRep	81.12	67.53	59.43	81.44	71.54	60.38
LINE $(k-max=0)$	80.36	64.88	51.58	80.58	68.35	52.30
LINE $(k-max=200)$	78.69	66.06	54.14	80.68	68.83	53.53
DeepWalk	65.58	63.66	48.86	65.67	68.38	49.19
DeepWalk (192dim)	60.89	59.89	47.16	59.93	65.68	48.61
			10.15			

Table 3: Results on 20-NewsGroup

Recap

- O Higher-order methods take "observed" graph properties (proximity structure or transition probabilities) and fit node embeddings as part of a model to match empirical properties
- O Different methods encode different graph properties, but we see consistent value in encoding non-local structure.


Some Other Things To Check Out

- Structural Deep Network
 Embedding (SDNE)
 - a. [KDD '16, Wang et. al.]
 - Jointly learn first- and second-order proximity at different auto-encoder layers
- Hierarchical Representation
 Learning For Networks (HARP)
 - a. [AAI '18, Chen et. al]
 - b. Embed sequence of "coarser" graphs and "warm start" finer
 grained graph embedding



Heterogeneous Graph Representation

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Homogeneous vs Heterogeneous Graphs

Homogeneous Graphs

- Single node type and single edge type
- O Twitter
 - a. users *follow* other users

Heterogeneous Graphs

Multiple node and/or edge types

Twitter:

- ousers *follow* other users
- users *fave* tweets

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Heterogeneous Graphs

A heterogeneous graph is defined as:

G = (V, E, R, T)

- Nodes with node types $v_i \in \mathbf{V}$
- Edges with relation types $(v_i, r, v \Box) \in \mathbf{E}$
- Node type T(v_i)
- Relation type $r \in \mathbf{R}$



Heterogeneous Graphs in the Wild

- Social Networks (e.g., Twitter, Facebook)
- Bibliographic networks (e.g., DBLP, ArXiv, Pubmed)
- User-Item Engagement (e.g., e-Commerce, search engines)
- World Wide Web
- Biological networks



Heterogeneous Information Network Embeddings





Heterogeneous Star Network Embedding

Star-schema network

- Papers, keywords, authors, venues
- Embed the center node type
 - Learn paper representation
- Predict authors for anonymized papers
 - Dot (author-emb, paper-emb)



Star-schema bibliographic network



Author identification problem

Anonymized Potential authors Q Keywords Venue References

Paper: Task-Guided and Path-Augmented Heterogeneous Network Embedding for Author Identification

paper

Heterogeneous Star Network Embedding

Author identification performance comparison.								
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Models	MAP@3	MAP@10	Recall@3	Recall@10				
LR	0.7289	0.7321	0.6721	0.8209				
SVM	0.7332	0.7365	0.6748	0.8267				
RF	0.7509	0.7543	0.6921	0.8381				
LambdaMart	0.7511	0.7420	0.6869	0.8026				
Task-specific	0.6876	0.7088	0.6523	0.8298				
Pre-train+Task.	0.7722	0.7962	0.7234	0.9014				
Network-general	0.7563	0.7817	0.7105	0.8903				
Combined	0.8113	0.8309	0.7548	0.9215				

Top ranked authors by models for queried keyword "variational inference"

Task-specific	Network-general	Combined
Chong Wang	Yee Whye Teh	Michael I. Jordan
Qiang Liu	Mohammad E. Khan	Yee Whye Teh
Sheng Gao	Edward Challis	Zoubin Ghahramani
Song Li	Ruslan Salakhutdinov	John William Paisley
Donglai Zhu	Michael I. Jordan	David M. Blei
Neil D. Lawrence	Zoubin Ghahramani	Max Welling
Sotirios Chatzis	Matthias Seeger	Alexander T. Ihler
Si Wu	David B. Dunson	Eric P. Xing
Huan Wang	Dae Il Kim	Ryan Prescott Adams
Weimin Liu	Pradeep D. Ravikumar	Thomas L. Griffiths



Multi-view Network Embedding

- Real-world graphs have many edge types between nodes.
- Multiple relationships means multiple views
 - Each relationship type is a view
 - On Twitter:
 - Users follow other users
 - Users retweet other users
 - Users *favorite* tweets
 - Users *reply* to tweets



An example multi-view network with three views. Each view corresponds to a type of proximity between nodes, which is characterized by a set of edges. Different views are complementary to each other.

Multi-view Network Embedding

Nodes have view-specific embeddings
 Regularization across views
 Robust embedding from attention across different views' embeddings



Overview of the proposed approach. The collaboration framework (yellow parts) preserves the node proximities of different views with a set of view-specific node representations, which further vote for the robust representations. During voting, we learn the weights of views through an attention based method (blue parts), which enables nodes to focus on the most informative views.

Multi-view Network Embedding

Node classification task

Catagory	Algorithm	DBLP		Flie	ckr	PPI	
Category	Aigoritimi	Macro-F1	Micro-F1	Macro-F1	Micro-F1	Macro-F1	Micro-F1
Single View	LINE	70.29	70.77	34.49	54.99	20.69	24.70
Single view	node2vec	71.52	72.22	34.43	54.82	21.20	25.04
	node2vec-merge	72.05	72.62	29.15	52.08	21.00	24.60
	node2vec-concat	70.98	71.34	32.21	53.67	21.12	25.28
	CMSC	-	-	-	-	8.97	13.10
Multi View	MultiNMF	51.26	59.97	18.16	51.18	5.19	9.84
	MultiSPPMI	54.34	55.65	32.56	53.80	20.21	23.34
	MVE-NoCollab	71.85	72.40	28.03	54.62	18.23	22.40
	MVE-NoAttn	73.36	73.77	32.41	54.18	22.24	25.41
	MVE	74.51	74.85	34.74	58.95	23.39	26.96

Link prediction classification task

Quantitative results on the link prediction task. MVE achieves the best results through the collaboration framework and the attention mechanism.

Category	Algorithm	Youtube	Twitter
Single View	LINE	85.31	64.18
Single view	node2vec	88.71	78.75
	node2vec-merge	90.31	81.80
	node2vec-concat	92.12	75.00
	CMSC	74.25	-
Multi View	MultiNMF	68.30	-
Withit view	MultiSPPMI	86.35	53.95
	MVE-NoCollab	89.47	73.26
	MVE-NoAttn	93.10	82.62
	MVE	94.01	84.98

Heterogeneous Network Embeddings via Deep Architectures

- Heterogeneous information network consisting of linked text and images
- Objective: Makes the embeddings of linked nodes closer to each other
- Edge Types
 - Image-to-Image
 - Text-to-Image
 - Text-to-Text



- Illustration of the heterogeneity of different data sources describing the same topic "MH 17".

Heterogeneous Network Embeddings via Deep Architectures



The flowchart of the proposed Heterogeneous Network Embedding (HNE) framework.

Heterogeneous Network Embeddings via Deep Architectures



The overall architecture of HNE. The same color indicates the shared weights. The arrows are directions of forward feeding and back propagation.

- Takes an unstructured text corpus and transforms into a heterogeneous text network
 - word-to-word, word-to-document, document-to-label edges
- Embed nodes of induced heterogeneous information network



Illustration of converting a partially labeled text corpora to a heterogeneous text network. The word-word cooccurrence network and word-document network encode the unsupervised information, capturing the local context-level and document-level word co-occurrences respectively; the word-label network encodes the supervised information, capturing the class-level word co-occurrences.

Data: G_{ww}, G_{wd}, G_{wl} , number of samples T, number of negative samples K.

- **Result**: word embeddings \vec{w} .
- while $iter \leq T$ do
 - sample an edge from E_{ww} and draw K negative edges, and update the word embeddings;
 - sample an edge from E_{wd} and draw K negative edges, and update the word and document embeddings;
 - sample an edge from E_{wl} and draw K negative edges, and update the word and label embeddings;

 \mathbf{end}

Long Document Text Classification

8		20	NG	Wiki	pedia	IM	DB
Type	Algorithm	Micro-F1	Macro-F1	Micro-F1	Macro-F1	Micro-F1	Macro-F1
Word	BOW	80.88	79.30	79.95	80.03	86.54	86.54
	Skip-gram	70.62	68.99	75.80	75.77	85.34	85.34
	PVDBOW	75.13	73.48	76.68	76.75	86.76	86.76
Unsupervised	PVDM	61.03	56.46	72.96	72.76	82.33	82.33
Embedding	$\operatorname{LINE}(G_{ww})$	72.78	70.95	77.72	77.72	86.16	86.16
	$\operatorname{LINE}(G_{wd})$	79.73	78.40	80.14	80.13	89.14	89.14
	$LINE(G_{ww} + G_{wd})$	78.74	77.39	79.91	79.94	89.07	89.07
	CNN	78.85	78.29	79.72	79.77	86.15	86.15
	$\operatorname{CNN}(\operatorname{pretrain})$	80.15	79.43	79.25	79.32	89.00	89.00
Deviliation	$\operatorname{PTE}(G_{wl})$	82.70	81.97	79.00	79.02	85.98	85.98
Fredictive	$PTE(G_{ww} + G_{wl})$	83.90	83.11	81.65	81.62	89.14	89.14
Embedding	$PTE(G_{wd} + G_{wl})$	84.39	83.64	82.29	82.27	89.76	89.76
	$\operatorname{PTE}(\operatorname{pretrain})$	82.86	82.12	79.18	79.21	86.28	86.28
	$\overline{\mathrm{PTE}(\mathrm{joint})}$	84.20	83.39	$\overline{82.51}$	82.49	89.80	89.80

Paper: Predictive Text Embeddings via Large-scale Heterogeneous Text Networks

Short Document Text Classification

		DE	BLP	M	IR	Tw	itter
Type	Algorithm	Micro-F1	Macro-F1	Micro-F1	Macro-F1	Micro-F1	Macro-F1
Word	BOW	75.28	71.59	71.90	71.90	75.27	75.27
	Skip-gram	73.08	68.92	67.05	67.05	73.02	73.00
	PVDBOW	67.19	62.46	67.78	67.78	71.29	71.18
Unsupervised	PVDM	37.11	34.38	58.22	58.17	70.75	70.73
Embedding	$LINE(G_{ww})$	73.98	69.92	71.07	71.06	73.19	73.18
	$\operatorname{LINE}(G_{wd})$	71.50	67.23	69.25	69.24	73.19	73.19
	$LINE(G_{ww} + G_{wd})$	74.22	70.12	71.13	71.12	73.84	73.84
	CNN	76.16	73.08	72.71	72.69	75.97	75.96
	CNN(pretrain)	75.39	72.28	68.96	68.87	75.92	75.92
	$PTE(G_{wl})$	76.45	72.74	73.44	73.42	73.92	73.91
Predictive	$PTE(G_{ww}+G_{wl})$	76.80	73.28	72.93	72.92	74.93	74.92
Embedding -	$PTE(G_{wd} + G_{wl})$	77.46	74.03	73.13	73.11	75.61	75.61
	PTE(pretrain)	76.53	72.94	73.27	73.24	73.79	73.79
	PTE(joint)	77.15	73.61	73.58	73.57	75.21	75.21

Paper: Predictive Text Embeddings via Large-scale Heterogeneous Text Networks

Knowledge Graph Embedding Techniques for Heterogeneous Graph Embeddings



Workflow of Shallow Heterogenous Graph Embedding





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Shallow Heterogeneous Graph Embedding (Knowledge Graph Embedding Techniques)

Many knowledge graph embedding (KGE) techniques have been proposed

- 1. RESCAL (Nickel et al, 2011)
- 2. TransE (Bordes et al, 2013)
- 3. Neural Tensor Network (Socher et al, 2013)
- 4. DistMult (Yang et al, 2015)
- 5. Complex Embeddings (Trouillon et al, 2016)
- 6. Quaternion Embeddings (Zhang et al, 2019)

RESCAL: A Three-way Model for Collective Learning on Multi-relational Data

Tensor factorization on the <head-entity, tail-entity, relation> tensor

- pairs of entities are represented via the tensor product of their embeddings
- difficult to scale quadratic runtime and memory complexity (embedding dimension)



RESCAL as a tensor factorization of the adjacency tensor Y.

Paper: A Three-Way Model for Collective Learning on Multi-Relational Data

RESCAL: A Three-way Model for Collective Learning on Multi-relational Data

- Tensor factorization on the *head-entity*, *tail-entity*, *relation* tensor $X_k \approx AR_k A^T$
- A is a n × r matrix, representing the global entity-latent-component space
 R_k is an asymmetric r × r matrix that specifies the interaction of the latent components per predicate



O Translation Embedding (TransE): when adding the relation to the head entity, we should get close to the target tail entity



Paper: Translating Embeddings for Modeling Multi-relational Data

- Margin based loss function:
 - Minimize the distance between (h+l) and t.
 - Maximize the distance between (h+l) to a randomly sampled tail t' (negative example).

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{(h,\ell,t)\in S} \sum_{(h',\ell,t')\in S'_{(h,\ell,t)}} [\gamma + d(h+\ell,t) - d(h'+\ell,t')]_+$$

where $[x]_+$ denotes the positive part of $x, \gamma > 0$ is a margin hyperparameter, and $S'_{(h,\ell,t)} = \{(h',\ell,t)|h' \in E\} \cup \{(h,\ell,t')|t' \in E\}.$

Paper: Translating Embeddings for Modeling Multi-relational Data

Link prediction results. Test performance of the different methods.										
DATASET		W	N			FB	15ĸ		FB	51 M
METRIC	MEAN	RANK	HITS@	10 (%)	MEAN	Rank	HITS@	10 (%)	MEAN RANK	HITS@10(%)
Eval. setting	Raw	Filt.	Raw	Filt.	Raw	Filt.	Raw	Filt.	Raw	Raw
Unstructured [2]	315	304	35.3	38.2	1,074	979	4.5	6.3	15,139	2.9
RESCAL [11]	1,180	1,163	37.2	52.8	828	683	28.4	44.1	-	-
SE [3]	1,011	985	68.5	80.5	273	162	28.8	39.8	22,044	17.5
SME(LINEAR) [2]	545	533	65.1	74.1	274	154	30.7	40.8	-	-
SME(BILINEAR) [2]	526	509	54.7	61.3	284	158	31.3	41.3	-	-
LFM [6]	469	456	71.4	81.6	283	164	26.0	33.1	-	-
TransE	263	251	75.4	89.2	243	125	34.9	47.1	14,615	34.0

Paper: Translating Embeddings for Modeling Multi-relational Data

Detailed results by category of relationship. We compare Hits@10 (in %) on FB15k in the filtered evaluation setting for our model, TransE and baselines. (M. stands for MANY).

TASK	PREDICTING head PREDICTING tail							
REL. CATEGORY	1-то-1	1-то-М.	Мто-1	Мто-М.	1-то-1	1-то-М.	Мто-1	Мто-М.
Unstructured [2]	34.5	2.5	6.1	6.6	34.3	4.2	1.9	6.6
SE [3]	35.6	62.6	17.2	37.5	34.9	14.6	68.3	41.3
SME(LINEAR) [2]	35.1	53.7	19.0	40.3	32.7	14.9	61.6	43.3
SME(BILINEAR) [2]	30.9	69.6	19.9	38.6	28.2	13.1	76.0	41.8
TransE	43.7	65.7	18.2	47.2	43.7	19.7	66.7	50.0

Embedding Twitter Heterogeneous Information Network (TwHIN) – TransE in the Wild

- As TransE is scalable, it can be used to embed graphs consisting of billions of nodes and hundreds of billions of edges.
- Subsets of nodes, their embeddings, and associated edges are loaded into memory.
- TransE training to learn embeddings



Paper: TwHIN: Embedding the Twitter Heterogeneous Information Network for Personalized Recommendation

Embedding Twitter Heterogeneous Information Network (TwHIN) – TransE in the Wild



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Neural Tensor Networks for Embedding Heterogeneous Graphs

- O Model the bilinear interaction between entity pairs using tensors
 - The model computes a score of how likely it is that two entities are in a certain relationship by the following NTN-based function g(e₁, R, e₂):





Neural Tensor Networks for Embedding Heterogeneous Graphs

- Training objective: $T_{c}^{(i)} = (e_{1}^{(i)}, R^{(i)}, e_{c})$ is a triplet with a random entity corrupted from a correct triplet T (i) = $(e_{1}^{(i)}, R^{(i)}, e_{2}^{(i)})$
 - Score the correct relation triplet higher than its corrupted one up to a margin of 1.
 - For each correct triplet sample C random corrupted triplets.

$$J(\mathbf{\Omega}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{c=1}^{C} \max\left(0, 1 - g\left(T^{(i)}\right) + g\left(T^{(i)}_{c}\right)\right) + \lambda \|\mathbf{\Omega}\|_{2}^{2}$$

Paper: Reasoning with Neural Tensor Networks for Knowledge Base Completion

DistMult (bilinear-diag): Embedding Entities and Relations for Learning and Inference in Knowledge Bases

Special case of neural tensor network

- without nonlinear layer, linear operator, and uses 2-d matrix instead of tensor for the relation
- O Bi-linear formulation with diagonal matrix relation
 - same number of parameters as TransE
 - o element-wise product between relation embedding and entity embedding



Paper: Embedding Entities and Relations for Learning and Inference in Knowledge Bases

DistMult (bilinear-diag)

Link Prediction Task

	FB15k		FB	15k-401	WN	
	MRR	HITS@10	MRR	HITS@10	MRR	HITS@10
NTN	0.25	41.4	0.24	40.5	0.53	66.1
Blinear+Linear	0.30	49.0	0.30	49.4	0.87	91.6
TransE (DISTADD)	0.32	53.9	0.32	54.7	0.38	90.9
Bilinear	0.31	51.9	0.32	52.2	0.89	92.8
Bilinear-diag (DISTMULT)	0.35	57.7	0.36	58.5	0.83	94.2

- O Performance increases as complexity of model decreases
- O Likely because these graphs are relatively small, so overfitting with complex models

ComplEx Embeddings for Simple Link Prediction

- O DistMult Performs dot product in real-space
 - This can't model anti-symmetric relationships
- O ComplEx Embeddings
 - Extends DistMult by performing dot product in Complex space (Hermitian)
 - This can capture anti-symmetric relationships

$$f_{ComplEx} = Re(\langle \mathbf{r}_p, \mathbf{e}_s, \overline{\mathbf{e}_o}
angle)$$

Paper: Complex Embeddings for Simple Link Prediction

ComplEx Embeddings for Simple Link Prediction

- O Visualizing training, validation and test sets exps
 - one symmetric relation
 - one antisymmetric relation
 - Red pixels are positive triples
 - Blue pixels are negatives
 - Green missing ones
- O Top: Plots of the symmetric slice (relation) for the 10 first entities
- Bottom: Plots of the antisymmetric slice for the 10 first entities.



ComplEx Embeddings for Simple Link Prediction

Model	Scoring Function	Relation parameters	\mathcal{O}_{time}	\mathcal{O}_{space}
RESCAL (Nickel et al., 2011)	$e_s^T W_r e_o$	$W_r \in \mathbb{R}^{K^2}$	$\mathcal{O}(K^2)$	$\mathcal{O}(K^2)$
TransE (Bordes et al., 2013b)	$ (e_s + w_r) - e_o _p$	$w_r \in \mathbb{R}^K$	$\mathcal{O}(K)$	$\mathcal{O}(K)$
NTN (Socher et al., 2013)	$u_r^T f(e_s W_r^{[1D]} e_o + V_r \begin{bmatrix} e_s \\ e_o \end{bmatrix} + b_r)$	$W_r \in \mathbb{R}^{K^2 D}, b_r \in \mathbb{R}^K$ $V_r \in \mathbb{R}^{2KD}, u_r \in \mathbb{R}^K$	$\mathcal{O}(K^2D)$	$\mathcal{O}(K^2D)$
DistMult (Yang et al., 2015)	$\langle w_r, e_s, e_o \rangle$	$w_r \in \mathbb{R}^K$	$\mathcal{O}(K)$	$\mathcal{O}(K)$
HolE (Nickel et al., 2016b)	$w_r^T(\mathcal{F}^{-1}[\overline{\mathcal{F}[e_s]} \odot \mathcal{F}[e_o]]))$	$w_r \in \mathbb{R}^K$	$\mathcal{O}(K\log K)$	$\mathcal{O}(K)$
ComplEx	$\operatorname{Re}(\langle w_r, e_s, \bar{e}_o \rangle)$	$w_r \in \mathbb{C}^K$	$\mathcal{O}(K)$	$\mathcal{O}(K)$
ComplEx Embeddings for Simple Link Prediction

		WN18					FB15K					
	MRR		Hits at			MRR		Hits at				
Model	Filter	Raw	1	3	10	Filter	Raw	1	3	10		
СР	0.075	0.058	0.049	0.080	0.125	0.326	0.152	0.219	0.376	0.532		
TransE	0.454	0.335	0.089	0.823	0.934	0.380	0.221	0.231	0.472	0.641		
DistMult	0.822	0.532	0.728	0.914	0.936	0.654	0.242	0.546	0.733	0.824		
HolE*	0.938	0.616	0.93	0.945	0.949	0.524	0.232	0.402	0.613	0.739		
ComplEx	0.941	0.587	0.936	0.945	0.947	0.692	0.242	0.599	0.759	0.840		

Filtered and Raw Mean Reciprocal Rank (MRR) for the models tested on the FB15K and WN18 datasets. Hits@m metrics are filtered. *Results reported from (Nickel et al., 2016b) for HolE model.

Paper: Complex Embeddings for Simple Link Prediction

ComplEx Embeddings for Simple Link Prediction



Average Precision (AP) for each factorization rank from 1-50 for different KGE models on asymmetry and symmetry experiments. Top-left: AP for symmetric relation only, middle: AP for anti-symmetric relation, right: overall AP.



O QuatE: Hypercomplex representations to model entities and relations

(1) rotate the head quaternion using the unit relation quaternion

(2) take the quaternion inner product between the rotated head quaternion and the tail quaternion to score each triplet

Edge exists: rotated head entity has smaller angle between head/tail so the product is maximized

• **Edge does not exist:** Head and tail entity are orthogonal so that their product becomes zero.



Scoring functions of state-of-the-art knowledge graph embedding models, along with their parameters, time complexity. " \star " denotes the circular correlation operation; " \circ " denotes Hadmard (or element-wise) product. " \otimes " denotes Hamilton product.

Model	Scoring Function	Parameters	\mathcal{O}_{time}
TransE	$\parallel (Q_h+W_r)-Q_t \parallel$	$Q_h, W_r, Q_t \in \mathbb{R}^k$	$\mathcal{O}(k)$
HolE	$\langle W_r, Q_h \star Q_t angle$	$Q_h, W_r, Q_t \in \mathbb{R}^k$	$\mathcal{O}(k\log(k))$
DistMult	$\langle W_r, Q_h, Q_t angle$	$Q_h, W_r, Q_t \in \mathbb{R}^k$	$\mathcal{O}(k)$
ComplEx	${ m Re}(\langle W_r,Q_h,ar Q_t angle)$	$Q_h, W_r, Q_t \in \mathbb{C}^k$	$\mathcal{O}(k)$
RotatE	$\parallel Q_{h} \circ W_{r} - Q_{t} \parallel$	$Q_h, W_r, Q_t \in \mathbb{C}^k, W_{ri} = 1$	$\mathcal{O}(k)$
TorusE	$min_{(x,y)\in ([Q_h]+[Q_h]) imes [W_r]}\parallel x-y\parallel$	$[Q_h], [W_r], [Q_t] \in \mathbb{T}^k$	$\mathcal{O}(k)$
QuatE	$Q_h \otimes W_r^{\triangleleft} \cdot Q_t$	$Q_h, W_r, Q_t \in \mathbb{H}^k$	$\mathcal{O}(k)$

Link prediction results on WN18 and FB15K. Best results are in bold and second best results are underlined. [†]: Results are taken from [Nickel et al., 2016]; [\diamond]: Results are taken from [Kadlec et al., 2017]; [\ast]: Results are taken from [Sun et al., 2019]. a-RotatE denotes RotatE with self-adversarial negative sampling. [QuatE¹]: without type constraints; [QuatE²]: with N3 regularization and reciprocal learning; [QuatE³]: with type constraints.

	WN18				FB15K					
Model	MR	MRR	Hit@10	Hit@3	Hit@1	MR	MRR	Hit@10	Hit@3	Hit@1
TransE [†]	-	0.495	0.943	0.888	0.113	-	0.463	0.749	0.578	0.297
DistMult◇	655	0.797	0.946	-	-	42.2	0.798	0.893	-	-
HolE	-	0.938	0.949	0.945	0.930	_	0.524	0.739	0.759	0.599
ComplEx	-	0.941	0.947	0.945	0.936	-	0.692	0.840	0.759	0.599
ConvE	374	0.943	0.956	0.946	0.935	51	0.657	0.831	0.723	0.558
R-GCN+	-	0.819	0.964	0.929	0.697	-	0.696	0.842	0.760	0.601
SimplE	-	0.942	0.947	0.944	0.939	-	0.727	0.838	0.773	0.660
NKGE	336	0.947	0.957	0.949	0.942	56	0.73	0.871	0.790	0.650
TorusE	-	0.947	0.954	0.950	0.943	-	0.733	0.832	0.771	0.674
RotatE	184	0.947	0.961	0.953	0.938	<u>32</u>	0.699	0.872	0.788	0.585
a-RotatE*	309	<u>0.949</u>	0.959	0.952	<u>0.944</u>	40	<u>0.797</u>	0.884	0.830	<u>0.746</u>
QuatE ¹	388	0.949	0.960	0.954	0.941	41	0.770	0.878	0.821	0.700
QuatE ²	-	0.950	0.962	0.954	0.944	-	0.833	0.900	0.859	0.800
QuatE ³	162	0.950	0.959	0.954	0.945	17	0.782	0.900	0.835	0.711

Link prediction results on WN18RR and FB15K-237. [†]: Results are taken from [Nguyen et al., 2017]; [\diamond]: Results are taken from [Dettmers et al., 2018]; [*]: Results are taken from [Sun et al., 2019].

	WN18RR					FB15K-237					
Model	MR	MRR	Hit@10	Hit@3	Hit@1	MR	MRR	Hit@10	Hit@3	Hit@1	
TransE †	3384	0.226	0.501	-	-	357	0.294	0.465	-	-	
DistMult◇	5110	0.43	0.49	0.44	0.39	254	0.241	0.419	0.263	0.155	
ComplEx◊	5261	0.44	0.51	0.46	0.41	339	0.247	0.428	0.275	0.158	
ConvE◇	4187	0.43	0.52	0.44	0.40	244	0.325	0.501	0.356	0.237	
R-GCN+	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.249	0.417	0.264	0.151	
NKGE	4170	0.45	0.526	0.465	0.421	237	0.33	0.510	0.365	0.241	
RotatE*	<u>3277</u>	0.470	0.565	0.488	0.422	185	0.297	0.480	0.328	0.205	
a-RotatE*	3340	0.476	0.571	0.492	0.428	177	0.338	0.533	0.375	0.241	
$QuatE^1$	3472	0.481	0.564	<u>0.500</u>	<u>0.436</u>	<u>176</u>	0.311	0.495	0.342	0.221	
QuatE ²	-	0.482	0.572	0.499	<u>0.436</u>	-	0.366	0.556	0.401	0.271	
QuatE ³	2314	0.488	0.582	0.508	0.438	87	0.348	0.550	<u>0.382</u>	0.248	

Break time!

We'll continue in 30 minutes



Graph Neural Networks

Michael Bronstein



Beyond Shallow Embeddings: Deep Learning on Graphs

- ◎ Shallow embeddings are highly scalable due to their simplicity
 - Easy to train shallow embeddings for billions of nodes and trillions of edges
- O However, this simplicity comes at a great cost
 - Shallow embeddings are transductive
 - Cannot generalize to new nodes / graphs
- O Deep learning can allow us to have inductive node embeddings
 - Embed new nodes and new graphs



Inductive vs Transductive Embeddings











Input graph

GNN

Node Embeddings

Challenges to Deep Learning on Graphs

- Standard deep learning is designed for structured inputs
 - grid images
 - text sequences
- Performing deep learning on graphs is different than on images or text





Why is Deep Learning on Graphs Hard?

- O Not all data has locality / lives on a grid
 - Graphs lack locality
 - While Images / text can be plot on a grid
- ◎ Graphs can be arbitrarily large
- O There is no canonical node ordering for graphs



VS





Graph Symmetries and Permutation Invariance



Graph symmetries: permutations





Graph symmetries: permutations







Graph symmetries: permutations

n×d







Graph Neural networks consist of a shared function that operates on every node The input are the collection of features in the neighbors of every node

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Because we don't have any canonical ordering of the neighboring nodes, this graph function must be *permutation invariant*



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Apply this function to every node of the graph

node function **F(X,A)**

Permutation equivariance

Apply this function to every node of the graph

Local aggregation

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permutation invariant

- Apply this function to every node of the graph
 - Picking the right function such that results in permutation equivariant node-wise function





permutation equivariant

Apply this function to every node of the graph

• Picking the right function such that results in permutation equivariant node-wise function

Are all Neural Network Architectures Permutation Equivariant?

O Not all neural architectures are permutation equivariant

- Multi-layer perceptrons are not permutation invariant
- Permuting the input changes the output



Need permutation equivariant / invariant architectures for GNNs

Flavors of GNNs









Simple Message Passing

Two-step process

- 1. Average messages from neighbors
- 2. Apply a neural network to passed messages + current node





Simple Message Passing: Arbitrary Depth

Model can be applied at arbitrary proximity-depth (hops)

- 1. Nodes have embeddings at each layer
- 2. Layer 0 representations are the features of a node

INPUT GRAPH

3. Layer 1 representation gets message from nodes

1-hop away



Simple Message Passing: Update Function

1. Pool messages

- a. averaging works
- 2. then apply a neural network





Neural Message Passing Example

t=1

Simple message passing

diagram source

$$n_v^{t+1} = \sum_{w \in N(v)} h_w^t$$

 $h_v^{t+1} = average(h_v, m_v^{t+1})$

ht - hidden state for each node



Neural Message Passing Example

t=1

Message is sum of neighbor's hidden states

$$m_v^{t+1} = \sum_{w \in N(v)} h_w^t$$

 $h_v^{t+1} = average(h_v, m_v^{t+1})$

ht - hidden state for each node



Neural Message Passing Example

t=2

Update function is the average of current hidden state and message

$$m_v^{t+1} = \sum_{w \in N(v)} h_w^t$$

 $h_v^{t+1} = average(h_v, m_v^{t+1})$

nt - hidden state for each node






Standard Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)

Single CNN layer with 3x3 filter:





Update for a single pixel:

- Transform messages individually $\, {f W}_i {f h}_i \,$
- Add everything up $\sum_i \mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{h}_i$

 $\mathbf{h}_i \in \mathbb{R}^F$ are (hidden layer) activations of a pixel/node

Full update:

$$\mathbf{h}_{4}^{(l+1)} = \sigma \left(\mathbf{W}_{0}^{(l)} \mathbf{h}_{0}^{(l)} + \mathbf{W}_{1}^{(l)} \mathbf{h}_{1}^{(l)} + \dots + \mathbf{W}_{8}^{(l)} \mathbf{h}_{8}^{(l)} \right)$$

slide from Thomas Kipf, University of Amsterdam¹¹⁰

Graph Convolutional Neural Networks (GNN)

Consider this undirected graph:

Calculate update for node in red:





Desirable properties:

- · Weight sharing over all locations
- Invariance to permutations
- Linear complexity O(E)
- Applicable both in transductive and inductive settings

Update
rule:
$$\mathbf{h}_{i}^{(l+1)} = \sigma \left(\mathbf{h}_{i}^{(l)} \mathbf{W}_{0}^{(l)} + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_{i}} \frac{1}{c_{ij}} \mathbf{h}_{j}^{(l)} \mathbf{W}_{1}^{(l)} \right)$$

Scalability: subsample messages [Hamilton et al., NIPS 2017]

 \mathcal{N}_i : neighbor indices c_{ij} : norm. constant (fixed/trainable)

*slide from Thomas Kipf, University of Amsterdam

Paper: Semi-supervised Classification with Graph Convolutional Networks



Graph Convolutional Neural Networks (GNN)

Aggregate from v's neighbors

$$h_{v}^{k} = \sigma(W_{k} \sum_{u \in N(v)} \frac{h_{u}^{k-1}}{\sqrt{\left|N(u)\right| \left|N(v)\right|}} + W_{k} \sum_{v} \frac{h_{v}^{k-1}}{\sqrt{\left|N(v)\right| \left|N(v)\right|}}$$

Paper: Semi-supervised Classification with Graph Convolutional Networks

Relationships between CNNs and GNN

- A convolutional neural network (CNN) is a special case of a graph neural network
- While the size of the filter is pre-defined in a CNN, a GNN takes in nodes with arbitrary degree (neighboring nodes)







Introducing Transformers

- Transformers architectures have shown state-of-the-art performance in many NLP and vision tasks
- adopts the mechanism of self-attention, differentially weighting the significance of each part of the input data
- not all node's neighbors are equally important
 - Attend to the relevant neighbors

Paper: Attention is all you Need



Transformers are Graph Neural Networks



Consider a sentence as a fully connected graph of words...

Blogpost: Transformers are Graph Neural Networks

Transformers are Graph Neural Networks



Blogpost: Transformers are Graph Neural Networks

Graph Attention Networks

- Certain neighbors to a node are more important than others to its understanding
- Learn attention weights to identify the relevancy of nodes

GCN
$$\boldsymbol{h}_{v}^{k} = \sigma(\boldsymbol{W}_{k} \sum_{u \in \mathcal{N}(v) \cup v} \frac{\boldsymbol{h}_{u}^{k-1}}{\sqrt{|N(u)||N(v)|}})$$

Graph Attention

$$\boldsymbol{h}_{v}^{k} = \sigma(\sum_{u \in \mathcal{N}(v) \cup v} \alpha_{v,u} \boldsymbol{W}^{k} h_{u}^{k-1})$$

Learned attention weights

Paper: Graph Attention Networks

Graph Neural Networks with Attention



[Figure from Veličković et al. (ICLR 2018)]

Occupate Compared to GCNs

- More expressive than GCNs
- Slower than Graph Convolutional Networks

$$\vec{h}_{i}' = \sigma \left(\frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_{i}} \alpha_{ij}^{k} \mathbf{W}^{k} \vec{h}_{j} \right) \qquad \alpha_{ij} = \frac{\exp \left(\text{LeakyReLU} \left(\vec{\mathbf{a}}^{T} [\mathbf{W} \vec{h}_{i} \| \mathbf{W} \vec{h}_{j}] \right) \right)}{\sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_{i}} \exp \left(\text{LeakyReLU} \left(\vec{\mathbf{a}}^{T} [\mathbf{W} \vec{h}_{i} \| \mathbf{W} \vec{h}_{k}] \right) \right)}$$

Paper: Graph Attention Networks

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Training GNNs on Unsupervised and Supervised Tasks



Tasks to Learn Node Embeddings with GNNs

Unsupervised Objectives

Use graph structure as supervision

- Predict Node Similarity
 - Random Walk
 - DeepWalk
- Link prediction task
 - Hold-back edges and try to predict

Supervised Objectives

Externally labeled data

Node classificationGraph classification



Graph Representations for Recommender Systems

Ying Xiao

Graph embeddings give a dense representation per user and item; how do we incorporate them into recommender systems?



Web Scale Recommender System

Task: recommend relevant *items* to *users*.
Web scale: >10⁶-10⁹ items, >10⁹ users.

Applications: social media/networks, search, e-commerce, ads, video streaming, etc.



Topic for this session

- O How to integrate graph embeddings into web scale recommendation systems.
- Not discussed: methods that examine paths/neighbourhoods to directly provide recommendations or refine embeddings.
- See also: <u>A Survey on Knowledge Graph-Based</u> <u>Recommender Systems</u>

Two-stage

Candidate Generation: retrieval task.
Ranking models: high precision ranking task.



Ranking models Task 1 Task 2 Task M Prediction Prediction Prediction **Loss Function** Neural Network **Parameter:** 50+ Million; **Computation: Dense Neural Network** 100+ TFLOP. Feature Interaction (e.g., aggregate or concatenate) **Embedding Layer** Large trainable Embedding Embedding Embedding embedding Parameter: Shard 1 Shard 2 Shard N 100+ Trillion; already **Computation:** 10+ MFLOP. **ID Type Features Non-ID Type Features** Labels

Paper: Persia: An Open, Hybrid System Scaling Deep Learning-based Recommenders up to 100 Trillion Parameters

Large sparse features / large trainable embedding tables

ID features – ids of items a user has previously found relevant – lead to huge tables (10⁹-10¹² params).
Only recently easily trainable on GPU in torch (torchrec) and TensorFlow (NVidia HugeCTR SOK).



Trainable embeddings: significant infrastructure investment



Paper: Software-Hardware Co-design for Fast and Scalable Training of Deep Learning Recommendation Models

Pre-trained embeddings & end-to-end trained embeddings

Advantages:

- Infrastructural simplicity.
- Applicability to many tasks.
- Use data from different tasks.

Disadvantages

Lack of task specificity (i.e., performance).

Pre-trained and end-to-end trained embeddings are NOT mutually exclusive. You probably want both for key applications!



Inductive bias: pairwise interactions between item + user



Bilinear product

Prediction: <user vector, item vector, >

Key properties:

- Linear in user vector, , linear in item Q.
- Output is a single scalar.

Intuition: capture interaction in mathematically simple, but still expressive way.

DLRM: Gram matrix of all embeddings for entities.



Paper: Deep Learning Recommendation Model for Personalization and Recommendation Systems

DLRM: basic idea

Start with *many* embeddings per user/item pair:

- Project them to the same dimension.
- Compute *all* inner-products of these embeddings.
- Concatenate n choose 2 unique ones with dense inputs.

This makes it easy to add new pre-trained embeddings.

Deep and Cross Network v1 and v2

Capture interaction with more than a single scalar.
Stack the interaction layers.

Paper: Deep & Cross Network for Ad Click Predictions

Paper: DCN V2: Improved Deep & Cross Network and Practical Lessons for Web-scale Learning to Rank Systems



Interaction layers: more than a single scalar



Practical Consideration 1: Normalization

- Most DNNs assume that neurons are approximately mean 0, variance 1 (e.g., batch norm, layer norm, MLP layer initializations).
- Try normalizing pre-trained embeddings before feeding into model

Paper: TwHIN: Embedding the Twitter Heterogeneous Information Network for Personalized Recommendation

Practical Consideration 2: Space/IO Efficiency

Embeddings can be made very space efficient:

- O Compress with product quantization (PQ).
- Large compression ratios (>75%) without affecting downstream task metrics
- Fast implementations in <u>Faiss</u>; decoding trivial.

Paper: Product Quantization for nearest neighbor search

Product Quantization



PQ effect on downstream task



Practical Consideration 3: Drift Mitigation

- Over time, we want to retrain the model, but at time *t*+1, don't want embedding too different from time *t*.
- Principled approach constrain difference between embeddings at different times.
 - Works well, but doubles memory.
 - More efficient approach initialize training at time t+1 with parameters from time t.

Practical Consideration 4: Redundancy with pre-existing features

- For pre-existing models, graph embeddings may be very redundant with pre-existing features.
 - Especially when there lots of hand-crafted features with lots of data.
- Limits model improvements when adding graph embeddings.

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Redundancy with pre-existing features

This is actually *a desirable situation*:

- 1. Add graph embedding.
- 2. Run feature selection on pre-existing features.
- 3. Remove many of them (85% for Twitter use case).
- 4. Reclaim the IO/compute budget for other model improvements such as scaling up model architecture.
History Aggregation

- Idea: aggregate embeddings of relevant items per user
 Aggregation types: pooling, RNNs, attention.
 Broad in scope: *many* research papers.
 - Example: DKN
 - After embedding, run attention between the candidate item and items previously relevant to a user.

Path dependent methods



Extract paths, run rnn over paths, pool for prediction.

Paper: Explainable Reasoning over Knowledge Graphs for Recommendation

Summary: graph embeddings in ranking models

- Complementary to large trained embeddings, though typically *much* easier to get started with.
- Need to have both user and item representations.
- Plethora of practical tricks to make it work better.



Candidate Generation

Cand Gen Family	Definition	Example
Item-based (content-based)	Using item similarity, query similar items to what a user prefers.	User faves travel tweets, so suggest similar travel tweets.
Collaborative filtering	Suggest preferred items from similar users to a user.	User A and B are similar, A likes travel tweets, so suggest travel tweets to B,



Heuristic and model based candidate generation

- Many candidate generation strategies are heuristics (e.g., most popular/recent items).
- Pre-trained embeddings fall into a family of ML model based techniques.



Model-based Candidate Generation

Approximate nearest neighbor (ANN) based dense retrieval

- Retrieval from an index of items, or
- RS Models factored into two towers:



Plug and Play

Adding a graph embedding to candidate generation system tends to be straightforward e.g.,

- Take your embeddings, put them in an ANN index, query the ANN index at retrieval time.
- Add graph embedding to a two-tower model.

Packages: <u>HNSW</u>, <u>Faiss</u>

k-NN retrieval "Locality implies similarity"

- We retrieve items that are close to a user in embedding space.
- Retrieved items are close in embedding space too.
 - > => Retrieved items are similar to each other.

When items are too similar→ issues with diversity, multi-modal interests, polysemy in search.

Deep Personalized and Semantic Retrieval (DPSR)



Replace with ANN

Idea: query the kNN index with *k* embeddings.

Paper, <u>Towards Personalized and</u> Semantic Retrieval: An End-to-End

<u>Solution for E-commerce Search via</u> <u>Embedding Learning</u>

Pinnersage

Given an item embedding, build a user representation:

- Cluster previously relevant items.
- For each cluster, compute the medoid (not centroid).
- For each user, weight the clusters with time decay.

To generate candidates: retrieve from ANN based on 3 medoids, importance sampled.

Paper: PinnerSage: Multi-Modal User Embedding Framework for Recommendations at Pinterest

PinnerSage Results

Table 4: Lift relative to *last pin model* for retrieval task.

		Rel.	Recall	Q 4
	Last pin model	0%	0%	-
	Decay avg. model ($\lambda = 0.01$)	28%	14%	
	Sequence models (HierTCN)	31%	16%	
Item Clustering	PinnerSage (sample 1 embedding)	33%	18%	
	PinnerSage (K-means(k=5))	91%	68%	Multiple Queries
	PinnerSage (Complete Linkage)	88%	65%	
	PinnerSage (embedding = Centroid)	105%	81%	
	PinnerSage (embedding = HierTCN)	110%	88%	
٩	PinnerSage (importance $\lambda = 0$)	97%	72%	Tuning time
9 0-0	PinnerSage (importance $\lambda = 0.1$)	94%	69%	decay
$\mathcal{P} / \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle$	PinnerSage (Ward, Medoid, $\lambda = 0.01$)	110%	88%	

k-NN Embed: Multiple querying on top of a kNN system

(Globally) cluster all the items in your embedding.
 Model each user as a mixture over item clusters:

$$p(\text{item}|\text{user}) = \sum_{\text{cluster}} p(\text{cluster}|\text{user}) \cdot p(\text{item}|\text{user}, \text{cluster})$$

Idea: data per user is sparse, so use data from adjacent users since we know they're similar.

Paper: <u>kNN-Embed: Locally Smoothed Embedding Mixtures For Multi-interest Candidate Retrieval</u>

k-NN Embed: **User's preference over clusters:** smooth this with neighboring users' preference over clusters. $p(\text{item}|\text{user}) = \sum p(\text{cluster}|\text{user}) \cdot p(\text{item}|\text{user}, \text{cluster})$ cluster

ANN retrieval – query from the centroid of this user in the cluster smoothed with centroids of neighbouring users

k-NN Embed: Expand ANN search by using similar users



k-NN Embed: Improvements in diversity

7.2 Recall

Table 1. HEP-TH Citation Prediction. $\lambda = 0.8$, 2000 clusters, 5 embeddings for multi-querying. Table 2. DBLP Citation Prediction. $\lambda = 0.8$, 10000 clusters, 5 embeddings for multi-querying.

Table 3. Twitter Follow Prediction. $\lambda = 0.8$, 40000 clusters, 5 embeddings for multi-querying.

Approach	R@10	R@20	R@50	Approach	R@10	R@20	R@50	Approach	R@10	R@20	R@50
Unimodal	20.0%	30.0%	45.7%	Unimodal	9.4%	13.9%	21.6%	Unimodal	0.58%	1.02%	2.06%
Mixture	22.7%	33.4%	49.3%	Mixture	10.9%	16.1%	25.1%	Mixture	3.70%	5.53%	8.79%
kNN-Embed	25.8%	37.4%	52.5%	kNN-Embed	12.7%	18.8%	28.3%	kNN-Embed	4.13%	6.21%	9.77%

Experiments comparing candidate generation recall with a single embedding, vs mixture of embeddings, vs smoothed mixtures (kNN-Embed). Higher recall is better.

Summary: graph embedding in candidate generation

Plays nice with ANN based candidate generation.
 Multiple querying, and more sophisticated techniques, allow us increase diversity in retrieved candidates.



Thanks!

Any questions?

Come chat with us about our KDD 2022 Applied Data Science Paper!

Paper: TwHIN: Embedding the Twitter Heterogeneous Information Network for Personalized Recommendation

Poster Session: Monday, August 15, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

Oral: Thursday, August 18, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (~10:50 AM), Room 3 (Graph Learning & Social Network).