Outsmarting the outliers in attributed network representation learning

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Attributed Network Reperesentation learning



• Mathematically learn a function $f : \mathbb{R}^{N+D} \to \mathbb{R}^k$

$$\blacktriangleright$$
 k<



Related work

Comparison of the properties of the state-of-the-art baseline algorithms with that of ONE and DONE.

| Method | Consider Attributes | Unsupervised | Outlier handling | Deep Network |
|-----------|------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| node2vec | No | Yes | No | No |
| LINE | No | Yes | No | No |
| SDNE | No | Yes | No | Yes |
| TADW | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| GraphSAGE | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |
| DGI | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |
| SEANO | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |
| ONE | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| DONE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

For the sake of fair comparison, we consider mostly **unsupervised** embedding algorithms



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space/manifold

- Preprocess the dataset by running anamoly detection algorithm
- remove ×
- learn the representations of \times only



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Our work : We explicitly model the outlierness of each node (in closed form) and **discourage** the contribution of nodes with greater outlierness towards representation learning



Motivating Example

Ideal World



Synthetic Network with a very good modular structure

TSNE visualization of node2vec embeddings

Because the world is ideal n2v is at it's best



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 $\mathsf{ONE}/\mathsf{DONE}$ to the rescue





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Informal Problem statement

Learn robust representation of the network in the presence of outliers. Basically, **outsmart the outliers** and learn good node representations.



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- In literature a common practice is to perturb/corrupt existing nodes in dataset
- We plant new outlier nodes in dataset
- Our planting scheme is robust, meaning no prepossessing algorithm can trivially detect them



But what is an outlier (or) what exactly is outlierness ?

- To be frank, we don't know
- There is no standard definition of outlier in literature
- Loosely speaking, outlier is any node that exhibits behavior different from majority of the nodes in the dataset
- Hence, Mr xxxx is an outlier and so is Dr Jon Kleinberg



Our notion of an outlier



We capture structural outlierness using the term o_{1i} , attribute outlierness using o_{2i} and combined outlierness using o_{3i} in the algorithm formulations of ONE and DONE



Contributions of ONE ¹

- We propose an unsupervised algorithm called ONE (Outlier aware Network Embedding) for attributed networks.
- This is the first work to propose a completely unsupervised algorithm for attributed network embedding integrated with outlier detection.
- Also we propose a **novel** method to combine structure and attributes efficiently.
- Thorough experimentation



¹Accepted in AAAI'19



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- Let G = structure embedding matrix
- Let U = attribute embedding matrix
- Final node embeddings is $\frac{G+U}{2}$



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- We have minimized the eucledian distance between the structure and embedding spaces, what if they are not aligned ?
- We introduce a Linear transformation matrix W that aligns the two spaces

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$$\mathcal{L}_{combined} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \log\left(\frac{1}{O_{3i}}\right) \left(G_{ik} - U_{i} \cdot (W^{T})_{\cdot k}\right)^{2}$$



Can W be an arbitrary linear transformation ?

- ▶ Nope, we want linear transformation
- But only upto rotation, no scaling
- Mathematically, W should be orthogonal
- But how do we enforce the orthogonality constraint ??
 - To our fortune, we have **procrustes** problem to our rescue
 - Closed form solution to W can be formulated from $SVD(GU^T)$



Beauty of closed form solutions





Outlier Detection Perfromance



Note : ONE and SEANO have explicit outlier interpretations readily available. For rest of the algorithms we train the embeddings first and then run Isolation Forest on the embeddings to generate the outlier scores.



Classification Performance

All results reported are obtained by running Random Forest algorithm for classification











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Moving on to $\ensuremath{\textbf{DONE}}$



Contributions of DONE²

- We have proposed an autoencoder based deep architecture (DONE) to minimize the effect of outliers for network embedding, in an unsupervised way.
- We use SGD, along with the derived closed form update rules for faster optimization of the parameters of the network.
- To the best of our knowledge, this is the first deep architecture for outlier aware attributed network embedding.
- A further extension of DONE is AdONE which is also a deep model



²Accepted in WSDM'20

DONE Architecture



Note that the hidden layers have non linear activations and hence this model is nonlinear unlike ONE



Further Details

We skip further details in the interest of time.

However some details noteworthy are

- DONE being non-linear model can capture non-linear intricacies in the dataset where ONE failed
- Because of stochastic gradient descent and tensorflow implemented massively parallel GPU based updates, DONE scales to larger datasets also



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All results reported are obtained by running **Logistic regression** algorithm for classification







Clustering Performance





We evaluated DONE on the unseeded datasets also and found convincing results.

This validates, empirically though, that results are better not just because of the seeding process we did but because of the superior nature of out algorithm.



Publications out of our work

- ONE accepted in AAAI'19
- DONE and AdONE accepted in WSDM'20



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The End



