

E6885 Network Science Lecture 6: *Network Topology Inference*

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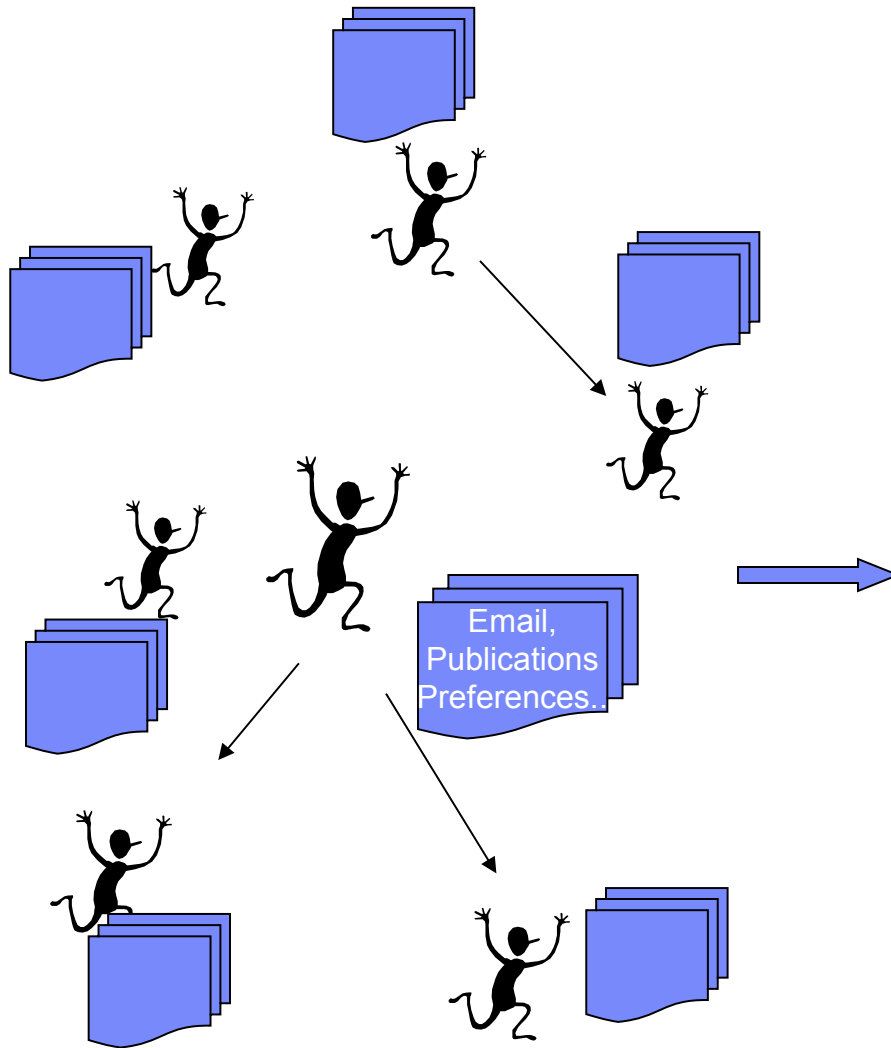
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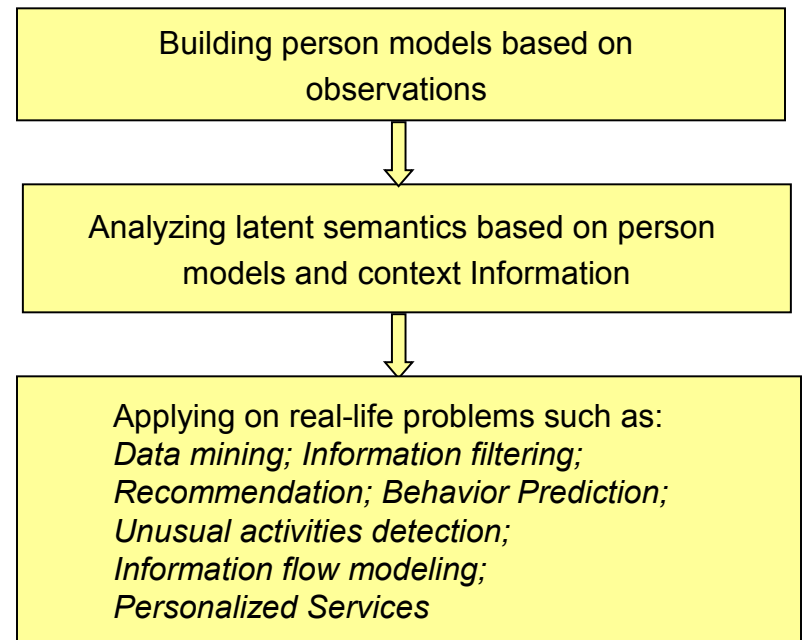
Course Structure

Class Date	Class Number	Topics Covered
09/10/12	1	Overview – Social, Information, and Cognitive Network Analysis
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10/01/12	4	Network Estimation and Modeling
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10/22/12	7	Dynamic Networks
10/29/12	8	Info Diffusion in Networks
11/12/12	9	Final Project Proposal Presentation
11/19/12	10	Graphical Models
11/26/12	11	Privacy, Security, and Economy Issues in Networks
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12/10/12	13	Large-Scale Network Processing System
12/17/12	14	Final Project Presentation

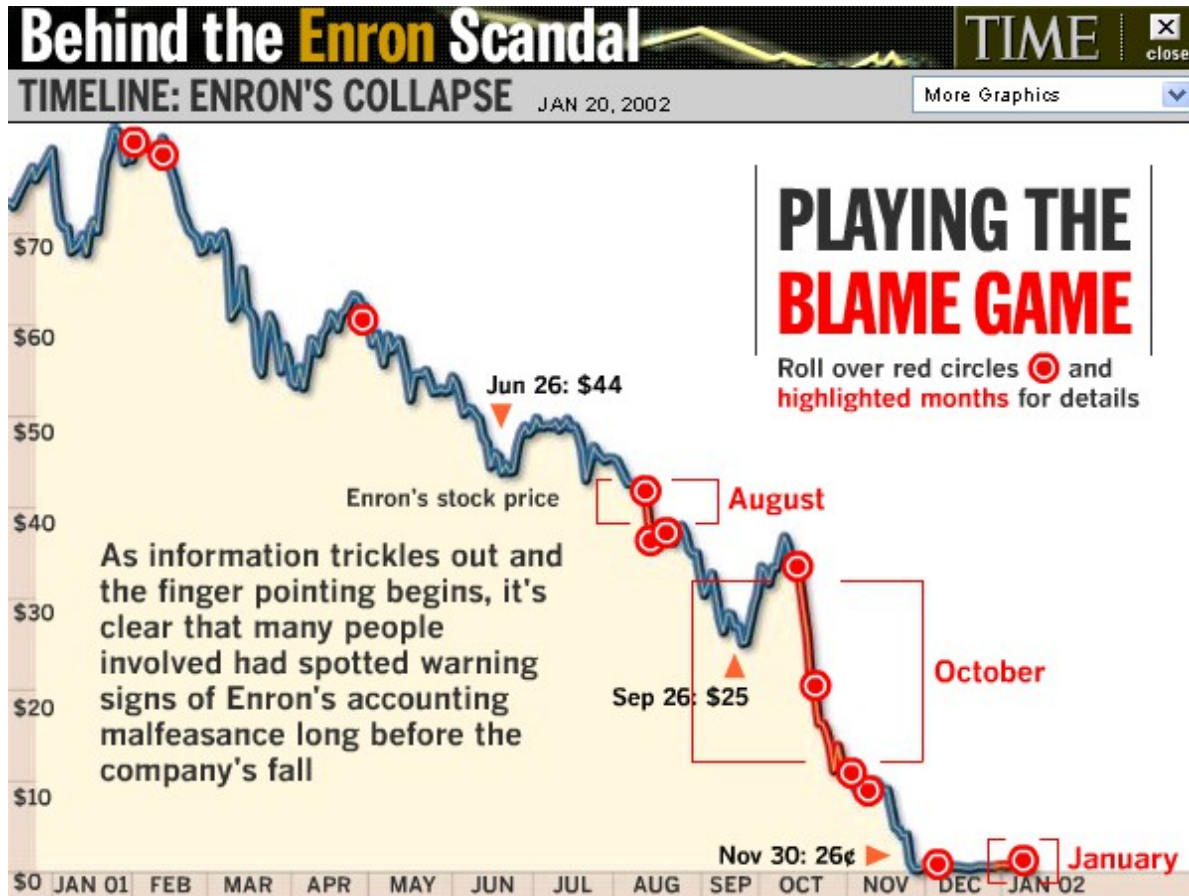
Motivation – Latent Person Behavior Modeling, Analysis and Applications



What are a person's
 - roles in events?
 - behavior evolutions?
 - interests, tastes?
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Enron Corpus



Enron Corpus

Collected information for each person

Name	Email	Position
Robert Badeer	robert.badeer@enron.com	Director
Eric Bass	eric.bass@enron.com	Trader
Sally Beck	sally.beck@enron.com	Employee
Rick Buy	rick.buy@enron.com	Manager
David Delainey	david.delainey@enron.com	CEO
James Derrick	james.derrick@enron.com	In House Lawyer
Mark Haedicke	mark.haedicke@enron.com	Managing Director
Steven Kean	steven.kean@enron.com	Vice President
Louise Kitchen	louise.kitchen@enron.com	President
Phillip Allen	phillip.allen@enron.com	N/A

Preprocessing

- Original messages – 517,431
- Remove empty messages – 493,391 remain
 - 1999 – 11196
 - 2000 – 196157
 - 2001 – 272875
 - 2002 – 35922
- Remove repeated messages – 166,653 remain
- Only keep intra-communications among 149 users within Enron – 25,428 remain
- Number of terms: 84649
- Number of users: 149

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What happened?– collect the ground truth

- Summarize important events from different timelines
- The events with most occurrences from multiple media's timelines
 - 14 August 2001 -- Jeffrey Skilling resigns after just six months; Mr Lay returns to day-to-day management of the company.
 - 20 August 2001 -- Mr Lay exercises Enron share options worth \$519,000.
 - 12 October 2001 -- Accounting firm Andersen begins destroying documents relating to the Enron audits. The destruction continues until November when the company receives a subpoena from the Securities and Exchange Commission.
 - 16 October 2001-- Enron reports losses of \$638m run up between July and September and announces a \$1.2 billion reduction in shareholder equity. The reduction in company value relates to partnerships set up and run by chief financial officer Andrew Fastow.

Dynamic Network Analysis

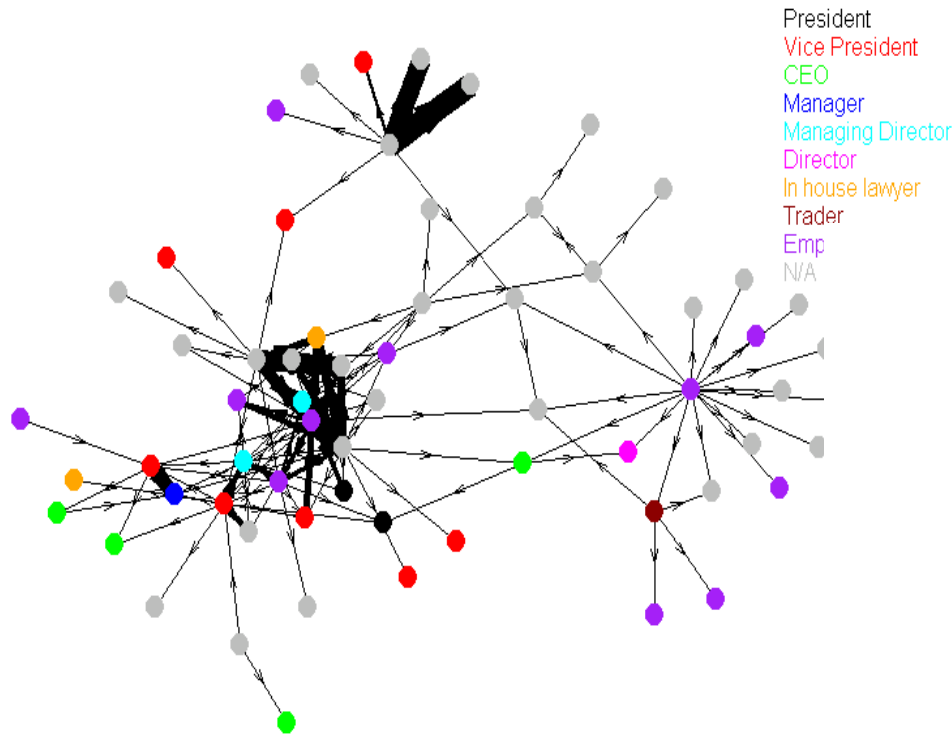
- Dynamical social networks
 - In social network analysis: Dynamic actor-oriented social network [Snijder 2002]
 - Changes in the network are modeled as the stochastic result of network effects (density, reciprocity, etc.)
 - Network evolution is modeled by continuous time Markov chain models
 - In information mining area:
 - link prediction problem - Infer which new interactions among its members are likely to occur in the near future [Liben-Nowell 2003]
 - Track changes in large-scale data by periodically creating an agglomerative clustering and examining the evolution of clusters over time [Kubica *et al.* 2002]

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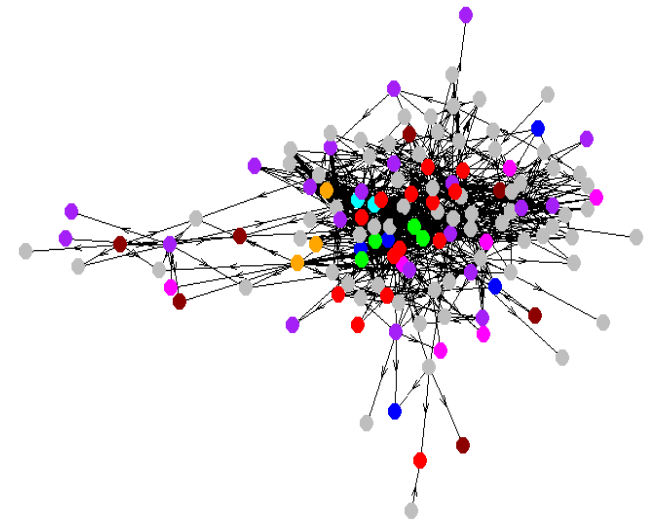
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Dynamic social networks

Email contacts within Enron: 1999



Email contacts within Enron: 2000



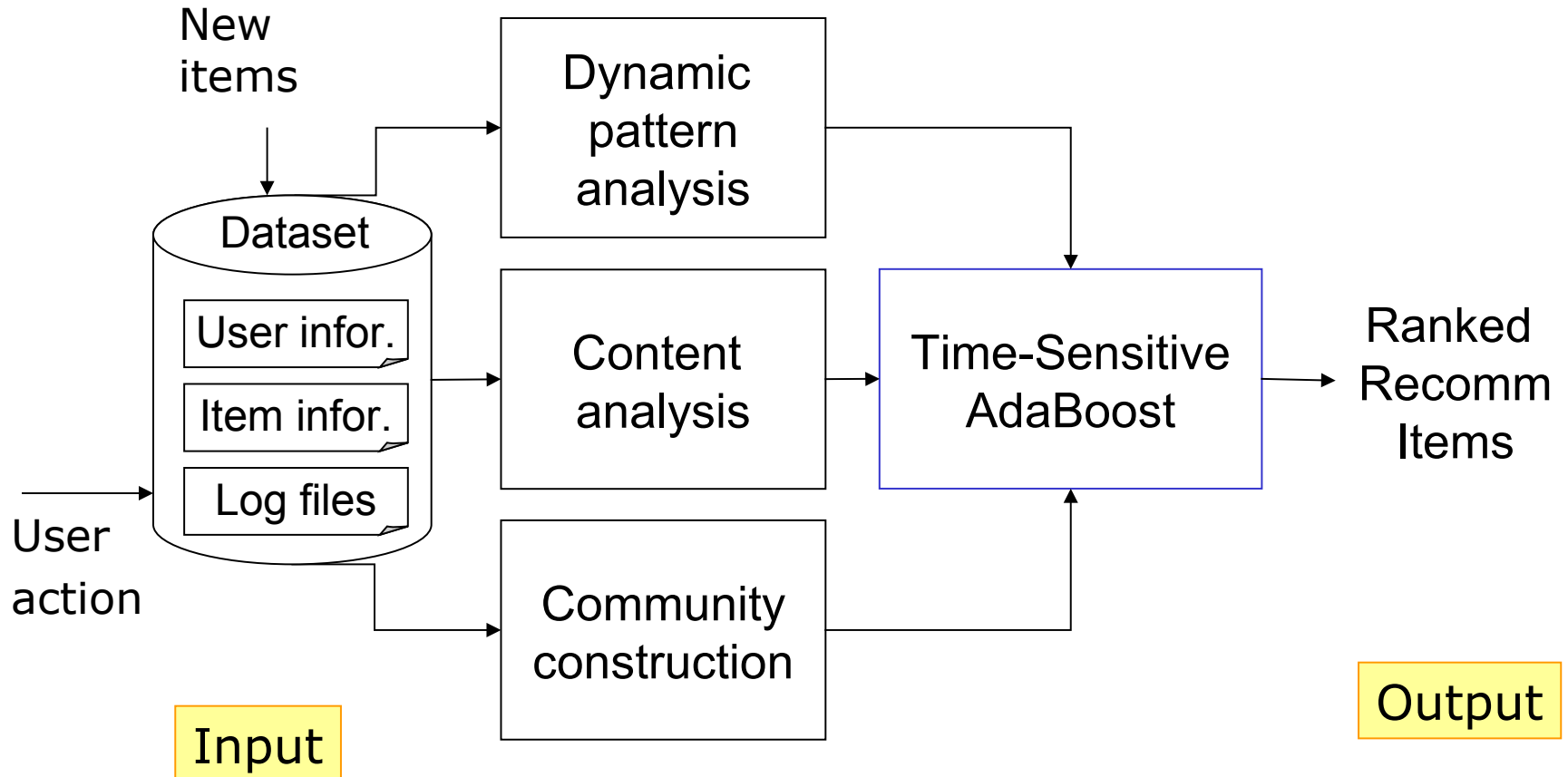
People with top 10 centralities in Enron

Centrality	1999		2000		2001		2002	
	Name	Position	Name	Position	Name	Position	Name	Position
1	Mark_Taylor	Employee	David_Delainey	CEO	Steven_Kean	Vice_President	Kevin_Presto	Vice_President
2	Tana_Jones	N/A	Steven_Kean	Vice_President	John_Lavorato	CEO	Louise_Kitchen	President
3	Sara_Shackleton	N/A	John_Lavorato	CEO	Jeff_Dasovich	Employee	John_Lavorato	CEO
4	Richard_Sanders	Vice_President	Vince_Kaminski	Manager	Vince_Kaminski	Manager	Hunter_Shively	Vice_President
5	Elizabeth_Sager	Employee	Jeff_Skilling	CEO	Louise_Kitchen	President	James_Steffes	Vice_President
6	Mark_Haedicke	Managing_Director	Mike_McConnell	N/A	David_Delainey	CEO	Greg_Whalley	President
7	John_Hodge	Managing_Director	Greg_Whalley	President	Greg_Whalley	President	Fletcher_Sturm	Vice_President
8	Steven_Kean	Vice_President	Sally_Beck	Employee	Mark_Haedicke	Managing_Director	Doug_Gilbert-Smith	N/A
9	Dan_Hyvl	Employee	Jeffrey_A_Shankman	N/A	Phillip_Allen	N/A	Dana_Davis	N/A
10	Carol_Clair	In_house_lawyer	John_Arnold	Vice_President	Mary_Hain	In_house_lawyer	Mark_Haedicke	Managing_Director

People with top-10 prestige in Enron

Prestige	1999		2000		2001		2002	
	Name	Position	Name	Position	Name	Position	Name	Position
1	John_Hodge	Managing_Director	John_Lavorato	CEO	John_Lavorato	CEO	Darron_Giron	N/A
2	Steven_Kean	Vice_President	Greg_Whalley	President	Louise_Kitchen	President	Phillip_Love	N/A
3	Vince_Kaminski	Manager	David_Delaine	CEO	Phillip_Allen	N/A	Kam_Keiser	Employee
4	Mark_Haedicke	Managing_Director	Steven_Kean	Vice_President	Greg_Whalley	President	Errol_McLaughlin	N/A
5	Elizabeth_Sager	Employee	Vince_Kaminski	Manager	Kevin_Presto	Vice_President	Stacey_White	N/A
6	Richard_Sanders	Vice_President	Rick_Buy	Manager	Barry_Tycholiz	Vice_President	Fletcher_Sturm	Vice_President
7	Kevin_Presto	Vice_President	Kevin_Presto	Vice_President	Steven_Kean	Vice_President	NA	NA
8	Mark_Taylor	Employee	Jeffrey_A_Shankman	N/A	Mike_Grigsby	N/A	NA	NA
9	Michelle_Cash	N/A	Phillip_Allen	N/A	David_Delaine	CEO	NA	NA
10	Stacy_Dickson	Employee	Jeff_Skilling	CEO	Hunter_Shively	Vice_President	NA	NA

Dynamic Network Analysis needs both Pattern and Content Analysis



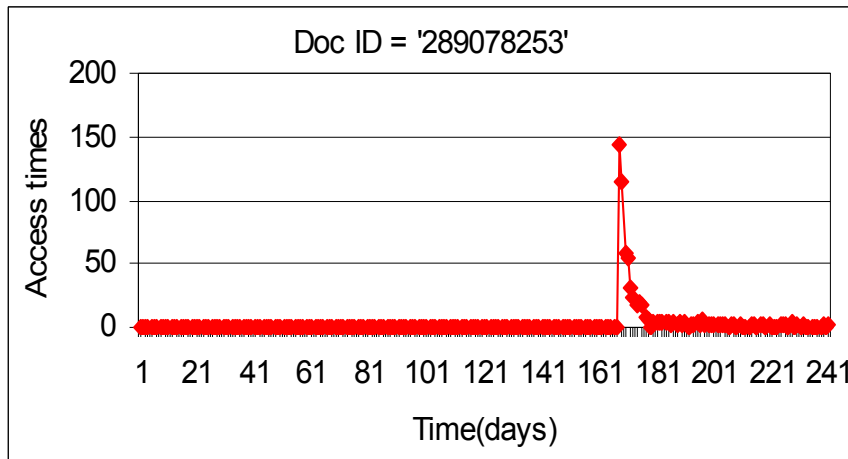
Dynamic Pattern Analysis

Input: item disclosure time, user log files
Output: dynamic patterns from the perspectives of both items and users

- Perspective from items
 - Item life-span
 - Expiration status
 - Popularity
 - Freshness

- Perspective from users
 - User access behaviors

Item Access Types

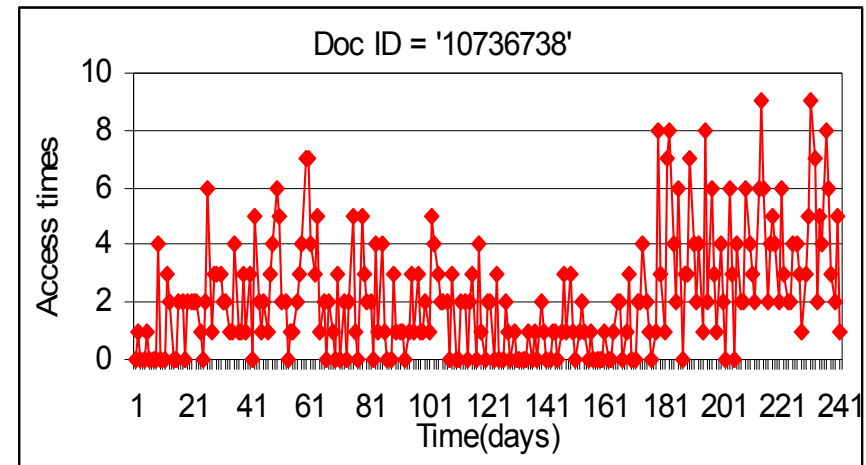


Peak on one day followed by a decay



announcements, conference notes,
and executive summaries

Short-term items



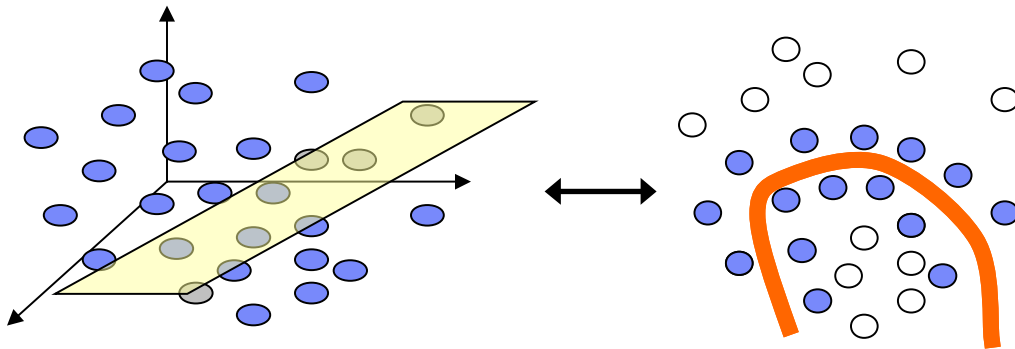
Sustained interest



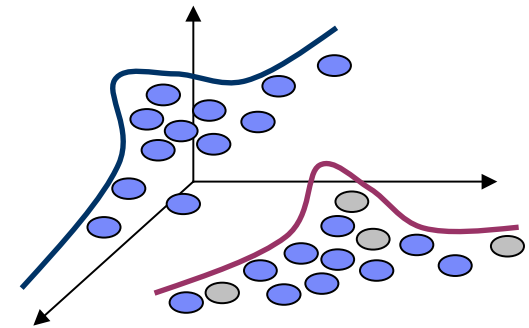
handouts, specifications,
and reference documents

Long-term items

SVM



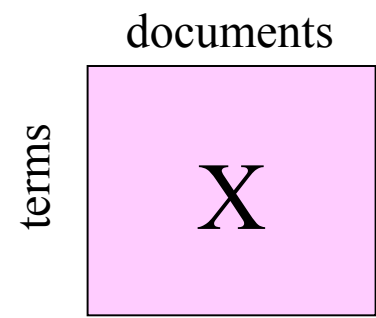
GMM



HMM



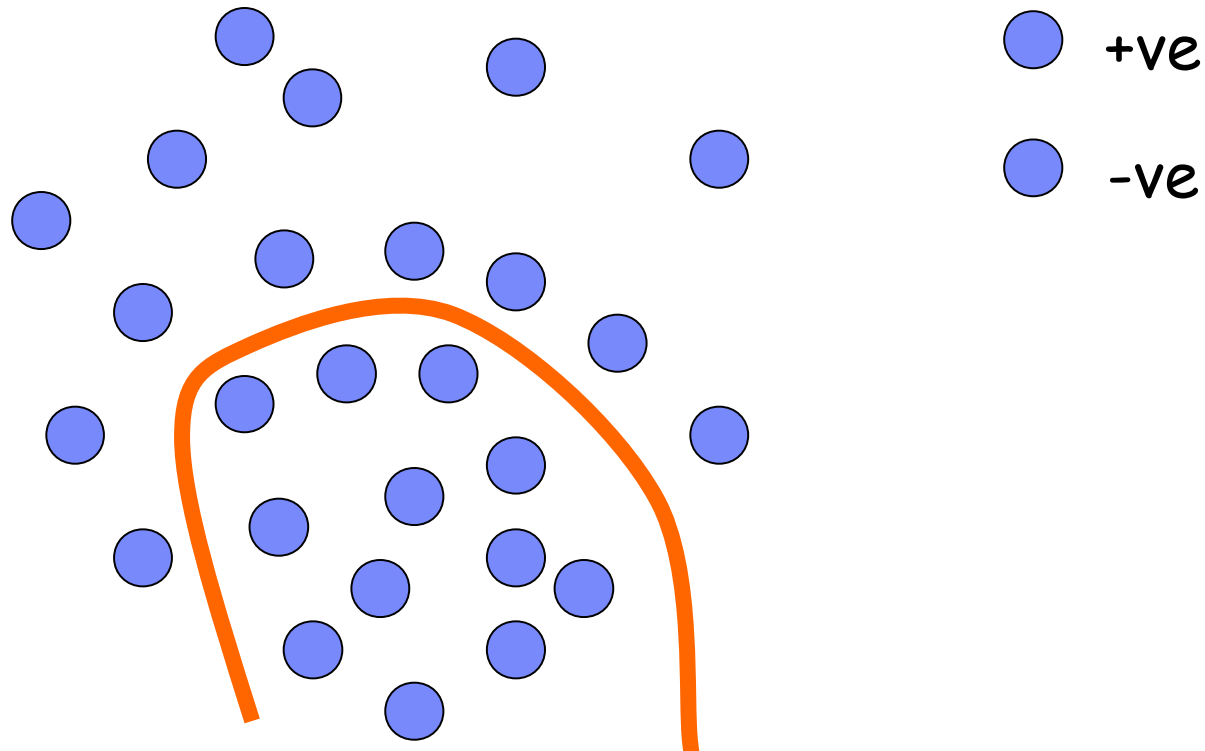
LSA



Discriminant Modeling

Support Vector Machines

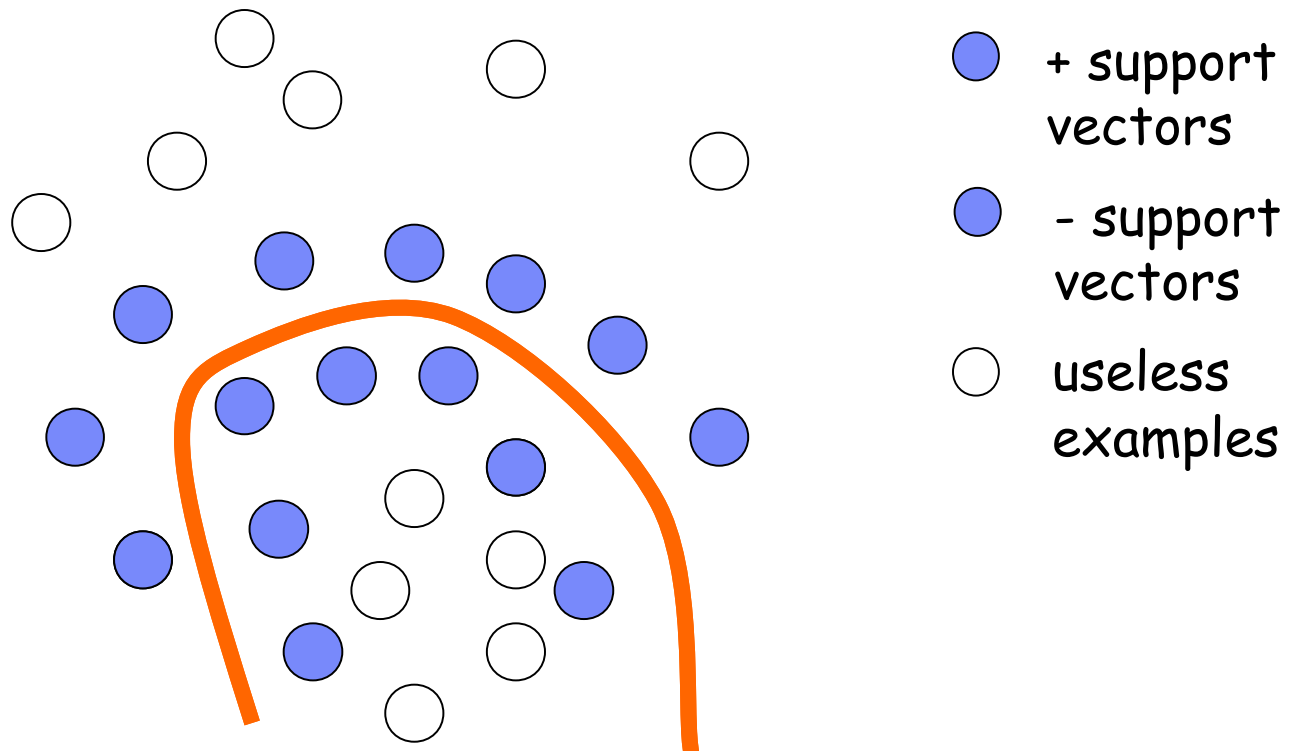
- **Objective:** How to separate observations of distinct classes
- **Solution:** Project to higher dimensionality to determine linear separability

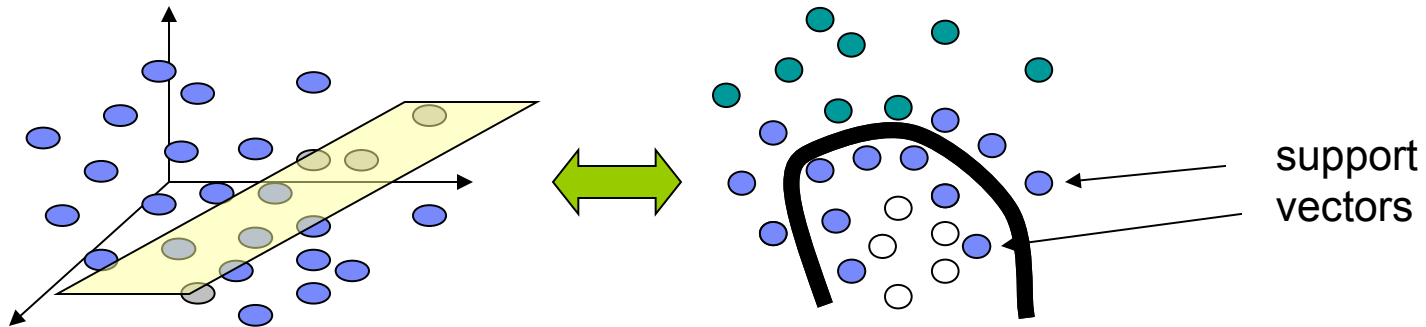


Discriminant Modeling

Support Vector Machines

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- Support Vector Machine

- Largest margin hyperplane in the projected feature space
- With good kernel choices, all operations can be done in low-dimensional input feature space

- SVM Classifier:

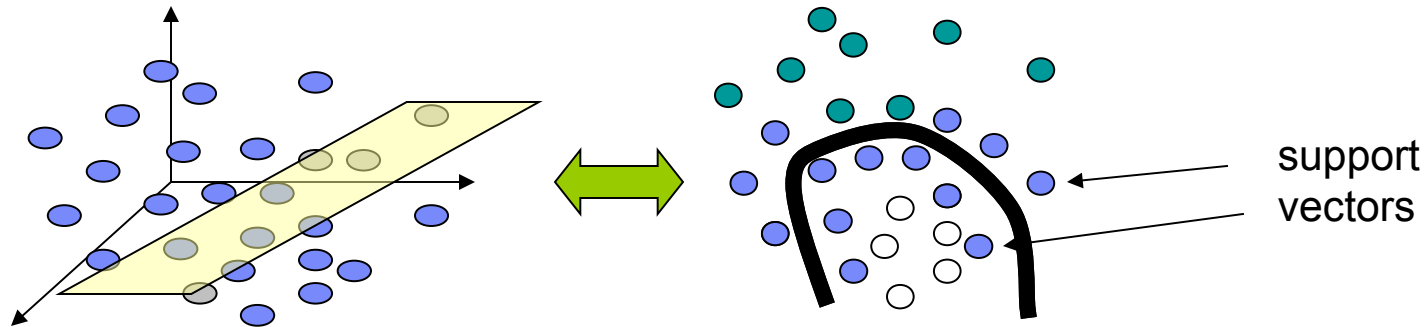
$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^S a_i \cdot k(x, x_i) + b$$

where S is the number of support vectors, $k(.,.)$ is a kernel function. E.g., $k(x, x_i) = e^{-\frac{\|x-x_i\|^2}{r}}$

- Complexity c : operation (multiplication, addition) required for classification

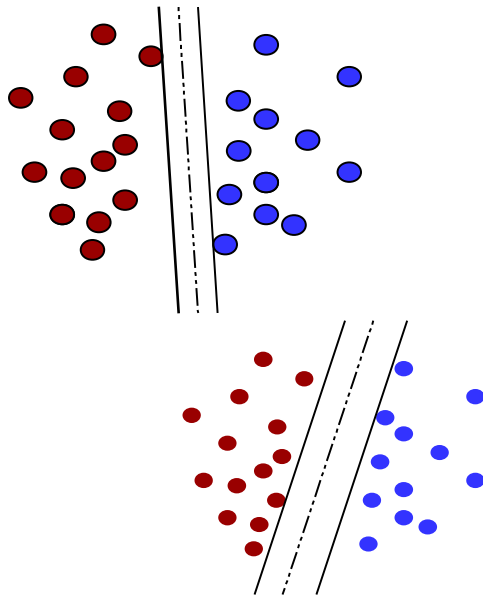
$$c \propto S \cdot D$$

where D is the dimensionality of the feature vector



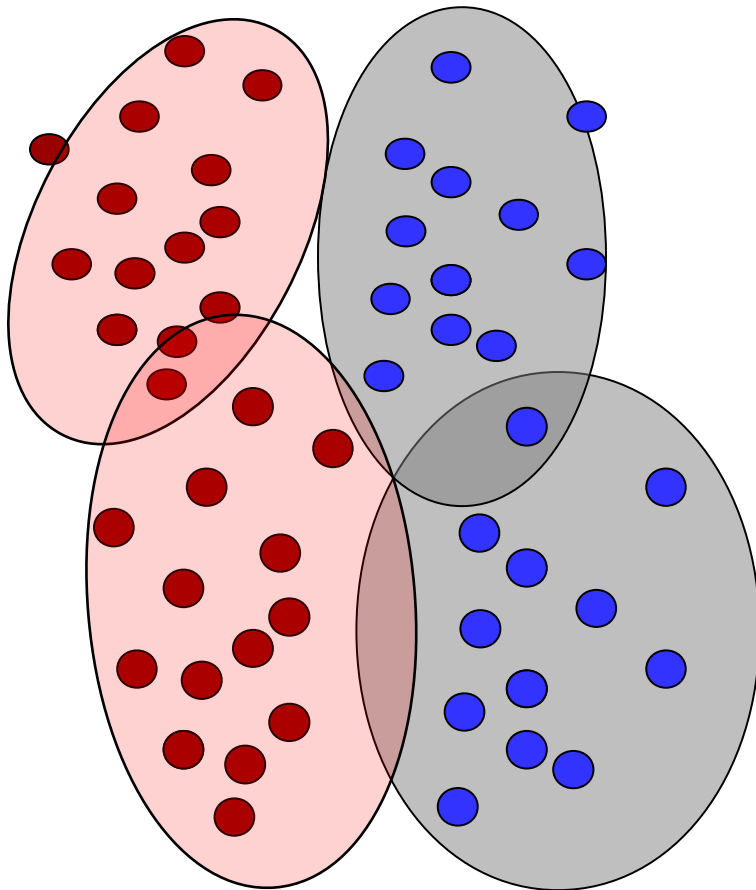
$$f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{N_s} y_i K(x, s_i) - b$$

$$K(x_i, x_j) = e^{-\|x_i - x_j\|^2 / 2}$$



- Support Vector Machine
 - Largest margin hyperplane in the projected feature space
 - With good kernel choices, all operations can be done in low-dimensional input feature space
 - We use Radial Basis Functions as our kernels
 - Sequential Minimal Optimization = currently, fastest known algorithm for finding hyperplane

- Positive examples
- Negative examples



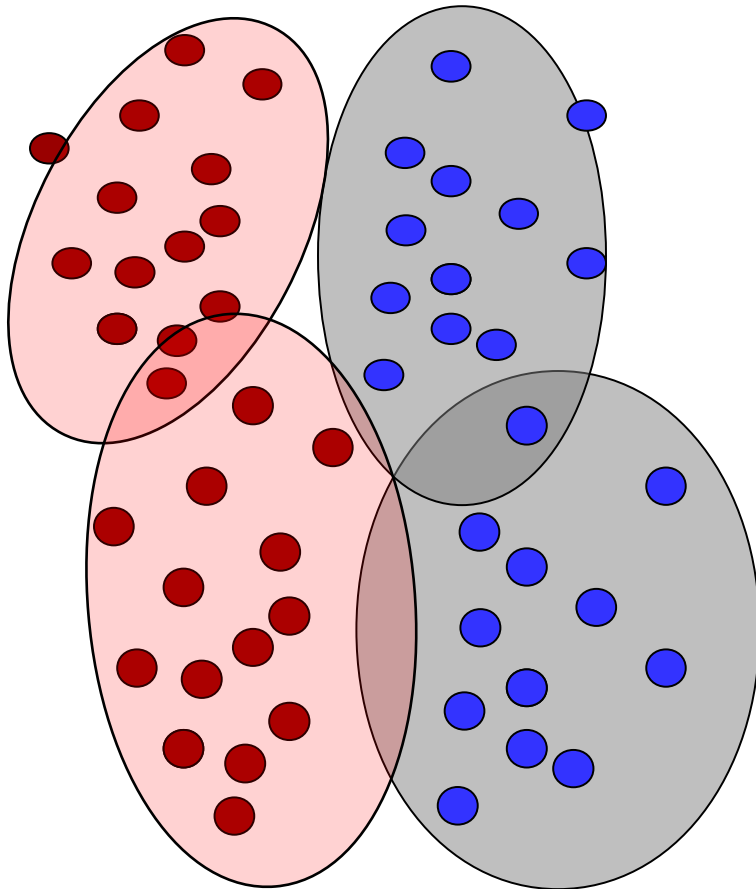
- The probability of examples belonging a cluster (e.g., positive set) is modeled as a weighted summation of multiple Gaussians distributed in the feature space
- Given a vector \mathbf{x} at N-dimensional feature space, the probability that it belongs to a model C is:

$$p(\mathbf{x} | C) = \sum_{j=1}^M p(\mathbf{x} | c_j) p(c_j)$$

where M is the number of Gaussian components. Each component is an N-dimensional Gaussian function which is determined by its mean vector μ and covariance matrix Σ .

$$p(\mathbf{x} | c_j) = \frac{1}{2\pi^{N/2} |\Sigma_j|^{1/2}} \exp^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\mu_j)^T \Sigma_j^{-1} (\mathbf{x}-\mu_j)}$$

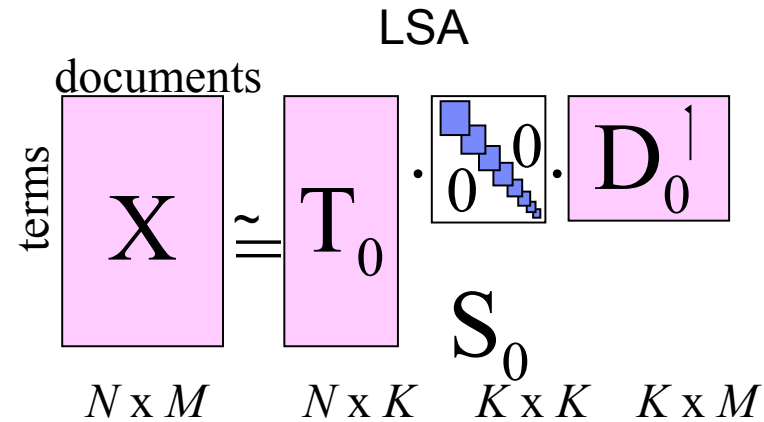
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- The probability of examples belonging a cluster (e.g., positive set) is modeled as a weighted summation of multiple Gaussians distributed in the feature space.
- Pros:
 - The size of model parameters can be very small. In a lot of applications, we may assume the Gaussian components at different dimensions are independent. Thus (mean, std) at each feature dim.
- Cons:
 - Usually Estimation-Maximization (EM) Models are used to estimate models. The results may vary depending on the initial condition

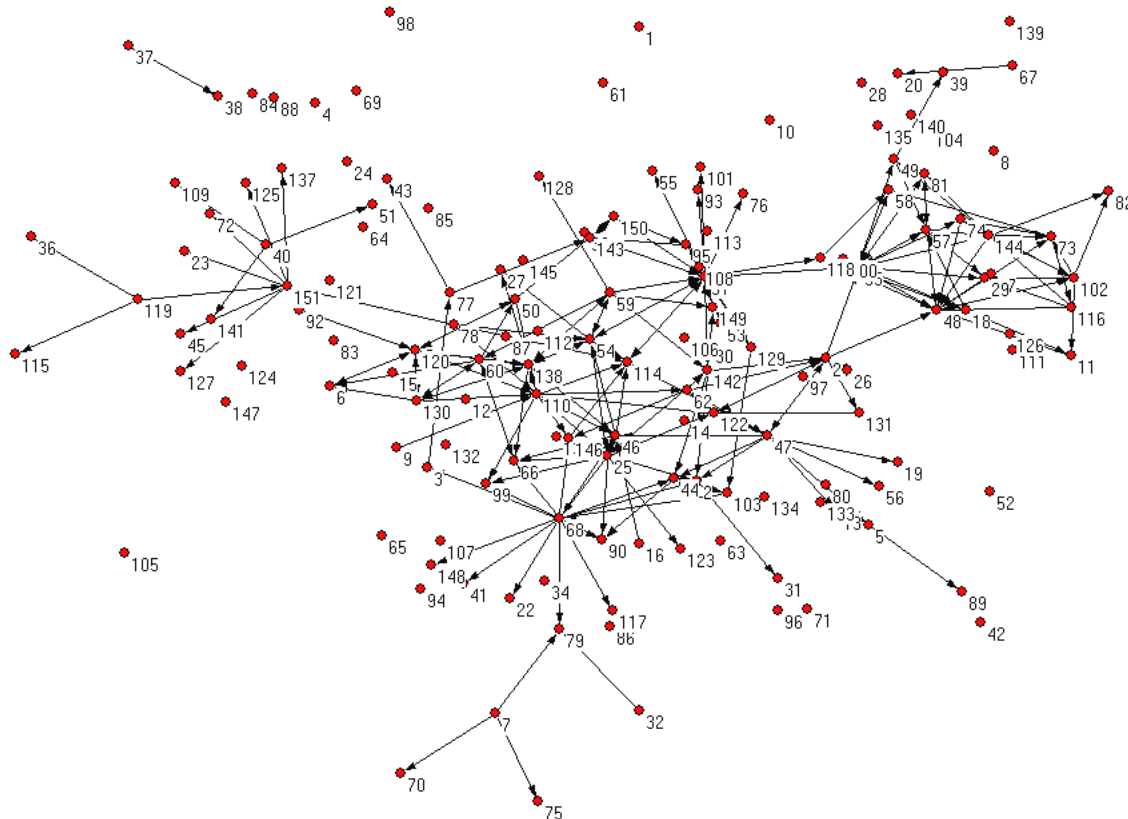
Content Analysis Prior Art I -- Latent Semantic Analysis

- Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA) [Landauer, Dumais 1997]
 - Descriptions:
 - Capture the semantic concepts of documents by mapping words into the latent semantic space which captures the possible synonym and polysemy of words
 - Training based on different level of documents. Experiments show the synergy of the # of training documents and the psychological studies of students at 4th, 10th, and college level. Used as an alternative to TOEFL test.
 - Based on truncated SVD of document-term matrix: optimal least-square projection to reduce dimensionality
 - Capture the concepts instead of words
 - Synonym
 - Polysemy



We can first find the experts and then see how this community works (II)

- Rosalee Fleming played an important role at “Market Opportunities.” She received info from Actor 119 (Mike Carson) and Actor 23 (James Steffes – VP of Gov. Affairs of Enron.)
- Actor 68 (Rod Havslett -- CFO) is also a major information spreader.



Network Topology Inference

- Link Inference – how to decide a link?
 - User-specified decisions and rules
 - Domain / expert knowledge

- Validation:
 - Whether the network graph representation is accurate?
 - What accuracy ideally can be expected, given the available measurable info?
 - Whether there are other similar representations that are equally or almost as accurate?
 - How robust the representation is to small changes in the measurements?
 - How useful the representation is as a basis for other purposes?

Statistical Inference on Graph

- Take our goal to select an appropriate number of graph that “best” captures the underlying state of the system.
- Based on the information in the data, as well as:
 - Any other prior information
 - Using techniques of statistical modeling and inference.
- Unfortunately, there is now no single coherent body of formal results on inference problems of this type...
 - ➔ different forms, different context, different goals....

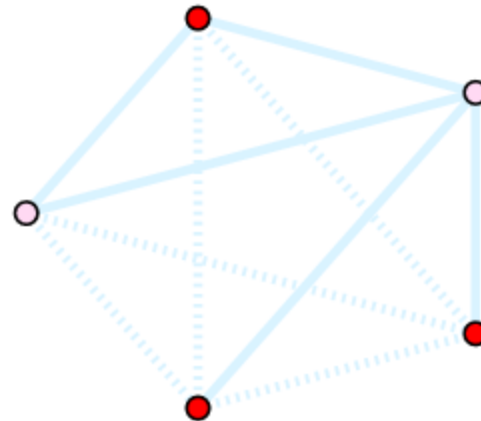
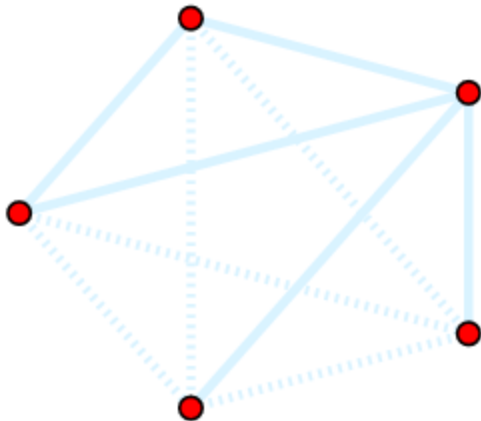
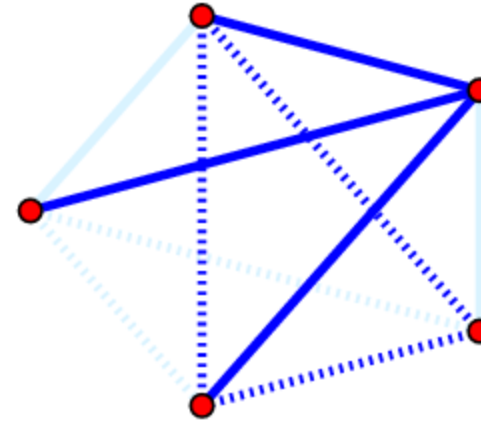
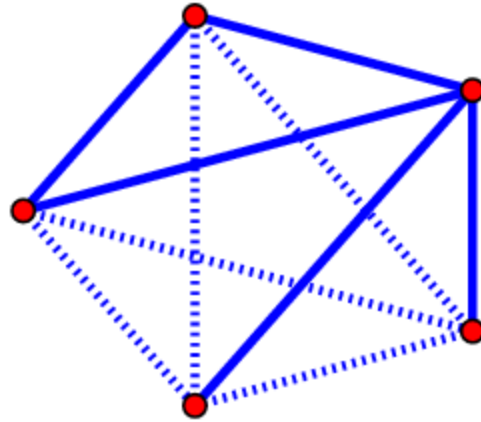
Canonical problems

- Link prediction:
 - Whether a pair of vertices does or does not have an edge between them.
 - Assume knowledge of all the vertices and the status of some of the edges/non-edges of the graph, and seeks to infer the rest of the edges.

- Inference of Association Networks:
 - Edges are defined by a “nontrivial” level of association between certain characteristics of the vertices.
 - No knowledge of edge status anywhere in the network graph.

- Tomographic Network Inference:
 - Measurements are available only at vertices that are somehow at the ‘perimeter’ of the network.
 - Infer the presence or absence of both edges and vertices in the ‘interior’.
 - Involves measurements at only a particular subset of vertices

Visual characterization of three types of network topology inference problems



Link Prediction

- Let $G = (V, E)$ be an undirected random network graph.
- $V^{(2)}$ is the set of distinct unordered pairs of vertices.
- It is the union of:
 - The set E of edges in G ,
 - The set $V^{(2)} \setminus E$ of non-edges in G .
- The presence or absence of an edge is observed only for some subset of pairs, say $V_{obs}^{(2)}$. For the remaining pairs, say $V_{miss}^{(2)} = V^{(2)} \setminus V_{obs}^{(2)}$, this information is missing.

Link Prediction (cont'd)

- Let \mathbf{Y} be the random $N_v \times N_v$ binary adjacency matrix.
- Denote \mathbf{Y}^{obs} and \mathbf{Y}^{miss} the entries of \mathbf{Y} .
- The problem of link prediction is to predict the entries in \mathbf{Y}^{miss} , given the values $\mathbf{Y}^{obs} = \mathbf{y}^{obs}$ and possibly various vertex attribute variables $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x} \in R^{N_v}$
- Sometimes edges are missing, because of the difficulty in observation in a certain point in time.
- Sometimes edges are missing because of sampling.

A common assumption – missing at random

- Hoff (2007); Taskar et. al. (2004):
 - Missing information on edge presence/absence is *missing at random*.
 - The probability that an edge variable is observed depends only on the values of those other edge variables observed and not on its own value.
 - If edge variables are missing with probability depending upon themselves, this is called *informative missingness*.

- An example of information missingness in biological networks:
 - Network derived from databases (summarizing known results)
 - Bias toward ‘positive’ results in literatures.

The prediction model

- Given an appropriate model for \mathbf{X} and $(\mathbf{Y}^{obs}, \mathbf{Y}^{miss})$, we might aim to jointly predict the elements of \mathbf{Y}^{miss} based on a model for

$$P(\mathbf{Y}^{miss} \mid \mathbf{Y}^{obs} = \mathbf{y}^{obs}, \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x})$$

→ Use the network models, e.g., as discussed in the previous 2 lectures.

→ This approach simplify matters considerably in many ways

Informal Scoring Methods

- Scoring methods:
 - Somewhat less formal than the model-based methods
 - Popular and can be effective.
 - A score function can be incorporated into the model-based methods as explanatory variables.

- With scoring methods, for each pair of vertices i and j whose edge status is unknown, a score $s(i,j)$ is computed.

- A set of predicted edges may then be returned either by applying a threshold s^* to those scores, or by ordering them and keeping those pairs with the top n^* values.

Informal Scoring Methods (cont'd)

- A simple score, inspired by the small-world principle, is negative the shortest-path distance between i and j ,

$$s(i, j) = - \mathit{dist}_{G^{obs}}(i, j)$$

Jaccard coefficient and other coefficients

- Scores based on comparison of the observed neighborhoods N_i^{obs} and N_j^{obs} of i and j in G^{obs} including the number of common neighbors:

$$s(i, j) = | N_i^{obs} \cap N_j^{obs} |$$

- A standardized version of this value, called the Jaccard coefficient,

$$s(i, j) = \frac{| N_i^{obs} \cap N_j^{obs} |}{| N_i^{obs} \cup N_j^{obs} |}$$

- A variation of this idea due to Liben-Nowell and Kleinberg (2003), weighting more heavily those common neighbors that are themselves not highly connected

$$s(i, j) = \sum_{k \in N_i^{obs} \cap N_j^{obs}} \frac{1}{\log | N_k^{obs} |}$$

Probabilistic Classification Methods

- Learning approaches.
- Logistic Regression Classifiers:

$$\log \left[\frac{P_{\beta}(Y_{ij} = 1 | \mathbf{Z}_{ij} = \mathbf{z})}{P_{\beta}(Y_{ij} = 0 | \mathbf{Z}_{ij} = \mathbf{z})} \right] = \beta^T \mathbf{z}$$

where β is a vector of regression coefficients, and \mathbf{Z}_{ij} is a vector of explanatory variables indexed in the unordered pairs $\{i, j\}$.

→ Standard techniques, based on an efficient iteratively re-weighted least-squares algorithm, may be used to produce maximum likelihood estimates.

Probabilistic Classification Methods (cont'd)

- Potential edges are then classified as being present or absent according to whether or not the estimated classification probabilities:

$$P_{\hat{\beta}}(Y_{ij}^{miss} = 1 \mid \mathbf{Z}_{ij} = \mathbf{z}) = \frac{\exp(\hat{\beta}^T \mathbf{z})}{1 + \exp(\hat{\beta}^T \mathbf{z})}$$

- Two important issues:
 - The standard logistic regression framework assumes that the observations in the training data are independent, conditional on the explanatory variables → no formal work to explore the implications on prediction accuracy of ignoring possible dependencies
 - The nature of underlying mechanism of missingness is relevant. If the underlying missing edges is not at random, the accuracy will suffer.

Logistic Regression with Latent Variables

- Hoff (2007, 2008):

- Let \mathbf{M} be an unknown random, symmetric $N_v \times N_v$ matrix of the form

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U} + \mathbf{E}$$

- Where \mathbf{U} is a random orthonormal matrix, $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ is a random diagonal matrix, and \mathbf{E} is a matrix of i.i.d. noise variables.

$$\log \left[\frac{P_{\beta}(Y_{ij} = 1 | \mathbf{Z}_{ij} = \mathbf{z}, M_{ij} = m)}{P_{\beta}(Y_{ij} = 0 | \mathbf{Z}_{ij} = \mathbf{z}, M_{ij} = m)} \right] = \beta^T \mathbf{z} + m$$

→ Although Y_{ij} are still conditionally independent, given the Z_{ij} and M_{ij} , they are now conditionally dependent given only the Z_{ij} .

Logistic Regression with Latent Variables (cont'd)

- If a Bayesian approach to inference is to be used, a prior distribution for ψ is also needed.
- An intuitive choice for modeling U is the uniform distribution on the space of all matrices.
- For other variables, multivariate Gaussian distributions are convenient, due to the manner in which they facilitate MCMC sampling of the relevant posterior distribution through conjugacy properties.

$$E \left(\frac{\exp(\hat{\beta}^T \mathbf{Z}_{ij} + M_{ij})}{1 + \exp(\hat{\beta}^T \mathbf{Z}_{ij} + M_{ij})} \mid \mathbf{Y}^{obs} = \mathbf{y}^{obs}, \mathbf{Z}_{ij} = \mathbf{z} \right)$$

Correlation Networks

- Pearson product-moment correlation between two nodes.

$$\rho_{ij} = \text{corr}(X_i, X_j) = \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{ii} \sigma_{jj}}}$$

- Empirical correlations

$$\hat{\rho}_{ij} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{ij}}{\sqrt{\hat{\sigma}_{ii} \hat{\sigma}_{jj}}}$$

- If the pair of variables (X_i, X_j) has a bivariate Gaussian distribution, the density ρ_{ij} under $H_0: \rho_{ij} = 0$ has a concise closed-form expression, but it is somewhat complicated and requires numerical integration or tables to produce p-values.

Partial Correlation Networks

- Important -- ‘Correlation does not imply causation’
- For instance:
 - Two vertices may have highly correlated attributes because the vertices somehow strongly ‘influence’ each other in a direct fashion.
 - Alternatively, their correlation may be high primarily because they each are strongly influenced by a third vertex.

➔ Need more considerations!!

Partial Correlation Networks (cont'd)

- If it is felt desirable to construct a graph G where the inferred edges are more reflective of direct influence among vertices, rather than indirect influence, the notion of partial correlation becomes relevant.
- The partial correlation of attributes X_i and X_j of vertices i, j , defined with respect to the attributes X_{k_1}, \dots, X_{k_m} of vertices k_1, \dots, k_m in $k_1, \dots, k_m \in V \setminus \{i, j\}$, is the correlation between X_i and X_j left over after adjusting for those effects of X_{k_1}, \dots, X_{k_m} **common to both**.
- Let $S_m = \{k_1, \dots, k_m\}$, we define the partial correlation of X_i and X_j , adjusting for $\mathbf{X}_{S_m} = (X_{k_1}, \dots, X_{k_m})^T$, as

$$\rho_{ij|S_m} = \frac{\sigma_{ij|S_m}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{ii|S_m} \sigma_{jj|S_m}}}$$

Partial Correlation Networks (cont'd)

- Here

$$\text{Cov} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{W}_1 \\ \mathbf{W}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

for $\mathbf{W}_1 = (X_i, X_j)^T$ and $\mathbf{W}_2 = \mathbf{X}_{S_m}$.

and then $\sigma_{ii|S_m}$, $\sigma_{jj|S_m}$, and $\sigma_{ij|S_m} = \sigma_{ji|S_m}$ are the diagonal and off-diagonal elements of this 2x2 partial covariance matrix.

$$\Sigma_{11|2} = \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21}$$

- For example, for a given choice of m , we may dictate that an edge be present only when there is correlation between X_i and X_j regardless of which m other vertices are conditioned upon.

$$E = \left\{ \{i, j\} \in V^{(2)} : \rho_{ij|S_m} \neq 0, \forall S_m \in V_{\setminus\{i,j\}}^{(m)} \right\}$$

Gaussian Graphical Model Networks

- A special and popular case of the use of partial correlation coefficients is when $m=N_v-2$ and the attributes are assumed to have a multivariate Gaussian joint distribution.
- Here the partial correlation between attributes of two vertices is defined conditional upon the attribute information at all other vertices.
- The graph with edge set

$$E = \left\{ \{i, j\} \in V^{(2)} : \rho_{ij|V \setminus \{i, j\}} \neq 0 \right\}$$

is called a conditional independence graph. The overall model, combining the multivariate Gaussian distribution with the graph G , is called a Gaussian graphical model.

- The partial correlation coefficients may be expressed in the form:

$$\rho_{ij|V \setminus \{i, j\}} = \frac{-\omega_{ij}}{\sqrt{\omega_{ii}\omega_{jj}}}$$

where ω_{ij} is the (i,j)-th entry of $\Omega = \Sigma^{-1}$, the inverse of the covariance matrix of vertex attributes.

Tomographic Network Topology Inference

- Inference of ‘interior’ components of a network – both vertices and edges – from data obtained at some subset of ‘exterior’ vertices.
- E.g., in computer networks, desktop and laptop computers are typical instances of ‘exterior’ vertices, while Internet routers to which we do not have access are effectively ‘interior’ vertices.
- Network tomography: describe problems in the context of computer network monitoring, in which aspects of the ‘internal’ workings of the network, such as intensity of traffic flowing between vertices, are inferred from ‘external’ measurements.
- This is an ‘ill-posed inverse problem’ in mathematics. Mapping being many-to-one.
- For the tomographic inference of network topologies, a key structural simplification has been the restriction to inference of networks in the form of trees.

Tomographic Inference of Tree Topologies

- A tree structure.

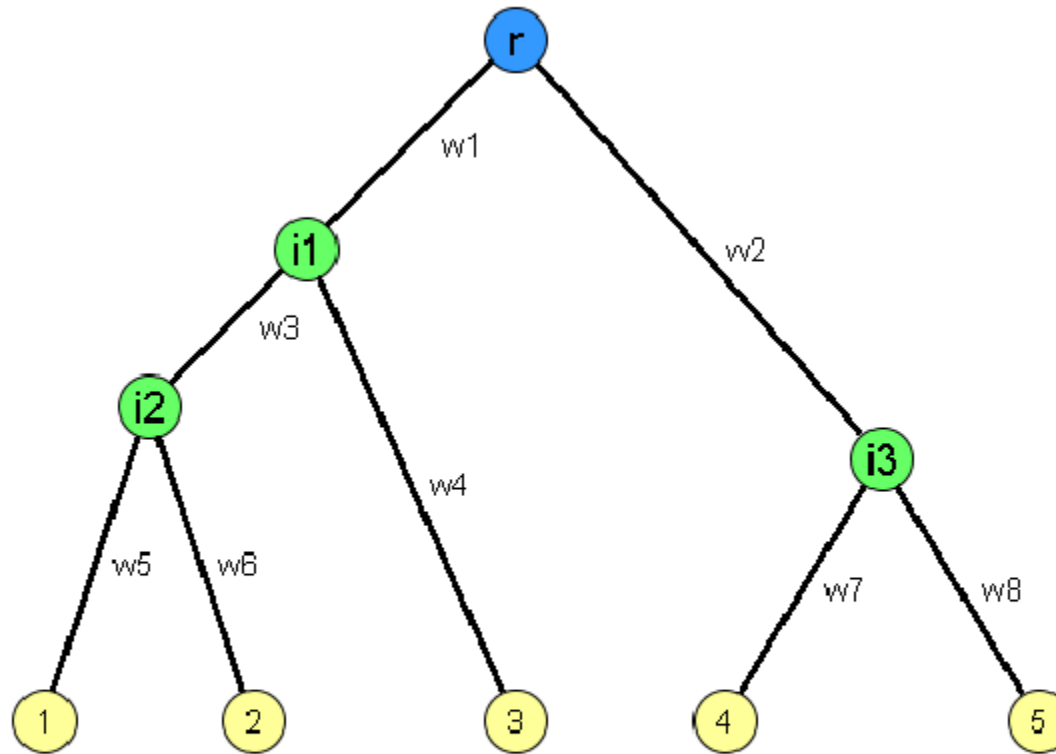


Fig. 7.8 Schematic representation of a binary tree in association with the tomographic network inference problem. Measurements are available at the leaves 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, in yellow. The internal vertices, i_1 , i_2 , and i_3 , in green, and possibly the root r , in blue, are unknown, as are the branches joining the various vertices.

Tomographic network inference problem

- Suppose a set of N_l vertices, we have n iid observations of some random variables $\{X_1, \dots, X_{N_l}\}$. We aim to find that three of all binary trees with N_l labeled leaves that best explains the data.

- Example: Multicast probes

Two most popular classes of methods

- Hierarchical clustering and related ideas
- Likelihood-based methods

Hierarchical Clustering- based methods

- We treat the N_l leaves as the ‘objects’ to be clustered and the tree corresponding to the resulting clustering as our inferred tree.
- The tree corresponding to the entire set of partitions is our focus.
- Example: Rantnasamy and McCanne (1999): the observed rate of shared losses of packets should be fairly indicative of how close two leaf vertices (i.e., destination addresses) are on a multicast tree T .
 - Two different types of shared loss between a pair of leaf vertices – ‘true’ and ‘false’ shared loss.
 - The true shared losses are due to loss of packets on the path common to the vertices i and j .
 - The false shared losses would refer to cases where packets were lost separately on the two paths from i to the vertices 1 and 3.

Likelihood-based Methods

- If we are willing to specify probability models, then we have the potential for likelihood-based methods of inference.
- In general, maximum likelihood inference of tree topologies may also be pursued through the use of MCMC. MCMC is critical to the use of Bayesian methods to tomographic inference of trees.

Final Project

- Team work: 1 – 3 people per team
- Project Idea proposal, no later than 11/01/2012 → please send me email (cylin at ee dot columbia dot edu) of your rough idea / plan, discussing with me or TA.
- Project initial preparation & plan presentation: 11/12/2012 → 5 mins per person. Team will present together.

- Potential Topics:
 - Classification & Prediction of People Behavior in Networks
 - Predicting Network Characteristics Evolution
 - Visualizing Networks
 - Verifying fitness of various network models to practical data
 - Anything related to network.....

Anything on Networks

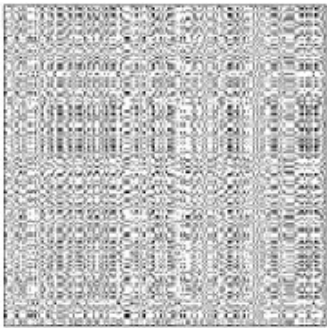
- Formation of Network
 - Communications ← *Electrical Engineering*
 - Information ← *Computer Science*
 - People ← *Sociology, Public Health*
 - Companies / Organizations ← *Economics, Management, Politics*
 - Nations ← *International Relationships, History*
- Network Data Collection ← *Law*
- Network Science Infrastructure
- Network Applications
- Network Visualization ← *Arts, Math*
- Network Sampling, Indexing and Compression ← *Math*
- Network Flow ← *Physics*
- Network Evolution and Dynamics
- Network Impact
- Cognitive Networks ← *Bio, Cognition, Behavior Science*

Other possible topics not discussed in the textbook

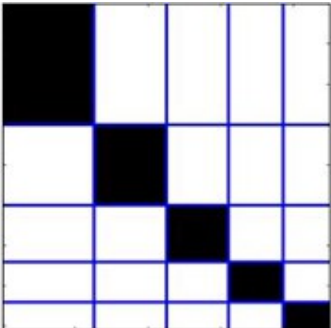
- Network compression
- Cognitive networks
- Mobile applications

Large-Scale Graph Indexing and Network Management

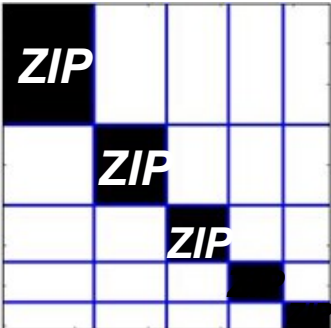
- ❑ Build efficient indexing to support efficient storing, retrieving, and querying large graphs.



Raw Graph



Partition

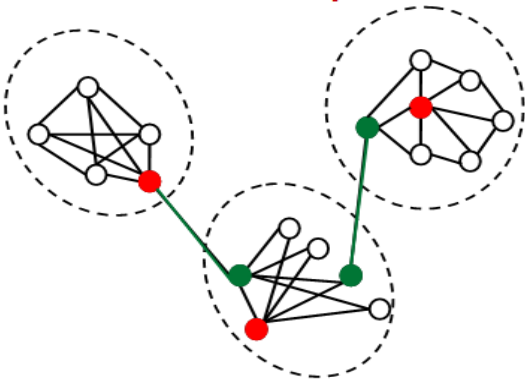


Store, Index,
Retrieval



- Neighbor
- Community
- Ego-net
- Shortest path
- Diameter
- ...

Querying



- ❖ Find Communities
- ❖ Find a few nodes/edges to describe
 - each community
 - relationship between 2 communities

Algorithms that make indexing & queries possible for large graphs

Traditional Cognitive (EEG) Sensor Signal Extraction



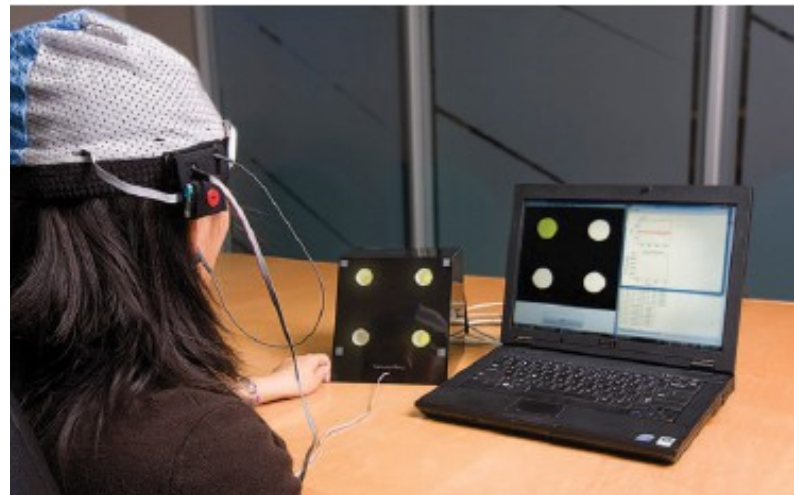
- Challenges:
 - Gel
 - Needles
 - Wires

New Type of EEG Detector and Signal Analysis

- Fundamental Research on EEG Signal Processing
- New Dry Sensing
 - Classifying Attention, Relaxation, etc.
 - Classifying Target – P300 signals
 - Classifying Visual Cortex Signals
- Breakthrough Non-Contact Sensing – suitable for everyday/normal use
- Cognitive Wireless Sensor becomes possible

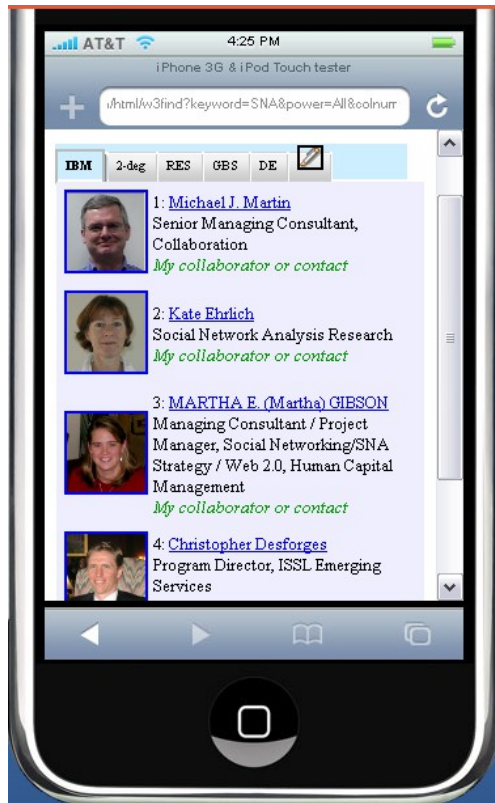


EEG Wireless Sensor
developed
by an IBM partner



Network Analysis Application on Mobile

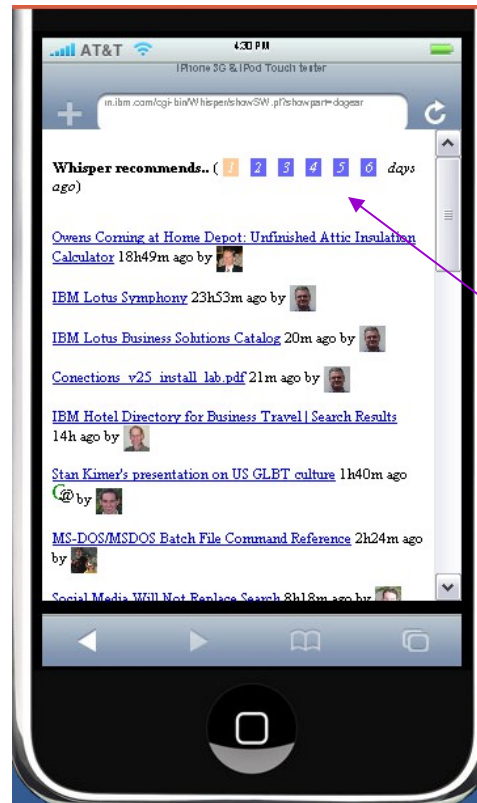
- SmallBlue Applications on Mobile Phones (Nov 2009)



SmallBlue Find Widget in Mobile

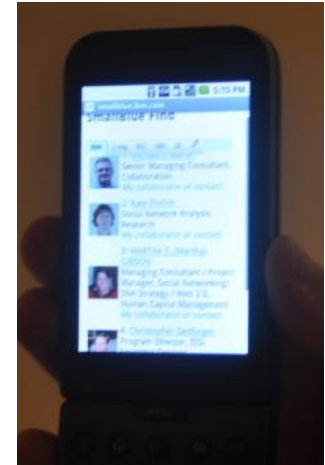
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- (2) My 2-degree network
- (3) Research division
- (4) Global Business Services
- (5) Any group – e.g., Distinguished Engineers

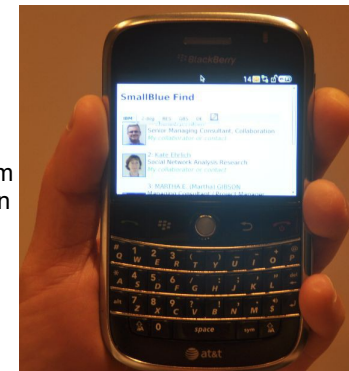


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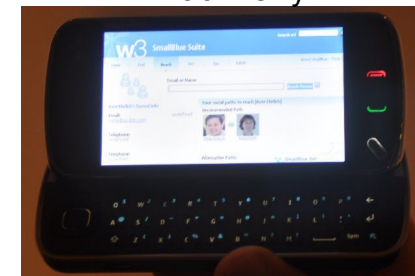
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