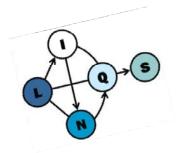


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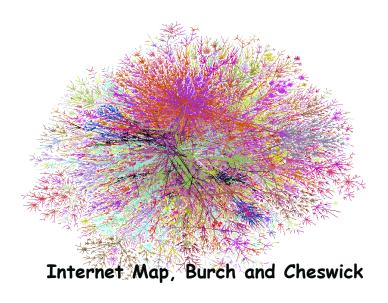


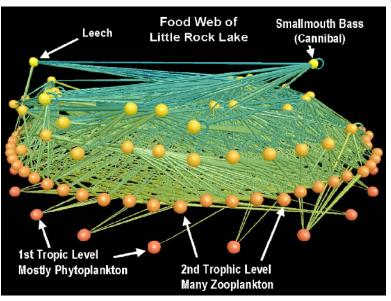




Graphs and Networks everywhere...

 The Web, social networks, communication networks, financial transaction networks, biological networks, etc.





Food Web, Martinez

Others available at Mark Newman's gallery: http://www-personal.umich.edu/~mejn/networks/

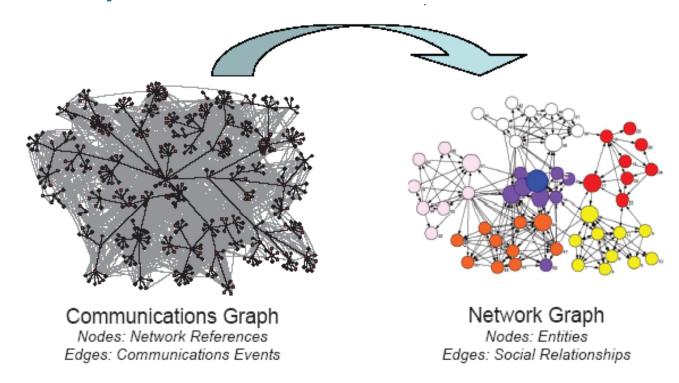
Wealth of Data

- o Inundated with data describing networks
- o But much of the data is
 - noisy and incomplete
 - at WRONG level of abstraction for analysis

Graph Identification

Graph Alignment

Graph Transformations



Data Graph \Rightarrow Information Graph

- 1. Entity Resolution: mapping email addresses to people
- 2. Link Prediction: predicting social relationship based on communication
- 3. Collective Classification: labeling nodes in the constructed social network

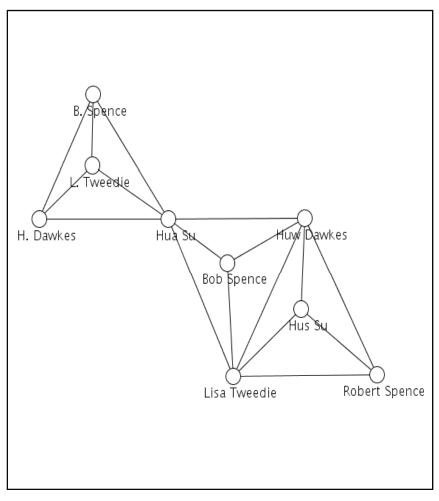
Other Applications...

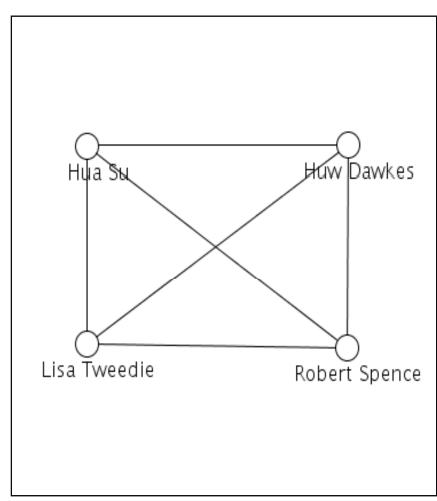
- o Natural Language Processing: co-reference resolution, role labeling, sentiment analysis, ...
- o Computer Vision: correspondence analysis, scene understanding, activity recognition, ...
- o Computational Biology: protein-protein interaction networks, transcriptional regulation, signaling, ...
- o Databases: data cleaning, schema and ontology alignment, personal information management, ...
- Web Search: extracting useful information from web pages, query logs, click logs, and more...

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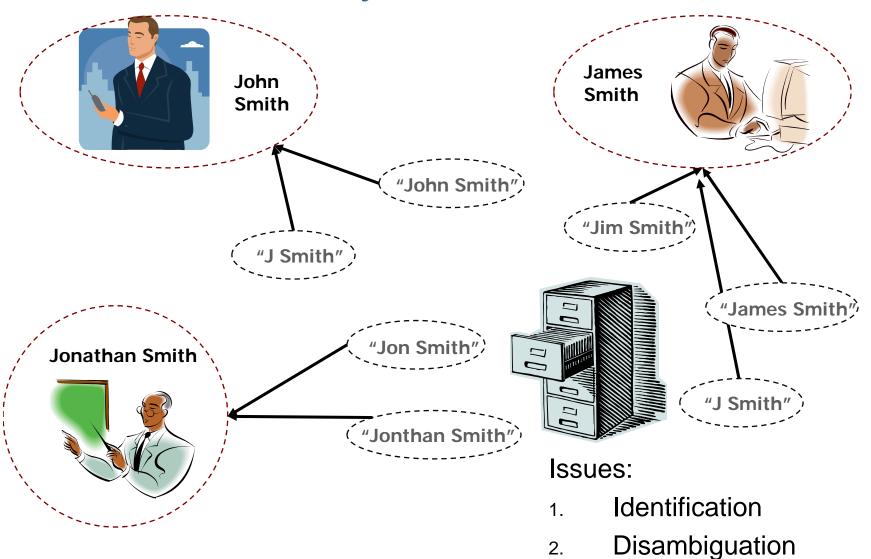




before

after

The Entity Resolution Problem



Attribute-based Entity Resolution

Pair-wise classification

"J Smith"

"James Smith"

- 1. Choosing threshold: precision/recall tradeoff
- 2. Inability to disambiguate
- 3. Perform transitive closure?

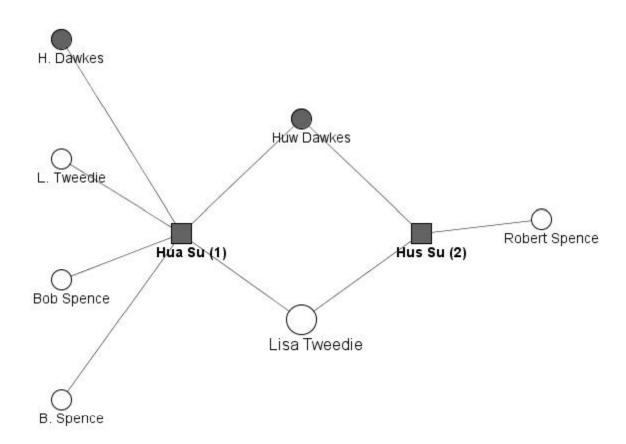
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Relational Entity Resolution

- References not observed independently
 - Links between references indicate relations between the entities
 - Co-author relations for bibliographic data
 - To, cc: lists for email
- Use relations to improve identification and disambiguation

Pasula et al. 03, Ananthakrishna et al. 02, Bhattacharya & Getoor 04,06,07, McCallum & Wellner 04, Li, Morie & Roth 05, Culotta & McCallum 05, Kalashnikov et al. 05, Chen, Li, & Doan 05, Singla & Domingos 05, Dong et al. 05

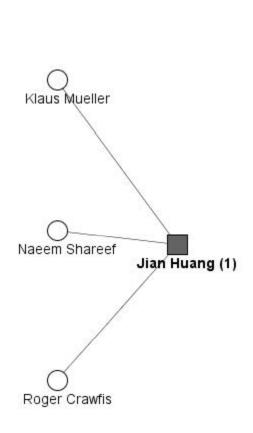
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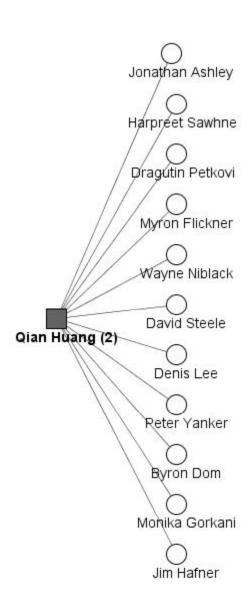


Very similar names.

Added evidence from shared co-authors

Relational Disambiguation

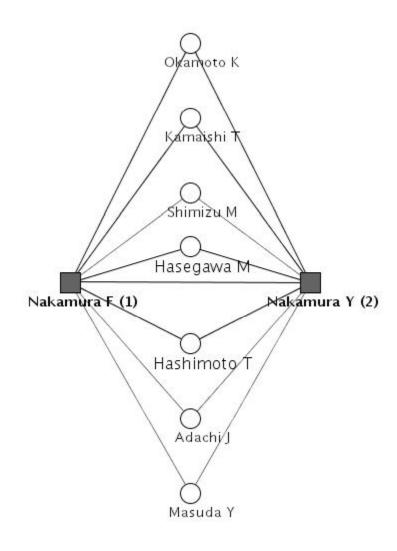




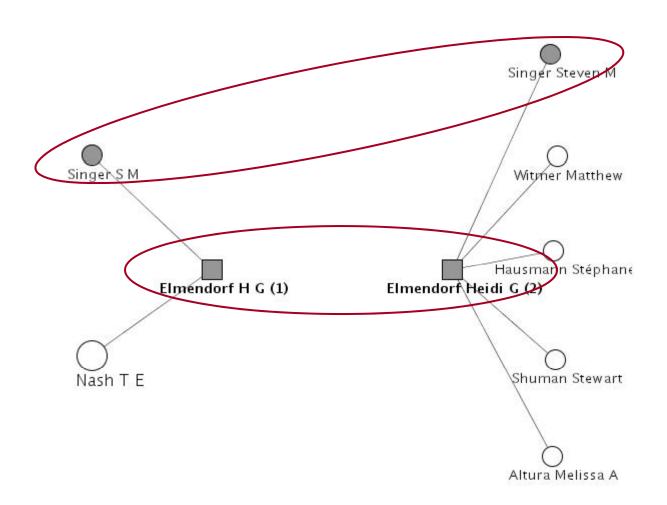
Very similar names but no shared collaborators

Relational Constraints

Co-authors are typically distinct



Collective Entity Resolution



One resolution provides evidence for another => joint resolution

Entity Resolution with Relations

- Naïve Relational Entity Resolution
 - Also compare attributes of related references
 - Two references have co-authors w/ similar names

o Collective Entity Resolution

- Use discovered entities of related references
- Entities cannot be identified independently
- Harder problem to solve

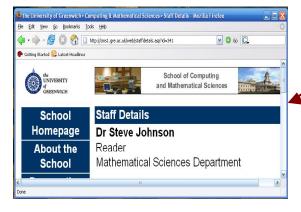
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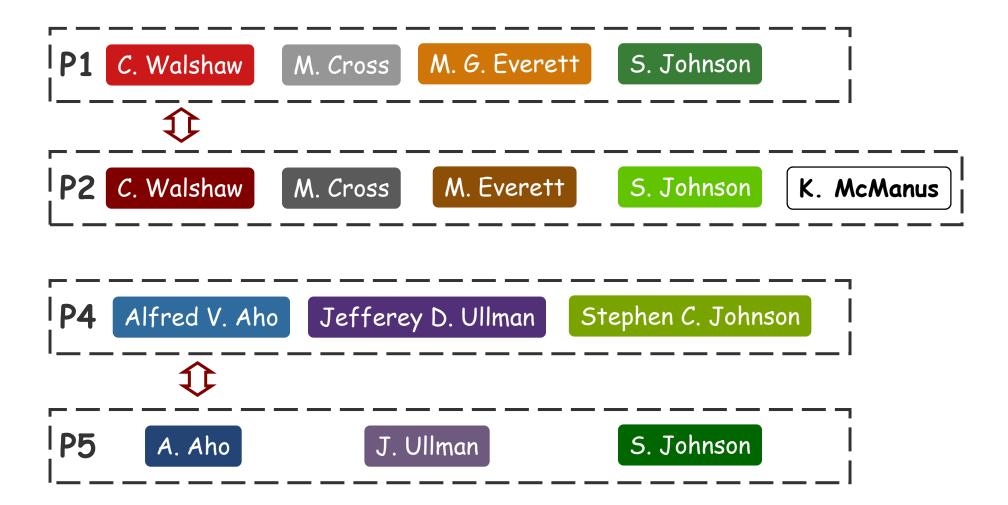
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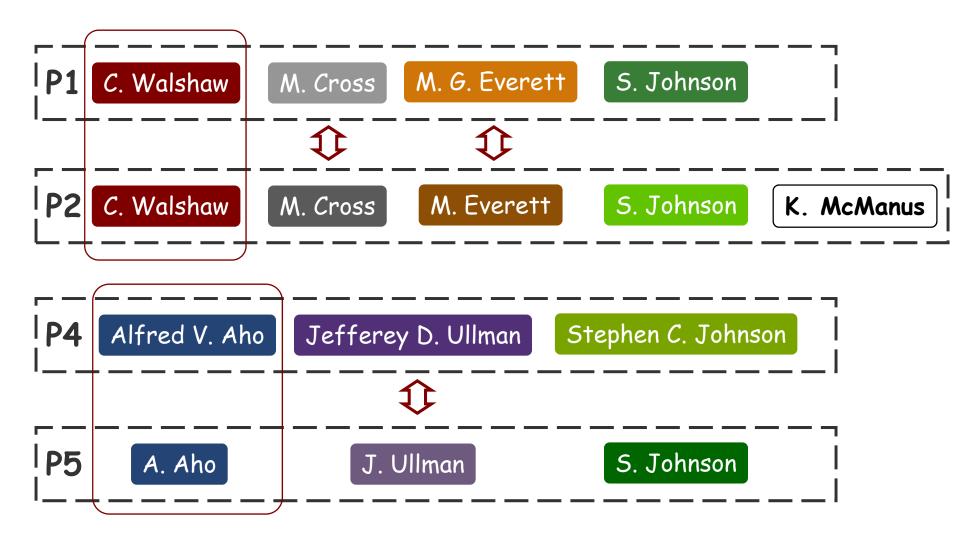
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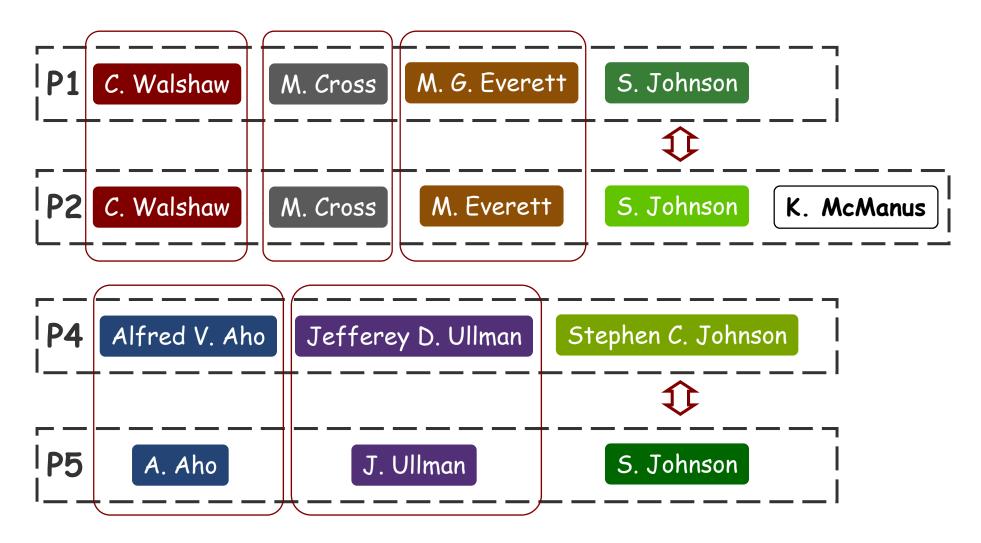
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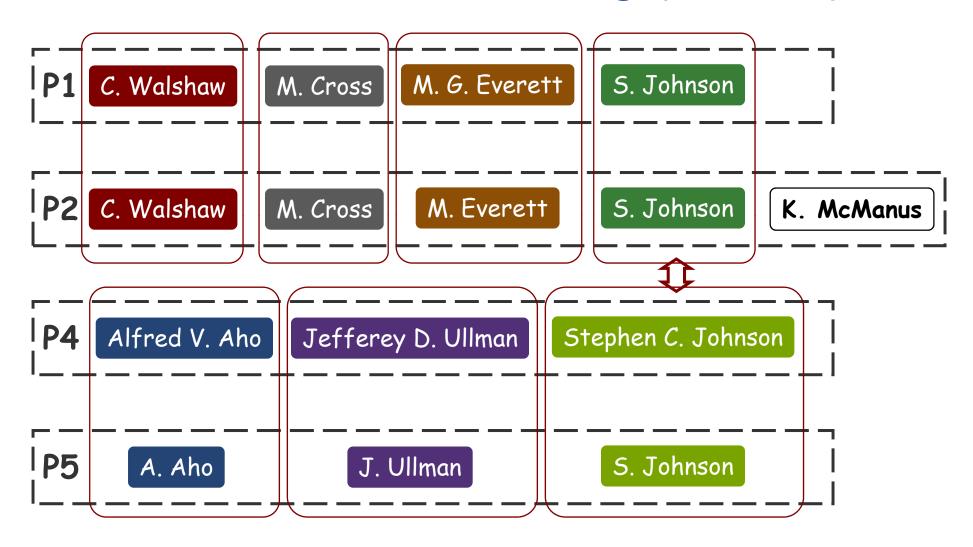
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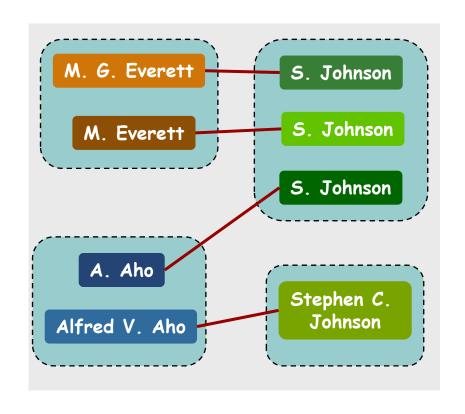


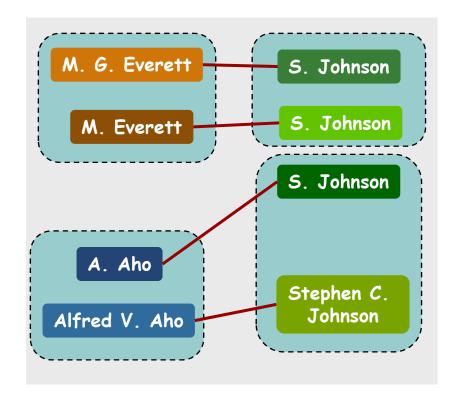






Cut-based Formulation of RC-ER





Good separation of attributes
Many cluster-cluster relationships

Aho-Johnson1, Aho-Johnson2, Everett-Johnson1 Worse in terms of attributes Fewer cluster-cluster relationships

Aho-Johnson1, Everett-Johnson2

Objective Function

o Minimize:

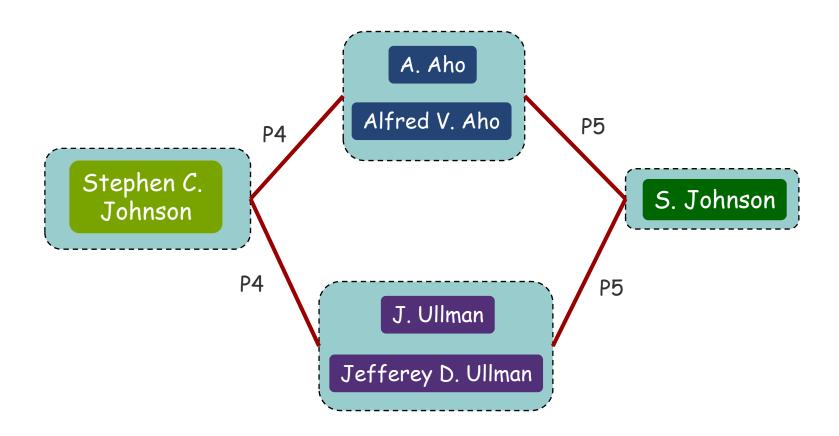
$$\sum_{i}\sum_{j}w_{A}sim_{A}(c_{i},c_{j})+w_{R}sim_{R}(c_{i},c_{j})$$
 weight for similarity of attributes attributes relations edges between c_{i} and c_{j}

o **Greedy clustering algorithm:** merge cluster pair with max reduction in objective function

• • • Measures for Attribute Similarity

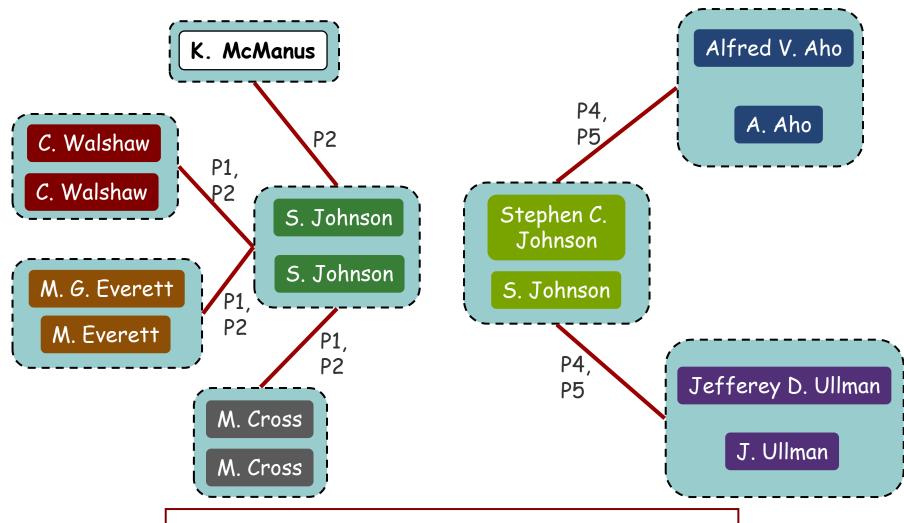
- o Use best available measure for each attribute
 - Name Strings: Soft TF-IDF, Levenstein, Jaro
 - Textual Attributes: TF-IDF
- Aggregate to find similarity between clusters
 - Single link, Average link, Complete link
 - Cluster representative

Relational Similarity: Example 1



All neighborhood clusters are shared: high relational similarity

Relational Similarity: Example 2



No neighborhood cluster is shared: no relational similarity

Comparing Cluster Neighborhoods

- o Consider neighborhood as multi-set
- Different measures of set similarity
 - Common Neighbors: Intersection size
 - Jaccard's Coefficient: Normalize by union size
 - Adar Coefficient: Weighted set similarity
 - Higher order similarity: Consider neighbors of neighbors

Relational Clustering Algorithm

- 1. Find similar references using 'blocking'
- 2. Bootstrap clusters using attributes and relations
- 3. Compute similarities for cluster pairs and insert into priority queue
- 4. Repeat until priority queue is empty
- 5. Find 'closest' cluster pair
- 6. Stop if similarity below threshold
- 7. Merge to create new cluster
- 8. Update similarity for 'related' clusters

o O(n k log n) algorithm w/ efficient implementation

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Probabilistic Generative Model for Collective Entity Resolution

- Model how references co-occur in data
 - 1. Generation of references from entities
 - 2. Relationships between underlying entities
 - Groups of entities instead of pair-wise relations

Discovering Groups from Relations

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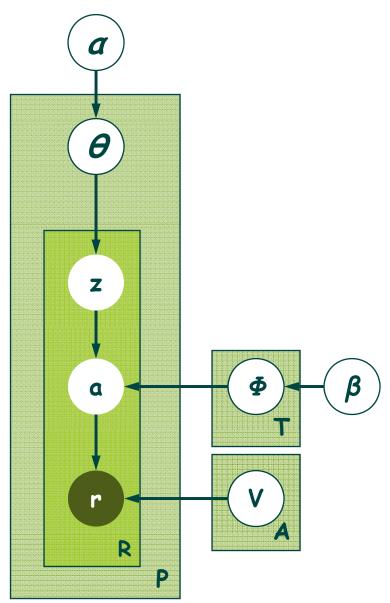
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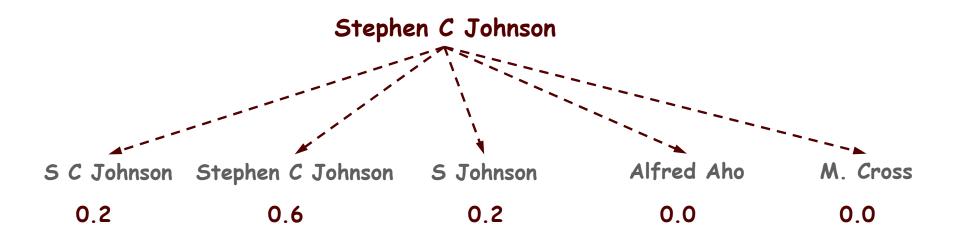
Latent Dirichlet Allocation ER



- Entity label a and group label z
 for each reference r
- Θ: 'mixture' of groups for each co-occurrence
- o Φ_z : multinomial for choosing entity \boldsymbol{a} for each group \boldsymbol{z}
- o V_a : multinomial for choosing reference r from entity a
- o Dirichlet priors with α and β

Generating References from Entities

- Entities are not directly observed
 - 1. Hidden attribute for each entity
 - 2. Similarity measure for pairs of attributes
- A distribution over attributes for each entity



Approx. Inference Using Gibbs Sampling

- Conditional distribution over labels for each ref.
- Sample next labels from conditional distribution
- Repeat over all references until convergence

$$P(z_{i}=t|\mathbf{z}_{-i},\mathbf{a},\mathbf{r}) \propto \frac{n_{d_{i}t}^{DT} + \alpha/T}{n_{d_{i}}^{DT} + \alpha} \times \frac{n_{a_{i}t}^{AT} + \beta/A}{n_{*t}^{AT} + \beta}$$

$$P(a_i = a | \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{a}_{-i}, \mathbf{r}) \propto \frac{n_{a_i t}^{AT} + \beta / A}{n_{*_t}^{AT} + \beta} \times Sim(r_i, v_a)$$

Converges to most likely number of entities

Faster Inference: Split-MergeSampling

- Naïve strategy reassigns references individually
- Alternative: allow entities to merge or split
- For entity a_i, find conditional distribution for
 - Merging with existing entity a_i
 - 2. Splitting back to last merged entities
 - Remaining unchanged
- Sample next state for a_i from distribution
- o O(n g + e) time per iteration compared to O(n g + n e)

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Evaluation Datasets

CiteSeer

- 1,504 citations to machine learning papers (Lawrence et al.)
- 2,892 references to 1,165 author entities

o arXiv

- 29,555 publications from High Energy Physics (KDD Cup'03)
- 58,515 refs to 9,200 authors

o Elsevier BioBase

- 156,156 Biology papers (IBM KDD Challenge '05)
- 831,991 author refs
- Keywords, topic classifications, language, country and affiliation of corresponding author, etc

Baselines

- A: Pair-wise duplicate decisions w/ attributes only
 - Names: Soft-TFIDF with Levenstein, Jaro, Jaro-Winkler
 - Other textual attributes: TF-IDF
- A*: Transitive closure over A
- A+N: Add attribute similarity of co-occurring refs
- A+N*: Transitive closure over A+N
- Evaluate pair-wise decisions over references
- F1-measure (harmonic mean of precision and recall)

ER over Entire Dataset

Algorithm	CiteSeer	arXiv	BioBase
Α	0.980	0.976	0.568
A*	0.990	0.971	0.559
A+N	0.973	0.938	0.710
A+N*	0.984	0.934	0.753
RC-ER	0.995	0.985	0.818

- RC-ER outperform attribute-only baselines in all datasets
- RC-ER better than naïve relational resolution in all datasets
- RC-ER and baselines require threshold as parameter
 - Reporting best achievable performance over all thresholds

Collective Entity Resolution In Relational Data, Indrajit Bhattacharya and Lise Getoor, ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery and Datamining, 2007

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- o CiteSeer: Near perfect resolution; 22% error reduction
- arXiv: 6,500 additional correct resolutions; 20% error reduction
- BioBase: Biggest improvement over baselines

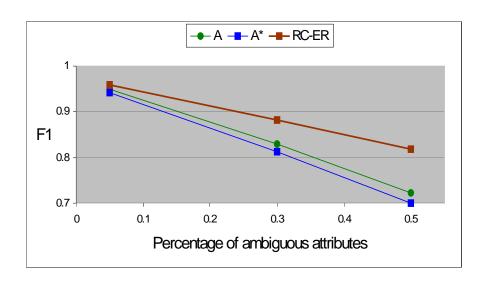
Performance for Specific Names

	Best F1 for	F1 for	
Name	ATTR/ATTR*	LDA-ER	
cho_h	0.80	1.00	
davis_a	0.67	0.89	
kim_s	0.93	0.99	
kim_y	0.93	0.99	
lee_h	0.88	0.99	
lee_j	0.98	1.00	
liu_j	0.95	0.97	
sarkar_s	0.67	1.00	
sato_h	0.82	0.97	
sato_t	0.85	1.00	
shin_h	0.69	1.00	
veselov_a	0.78	1.00	
yamamoto_k	0.29	1.00	
yang_z	0.77	0.97	
zhang_r	0.83	1.00	
zhu_z	0.57	1.00	

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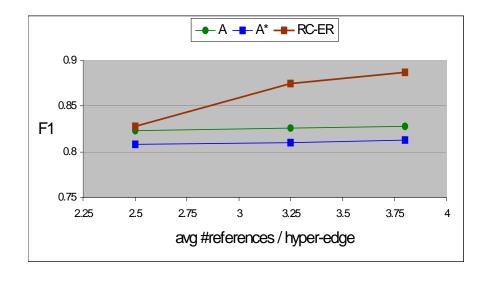
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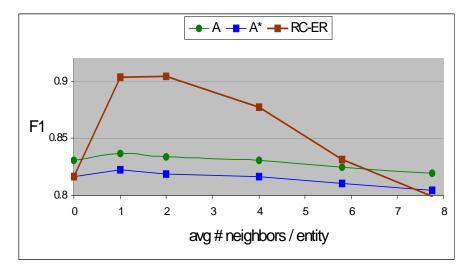
Trends in Synthetic Data



Bigger improvement with

- bigger % of ambiguous refs
- more refs per co-occurrence
- more neighbors per entity





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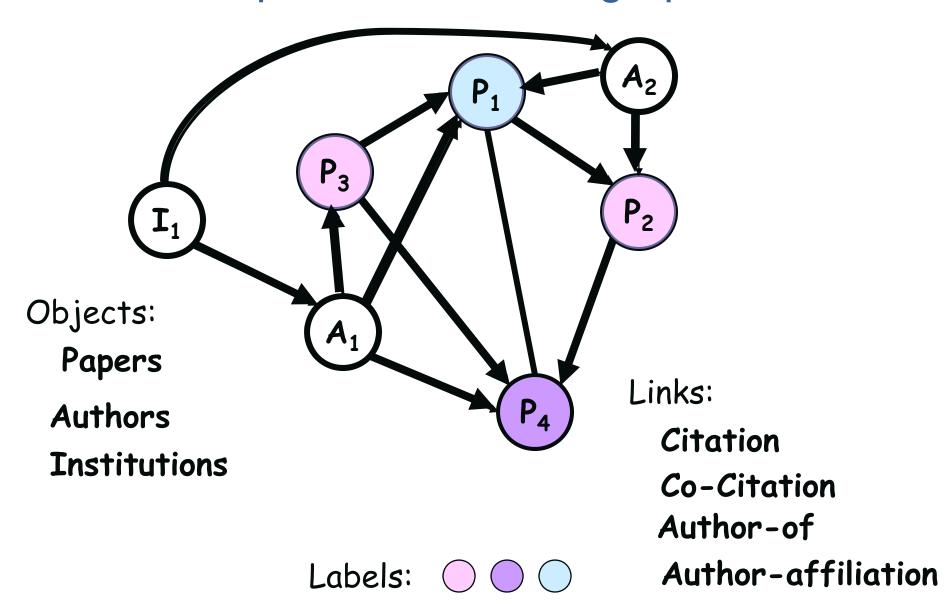
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The Problem

- Relational Classification: predicting the category of an object based on its attributes and its links and attributes of linked objects
- Collective Classification: jointly predicting the categories for a collection of connected, unlabelled objects

Neville & Jensen 00, Taskar, Abbeel & Koller 02, Lu & Getoor 03, Neville, Jensen & Galliger 04, Sen & Getoor TR07, Macskassy & Provost 07, Gupta, Diwam & Sarawagi 07, Macskassy 07, McDowell, Gupta & Aha 07

Example: Linked Bibliographic Data



Feature Construction

- Objects are linked to a set of objects. To construct features from this set of objects, we need feature aggregation methods
- o Features may refer
 - explicitly to individuals
 - classes or generic categories of individuals

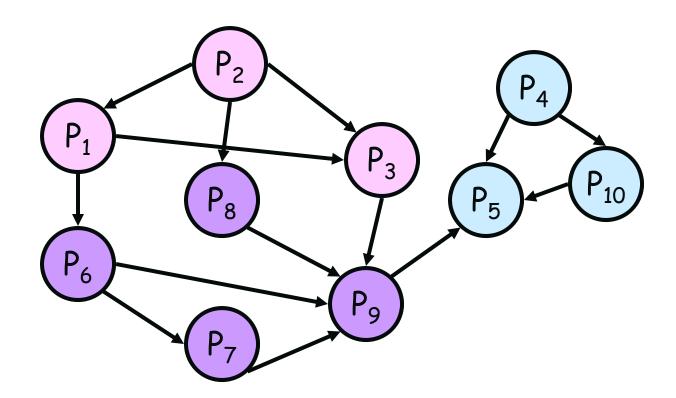
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Formulation

- Directed Models
 - Collection of Local Conditional Models
 - Inference Algorithms:
 - Iterative Classification Algorithm (ICA)
 - Gibbs Sampling (Gibbs)
- Undirected Models
 - (Pairwise) Markov Random Fields
 - Inference Algorithms:
 - Loopy Belief Propagation (LBP)
 - Gibbs Sampling
 - Mean Field Relaxation Labeling (MF)

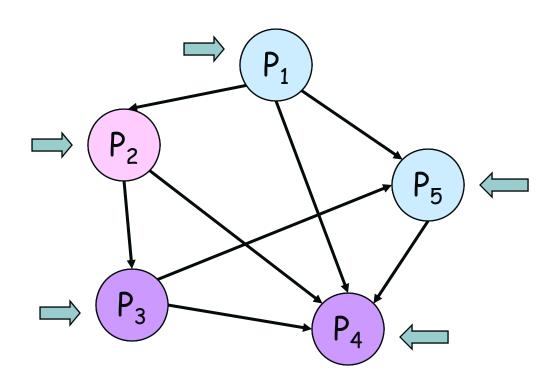
ICA: Learning

o label set:



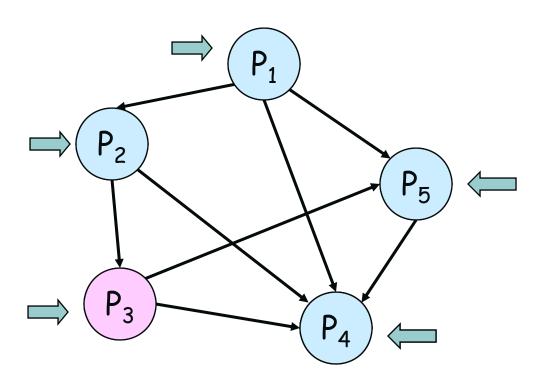
Learn model from fully labeled training set

• • ICA: Inference (1)



Step 1: Bootstrap using object attributes only

ICA: Inference (2)



Step 2: Iteratively update the category of each object, based on linked object's categories

Experimental Evaluation

- Comparison of Collective Classification Algorithms
 - Mean Field Relaxation Labeling (MF)
 - Iterative Classification Algorithm (ICA)
 - Loopy Belief Propagation (LBP)
 - Baseline: Content Only

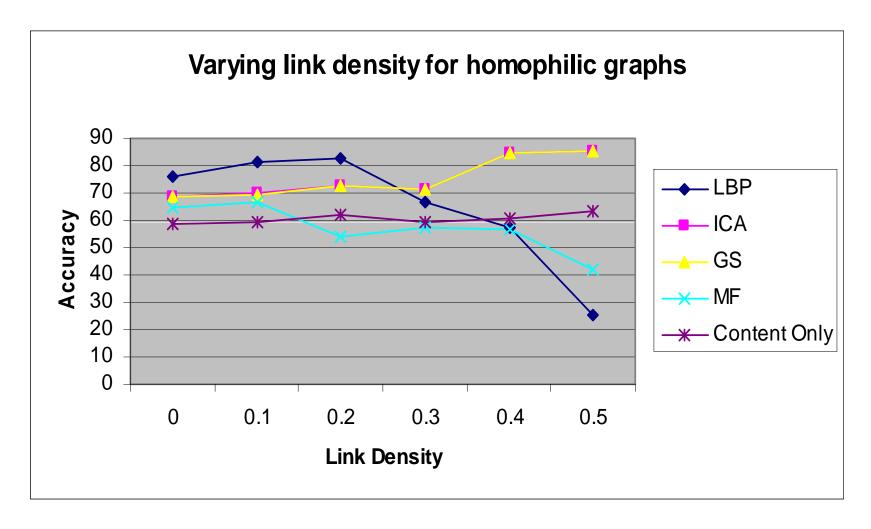
Datasets

- Real Data
 - Bibliographic Data (Cora & Citeseer), WebKB, etc.
- Synthetic Data
 - Data generator which can vary the class label correlations (homophily), attribute noise, and link density

Results on Real Data

Algorithm	Cora	CiteSeer	WebKB
Content Only	66.51	59.77	62.49
ICA	74.99	62.46	65.99
Gibbs	74.64	62.52	65.64
MF	79.70	62.91	65.65
LBP	82.48	62.64	65.13

Effect of Structure



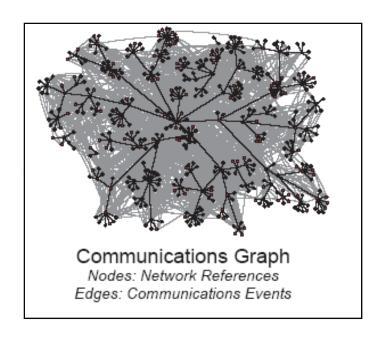
Results clearly indicate that algorithms' performance depends (in non-trivial ways) on structure

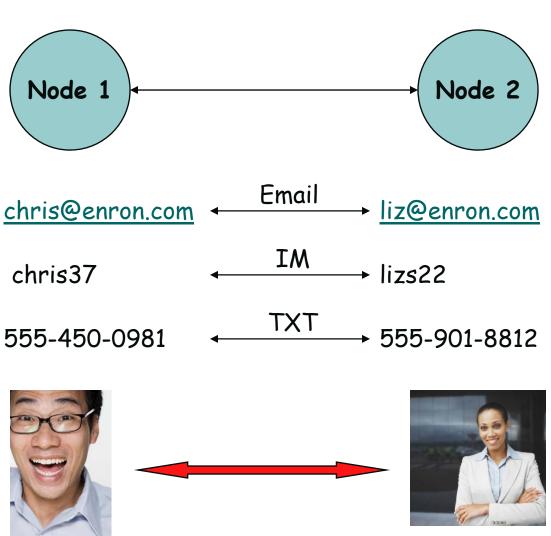
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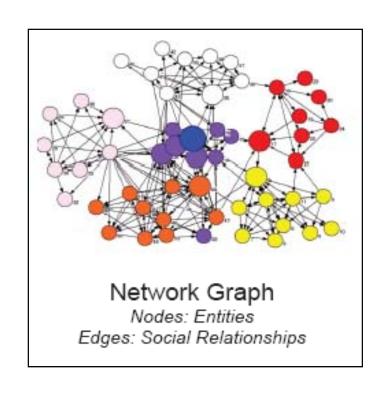
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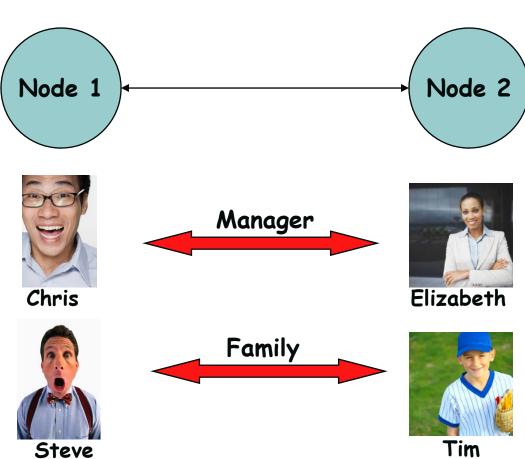
Links in Data Graph





Links in Information Graph





Predicting Relations

- Link Labeling
 - Can use similar approaches to collective classification
- Link Ranking
 - Many variations
 - Diehl, Namata, Getoor, Relationship Identification for Social Network Discovery, AAAI07
 - 'Leak detection'
 - Carvalho & Cohen, SDM07
- Link Existence
 - HARD!
 - Huge class skew problem
 - Variations: Link completion, find missing link

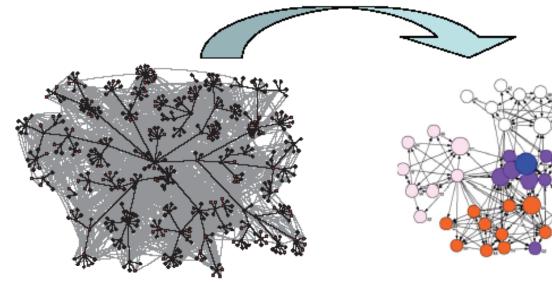
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Putting Everything together....



Collaborative Social Network Discovery

Entity Resolution Relationship Identification



Communications Graph

Nodes: Network References Edges: Communications Events

Network Graph

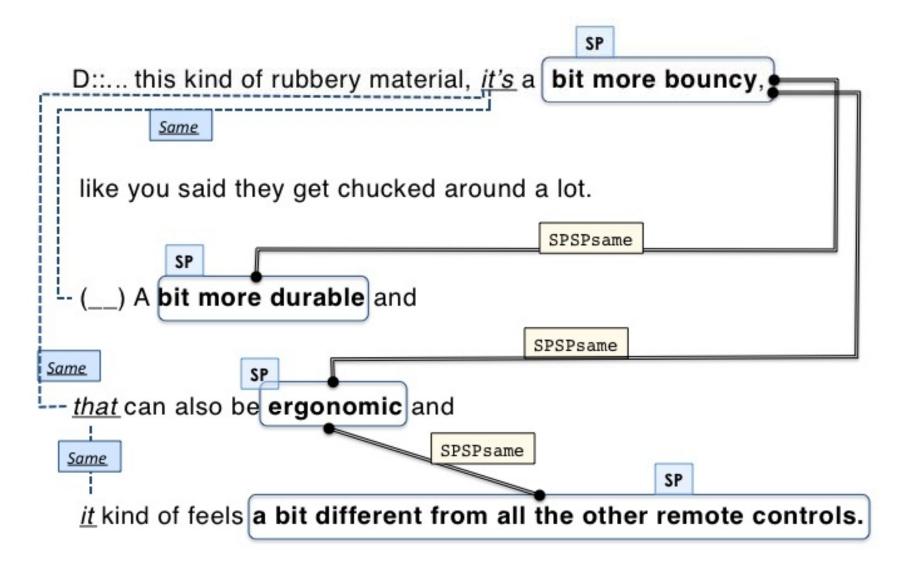
Nodes: Entities Edges: Social Relationships

Learning and Inference Hard

- Full Joint Probabilistic Representations
 - Directed vs. Undirected
 - Require sophisticated approximate inference algorithms
 - Tradeoff: inference vs. learning
- Combinations of Local Classifiers
 - Local classifiers choices
 - Require sophisticated updating and truth maintenance or global optimization via LP
 - Tradeoff: granularity vs. complexity

Many interesting and challenging research problems!!

Opinion Analysis



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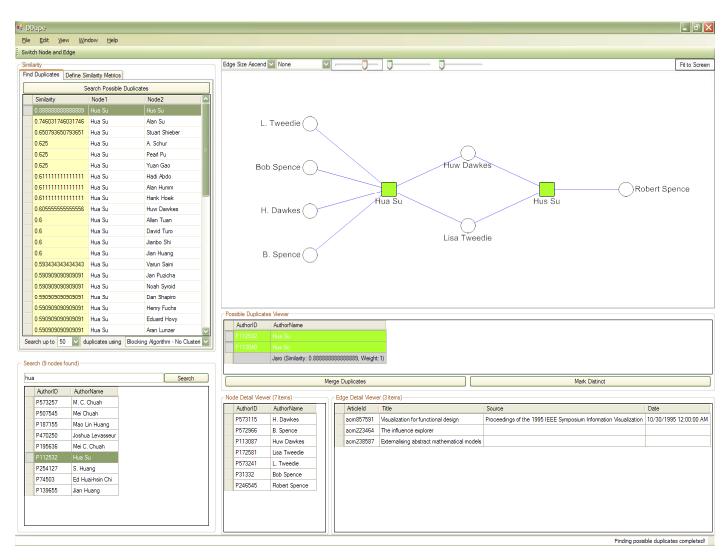
1. Query-time GI

- Instead of viewing as an off-line knowledge reformulation process
- o consider as real-time data gathering with
 - varying resource constraints
 - ability to reason about value of information
 - e.g., what attributes are most useful to acquire?
 which relationships? which will lead to the greatest reduction in ambiguity?
- o Bhattacharya & Getoor, Query-time Entity Resolution, JAIR 2007.

2. Visual Analytics for GI

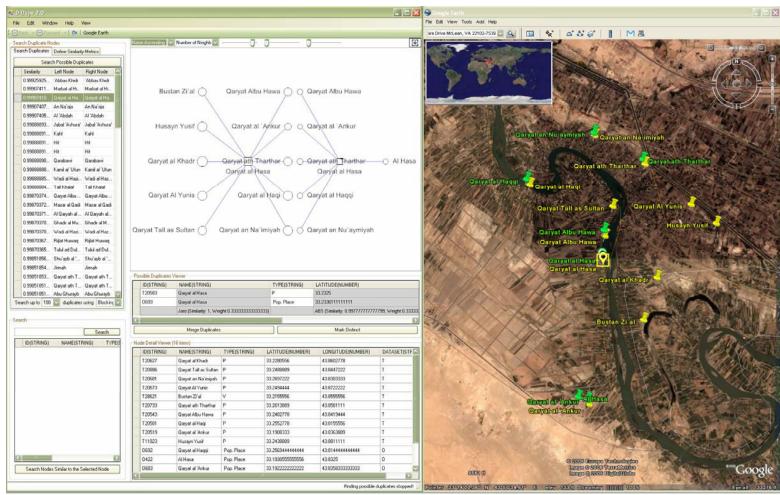
- Combining rich statistical inference models with visual interfaces that support knowledge discovery and understanding
- Because the statistical confidence we may have in any of our inferences may be low, it is important to be able to have a human in the loop, to understand and validate results, and to provide feedback.
- Especially for graph and network data, a wellchosen visual representation, suited to the inference task at hand, can improve the accuracy and confidence of user input

D-Dupe: An Interactive Tool for Entity Resolution



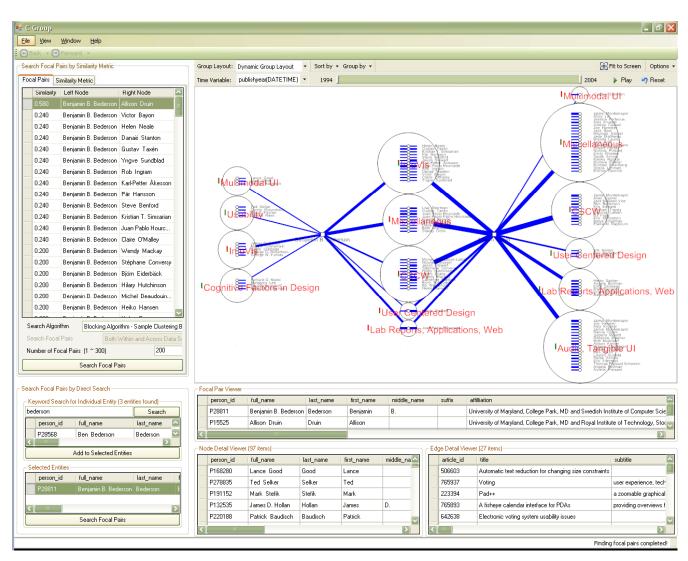
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GeoDDupe: Tool for Interactive Entity Resolution in Geospatial Data



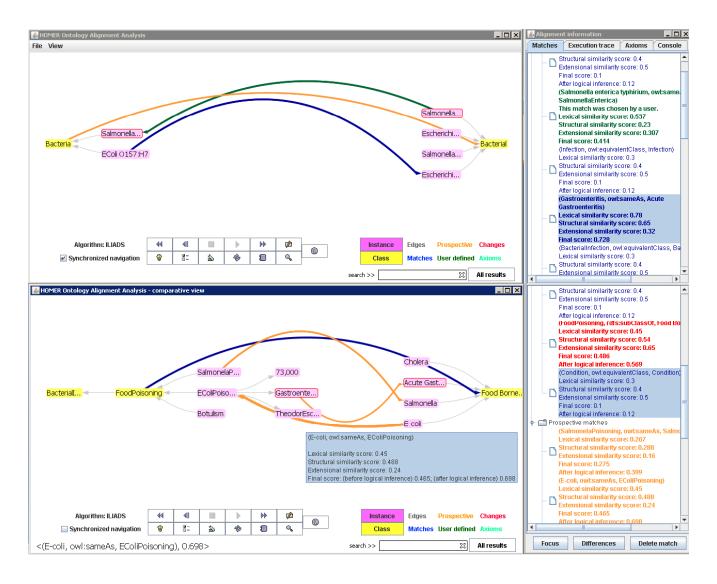
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C-Group: A Visual Analytic Tool for Pairwise Analysis of Dynamic Group Membership



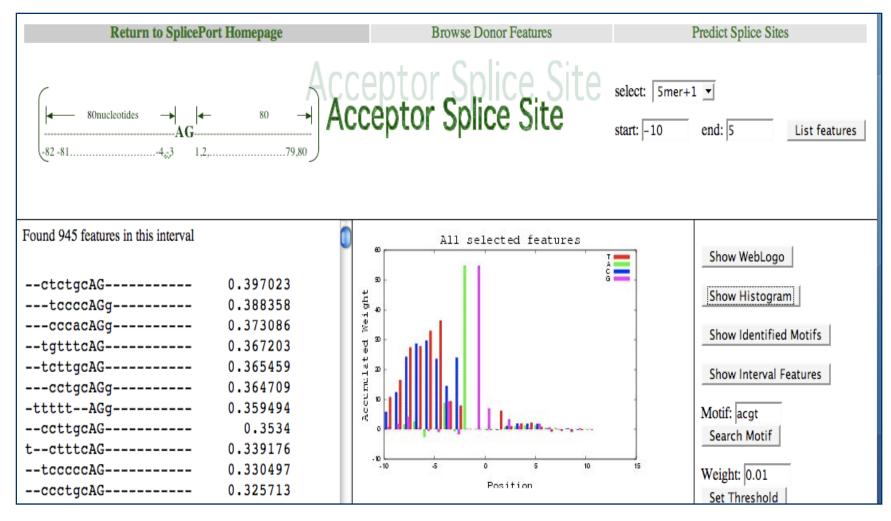
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HOMER: Tool for Ontology Alignment



http://www.cs.umd.edu/projects/lings/iliads

SplicePort: Motif Explorer



Islamaj Dogan, Getoor, Wilbur, Mount, Nucleic Acids Research, 2007

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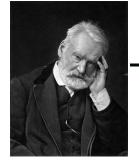
3. GI & Privacy

- o Obvious privacy concerns that need to be taken into account!!!
- A better theoretical understanding of when graph identification is feasible will also help us understand what must be done to maintain privacy of graph data
- Graph Re-Identification: study of anonymization strategies such that the information graph cannot be inferred from released data graph

Link Re-Identification

Disease data

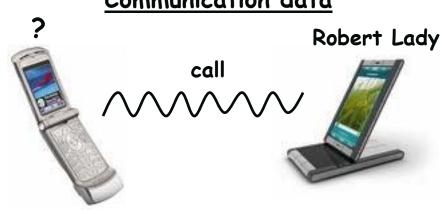
has hypertension



father-of



Communication data



Search data

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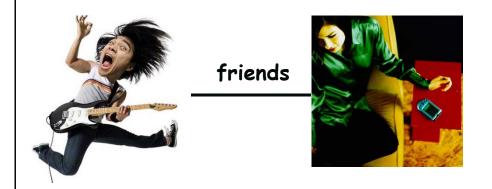
"how to tell if your wife is cheating on you"

same-user

Query 2:

"myrtle beach golf course job listings"

Social network data



Zheleva and Getoor, Preserving the Privacy of Sensitive Relationshops in Graph Data, PINKDD 2007

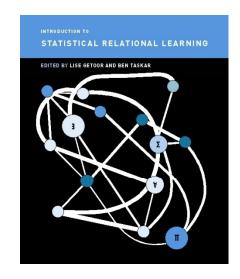
Summary: GIA & AI

- Graph Identification can be seen as a process of knowledge reformulation
- In the context where we have some statistical information to help us learn which reformulations are more promising than others
- Inference is the process of transferring the learned knowledge to new situations

Statistical Relational Learning (SRL)

 Methods that combine expressive knowledge representation formalisms such as relational and first-order logic with principled probabilistic and statistical approaches to inference and learning





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Conclusion

- o Relationships matter!
- o Structure matters!
- o Killer Apps:
 - Biology: Biological Network Analysis
 - Computer Vision: Human Activity Recognition
 - Information Extraction: Entity Extraction & Role labeling
 - Semantic Web: Ontology Alignment and Integration
 - Personal Information Management: Intelligent Desktop
- While there are important pitfalls to take into account (confidence and privacy), there are many potential benefits and payoffs!

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