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Detecting Change Processes in Dynamic Networks by Frequent Graph Evolution Rule Mining

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Motivation







question: which microscopic processes drive network evolution?

- understand and model social/biological/... mechanisms
- discriminate between networks by evolution

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Change processes: Triadic closure



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Markovian microscopic localized (almost) arbitrary dynamics

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Change processes: Homophilic rewiring



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Change processes: Opinion adoption



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frequent graph evolution rule mining

find all rules that appear a minimum number of times during network evolution

Dynamic Networks

Related work





non-Markovian

single link formation

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Contribution: EvoMine





- 1. novel kind of rules
- 2. two new support measures

embedding-based and event-based

3. comparative empirical evaluation on real data

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How to count rule occurrences?



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strategy

reduce the rule mining problem to frequent subgraph mining

observation

support measure is critical part



subgraph support measure

 $\sigma(\mathbf{r} \mid \mathbf{DN}) := \sigma'(\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}) \mid \mathbf{S}'(\mathbf{DN}))$

single graph

single graph - or database of graphs

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Rule representation



 $\sigma(r \mid DN) := \sigma'(\frac{S(r)}{S(r)} \mid S'(DN))$





rule



union graph



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Network representation

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snapshots from network



union graph



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Embedding-based support







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Results on real data sets





minSup = 5000 (100), max edges = 5 (3) σ_{emb} with a simple compression for memory efficiency

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paper

- graph evolution rules by frequent subgraph mining
- empirical comparison with GERM/LFR-Miner
- results on DBLP co-authorship and Epinions trust network

future work

- comparison of rules across datasets
- rule significance
- rule confidence for predictions





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