Social Tagging Networks: Structure, Dynamics & Applications

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# Outline

- Structure and Dynamics of Social Tagging Networks
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  - Hypergraph Strutures
  - Dynamics and emergent properties
  - Applications in Personalized Recommendation (PR)
    Why Recommendation?
    How Tags benefit PR?

### **Conclusions & Discussion**

## What is social tagging networks?



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java	79
apple	65
perl	60
hadoop	55
algorithm	45
datamining	43
math	42
advertising	36
All Tags	233

# From Graph to Hypergraph



Hyper Network [from wikipedia.org]

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Hyperedge: basic unit

#### **Hyper Network**

**Figure 3.** A descriptive hypergraph consists of two users, four resources and three tags. Take user  $U_2$  and resource  $R_1$  for example; the measurements are denoted as: (i)  $U_2$  has participated in six hyperedges, which means its hyperdegree is 6; (ii)  $U_2$  has directly connected to three resources and three tags, which suggests it possibly has  $3 \times 3 = 9$  hyperedges maximally. Thus its clustering coefficient equals  $6/9 \approx 0.667$ , where its hyperdegree is 6; (iii) the shortest path from  $U_2$  to  $R_1$  is  $U_2 - T_1 - R_1$ , which indicates that the distance between  $U_2$  and  $R_1$  is 2.

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## Two roles of social tags



Role1: an accessorial tool helping users organize resources: Fig. (a)

Role2: a bridge that connects users and resources: Fig. (b) Zhang and Liu, J. Stat. Mech. (2010) P10005

# Dynamics and evolution of social tagging networks (1/3)

- At each time step, a random user can either:
  - Choose an item(resource), and annotate it with a relevant or random tag with probability p (*Role 1*)
  - or choose a tag, and find a relevant or random item with probability 1-p (*Role 2*)





# Applications in Personalized Recommendation (PR)

- Why Recommendation?
  - Information overload!
- How to be pers
   Social influence
   Content-basece
   Network-base



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# Method I&II:Tripartite Hybrid(Role 1)







• Item-user  $f'_j = \sum_{l=1}^n \frac{a_{lj}}{k(U_l)} \sum_{r=1}^m \frac{f_s}{k(I_s)}$ , [Method I, PRE **76** (2007) 046115] • Item-tag:  $f''_{j} = \sum_{l=1}^{r} \frac{a'_{jl}}{k(T_l)} \sum_{s=1}^{m} \frac{f_s}{k'(I_s)}$ , [Method II] • Linear Hybrid:  $\vec{f^*} = \lambda \vec{f'} + (1 - \lambda)\vec{f''}$ 

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# Algorithm Performance (1/3)



Table 2: Algorithmic accuracy for *Del.icio.us.*  $\langle RS \rangle_{k_o \leq 10}$  is the average ranking score over objects with degree equal or less than 10, and  $\langle RS \rangle_{k_o > 10}$  is the average ranking scores over objects with degree greater than 10. Each value is obtained by averaging over 50 realizations, each of which corresponds to an independent division of training set and testing set.

Algorithms	$\langle RS \rangle$	$\langle RS \rangle_{k_o \le 10}$	$\langle RS \rangle_{k_o > 10}$
т	0.070	0.200	0.054
1	0.276	0.369	0.054
II	0.209	0.275	0.049
III	0.196	0.249	0.068



Table 3: Algorithmic accuracy for <i>MovieLens</i> .			
Algorithms	$\langle RS \rangle$	$\langle RS \rangle_{k_o \le 10}$	$\langle RS \rangle_{k_o > 10}$
Ι	0.207	0.307	0.039
II	0.130	0.168	0.055
III	0.123	0.146	0.070

## Algorithm Performance (2/3)



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# **Conclusions and Discussion**

#### Conclusions

- □ Structure and Dynamics
- □ The roles of social tags
- Application in Personalized recommendation

#### Discussion

- Recommendation with full hypergraph structure
- Multi-scale recommendations (semantic-based)
- Recommendation with community structures

# Thank You!

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