A new model for Time-Varying Graphs

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Dynamic Networks

Social networks

Face to face contacts networks

Brain activity networks

Distributed systems

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i.e., any environment where relations between objects vary in time

Dynamic Networks Represented by Time-Varying Graphs (TVGs)



Time-Varying Graphs Representation issues

Don't look and feel like graphs

Some are not totally discrete

use continuous time edges

Auxiliary assumptions needed

node memory

time interval intersections

Time-Varying Graphs Our proposed representation model

- G = (V, E, T)
 - V Node set
 - E Edge set
 - T Time instants set

Dynamic Edges

 $\mathsf{E} \subseteq \mathsf{V} \times \mathsf{T} \times \mathsf{V} \times \mathsf{T}$

$$e \in E, e = (n_1, t_a, n_2, t_b)$$

 $n_1, n_2 \in V$ - nodes $t_a, t_b \in T$ - time instants

A dynamic edge expresses a relation between two nodes at two time instants

Dynamic Edges

 $\mathsf{E} \subseteq \mathsf{V} \times \mathsf{T} \times \mathsf{V} \times \mathsf{T}$

$$e \in E, e = (n_1, t_a, n_2, t_b)$$

Are represented by an ordered quadruple

Can be represented by an entry on a **4th order tensor**



Temporal Node Representation

- G = (V, E, T) $e = (n_1, t_a, n_2, t_b)$ v
- $\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}\in\mathsf{Vs}=\mathsf{V}\times\mathsf{T}$
- $e_s = (u, v) \in Vs \times Vs = Es$



Gs = (Vs, Es) $\Omega: V \times T \rightarrow Vs$ $e_s \in Es \longleftrightarrow e \in E$



Dynamic Edges

Temporal Edges Spatial Edges Mixed Edges



TVG Paths

Paths are established by dynamic edge adjacency

Two dynamic edges are adjacent if they are incident to a common temporal node



TVG Cycles

A cycle is a closed path, i.e. a path that starts and ends on the same temporal node





Adjacency Tensor in Matrix Form



Proposed model as a unifying model

It represents other TVG models that don't necessarily represent each other

Snapshot Model Representation



$$Mat(A_{G1}) =$$





Kostakos 2009 Model Representation



Take Away Messages

The new model we propose for representing TVGs

Can represent commonly used previous models Shows a static graph closely related to a TVG Does not use external assumptions





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Next steps...

Further analysis of properties

Algebraic analysis

Temporal centralities

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Progressive Dynamic Edges



Regressive Dynamic Edges



Adjacency Tensor Progressive Edges to \mathbf{t}_1 t2 3 0 t₁ t₀ t2

$$Mat(\mathbf{A}_{G1}) =$$



Adjacency Tensor Spatial Edges



Adjacency Tensor Mixed Edges



$$Mat(\mathbf{A}_{G1}) =$$

TVG shortest paths

Between temporal nodes



TVG shortest paths

Temporal node to node



TVG shortest paths

Node to temporal node





Node to node

