A Three-Way Model for Collective Learning on Multi-Relational Data

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Introduction

Multi-Relational Data

- Multi-relational data is a part of many different important fields of application, such as *Computational Biology*, *Social Networks*, the *Semantic Web*, the *Linked Data* cloud (shown below) and many more.
Introduction
Motivation to use Tensors for Relational Learning

Why Tensors?

- **Modelling simplicity**: Multiple binary relations can be expressed straightforwardly as a three-way tensor
- **No structure learning**: Not necessary to have information about independent variables, knowledge bases, etc. or to infer it from data
- **Expected performance**: Relational domains are high-dimensional and sparse, a setting where factorization methods have shown very good results

**Problem**: Tensor factorizations like CANDECOMP/PARAFAC (CP) or Tucker can not perform collective learning or in the case of DEDICOM have unreasonable constraints for relational learning.

(For an excellent review on tensors see (Kolda and Bader, 2009))
Modelling binary relations as a tensor: Two modes of a tensor refer to the entities, one mode to the relations.

The entries of the tensor are 1 when a relation between two entities exists and 0 otherwise.

We use the RDF formalism to model relations as (subject, predicate, object) triples.
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Tensor Factorization

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Solving canonical relational learning tasks

- **Link Prediction**: To predict the existence of a relation between two entities, it is sufficient to look at the rank-reduced reconstruction of the appropriate slice $AR_kA^T$.

- **Collective Classification**: Can be cast as a link prediction problem by including the classes as entities and adding a `classOf` relation. Alternatively, standard classification algorithms could be applied to the entities’ latent-component representation $A$.

- **Link-based Clustering**: Since the entities latent-component representation is computed considering all relations, Link-based clustering can be done by clustering the entities in the latent-component space $A$. 
RESCAL
Computing the factorization

- To compute the factorization, we solve the optimization problem

$$\min_{A,R_k} loss(A, R_k) + reg(A, R_k)$$

where $loss$ is the loss function

$$loss(A, R_k) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \|x_k - AR_kA^T\|_F^2$$

and $reg$ is the regularization term

$$reg(A, R_k) = \frac{1}{2} \lambda \left( \|A\|_F^2 + \sum_k \|R_k\|_F^2 \right)$$

- Efficient alternating-least squares algorithm based on ASALSAN (Bader et al., 2007)
Predict party membership of US (vice) presidents

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RESCAL

Collective Learning Example

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![Diagram showing relationships between individuals and parties]

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Collective learning is performed via the entities’ latent-component representation.

Important aspect of the model: Entities have a unique latent-component representation, regardless of their occurrence as subjects or objects.
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Predicting the party membership of US (vice) presidents

- **Task**: Predict party membership of US (vice) presidents
- No other information included in the data other than the party membership and who is (vice) president of whom

![Diagram showing party memberships and AUC values for different methods]

- **AUC Values**:
  - Random: 0.16
  - CP: 0.44
  - DEDICOM: 0.64
  - SUNS: 0.48
  - SUNS+AG: 0.74
  - RESCAL: 0.78

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Experiments
Comparison to state-of-the-art approaches

- **Task**: Perform link prediction on the IRM datasets Kinships, UMLS and Nations

- Comparison to MRC (Kok & Domingos, 2007), IRM (Kemp et al., 2007) and BCTF (Sutskever et al., 2009) as well as CP and DEDICOM
Experiments
Runtime and Implementation

- RESCAL-ALS algorithm features very fast training times

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Table: Average runtime to compute a rank-\( r \) factorization in RESCAL

- Implementation uses only standard matrix operations
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- RESCAL is an tensor-based relational learning approach capable of collective learning
- Collective learning mechanism works through information propagation via the entities’ latent-component representations
- Good performance compared to current state-of-the-art relational learning approaches
- Fast training times and simple Implementation
- Code available at http://www.cip.ifi.lmu.de/~nickel

Thank you!