### Matching Node Embeddings using Valid Assignment Kernels

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## Introduction

#### Graph

G := (V, E) an ordered pair compromising a set V of vertices and a set E of edges.

#### Problem: Graph Comparison

Given two graphs  $G, G' \in \mathcal{G}$ , find a mapping s

 $s \coloneqq \mathcal{G} \times \mathcal{G} \to \mathbb{R}$ 

where s(G, G') measures the similarity between G, G'

Applications: Graph Classification / Clustering

Computational Biology, Information Retrieval, Cybersecurity...

#### Graph Kernel

K is a positive definite (pd) function  $\mathcal{G} \times \mathcal{G} \to \mathbb{R}$  defined on  $\mathcal{G}$  with a corresponding Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$  and a map  $\phi : \mathcal{G} \to \mathcal{H}$  such that:

$$k(G,G') = \langle \phi(G), \phi(G') \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \quad \forall G, G' \in \mathcal{G}$$

#### *R*-Convolution kernel

$$\mathcal{K}_{convolution}(\mathcal{G},\mathcal{G}') = \sum_{(x,\mathcal{G})\in\mathcal{R}}\sum_{(x',\mathcal{G}')\in\mathcal{R}}k_{part}(x,x')$$

- $\bullet \ \mathcal{R}$  is the decomposition of graph
- k<sub>part</sub> is usually a simple function, *i.e.*

$$k_{part}(x, x') = 1$$
 if  $x, x'$  isomorphic  
= 0 otherwise

#### Optimal Assignment Kernel

 $\mathcal{K}_{assignment}:\mathcal{G} imes\mathcal{G}
ightarrow\mathbb{R}$  is defined for every  $\mathcal{G},\mathcal{G}'\in\mathcal{G}$  as

$$\mathcal{K}_{assignment}(G,G') = \begin{cases} \max_{\pi \in \mathcal{S}_{|x|}} \sum_{i=1}^{|x|} k_{base}(x_i, x'_{\pi(i)}) & \text{if } |g'| > |g|, \\ \max_{\pi \in \mathcal{S}_{|x'|}} \sum_{i=1}^{|x'|} k_{base}(x_{\pi(i)}, x'_i) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(x<sub>1</sub>, x<sub>2</sub>,..., x<sub>n</sub>) decomposition of G, n denoted as |x|
S<sub>|x|</sub> a permutation of |x| elements

#### Advantages

- Reveal structural correspondence between two graphs
- Do not suffer from diagonal dominance problem

#### However...

**Theorem:** [Vert, 2008] The optimal assignment kernel is not always positive definite.

#### Hierarchy

Let T be a rooted tree such that the leaves of T are the elements of  $\mathcal{X}$ . Each inner vertex v in T will correspond to a subset of  $\mathcal{X}$  compromising all the leaves of the subtrees rooted at v. Let  $w : V(T) \to \mathbb{R}_0^+$  a weight function such that  $w(v) \ge w(parent(v))$  for all  $v \in T$ . (T, w) is referred as a hierarchy on  $\mathcal{X}$ .

#### Hierarchy-induced Kernel

Let H = (T, w) be a hierarchy on  $\mathcal{X}$ , then the function defined as k(x, y) = w(LCA(x, y)) for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$  is the kernel on  $\mathcal{X}$  induced by H.  $LCA(\cdot, \cdot)$  refers to Least Common Ancestor.

### Valid Optimal Assignment Kernel



#### Feature map

A map  $\phi : \mathcal{X} \to \mathbb{R}^t$ , t := |V(T)| defined as

$$[\phi(x)]_v = egin{cases} \sqrt{\omega(v)} & ext{if } v \in p(x) \ 0 & ext{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



### Valid Optimal Assignment Kernel

#### Histogram

$$H^k(X) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \phi(x) \circ \phi(x)$$



#### Strong Kernel

A function  $k: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  is called strong kernel if

 $k(x,y) \ge \min\{k(x,z), k(z,y)\} \quad \forall x, y, z \in \mathcal{X}$ 

#### Theorem 1

A kernel k on  $\mathcal{X}$  is strong if and only if it is induced by a hierarchy on  $\mathcal{X}$ .

#### Theorem 2

Let k be a strong base kernel and histogram  $H^k$  defined as previous, then the optimal assignment kernel  $K^k_{\mathcal{B}}(X, Y) = K_{\Box}(H^k(X), H^k(Y))$  for all  $X, Y \in [\mathcal{X}]^n$ .

where  $\mathcal{K}_{\Box}$  is the histogram intersection kernel defined as

$$\mathcal{K}_{\sqcap}(g,h) = \sum_{i=1}^t \min([g]_i, [h]_i)$$

#### Collary

If the base kernel k is strong, than  $K_{\mathcal{B}}^k$  is valid.

### Pyramid Matching Kernel [Nikolentzos, 2017]

#### Basic idea

Matching vector representations of the vertices of two graphs:

- Bag-of-Vectors representation of graph
- map these vectors to multi-resolution histograms, and compare with a weighted histogram intersection measure
- histogram construction: partitioning the embedding space into grid regions of increasingly larger size

$$K_{\triangle}(G,G') = I(H_G^L,H_{G'}^L) + \sum_{l=0}^{L-1} \frac{1}{2^{l-1}} (I(H_G^l,H_{G'}^l) - I(H_G^{l+1},H_{G'}^{l+1}))$$

### Hierarchy Construction



**Figure:** Illustration of Grid Partition. Data points from IMDB-MULTI(Node embeddings projected to 2D space)

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#### Adjacency matrix

For graph G = (V, E), its adjacency matrix  $A_{|V| \times |V|}$  is defined as

$$A_{ij} = egin{cases} 1 & ext{if } (v_i, v_j) \in E \ 0 & ext{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

#### Embedding of nodes

Given a graph G = (V, E), its node embeddings are generated by the eigenvectors of adjacency matrix **A** as  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^{\top}$  with row vectors of **U** as representations of nodes.

#### Kernel function

$$\mathcal{K}^k_{\mathfrak{B}}(\mathcal{X},\mathcal{X}') = \max_{B \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{X},\mathcal{X}')} \sum_{(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{x}') \in B} k(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{x}')$$

• Hierarchical clustering to create irregular multi-resolution partition

- Spherical K-Means
  - K-Means operates on an unit sphere (embeddings are normalized to unit norm)
  - Objective function:  $\arg \max_{\mathcal{C}} Q(\{\mathcal{C}_i\}_{i=1}^k) = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C}_i} \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{c}_i \rangle$
  - Advantage: directly optimize the similarity (inner product) between nodes
  - Advantage: faster than hierarchical clustering (agglomerative) with reasonable memory requirements

### Hierarchy Construction



**Figure:** Illustration of Hierarchical Clustering. Data points from IMDB-MULTI(Node embeddings projected to 2D space)

### Hierarchy Construction

Algorithm 1: Spherical KMeans for Hierarchy

Construction

**Data:** X, K, L

**Result:** Adjacency List of Nodes initialization;

while  $i \leq L$  do

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if i==0 then

Apply S-KMeans(K) on X;

Note clusters as C_j^0, j = 1, \dots, K;

Note centroids as c_j^0;

else
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for every 
$$C_j^{L-1}$$
 do  
Apply S-KMeans(K);  
 $\forall x \in C_k^L, parent(x) = c_k^L;$   
end  
end



### Weight function

For inner node v that corresponds to a cluster C of data points, its weight is set equal to:

$$w(v) = \min_{x \in \mathcal{C}} \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{c} 
angle$$

Its corresponding feature value  $\omega(v) = w(v) - w(c)$ 



**Figure:** An example of a hierarchy where each vertex v is annotated by its weights  $w(v) : \omega(v)$  and its color indicates the graph to which it belongs (left), and the derived feature vectors (right).

### Weight function







#### Theorem

Let C be the set of points of a cluster and **c** its centroid. Let also x, y be any two points of C. Then, it holds that

$$\langle \bm{x}, \bm{y} \rangle \geq 4 \min_{\bm{z} \in \mathcal{C}} \langle \bm{z}, \bm{c} \rangle - 3$$

For clusters at low levels (where inner products between datapoints are high), the bound become tight and as we aim to maximize the similarity  $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ , Our method offers good approximation to the objective function: max<sub>B∈𝔅(𝔅,𝔅')</sub>  $\sum_{(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{x}')\in B} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$ 

### An Variant of EOA: EOA-SP

- Using K-Means instead of Spherical K-Means
- Weight function w set as the depth of the node:  $w(v) = path\_length(v, root)$  for all  $v \in V(T)$
- Feature value  $\omega$  computed as

$$\omega(v) = rac{w(parent(v))}{w(v)}$$

which assures the weights of children are always greater than these of their parents.

## **Experimental Evaluation**

### Graph Classification

Datasets	MUTAG	ENZYMES	NCI1	PTC-MR	D&D
GL	80.29 (± 0.70)	$22.18 (\pm 0.74)$	62.52 (± 0.14)	55.71 (± 0.19)	74.55 (± 0.36)
SP	83.79 (± 1.09)	$28.86 (\pm 0.94)$	61.85 (± 0.11)	56.63 (± 0.59)	76.02 (± 0.37)
WL	80.84 (± 1.87)	39.98 (± 0.98)	78.03 (± 0.10)	55.99 (± 0.84)	74.65 (± 0.47)
WL-OA	81.13 (± 2.20)	40.36 (± 2.30)	81.22 (± 0.41)	55.47 (± 0.98)	76.44 (± 0.33)
PM	82.90 (± 1.40)	$28.65 \ (\pm \ 0.72)$	66.17 (± 0.19)	$55.44 \ (\pm \ 1.12)$	75.40 (± 0.60)
E-OA-SP	86.64 (± 0.64)	34.98 (± 1.34)	75.25 (± 0.32)	59.37 (± 1.76)	76.15 $(\pm 0.22)$
E-OA	87.64 (± 0.73)	$33.23 (\pm 0.82)$	71.41 (± 0.43)	56.85 $(\pm 1.05)$	75.69 $(\pm 0.21)$

	Datasets	IMDB	IMDB	REDDIT	REDDIT	REDDIT
Method		BINARY	MULTI	BINARY	MULTI-5K	MULTI-12K
GL		$60.33~(\pm~0.25)$	$36.53~(\pm~0.93)$	76.15 (± 0.21)	$35.41 \ (\pm \ 0.12)$	$22.52 \ (\pm \ 0.15)$
SP		$60.21 \ (\pm \ 0.58)$	$39.62~(\pm~0.57)$	83.60 (± 0.18)	49.13 $(\pm 0.14)$	35.96 (± 0.08)
WL		73.36 (± 0.38)	$51.06 (\pm 0.47)$	75.12 (± 0.44)	49.33 (± 0.28)	33.68 (± 0.10)
WL-OA		<b>73.61</b> $(\pm 0.60)$	50.48 (± 0.33)	79.34 (± 0.43)	53.33 (± 0.25)	44.12 (± 0.13)
PM		$67.91 \ (\pm \ 0.98)$	$45.03\;(\pm\;0.77)$	82.35 (± 0.52)	$43.04 \ (\pm \ 0.46)$	$37.98~(\pm~0.16)$
E-OA-SP		69.16 (± 0.43)	30.47 (± 0.92)	90.67 (± 0.21)	50.68 (± 0.31)	44.26 (± 0.08)
E-OA		64.71 ( $\pm$ 0.56)	44.58 $(\pm 1.16)$	87.92 (± 0.12)	$47.94 (\pm 0.47)$	42.80 ( $\pm$ 0.22)

**Table:** Classification accuracy ( $\pm$  standard deviation), averaged on 10 iterations. Model is optimized using 10-fold cross validation.

### Graph Classification



Method	BBCSport	Subjectivity	Polarity	TREC	Twitter
BOW TF-IDF	98.38	90.67	77.14	97.00	75.12
CR	99.59	90.90	77.79	96.60	72.65
RAND-OA	96.08	89.89	75.72	97.00	75.25
E-OA-SP	99.05	91.25	76.96	97.00	75.41
E-OA	99.45	91.92	77.87	97.80	76.34

**Table:** Classification accuracy of the 3 variants of the proposed kernel (using pre-trained and randomly initialized embeddings), the bag-of-words representation with tf-idf weights (BOW TF-IDF) and the centroid representation (CR) on the 5 text categorization datasets.

## Conclusion

- What we did?
  - A kernel comparing sets of vectors (node embeddings)
  - Achieve good performance on graph classification and text categorization tasks with respect to state-of-the-art methods
- What could be next?
  - apply method on labeled graphs
  - find more stable hierarchical clustering method
  - find better parameters(hierarchy tree depth, branching width, ...)
  - find better node embeddings

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