

Anomaly Detection

Graph data applications

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- Graphs. Example of applications and anomalies.
- Anomalies in static graphs. Detection methods.
- Anomalies in dynamic graphs. Detection methods.



Graphs $G = (V, E)$ have the ability to model relations in:

- Computer Networks
- Financial Networks
- Social Networks
- etc.

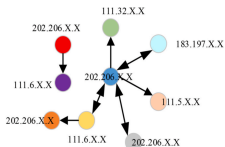
Problem

Given the graph topology (and attributes), detect unusual connectivity or other abnormal structures.



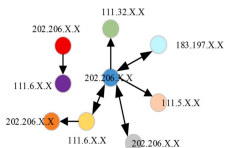
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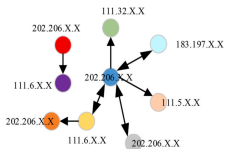
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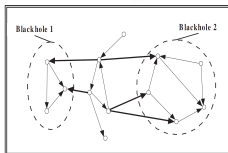
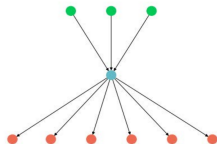
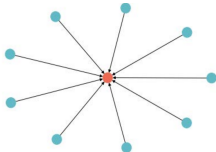
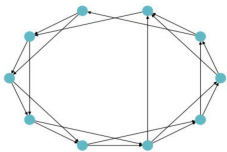


The edges might support multiple attributes: flow duration, nr. packets, etc.



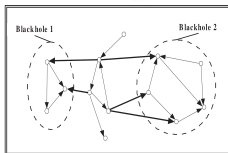
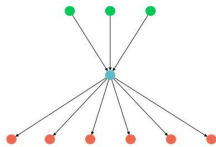
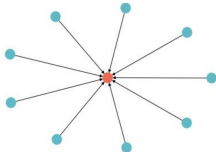
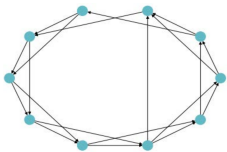
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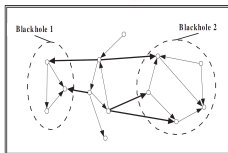
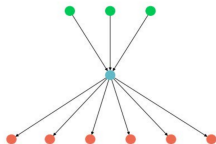
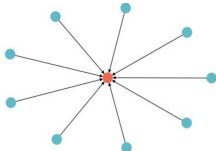
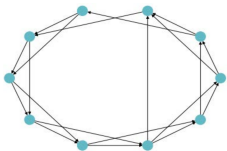
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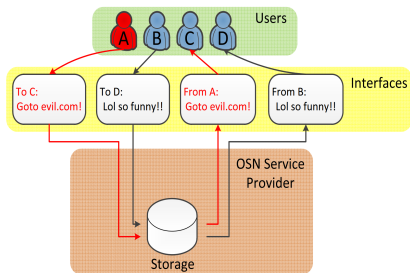
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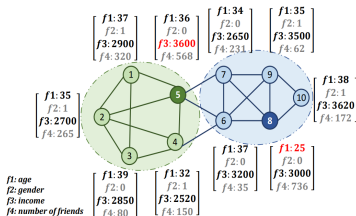
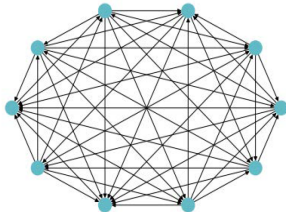
V is the set of clients. E is the set of connections/messages between clients. Anomalies arise as malware/spam messages sent toward correct users, that directs the user toward a malicious sites.

- Simple solution: filtering an aggregated set of messages over a finite time period.



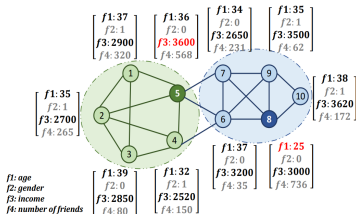
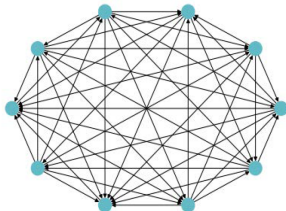
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- **Static (attributed) graphs**
- Dynamic (attributed) graphs (edge streams)
- Multi-graphs



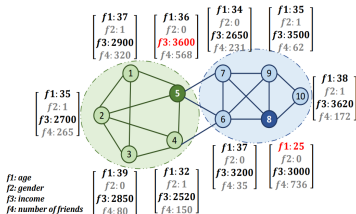
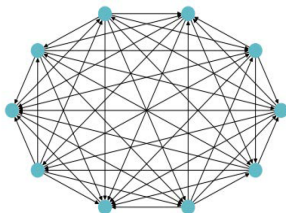
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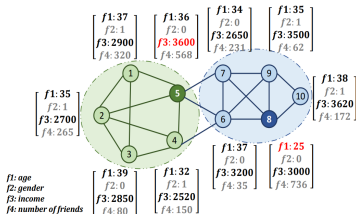
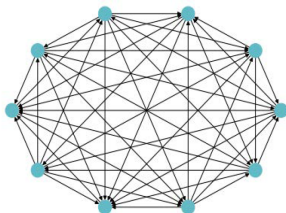
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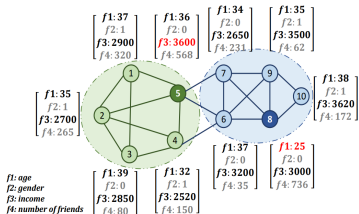
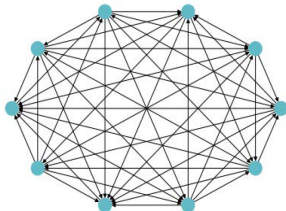
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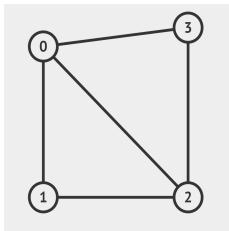
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- Deep graph learning: the graph topology is aggregated and encoded through deep learning layers of neural networks.



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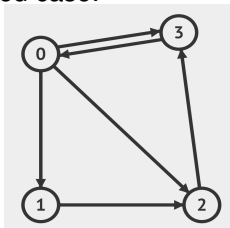
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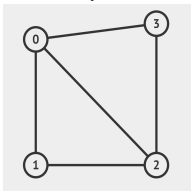
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Spectrum of Laplacian $\Lambda(L) = \{\lambda_1(L), \dots, \lambda_n(L)\}$:



$$\Lambda(L) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{undirected case})$$

- $\lambda_n(L)$ always 0 (the sum on the lines is 0);
- the multiplicity of null eigenvalues = number of components;
- $\lambda_{n-1}(L)$ is the Fiedler value (algebraic connectivity); the further from 0, the more connected.



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Examples fo features:

- N_i : in - degree / out - degree
- E_i : nr. of edges in egonet
- W_i : total weight of neighborhood
- λ_i : principal eigenvalues of egonet i .

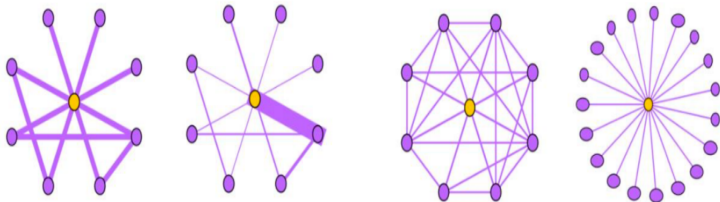


Detection Algorithms: OddBall

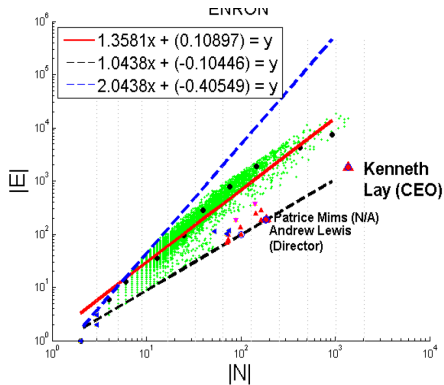
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Oddball: choose pairs of features and plot to find patterns of normal behaviour

- N vs. E : detect clique and stars
- W vs. E : detect heavy vicinity
- λ vs. W : detect single dominating edge



Feature extraction example



- red: LS to median values
- blue: clique
- black: stars



PCA formulation: Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be the data matrix. Then

$$\min_{F,G} \|A - FG^T\|_F^2$$

reveal a low-rank approximation of data.

- FG^T is the best low-rank approximation (encodes maximum of information)
- The residual $R = A - FG^T$ is the error reconstruction of data points.



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- a large entry in R reflects strange interaction between two objects (e.g. DDoS attack)



Formulation 1:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{F,G,R} \quad & \sum_{(i,j):A_{ij}>0} \|R_{ij}\|^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & R_{ij} \geq 0 \quad \forall (i,j) : A_{ij} > 0 \\ & R = A - F \cdot G. \end{aligned}$$

Equivalently

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{F,G} \quad & \sum_{(i,j):A_{ij}>0} (A_{ij} - F_{i \cdot} \cdot G_{\cdot j})^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & F_{i \cdot} \cdot G_{\cdot j} \leq A_{ij} \quad \forall (i,j) : A_{ij} > 0. \end{aligned}$$

If we reduce the rank to 1, then we have to solve

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- Alternating schemes arise naturally in this case.



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- linear inequality constraints



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- Considering the complexity of a single $QP solver$ call to be $O(d^k)$ then the total cost of $UpdateFactor$ is $O(mnr^2 + nr^k)$.



Idea to reduce the cost: instead of finding a rank- r approximation

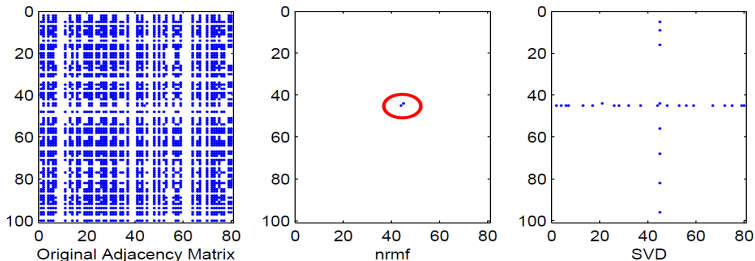
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find a rank-1 approximation at each iteration of the residual matrix

$$\min_{f,g} \sum_{(i,j):A_{ij}>0} (R_{ij} - f(i)g(j))^2 \text{ s.t. } f(i)g(j) \leq R_{ij} \quad \forall (i,j) : A_{ij} > 0.$$



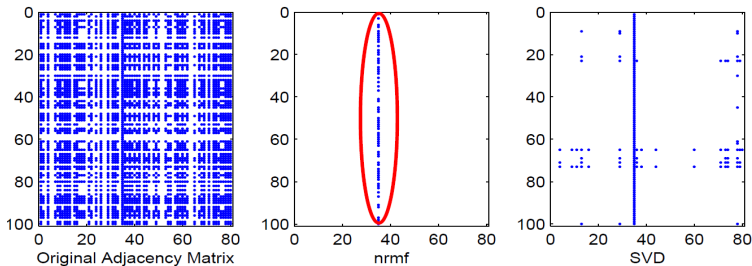
Strange connection: It is a connection between two nodes which belong to two remotely connected communities, respectively.



(a) strange connection



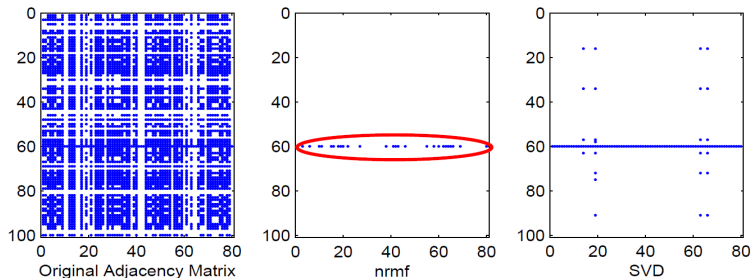
Port-scanning like behavior: It is a type-1 node that is connected to many different type-2 nodes in the bipartite graph. For example, in an IP traffic network, this could be an IP source which sends packages to many different IP destinations (therefore it might be a suspicious port scanner)



(b) port scanning



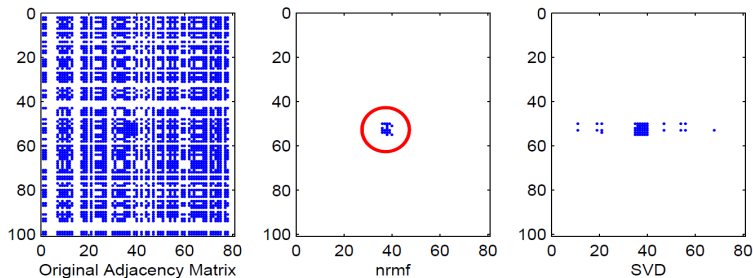
DDoS like behavior: It is a type-2 node that is connected to many different type-1 nodes in the bipartite graph. For example, in an IP traffic network, this could be an IP destination which receives packages from many different IP sources (therefore it might be under DDoS, distributed denial-of-service, attack)



(c) ddos



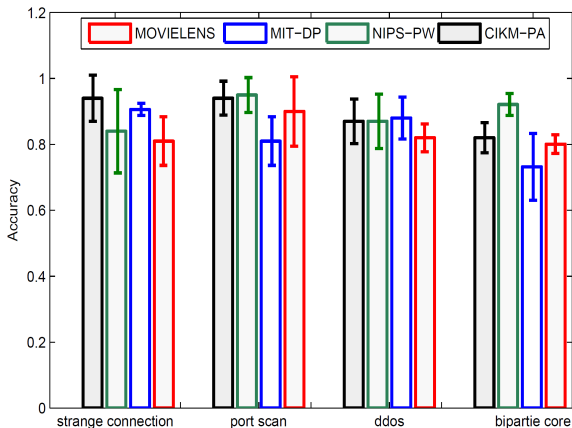
Collusion type of fraud: It is a group of type-1 nodes and a group of type-2 nodes which are tightly connected with each other. For example, in financial transaction network, this could be a group of users who always give good ratings to another group of users in order to artificially boost the reputation of the target group

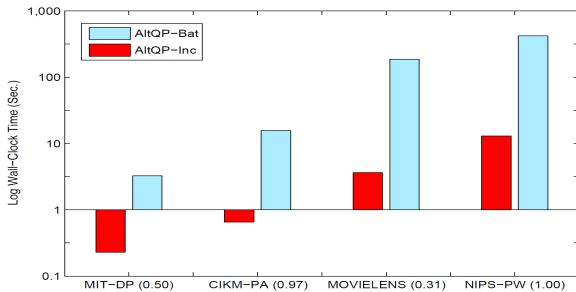


(d) bipartite core



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MIT-DP	103×97
NIPS-PW	2,037× 13,649
CIKM-PA	1,895×952
MovieLens	6,040×3,952



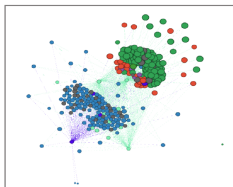


- Static (attributed) graphs
- **Dynamic (attributed) graphs (edge streams)**

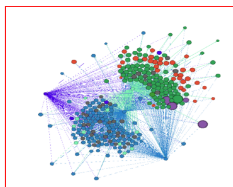


Model:

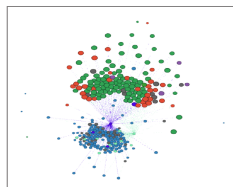
- let the sequence of weighted graphs $\{G_t\}_{t \geq 0}$, where $G_t = (V_t, E_t)$
- $e = (i, j, w) \in E_t$ if e occurred at timestamp t
- edges can disappear and reappear at different moments
- $|V_t| = n$
- denote A_t and $L_t = D_t - A_t$ the adjacency and Laplacian matrices, respectively.



2012



2013



2014



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Problem

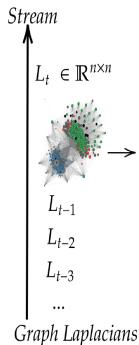
Given the sequence $\{G_t\}_{t \geq 0}$, detection unusual patterns with respect to a short/logn term window.



The goal is to find anomalous graphs G_t such that, given a scoring function $f : G_t \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, one of the following conditions holds:

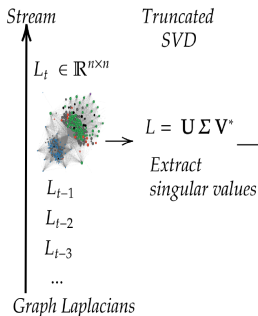
- $|f(G_t) - f(G_N)| \geq \delta$
- $|f(G_t) - f(G_W)| \geq \delta$

where G_N and G_W are normal behaviour of the graphs in global context and short-term context, respectively.

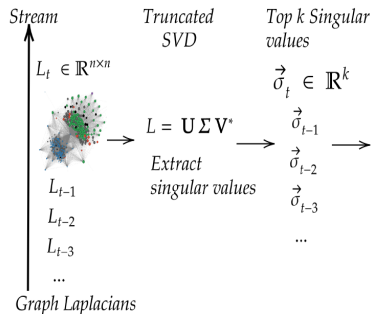


First step to define f : encode $\{G_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ into a sequence of Laplacians $\{L_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ and compute SVD of each L_t .

- actual result $f(G_t) = \sigma(L_t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- node permutation invariant measure
- cost on a horizon of length T ?



In order to reduce complexity we can modify:
 $f(G_t) = \sigma(L_t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow f(G_t) = \sigma_k(L_t) \in \mathbb{R}^k$.
Now the SVD is truncated to the first k singular values.



Second step: how to extract the normal behaviour over a fixed sliding window of size w ?

Possible answer: form the following matrix

$$C_w = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | & | \\ \sigma_{t-w-1} & \sigma_{t-w-2} & \cdots & \sigma_{t-1} \\ | & | & | & | \end{bmatrix}$$

and compute the left (maximal) singular vector.
On short the normality vector is computed as:

$$f(G_W) = u_1(C_w).$$



Third step: how to measure the abnormality of a given graph?

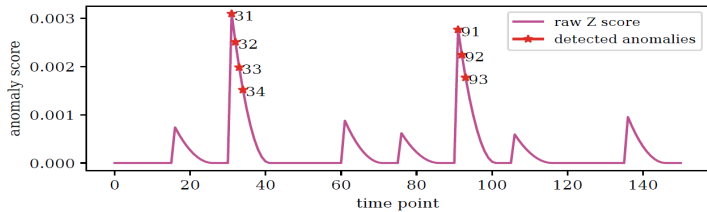
Possible answers:

- $Z_t = |f(G_t) - f(G_w)$ (distance)
- $Z_t = 1 - \frac{f(G_t)^T f(G_w)}{\|f(G_t)\| \|f(G_w)\|}$ (similarity)



Order	Time Point	Generative SBM Model
0	0	$N_c = 4, p_{in} = 0.25, p_{ex} = 0.05$
1	16	$N_c = 10, p_{in} = 0.25, p_{ex} = 0.05$
2	31	$N_c = 2, p_{in} = 0.5, p_{ex} = 0.05$
3	61	$N_c = 4, p_{in} = 0.25, p_{ex} = 0.05$
4	76	$N_c = 10, p_{in} = 0.25, p_{ex} = 0.05$
5	91	$N_c = 2, p_{in} = 0.5, p_{ex} = 0.05$
6	106	$N_c = 4, p_{in} = 0.25, p_{ex} = 0.05$
7	136	$N_c = 10, p_{in} = 0.25, p_{ex} = 0.05$

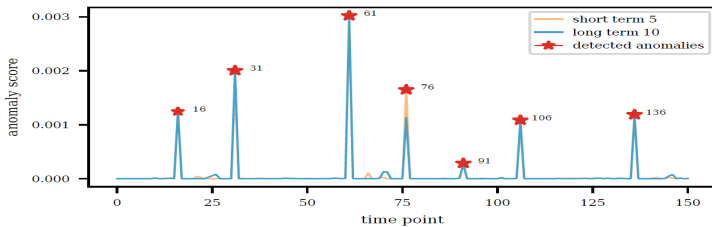




Time Point	Type	Generative SBM Model
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