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Machine Learning on Graphs, from Graph Topology to Applications

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ABSTRACT

Contemporary data analytics applications on graphs frequently operate on domains where graph topology is not known a priori, and hence its determination becomes part of the problem definition, somewhat than serving as prior knowledge which aids the problematic solution. Part III of this monograph starts by a comprehensive account of ways to study the pertinent graph topology, reaching from the humblest case where the physics of the problem previously suggest a likely graph structure, through to general cases where the graph structure is to be learned from the data experiential on a graph.

Keywords

Contemporary data; Graph; Computer science

INTRODUCTION

A specific emphasis is placed on the use of standard "relationship measures" in this context, counting the correlation and exactness matrices, together with the ways to combine these with the obtainable prior knowledge and structural circumstances, such as the smoothness of the graph signals or sparsity of graph connections. Next, for learning sparse graphs (that is, graphs with a small number of edges), the utility of the least total shrinkage and selection operator, known as LASSO is addressed, along with its graph exact variant, the graphical LASSO. For wholeness, both alternatives of LASSO are resulting in an intuitive way, starting from basic principles. An in-depth elaboration of the graph topology learning paradigm is provided through examples on physically well-defined graphs, such as electric circuits, linear heat transfer, social and computer networks, and springmass systems. We also review main trends in graph neural networks (GNN) and graph convolutional networks (GCN) from the perspective of graph signal filtering. Particular insight is given to the role of diffusion processes over graphs, to show that GCNs can be unspoken from the graph diffusion perspective. Given the largely heuristic nature of the existing GCNs, their treatment through graph diffusion processes may also serve as a basis for new designs of GCNs. Tensor illustration of lattice-structured graphs is next considered, and it is shown that tensors (multidimensional data arrays) can be treated a special class of graph signals, whereby the graph vertices reside on a high-dimensional regular lattice structure. The idea of graph tensor networks then provides a uniting framework for learning on irregular domains. This part of monograph accomplishes with an in-dept account of emerging applications in financial data processing and underground transport network modeling. By means of portfolio cuts of an asset graph, we show how domain knowledge can be meaningfully incorporated into investment analysis. In the underground transportation example, we demonstrate how graph theory can be used to identify those stations in the London underground network which have the greatest influence on the functionality of the traffic, and proceed, in an innovative way, to assess the impact of a station conclusion on service levels across the city. The current availability of powerful computers and huge data sets is making new opportunities in computational mathematics to bring together concepts and tools from graph theory, machine learning and signal processing, creating data analytics on graphs. Data analytics on graphs is a comprehensive introduction to generating advanced data analytics on graphs that allows us to move beyond the standard regular sampling in time and space to facilitate modelling in many important areas, including communication networks, computer science, linguistics, social sciences, biology, physics, chemistry, transport, town planning, financial systems, personal health and many others.

CONCLUSION

Graph topologies from a modern data analytics point of view, and proceed to establish taxonomy of graph networks. With this as a basis, the authors show how the spectral analysis of graphs clues to even the most challenging machine learning tasks, such as clustering, being achieved in an intuitive and physically expressive way. Aimed at readers with a good grasp of the fundamentals of data analytics, this book sets out the basics of graph theory and the emerging mathematical techniques for the analysis of a wide range of data learned on graph environments. Data Analytics on Graphs will be a valuable friend and a helpful friend to all involved in data meeting and analysis irrespective of area of application.

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