LSCPM: finding communities in Link Streams by Clique Percolation Method

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- 1 Link stream formalism to model temporal data
- 2 Describing temporal data by finding communities in link streams
- 3 Experiments on real datasets
- 4 Conclusion: links with BCI ?

1 - Link stream formalism to model temporal data

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\rightarrow What about temporal interaction ?

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Advantages

- deals directly with the stream of interactions
- no arbitrary choice of time scale
- time is continuous

2 - Describing temporal data by finding communities in link streams

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Palla et al. 2005

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Interest:

- Locate areas of high interaction density
- Understanding the organizational structure of interactions
- Zoom in / out



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Two k-cliques are adjacent if they share k - 1 nodes.

Advantages of the definition

- Definition local
- Deterministic; no need of heuristic function
- Communities can overlap

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Consistency with metadata

Highschool: 70% of communities are on one class, 23% on two classes, 6% on three classes, 1% on four classes.

A highschool link stream community

LSCPM community



A highschool link stream community

State-of-the-art communities



$\rightarrow\,$ Gather more information over time

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Metadata (classes)



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\rightarrow Link stream

- Study at different time scales
- Online interactions
- Multilayer link stream ?...

Thanks for your attention! Any questions?

Code available at: https://gitlab.lip6.fr/baudin

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Observation

As k increases, communities split.



- \Rightarrow Refining communities; "core"
- \Rightarrow Sub-categorizing data



Question

What is a community in a link streams ?

- \rightarrow Sets of temporal nodes that are
 - Densely connected inside
 - Sparsly connected outside

Importance of vertices

1.0 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0.0 0 10^{0} 10^{1} 10^{2}

Number of communities each vertex belongs to.

Foursquare dataset

- \rightarrow Nodes very central (Pennsylvania train station, ...)
- $\rightarrow\,$ Nodes not in any community (offices, ...)

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Link stream



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Time varying graphs



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Temporal graphs



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