

Social data management

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The social Web today



The Web is no longer a static library that we browse -> billions of users and connections, massive user-generated data, interactions, preferences, trends.

- Facebook generates more traffic than Google, has
 « 847.573.840 » users
- Wikipedia has 4 million pages with descriptions of entities, 10 million views per hour
- Flickr users have uploaded 6.5 billion photos
- YouTube has 3 billion views per day, 50h of videos uploaded each minute
- Twitter users generate 175 million tweets a day (Lady Gaga rapidly closing in on 20 million followers)

Exciting time for database researchers

Complex, dynamic, user-centric environments for publishing and disseminating information

• collaborative (the Wikipedia) and social applications (social networking, tagging, blogging, micro-blogging, video/photo sharing).

A new generation of tools is required to solve both classic data management tasks and emerging ones.

Social data management @ Telecom ParisTech: efficient access to relevant information in applications centered users, their relationships, their interactions and their data.

Roadmap

- Concepts, definitions, taxonomy
- Exemples of applications
- Models for social data
- Research challenges
- Predicting signed social links, inference from interactions
- Top-k search in social applications

Taxonomy of social applications

Content-oriented:

- Catalogues: Delicious, StumbleUpon, CiteULike, Last.fm
- Images / videos: Flickr, YouTube, DailyMotion, Instagram
- Wikis: Wikipedia, WikiTravel
- E-commerce: Ebay, Leboncoin, Groupon, LivingSocial
- Q&A: Yahoo! Answers
- News: Slashdot, Digg, Reddit
- Product reviews: Amazon, Ebay, Epinions

User-oriented:

- Social networking: Facebook, Google+, MySpace, Orkut, Hi5, LinkedIn
- Blogging / micro-blogging: Twitter, Blogspot, Wordpress

Among the most popular applications (according to Alexa traffic statistics)

	Worldwide	US	France
Facebook	2	2	2
Youtube	3	3	4
Wikipedia	6	6	6
Twitter	8	8	П
LinkedIn	12	10	15
Blogspot	10		12
EBay	21	7	13
Wordpress	18	23	25
Flickr	48	37	15

Not to mention Google, Yahoo, Amazon, MSN, Baidu, QQ, Taobao...

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Social Web :

« The Social Web is currently used to describe how people socialize or interact with each other throughout the World Wide Web. »

« The Social Web may also be used to refer to the description of web 2.0 technologies that are focused on social interaction and community before anything else. »

Source : Wikipedia

Blog

« blog (a portmanteau of the term web log) is a personal journal published on the World Wide Web consisting of discrete entries ("posts") typically displayed in reverse chronological order.»

Wiki

«A wiki is a website whose users can add, modify, or delete its content via a web browser using a simplified markup language or a rich-text editor.»

Bookmarking (social bookmarking)

« Social bookmarking is a method for Internet users to store, organize, search, and manage bookmarks of web pages on the Internet with the help of metadata. »

Tag (meta-data) :

« a non-hierarchical keyword or term assigned to a piece of information (such as an internet bookmark, digital image, or computer file) »

Folksonomy : fusion de Folk+Taxonomy

« Folksonomy (also known as collaborative tagging, social classification, social indexing, and social tagging) is the practice and method of collaboratively creating and managing tags to annotate and categorize content »

Source : wikipedia

Social network

« A social network is a social structure made of nodes (which are generally individuals or organizations) that are tied by one or more specific types of interdependency, such as values, visions, ideas, financial exchange, friendship, kinship, dislike, conflict or trade. The resulting graph-based structures are often very complex. »





Individual / organisation

Source : wikipedia

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Main entities



network

subscriptions

- Bookmarks (Web pages): may be public or private
- Keywords (given by the user)
 - Tag name and description
- Users
 - Login, e-mail, name, homepage
- Access: through social links or tag subscription
- Search: by tags (various scopes)

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- Social features allow users to discover new users and photos, to communicate, to form communities

Main entities



- Photos
 - Title, description, tags, dates, geo-location
- Keywords
 - Tag name and description
- Users
 - alias, e-mail, name, homepage, profile, domains of interest

Searching for

- Photos
 - Description of photos or tags, or both
- Groups
 - Name and description or discussions
- Users
 - Name or profile

Geo tagging



Popular tags



Vous pouvez attribuer des tags à vos photos et vidéos, qui agiront comme des mots-clés ou des étiquettes de catégorie. Les tags vous

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A network of articles, enriched with descriptions of entities.

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### Social network models

- As an undirected graph of users: adapted when relationships are symmetrical (Facebook, LinkedIn)
  - Also for user similarity (e.g., tagging in Delicious)
- As an directed graph of users: adapted in asymmetrical settings like Twitter
  - Also the model of Wikipedia's article graph
- As bipartite, n-partite graph: photos-tags-users in Flickr, productsreviews-users in Epinions.
- Edges may be labeled: e.g., Taobao marketplace trading, messages, contacts.

# Explicit vs. implicit networks

Traditional social network analysis distinguishes between pairs of people that are linked or not.

But interactions in social media are much richer -> may reveal new kinds of relationships (implicit), strength, trust/distrust, similarity/ antogonism, friends/foes

- Implicit network of editors of the Wikipedia
- Similarity in tagging in Delicious

Some applications have explicit signed (+ or -) links: trust/distrust in Epinions, friends/foes in Slashdot.

### Some characteristics of social graphs

- Small-world phenomenon: distance between any two users is small (logarithmic in the size of the graph)
- Sparse graphs: much fewer edges than in complete graph (Facebook users has ~100 friends in average)
- High-transitivity: if A is connected to B and B is connected to C, then A is more likely to be connected to C.
- Degree distribution: often power-low.
- Captured often by preferential-attachment models for random graph generation

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# Challenges (1)

- How to collect massive amounts of social media data, deal with incomplete and missing data
- How to extract structured data from unstructured user-generated content
- How to anonymize and publish social data
- How to find the flow of interesting pieces of information that are disseminated among users
- How to find relevant content, how to identify authoritative or influential users
- How to quantify the influence of users
- How to recommend and predict individual social links
- How to model/predict global structure
- How to go beyond link/ no link type (sign), weight
- How to identify in real-time emerging topics of discussion

# Challenges (2)

- How to model the patterns by which information evolves over time
- How to predict the popularity of a piece of information
- How to identify implicit networks, for data diffusion, influence
- How to filter out the spam/offensive content
- How to rank social media based on relevance or importance
- How can social data improve search, question answering, entity disambiguation, etc.
- How to identify groups/communities, topics and sentiment
- How do social networks shape purchasing decisions
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Need to scale to large datasets, real-time / online constraints.

### Search & recommendation in social media

- Users consume and create information -> use global importance measures (a la PageRank) to rank users and the data they produce
- Use social links and social data to improve Web search (e.g., use Delicious)
- Recommend users and data based on the social network.
- Use the social links to improve the search quality: social-aware search > results « biased » to the seeker's social network.

### Social link prediction

Facebook's « people you may know » :

friend-of-friend -> many common friends

Many possible criteria:

- distance in the graph
- common neighbours
- Jaccard coefficient
- Adamic/Adar coefficient
- preferential attachement
- profiles and user attributes
#### Link inference

Often links are more than just ties: strength, may indicate sentiment or opinion

Users do have rich interactions, do express positive and negative attitudes/ opinions through actions: rating a product, editing one's text in a Wikipedia article, pressing the like button, commenting, reviewing.

**Opinions** about

- products: imdb, amazon.
- people: epinions
- items created by others: Yahoo Answers, StackOverflow

#### Understanding information flow

Social media is disseminated through social interactions -> understand information dynamics and consumption

Real-time spread of information, ideas, influence, opinion, decision -> can be modelled by cascade graphs

Motivation examples:

- select trend setters for viral marketing
- detect big stories before they become one, which websites to follow to get important stories
- predicting information attention and popularity
- which blogs to read to be up-to-date

### Identifying information flow

First challenge: identify and track units of information corresponding to pieces of information (events, articles, entities, etc): the « contagion »

Bloggers write posts and refer (link) to other posts -> cascading hyperlinks

Twitter: users generate streams of tweets, users subscribe to follow streams of others

- Trace the spread of hashtag
- Trace the spread of a particular URL
- Re-tweets

### **Tracking information flow**

Second challenge:

- how do messages spread,
- how to predict it,
- how to identify networks over which the messages spread.

Tracking information through implicit networks -> we do not see who « infected » whom

Infer a diffusion network: find the optimal network that best explains the observed infection times.

### Roadmap

- Concepts, definitions, taxonomy
- Exemples of applications
- Models for social data
- Research challenges
- Predicting signed social links, inference from interactions
- Top-k search in social applications

#### A Wikipedia study [www2011, DBSocial2011]

# Inference of a signed social network from interactions in Wikipedia.

#### Context

A plethora of Web-based applications for collaborative publishing and sharing data (Wikipedia, Flickr, YouTube).

Often these have an underlying social network (user relationships)

- can be exploited at the application level: recommendation, search, access control, etc.
- even more valuable when relationships are signed (i.e., indicative of attitude)

Epinions (www.epinions.com) - trust / distrust tags Slashdot (www.slashdot.com) - friend / foe tags

## **Epinions**

Web of Trust	Suzi's Profile			
Suzi trusts:				
1. <u>guasar</u> 2. <u>2buzy</u> 3. <u>idhauer</u> 4. <u>jo.com</u> 5. <u>tombarnes</u> • <u>View all 67 members</u> whom Suzi trusts	About Suzi (POPULAR AUTHOR) - <u>Top 200</u> Epinions.com ID: Suzi Location: California Member Since: Feb 20 '00	Activ Revie Memi Total	ity Summary ws Written: <u>1</u> ber Visits: 12 Visits: 401,8	90 ,566 08
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### Motivation

In collaborative, social applications: often interactions are indicative of trust or affinity, distrust or antagonism.

Motivating a new line of research:

- very few social applications have explicit signed links
- but these might be deduced from previous interactions between users in the network

### Signed social networks

Trust and distrust: a subjective measure of the relation between users in a social network

- positive or negative (trust or distrust)
  - trust (also proximity, similarity, affinity)
  - distrust (also dissimilarity, antagonism)
- explicit (declared by the users of an online system) or implicit (inferred from interactions between users)

#### Our thesis

User interactions in online social applications can provide good indicators of implicit relationships.

We applied this idea on Wikipedia, building a signed network of its editors

- a local model of relationships: from a link generator to a link recipient
- can be interpreted as "trust to improve the Wikipedia"

First work to consider the inference of a signed network based on interactions in social media.

#### Wikipedia interactions

Extracted interactions between contributors:

- operations on text: amount of text inserted, deleted and replaced
- reverts and restores: we keep the count of each of these for each contributor pair
- votes: votes in the administrator elections
- barnstars: prizes given on the user pages of the authors

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### Adminship votes

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Apart from rollbacking she's also dor	e a lot of article promoting. She promoted four lists to featured status and one article to featured; all of which you can see on her userpage.
With her experience sufficient enoug decision that Diannaa would become	h to know many areas of Wikipedia and the fact that she has a clean block log during her year I would hope that the community agrees with my one of Wikipedia's newest administrators. Minimac (talk) 10:00, 20 October 2010 (UTC)
Candidate, please indicate acce	ofance of the nomination here: I have thought it over and have decided to accept the nomination. I would like to point out that the featured articles

etc shown on my user page were not written by me; this is material I helped other people promote through copy editing efforts. --Diannaa (Talk) 03:43, 21 October 2010 (UTC)

#### Questions for the candidate

Dear candidate, thank you for offering to serve Wikipedia as an administrator. Please answer these questions to provide guidance for participants:

1. What administrative work do you intend to take part in?

A: I would like to help out with the articles that are tagged as copyright violations. There is often a large backlog of work there and I think my research skills and attention to

[edit]

#### **Barnstars**

#### Good job

[edit]

[edit]



#### The Working Man's Barnstar

For your work with the last Award Center Collaboration of the Fortnight, I hereby award you this barnstar. Thank you for your improvements to the article on United States-Australia Relations. --Sharkface^T/c 18:20, 27 April 2008 (UTC)

#### Barnstarred

#### The Random Acts of Kindness Barnstar

For curtailing terpidiot vandalism on my userpage, I, Matt, award you, Enigma, this RAoK Barnstar. Rock on. Non Curat Lex (talk) 20:25, 6 May 2008 (UTC)

#### Congrats

[edit]



#### The Original Barnstar

I hereby award you this barnstar for your edits and also your highly intellectual philosophy. Thank You! Buddha24 (talk) 05:54, 13 May 2008 (UTC)

### Aggregated interactions



- 563 articles extracted from the Politics domain (910,209 revisions by 197,798 contributors)
- number of aggregated interaction vectors was 17,262,082
- sign of the link was decided via a simple voting heuristic
- final network (WikiSigned): 138,592 nodes, 740,397 edges (87.9% positive)

A much broader study (complete English Wikipedia) under way.

## Validating WikiSigned

Evaluation with respect to social theories: balance and status

Accuracy in predicting new links:

- link sign prediction over our network
  - cut out one A -> B link, predict it from the remaining ones
  - features based on the types of link triads involving A and B

Comparing WikiSigned with explicit networks:

• cross learning-prediction of other signed networks

Application-level validation:

• predict the quality and importance of articles using WikiSigned

### Link prediction accuracy

The predictive power using triads has been previously tested in explicit signed networks.

We learned a predictor for link signs over WikiSigned:

- feature vector consisting of the number of triads of each type
- logistic regression model, balanced dataset, 10-fold cross validation
- each triad type is given a coefficient by the trained model

Good prediction accuracy: 0.852 with an AUC of 0.924.

#### Predicting the explicit networks

Same prediction model: do cross learning-predicting with the other networks.

	Epinions	Slashdot	Elections	WikiSigned
Epinions	0.926	0.905	0.787	0.765
Slashdot	0.929	0.806	0.792	0.716
Elections	0.922	0.895	0.814	0.775
WikiSigned	0.882	0.839	0.755	0.852

Predictive accuracy of training on the row data and testing on the column data.

Similar properties both at local and global level to the existing (explicit) signed networks.

### **Classifying articles**

- 5 article qualities (Featured Articles, Great Articles, A-class articles, B-class articles, C-class articles)
- 4 article importance levels (Top, High Knowledge about the link

Regression learning on a feature vector the classification of articles.

- number of contributors
- outgoing links, incoming links, inside links,/
- the proportion of incoming positive and sative links of contributors

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Features	Importance	Quality
contributors	0.691	0.518
contribs. + links	0.743	0.835
contribs. + soc. links	0.749	0.895
contribs. + soc. links + rep.	0.756	0.935

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structure of articles improves

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#### A study on social tagging applications [SIGMOD2012 & under review]

# Efficient top-k search in real applications, allowing full personalization.

"Keep, share, discover the best of the Web" (Del.icio.us motto)

#### Example







# A social-aware search interpretation?



DI	author	proximity
eurozone	Ed	?
D2	author	proximity
eurozone	Derek	?
debt_crisis	Ed	?
D3	author	proximity
debt_crisis	Bob	0.9
D4	author	proximity
D4 eurozone	author Derek	proximity ?
D4 eurozone debt_crisis	author Derek Derek	proximity ? ?
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# A social-aware search interpretation?

0.6

D3: debt_crisis

Charlie

«eurozone deb

Alice asks for top 2

Bob

0.9

Alice.

top-2 answer

**D2**: score 1.21

D4: eurozone D5: eurozone D4: score 3:46^{bt_crisis} eurozone

D4 (score 2.65)

D2 (score 0.81)

D5 (score 0.6)

DI (score 0.4)

debt crisis

D3 (score 0.9)

D4 (score 0.81)

D5 (score 0.6)

D2 (score 0.4)



### **Problem overview**

- Users form a weighted social network (may reflect proximity, similarity, friendship, trust, etc)
- User tag items (e.g., documents, URLs, photos, etc) from a public pool of items

Examples: Del.icio.us, StumbleUpon, Digg, Reddit, IBM's Lotus Connections (a form of crowdsourcing); similar facilities in many other social applications

#### Users search for items having certain tags (top-k)

Why is this different from search on the Web?

- item relevance depends on the proximity of taggers to the seeker (users are both producers and consumers of information)
- this is search with a context

### Setting

Online setting: social network, tagging data, the seekers' search ingredients (parameters, model) can change at any moment

Few works in the literature: either assume certain model restrictions or cannot deal with the scale and dynamic context of real applications.

Main challenges: efficiency and applicability in real-world scenarios.

Inputs:

- the per-tag inverted lists
- a Tagged relation: Tagged(u,i,t) triples
- the weighted social network

All this data must reside on disk. I/O costs!

## Score model (per-tag)

Replace term frequency (tf) with a frequency measure depending on the seeker:

freq(item|seeker,tag)= alpha * tf(tag,item)+(1-alpha) * sf(item|seeker,tag)

- parameter alpha in [0, 1] interval
- social frequency sf(item|seeker,tag) defined as:

 $sf(item|seeker,tag) = \Sigma_{user s.t.Tagged(user,item,tag)} proximity(seeker,user)$ 

Two extreme cases:

- alpha=1 -> Web search
- alpha=0 -> exclusively social search

#### Extending the model to the entire network

Proximity also w.r.t users indirectly connected to the seeker.



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Main related work: Threshold Agorithm (TA)

Web search setting: the Threshold Algorithm (TA) and NRA [Fagin01]

- pre-computed per-term inverted lists
- in a social context
  - either all users would have the same relevance (valued 1),
  - or we keep a list for each term and seeker

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#### Main related work: [Amer-Yahia et al., VLDB08]

Global Upper-Bound algorithm

 integrates social proximum in top-k search in folksonomies, but with some restrictions: only the seeker's "direct" neighbors are considered relevant.

#### Main related work: [Shenkel et al., SIGIR08]

ContextMerge algorithm: considers the general setting -> all users (even indirectly connected to the seeker) are 0.9 relevant:

• all possible pairs of users have a pre-computed social score value

#### Major drawbacks:

- high disk space cost: order of 700TB for Del.ico.us, much bigger for Facebook
- limited applicability:
  - social scores can evolve (e.g., tag similarity),
  - lists need to be kept up to date,
  - users should be able to chose key model parameters.



## Main contributions

We show that the visit of the network in decreasing order of proximity (w.r.t the seeker) can be done on the fly and as needed

• for a wide family of proximity functions (monotone ones)

Key advantages:

- changes and online model choices become a non-issue
- a typical network can fit in main-memory
- spare the potentially huge disk volumes required previously

A novel algorithm (TOPKS) that is:

- instance optimal for the exclusively social case,
- more efficient in general

Two efficient approximation algorithms, based on high-level description of the social network (statistics on proximity values)

### Glimpse on experiments

- Delicious dataset consisting of 80,000 users, 595,811 items, 198,080 tags
- 3 similarity networks (via Dice coefficient):
  - tag similarity network: 40,319 nodes, 8,335,544 links
  - item similarity network: 49,038 nodes, 3,329,540 links
  - item-tag similarity network: 40,353 nodes, 1,849,898 links.
- top-10 and top-20 answers, two ranking functions: tf-idf and BM15
- low alpha values: 0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3
- two cost measures:
  - abstract cost: in terms of visited users and sequential access to data.
  - running time
### Tag-similarity network



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## Conclusions

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### The Web is now social

The social Web is growing at an unprecedented rate

- which major Web applications are not social ?
- Facebook's user base, Twitter's throughput, Wikipedia's richness

Graph models for social networks (directed or undirected, n-partite, hypergraph, weighted or unweighted)

Research playground for various communities: DB, IR, knowledge management, machine learning and data mining, human-computer interactions, game theory, networking, sociology, economics, ...

#### Foundations of social data management

### Perspectives

- Search: improve Web search, new kinds of search (real-time, social) for communities or data
- Mine behavior, opinions and personal information of hundreds of millions of individuals
- Go beyond explicit links: understand opinion, sentiment, behavior, influence
- Rank information and users by trustworthyness, importance
- Design social applications governed by the individuals
- Privacy and security issues

# Thank you.

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