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Structure Multiplex network



















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Competition between layers

Structure



Mathematical description Adjacency (or weights) tensor • $M_{i\beta}^{i\alpha}$ node *i* in layer α connects to node *j* in layer β $\mathbb{R}^{N \times L \times N \times L}$

De Domenico et al: Mathematical formulation of multilayer networks *Physical Review X* **3** (2013) 041022

Mathematical description

Supra-adjacency matrix

- $\mathbf{W}^{(\alpha)}$ adjacency (or weights) matrix of layer α
- **D**^($\alpha\beta$) interaction matrix between layers α and β

$$\mathcal{J} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{W}^{(1)} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{W}^{(2)} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \mathbf{W}^{(L)} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{D}^{(11)} & \mathbf{D}^{(12)} & \dots & \mathbf{D}^{(1L)} \\ \mathbf{D}^{(21)} & \mathbf{D}^{(22)} & \dots & \mathbf{D}^{(2L)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{D}^{(L1)} & \mathbf{D}^{(L2)} & \dots & \mathbf{D}^{(LL)} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Hypotheses

J

- □ All nodes same interlayer strength
- □ No self-loops
- Symmetry

 $\mathbf{D}^{(\alpha\beta)} = D^{(\alpha\beta)}\mathbf{I}$ $D^{(\alpha\alpha)} = 0$ $D^{(\alpha\beta)} = D^{(\beta\alpha)}$



Mathematical description Two-layer multiplex networks



$$\mathcal{J} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{W}^{(1)} & 0\\ 0 & \mathbf{W}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} + J_x \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{I}\\ \mathbf{I} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Gómez et al: Diffusion dynamics on multiplex networks *Physical Review Letters* **110** (2013) 028701

Related dynamics

Diffusion in multiplex networks



$$\dot{x}_{i}^{(\alpha)} = \sum_{j=1}^{N} w_{ij}^{(\alpha)} (x_{j}^{(\alpha)} - x_{i}^{(\alpha)}) + \sum_{\beta=1}^{L} D^{(\alpha\beta)} (x_{i}^{(\beta)} - x_{i}^{(\alpha)})$$

Laplacian

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}^{L} + \mathcal{L}^{I}$$
$$\mathcal{L}^{L} = \bigoplus_{\alpha=1}^{M} L^{(\alpha)}$$
$$\mathcal{L}^{I} = L^{I} \otimes I$$

Diffusion time $\tau \sim \frac{1}{\lambda_2(\mathcal{L})}$



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Competition dynamics

Variables

 $\square p_i^{(\alpha)}$ probability of node *i* being active in layer α



$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^{L} p_i^{(\alpha)} = 1$$

CompetitionHamiltonian

$$H(\mathbf{P}) = -\sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^{L} \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} J_{ij}^{(\alpha\beta)} p_i^{(\alpha)} p_j^{(\beta)}$$



where

$$\mathcal{J} = \bigoplus_{\alpha=1}^{L} \mathbf{W}^{(\alpha)} + \mathbf{D} \otimes \mathbf{I}$$

Competition in two-layer multiplex
 Variables

$$p_i^{(1)} = p_i$$
 $p_i^{(2)} = 1 - p_i$

Hamiltonian

$$H(\vec{p}) = -\sum_{i,j=1}^{N} W_{ij}^{(1)} p_i p_j - \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} W_{ij}^{(2)} (1-p_i)(1-p_j)$$
$$-2J_x \sum_{i=1}^{N} p_i (1-p_i)$$





layer 1 layer 2

Competition in two-layer multiplex

$$H(\vec{p}) = -\sum_{i,j=1}^{N} W_{ij}^{(1)} p_i p_j - \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} W_{ij}^{(2)} (1-p_i)(1-p_j) - 2J_x \sum_{i=1}^{N} p_i (1-p_i)$$

$$H(\vec{p}) = \left[-\sum_{i,j=1}^{N} W_{ij}^{(1)} p_i p_j\right] - \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} W_{ij}^{(2)} (1-p_i)(1-p_j) - 2J_x \sum_{i=1}^{N} p_i (1-p_i)$$

Minimum value when

Competition in two-layer multiplex

all $p_i = 1$

$H(\vec{p}) = -\sum_{i,j=1}^{N} W_{ij}^{(1)} p_i p_j \left[-\sum_{i,j=1}^{N} W_{ij}^{(2)} (1-p_i)(1-p_j) - 2J_x \sum_{i=1}^{N} p_i (1-p_i) \right]$ Minimum value when all $p_i = 0$

Competition in two-layer multiplex



Competition in two-layer multiplex

$$H(\vec{p}) = -\sum_{i,j=1}^{N} W_{ij}^{(1)} p_i p_j - \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} W_{ij}^{(2)} (1-p_i) (1-p_j) \left[-2J_x \sum_{i=1}^{N} p_i (1-p_i) \right]$$

Minimum value when all $p_i = 0.5$

Magnetization

$$M(\vec{p}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (2p_i - 1)$$



All $p_i = 1$ \longrightarrow M = +1 \implies All nodes in first layer
All $p_i = 0.5$ \implies M = 0 \implies All nodes equally in all layers
All $p_i = 0$ \implies M = -1 \implies All nodes in second layer

Ground state

Minimize

$$H(\vec{p}) = -\sum_{i,j=1}^{N} W_{ij}^{(1)} p_i p_j - \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} W_{ij}^{(2)} (1-p_i)(1-p_j)$$
$$-2J_x \sum_{i=1}^{N} p_i (1-p_i)$$

with the constraints

 $0 \leq p_i \leq 1$ \implies solution inside the $[0, 1]^N$ hypercube

Ground state

Quadratic programming problem

Minimize

$$H(\vec{p}) = -\sum_{i,j=1}^{N} W_{ij}^{(1)} p_i p_j - \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} W_{ij}^{(2)} (1 - p_i) (1 - p_j)$$
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with the constraints

 $0 \leq p_i \leq 1 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \text{solution inside the } [0,1]^N \text{ hypercube}$

Gradient

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} = -2\sum_{j=1}^N W_{ij}^{(1)} p_j + 2\sum_{j=1}^N W_{ij}^{(2)} (1-p_j) - 2J_x (1-2p_i)$$

Zero gradient equation

$$\left[2J_x\mathbf{I} - \left(\mathbf{W}^{(1)} + \mathbf{W}^{(2)}\right)\right]\vec{p} = J_x\vec{1} - \vec{s}^{(2)} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \vec{p}^*$$

Hessian

$$\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial p_i \partial p_j} = 2 \left(2J_x \delta_{ij} - W_{ij}^{(1)} - W_{ij}^{(2)} \right)$$

Ground state conditions

- \Box If \vec{p}^{\star} inside $[0,1]^N$ and Hessian positive definite
 - \vec{p}^{\star} is feasible solution
 - \vec{p}^{\star} is the ground state

Else

- Ground state lies in one side of the hypercube $\left[0,1
 ight]^N$

■ Asymptotic limits □ When $J_x \gg 1$ □ When $J_x = 0$

• Asymptotic limits • When $J_x \gg 1$



• Asymptotic limits \Box When $J_x \gg 1$

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$$Minimum value when all p_i = 0.5$$
 Other terms negligible

Asymptotic limits \Box When $J_x = 0$

$$H(\vec{p}) = \left[-\sum_{i,j=1}^{N} W_{ij}^{(1)} p_i p_j - \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} W_{ij}^{(2)} (1-p_i)(1-p_j) - 2J_x \sum_{i=1}^{N} p_i (1-p_i)\right]$$

Other term negligible

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• Asymptotic limits \Box When $J_x = 0$



• Gradient at $\vec{p} = \vec{1}$



• Gradient at $\vec{p} = \vec{1}$

$$\left. \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} \right|_{\vec{p}=\vec{1}} = 2 \left(J_x - s_i^{(1)} \right)$$

□ If
$$J_x$$
 below $J_x^c = \min_{i=1,...,N} (s_i^{(1)}) = s_{\min}^{(1)}$
• $\vec{p}^* = \vec{1}$

Solutions diagram



Solutions diagram



Combinatorial optimization

NP-complete / NP-hard optimization problems
 Many variables
 Huge search space
 No known polynomial time algorithms

Algorithms
 Local search
 Collective search

Hybrid search

Local search

□ Characteristics

- One individual moves in the search state
- Travel guided by local information
- Short-term memory
- Try to avoid local optima
- □ Some methods
 - Gradient descent
 - Simulated annealing
 - Tabu search
 - Extremal optimization



Local search methods Gradient descent

- Continuous variables
- Needs the gradient
- Easily stacked in local minima
- Add noise or inertia to improve search

Simulated annealing

- Inspired by physics at equilibrium
- Adequate for discrete variables
- Explore neighbors
- Allow uphill moves with certain probability (temperature)



Local search methods

- Tabu search
 - Adequate for discrete variables
 - Explore neighbors
 - Forbid uphill moves in a certain tabu list

Extremal optimization

- Inspired by physics out of equilibrium
- Adequate for discrete variables
- Explore neighbors
- Objective function sum of one-variable terms
- Improve the worst contribution

Collective search

□ Characteristics

- Several individuals move in the search state
- Communication between individuals
- Travel guided by local and global information
- Long-term memory, swarm intelligence, diversity

Some methods

- Evolutionary computation
 - □ Genetic algorithms
 - Evolution strategies
- Swarm intelligence
 - □ Particle swarm optimization
 - □ Ant colony systems
 - □ Artificial bee colony



Collective search methods Genetic algorithms

- Inspired by evolution and natural selection
- Adequate for discrete binary variables
- Population of individuals, each with a chromosome
- Iteration over generations
- Selection
- Reproduction (crossover)
- Mutation
- Elitism



Collective search methods

□ Particle swarm optimization (PSO)

- Inspired by bird flocks and fish schools
- Adequate for continuous variables
- Set of particles
- Each particle has position and velocity
- Each particle remembers its best position
- Inertia
- Approach local best
- Approach global best





Hybrid search

- Collective search + Local optimization
- Memetic algorithms

Results

Ground state search
 Standard optimization package
 METIS, failed

Local search

Simulated annealing, failed

□ Collective search

Particle swarm optimization, success selected

Competition in two-layer multiplex networks



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Competition in two-layer multiplex networks



Concluding remarks

- Model of competition between layers
- Analytically tractable in part of the phase diagram
- Optimization heuristics required
 - □ There is life beyond simulated annealing!
 - □ Use the most appropriate
 - □ Try several
 - □ Check always the natural candidate solutions

Thank you for your attention!

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