Network of Epidemiology Digital Objects

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Outline

- Problem Statement
- Requirement Specification
- Related work
- What a human would do?
- Modeling
- Evaluation

Client Problem Statement

- CINET
  - Computational and analytic environment for network science research and education.

- Goal: A RDF graph building service
  - Web crawling for contents related to epidemiology
  - RDF representation to interconnect digital objects

Client Problem Statement

- Requirement: Build a connected network of:
  - Papers
  - Wiki pages
  - Websites
  - Videos
  - Other digital objects pertaining to epidemiology
- Representing using RDF for future graph analysis.

Refined Problem Statement

- Strongly connected digital objects & metadata
  - Include metadata to model the connection
  - Better represent the underlying correlation among digital objects
- Given a search request, provide resulting DO network:
  - Include all related digital objects
  - Strongly connected DOs are more related

Refined Problem Statement

- Automated process
  - Web exploration
  - Network construction
- Restricted digital objects
  - Research papers
- Web crawling (search engine from dblp)
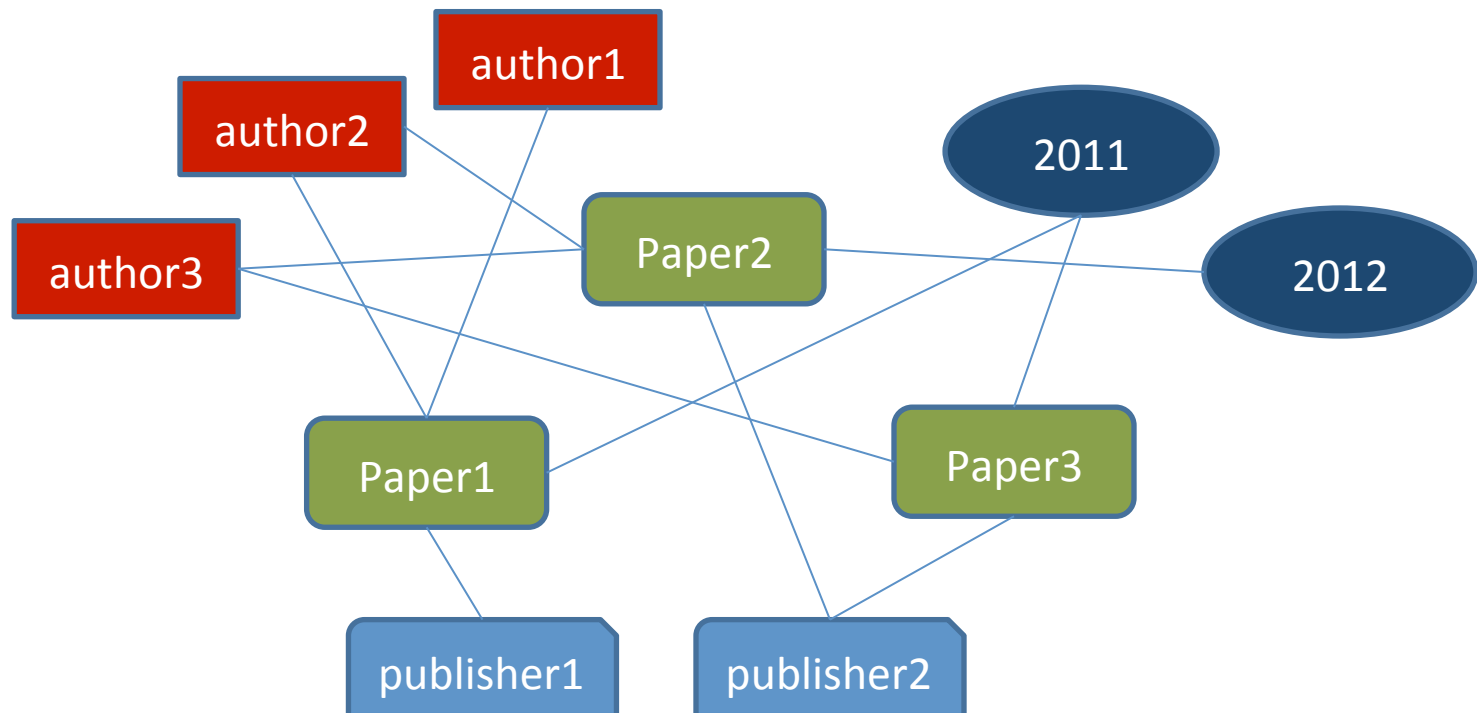
CompleteSearch DBLP

a DBLP mirror with extended search capabilities maintained by Hannah Bast, University of Freiburg (formerly MPII Saarbrücken)

zoomed in on 283 documents ... NEW: get these search results as XML, JSON, JSONP

2014		
283	EE	Joshua Tan, Khanh Nguyen, Michael Theodorides, Heidi Negrón-Arroyo, Christopher Thompson, Serge Egelman, David Wagner: The effect of developer-specified explanations for permission requests on smartphone user behavior. CHI 2014:91-100
282	EE	Alexander Richter, David Wagner: Leadership 2.0: Engaging and Supporting Leaders in the Transition towards a Networked Organization. HICSS 2014:574-583
2013		
281	EE	Charles E. Robertson, J. Kirk Harris, Brandie D. Wagner, David Granger, Kathy Browne, Beth Tatem, Leah M. Feazel, Kristin Park, Norman R. Pace, Daniel N. Frank: Explicet: graphical user interface software for metadata-driven management, analysis and visualization of microbiome data. Bioinformatics 29(23):3100-3101 (2013)

Meta-data for DO

- Authors, key words, publisher, year
- Given papers {Paper1} {Paper2} {Paper3}
  - P1: author1, author2, publisher 1, 2011, {keywords}
  - P2: author2, author3, publisher 2, 2012, {keywords}
  - P3: author 3, publisher 2, 2011, {keywords}
- The resulting network through the meta-data:

Requirement Specification

- Undirected crawling or normal search engine not sufficient:
  - Results un-organized
  - Little specialization
  - Ambiguity
  - Relations and connections not available

Requirement Specification

What's available

Google

Scholar

epidemiology

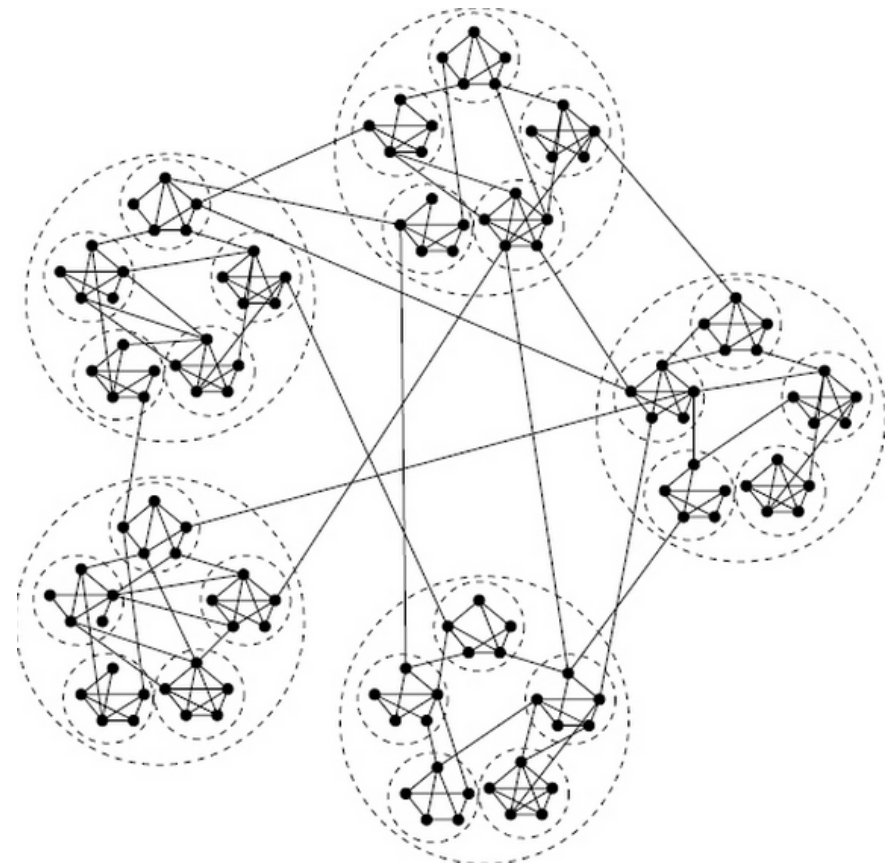About 2,020,000 results (0.06 sec)

Articles
Case law
My library

Marginal structural models and causal inference in **epidem**
JM Robins, MA Hernan, B Brumback - **Epidemiology**, 2000 - journals
Abstract In observational studies with exposures or treatments that va
approaches for adjustment of confounding are biased when there exist
confounders that are also affected by previous treatment. This paper in
Cited by 1294   Related articles   All 20 versions   Web of Science: 8:

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[PDF] Dose-response and trend analysis in **epidemiology**:
S Greenland - **Epidemiology**, 1995 - JSTOR
Standard categorical analysis is based on an unrealistic model for dos
trends and does not make efficient use of within-category information.
two classes of simple alternatives that can be implemented with any r
Cited by 701   Related articles   All 4 versions   Web of Science: 555

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Sort by date

[BOOK] A dictionary of **epidemiology**
JM Last, International Epidemiological Association - 2001 - Oxford Un
Over 100 epidemiologists from all over the world have contributed sugg
definitions to A Dictionary of **Epidemiology**, edited by John M. Last.
the second edition was published by Oxford University Press in 1988,
Cited by 4474   Related articles   All 7 versions   Cite   Save   More

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[BOOK] Clinical **epidemiology**: a basic science for clinical m
DL Sackett, RB Haynes, P Tugwell - 1985 - cabdirect.org
Abstract This book is written by three clinical epidemiologists from Mc
Ontario, Canada. It reflects their desire to apply the principles of popul
the care of individual patients. The book is therefore not intended to be
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What we want

Related Work

- Web crawling topics
  - Building efficient, robust and scalable crawler
  - Traversal order of the web graph
  - Re-visitation of previously crawled content
  - Avoid problematic and undesirable content
  - Crawling "deep web" content

Christopher Olston and Marc Najork. 2010. Web Crawling. *Found. Trends Inf. Retr.* 4, 3 (March 2010), 175-246.
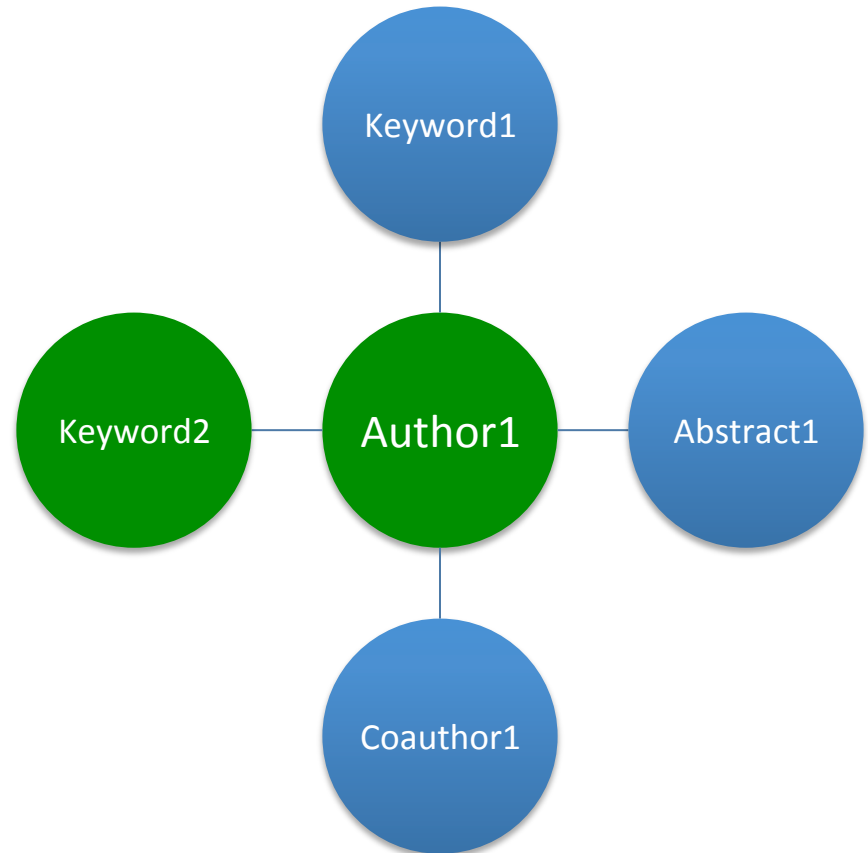
Why can a human do this better?

A user is interested in "<u>Disease propagation</u>"

1. Set N = {Disease propagation}
2. Search using N and gets R
3. Splits R into A and B
4. Selects A as relevant; extracts terms and connections; augments N
5. Ignores or stashes away B
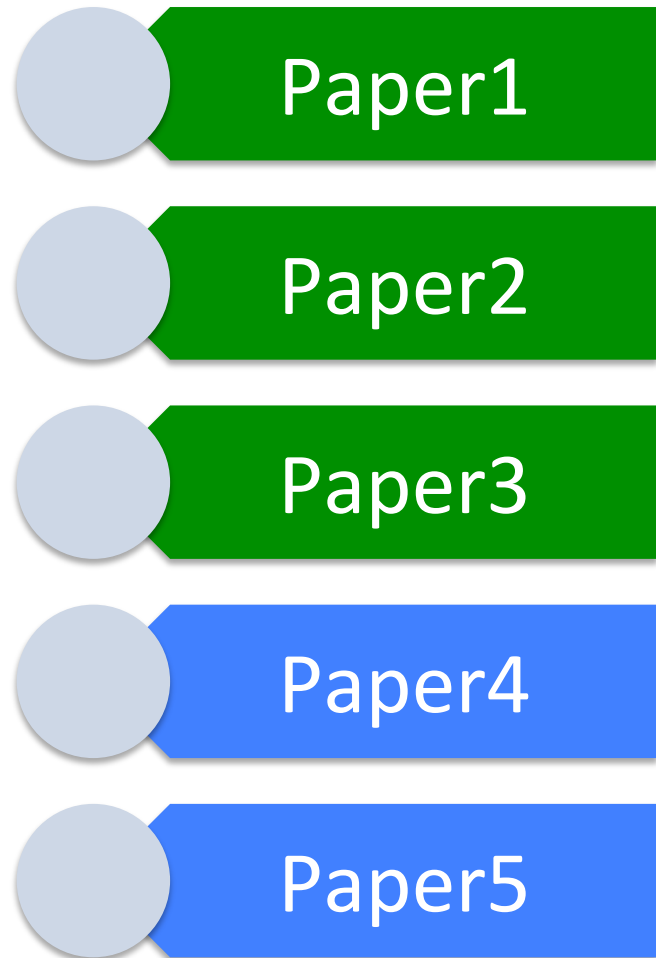6. Repeat from 1 with updated network N

Desired Property 1: Connected Growth

- A relevant paper shares nodes and edges in the network N

- Not all of the paper becomes relevant at once

- What is shared changes over time

Desired Property 2: Grouping

- Only a small fraction of a document is shared with network N
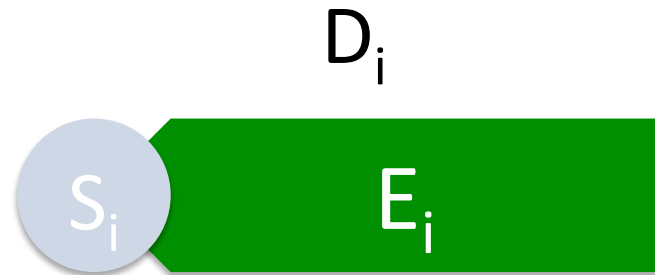- The rest is used to group papers

Paper1

Paper2

Paper3

Paper4

Paper5

Modeling: Digital Object

- Is represented as a set of edges
  - $D_i = \{(x_1, y_1), ..., (x_n, y_n)\}$
- Connections are determined by <u>predicates</u> over <u>kind</u> of vertex
  - (x,y): Paper p, <u>authored by</u> x, is <u>published in</u> y
- From a generative point-of-view, an edge in a paper comes from
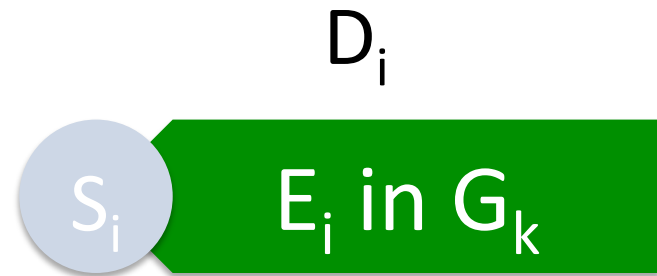 - A shared network
  - Or, a local network

Modeling: Split-View of Digital Object

- A paper's edges can be split into two parts
  - $D_i = S_i + E_i$
  - Shared set: S_i
  - Local set: E_i

D_i

S_i E_i

Modeling: Grouping

- Each D_i belongs to a group

- Groups are determined w.r.t. unshared edges E_i

- No need to determine number of groups beforehand

D_i

S_i E_i in G_k

$$P(k \mid \alpha) \prod_{(x,y) \in E_i} P(x, y \mid G_k)$$

Modeling: Network

- Connectivity
  - Allow (x,y) only if x is <u>reachable</u> from root nodes

- Smoothness
  - Allow (x,y) only if path connecting to x from root has <u>decreasing weights</u>

Edge is either shared or local based on

$$\operatorname*{argmax}_{\varepsilon \in \{N, G_k\}} P(x, y \mid \varepsilon)$$

satsifying connectivity and smoothness constraints when shared.

The Entire Process

Model

1. Start with root nodes, e.g., "Disease propagation" in N
2. <u>Generate</u> search query from N
3. <u>Crawl</u> and add new digital objects
4. <u>Learn</u> random variables for sharing (Si, Ei) and grouping (Gi)
5. Goto step 2

Human

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Evaluation: Against a Search Engine

- **Goal:** Relevance
- Set a starting topic
- Perform k related queries
  - Let R_i be the sets of query results ranked by the search engine
  - Learn network N
  - For each paper p selected by N
    - Get best rank of p according to R_i
  - Compare ranks against relevance determined by N
- Are there lowly ranked results that are higher in N and vice versa?

Evaluation: Against a Digital Library

- **Goal:** Completeness
- Pick a digital library for digital objects with a categorical browsing service
- Pick a starting point
  - Learn network N
  - Evaluate completeness of network N against the digital library

Thank You!

Questions?