
PRUNE: Preserving Proximity and Global Ranking for Network Embedding (Supplementary Material)

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1 Notation introduction

Table 1: Commonly used notations

Notation	Description
$G = (V, E)$	Input directed network (or graph)
$\mathbf{A} \in \{0, 1\}^{N \times N}$	Adjacency matrix of network G
V	Set of nodes or vertices
$E = \{(i, j) : a_{ij} = 1\}$	Set of links or edges
$N = V $	Number of nodes in network G
$M = E $	Number of links in network G
P_i	Set of direct predecessors of node i
S_i	Set of direct successors of node i
$m_i = P_i $	In-degree of node i
$n_i = S_i $	Out-degree of node i
$\mathbf{z}_i \in [0, \infty)^D$	Latent D -community distribution vector of node i
$\mathbf{W} \in [0, \infty)^{D \times D}$	Shared matrix of community interactions
$\pi_i \geq 0$	Global ranking score of node i

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2 Proof for the closed-form solution of binary classification

The objective function of our binary classification is shown below:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \arg \max_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{W}} \mathbb{E}_{(i,j) \in E} [\log \sigma(\mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{z}_j)] + \alpha \mathbb{E}_{(i,j) \in F} [\log (1 - \sigma(\mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{z}_k))] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_i \mathbb{E}_{j \in S_i} [\log \sigma(\mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{z}_j)] + \alpha \mathbb{E}_i \mathbb{E}_k [\log (1 - \sigma(\mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{z}_k))] \\
&= \sum_{i \in V} \sum_{j \in S_i} p_s(i) p_t(j|i) \log \sigma(\mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{z}_j) + \alpha \sum_{i \in V} \sum_{k \in V} p_s(i) p_t(k) \log (1 - \sigma(\mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{z}_k)) \\
&= \sum_{i \in V} \sum_{j \in S_i} \frac{n_i}{M} \frac{1}{n_i} \log \sigma(\mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{z}_j) + \alpha \sum_{i \in V} \sum_{k \in V} \frac{n_i}{M} \frac{m_k}{M} \log (1 - \sigma(\mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{z}_k)).
\end{aligned}$$

Given source node i , one of linked target node $j \in S_i$ enjoys a conditional distribution proportional to $\frac{1}{n_i}$. Since $S_i \subseteq V$ implies k including j , for specific positive example (i, j) , we have:

$$\arg \max L_{ij} = \frac{1}{M} \log \sigma(\mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{z}_j) + \alpha \frac{n_i}{M} \frac{m_j}{M} \log (1 - \sigma(\mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{z}_j)).$$

Now let $y_{ij} = \mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{z}_j$. We first derive the closed-form solution of zero first-order derivative over $\sigma(y_{ij})$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial L_{ij}}{\partial \sigma(y_{ij})} &= \frac{1}{M} \frac{1}{\sigma(y_{ij})} - \alpha \frac{n_i}{M} \frac{m_j}{M} \frac{1}{1 - \sigma(y_{ij})} \\
&= 0 \\
\implies \sigma(y_{ij}) &= \frac{\frac{1}{M}}{\frac{1}{M} + \alpha \frac{n_i}{M} \frac{m_j}{M}} \\
&= \frac{M}{M + \alpha n_i m_j}.
\end{aligned}$$

Next We obtain y_{ij} after calculations:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{1 + e^{-y_{ij}}} &= \frac{M}{M + \alpha n_i m_j} \\
\implies y_{ij} &= \log \frac{M}{\alpha n_i m_j} \\
&= \log \frac{\frac{1}{M}}{\alpha \frac{n_i}{M} \frac{m_j}{M}} \\
&= \log \frac{p_{s,t}(i, j)}{p_s(i) p_t(j)} - \log \alpha.
\end{aligned}$$

3 Proof for matrix tri-factorization supporting the second-order proximity

The second-order proximity implies high similarity between two representation vectors $\mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{z}_j$ if nodes i, j have similar sets of direct predecessors or direct successors.

Consider the non-missing entries of the i -th and j -th column $\mathbf{a}_i^{\text{PMI}}, \mathbf{a}_j^{\text{PMI}}$ in our derived PMI matrix \mathbf{A}^{PMI} . Since all the non-missing entries are in link set E , the two columns represent the sets of direct predecessors of node i and j where the links are weighted by PMI. Based on our matrix tri-factorization $\mathbf{Z}^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{Z} \approx \mathbf{A}^{\text{PMI}}$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{a}_i^{\text{PMI}} &\approx \mathbf{Z}^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{z}_i, \\
\mathbf{a}_j^{\text{PMI}} &\approx \mathbf{Z}^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{z}_j
\end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{z}_i is the i -th column of representation matrix \mathbf{Z} . As the predecessor sets are similar $\mathbf{a}_i^{\text{PMI}} \approx \mathbf{a}_j^{\text{PMI}}$, then their corresponding representation vector must be similar $\mathbf{z}_i \approx \mathbf{z}_j$ due to the same weight matrix $\mathbf{Z}^\top \mathbf{W}$. Similarly, when modeling the matrix tri-factorization for the rows in \mathbf{A}^{PMI} , we also obtain $\mathbf{z}_i \approx \mathbf{z}_j$ if nodes i, j have similar successor sets.

4 Proof for the expectation of community interactions

Let $\mathbf{W} \in [0, \infty)^{D \times D}$ be the community interaction matrix where each entry w_{cd} denotes the expected number of interactions from community c to d . $c = d$ implies the number of internal interactions within a community. We assume that the existence of link (i, j) is determined by the expected value of \mathbf{W} with community distributions of i and j :

$$\mathbb{E}_{(i,j)}[\mathbf{W}] = \sum_{c=1}^D \sum_{d=1}^D \Pr(i \in C_c, j \in C_d) w_{cd}$$

where C_c is the set of nodes in community c . Let \mathbf{z}_i be an unnormalized distribution vector where each dimension $0 \leq z_{ic} \propto \Pr(i \in C_c)$. Under the independence assumption between $\Pr(i \in C_c)$ and $\Pr(j \in C_d)$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{c=1}^D \sum_{d=1}^D \Pr(i \in C_c, j \in C_d) w_{cd} &= \sum_{c=1}^D \sum_{d=1}^D \Pr(i \in C_c) \Pr(j \in C_d) w_{cd} \\ &\propto \sum_{c=1}^D \sum_{d=1}^D z_{ic} z_{jd} w_{cd} \\ &= \mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{z}_j. \end{aligned}$$

5 Proof for community interactions following Poisson distribution

Based on the proof in the previous section, for specific link (i, j) , the expected number of interactions from community c to d is

$$\Pr(i \in C_c) \Pr(j \in C_d) w_{cd} \propto z_{ic} z_{jd} w_{cd}.$$

Here we model discrete random variable $X_{cd}^{(i,j)}$ as the number of interactions from community c to d for link (i, j) , following Poisson distribution $X_{cd}^{(i,j)} \sim \mathcal{P}(\mu = z_{ic} z_{jd} w_{cd})$. Using the properties of Poisson distribution, the overall number of interactions among community pairs is

$$X^{(i,j)} = \sum_{c=1}^D \sum_{d=1}^D X_{cd}^{(i,j)} \sim \mathcal{P}\left(\mu = \sum_{c=1}^D \sum_{d=1}^D z_{ic} z_{jd} w_{cd} = \mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{z}_j\right).$$

Assume that node i and j belong to at least one community. Link (i, j) exists due to at least one interaction between the communities that i and j belong to, which is

$$\mathcal{P}(X^{(i,j)} > 0) = 1 - \mathcal{P}(X^{(i,j)} = 0) = 1 - \exp(-\mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{z}_j).$$

6 Proof for PageRank upper-bound objective function

Let P_j be the set of direct predecessors of node j , and n_i be the out-degree of node i . Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\arg \min_{\pi} \sum_{j \in V} \left(\sum_{i \in P_j} \frac{\pi_i}{n_i} - \pi_j \right)^2 &= \sum_{j \in V} \left(\left(\sum_{i \in P_j} \frac{\pi_i}{n_i} \right)^2 - 2\pi_j \sum_{i \in P_j} \frac{\pi_i}{n_i} + \pi_j^2 \right) \\
&\leq \sum_{j \in V} \left(\underbrace{\left(\sum_{i \in P_j} 1^2 \right) \left(\sum_{i \in P_j} \left(\frac{\pi_i}{n_i} \right)^2 \right)}_{\text{Cauchy-Schwarz inequality}} - 2\pi_j \sum_{i \in P_j} \frac{\pi_i}{n_i} + \pi_j^2 \right) \\
&= \sum_{j \in V} \sum_{i \in P_j} \left(m_j \left(\frac{\pi_i}{n_i} \right)^2 - 2\pi_j \frac{\pi_i}{n_i} + \frac{1}{m_j} \pi_j^2 \right) \\
&= \sum_{\substack{(i,j) \in E \\ =j \in V, i \in P_j}} m_j \left(\left(\frac{\pi_i}{n_i} \right)^2 - 2\frac{\pi_j \pi_i}{m_j n_i} + \left(\frac{\pi_j}{m_j} \right)^2 \right) \\
&= \sum_{(i,j) \in E} m_j \left(\frac{\pi_i}{n_i} - \frac{\pi_j}{m_j} \right)^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\left(\sum_{i \in P_j} 1^2 \right) \left(\sum_{i \in P_j} \left(\frac{\pi_i}{n_i} \right)^2 \right) \geq 0$, we constrain $\pi_i \geq 0$ for all node i to make the upper bound tighter.

7 Proof for PageRank sufficient condition

For each node $j \in V$, let P_j be the set of direct predecessors of node j . We denote node $i \in P_j$. Then for each node j , we show a sufficient condition:

$$\frac{\pi_i}{n_i} = \frac{\pi_j}{m_j} \quad \forall \quad i \in P_j, j \in V \quad \underbrace{=}_{(i,j) \in E}$$

where $m_j = |P_j|$, n_i is respectively the in-degree of node j and the out-degree of node i . Now we calculate the sum of the left-hand-side for all the direct predecessors i of each node j :

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i \in P_j} \frac{\pi_i}{n_i} &= \sum_{i \in P_j} \frac{\pi_j}{m_j} \\
&= \frac{1}{m_j} \sum_{i \in P_j} \pi_j \\
&= \frac{1}{m_j} m_j \pi_j \\
&= \pi_j \quad \forall j \in V.
\end{aligned}$$

The equation is just the PageRank assumption: $\sum_{i \in P_j} \frac{\pi_i}{n_i} = \pi_j \quad \forall j \in V$ (here we omit the damping factor).