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Bayesian Robust Attributed Graph Clustering Joint Learning of Partial Anomalies and Group Structure Aleksandar Bojchevski, Stephan Günnemann



to group similar nodes together

• Problem: *anomalies* obfuscate the latent clusters in real-world data

Previous approaches: detect and discard the anomalous nodes

• Key insight: anomalies can materialize only *partially*

For a given node, only one source of information is anomalous

• Solution: derive meaningful clusters based on the clean source

Jointly perform clustering and anomaly detection



1 Partial attribute anomaly 2 Partial graph anomaly (3) Complete anomaly

Example: social network user shows anomalous attributes (to e.g. hide her identity) but her friendship relations are normal

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Partial Anomaly Identification and Clustering in Attributed Networks

Clean graph: Degree-corrected Stochastic Block Model Clean binary attributes: Bernoulli Mixture Model



Algorithmic Solution

Efficient Variational Expectation-Maximization

- \Box We reduce the inference cost from $O(N^2)$ to O(E):
 - Show that certain O(N) terms can be evaluated in O(1)

Separate parameters for edges with a (partially) anomalous node • Separate parameters for the attributes of anomalous nodes

• Show that in the limit case when the graph grows $(N \to \infty)$ certain terms become negligible with error at most 1/N

Linear scaling with the number of edges and attributes



Results

Clustering performance comparison (NMI) for real-world datasets

| | CODA | FocusCO | BAGC | PICS | LSBM | SIAN | PAICAN |
|-------------|--------|---------|------|------|------|--------|--------|
| Lawyers | 0.50 | 0.28 | 0.14 | 0.27 | 0.50 | 0.58 | 0.66 |
| Parliament | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.53 | 0.47 | 0.77 | 0.73 | 0.78 |
| Cora | d.n.f. | 0.13 | 0.15 | 0.04 | 0.52 | 0.39 | 0.53 |
| Soc. Papers | d.n.f. | 0.25 | 0.17 | 0.10 | 0.50 | d.n.f. | 0.52 |

• Case study: Anomaly detection

Example partial *attribute* anomaly: DBLB co-authorship network

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Case study: Clustering Discovered topics in the Amazon graph



0.83 0.77 0.89 HVR 0.71 0.50 0.18 0.44

Clustering and anomaly detection performance with increasing percentage of anomalies



in 18 conferences (e.g. EDBT, IJCAI) Most of his co-authors published in just a few (mainly KDD, ICDM, SDM)

Example partial *graph* anomaly: Amazon co-purchase graph

The movie "Frozen" belongs

to the cluster of movies

Yet it has multiple edges to nodes from the cluster of children's clothes



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