EasyGraph: 面向多学科的高性能网络结构分析工具箱

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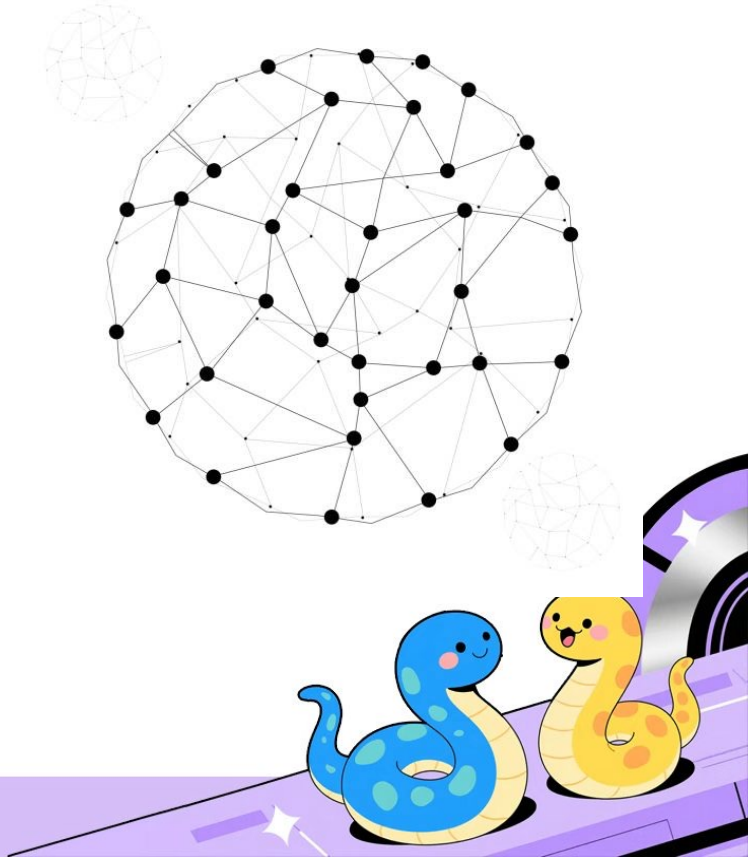


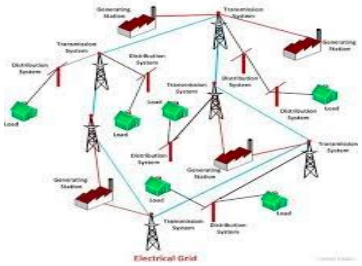
Network Data is Everywhere

Networks are powerful tools for representing the relationships and interactions between entities in various disciplines

social network

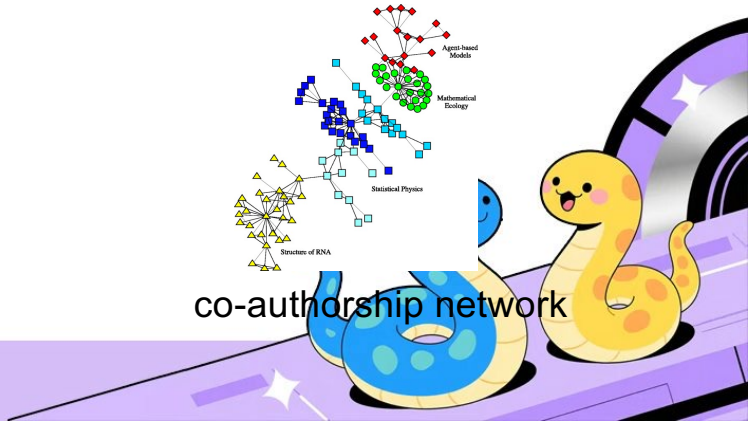
protein interaction network

brain network



power grid network

metro network



co-authorship network

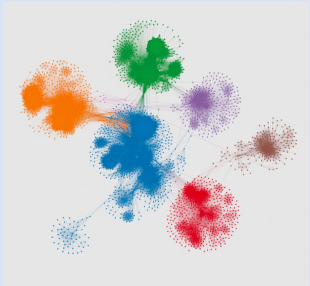
Social Network

- **Social network**, a type of complex network, includes people and their interactions
- **Social Network Analysis (SNA)** is a methodology of analyzing social structures with network analytic techniques

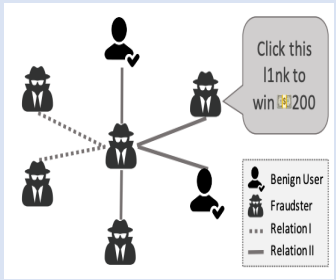
social network platforms

top-10 influencers

viral marketing



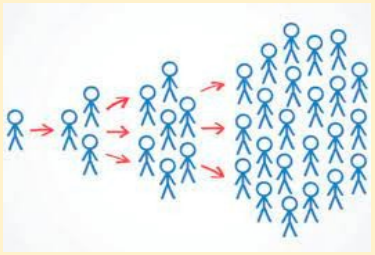
community detection



fraud detection

Structural Hole Spanner Detection

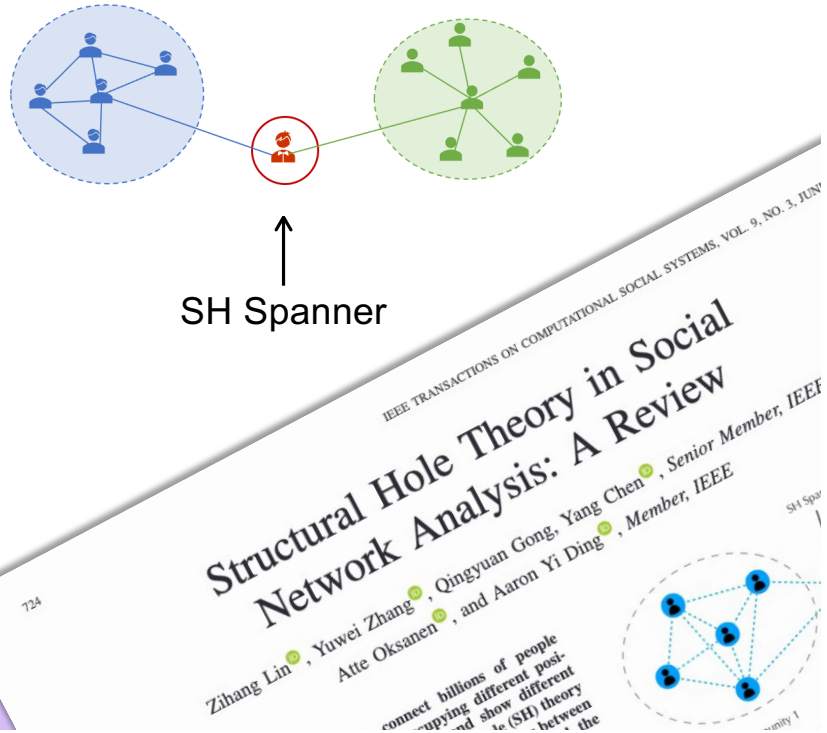
- Structural hole spanners (SH Spanners) refer to the individuals act as brokers among communities
- SH Spanners occupy unique positions, so they facilitate information and resources from different groups



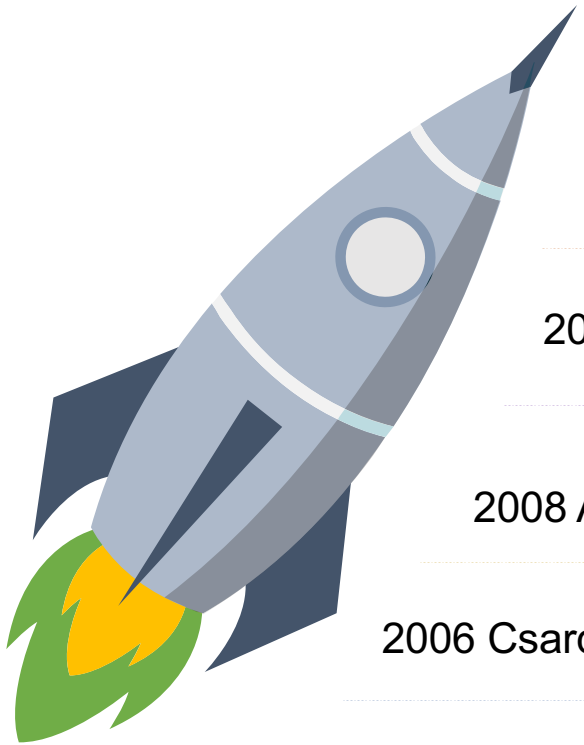
information propogation

public opinion mining

social innovation



Tools for Network Analysis



2016 Peixoto graph-tool **statistical network analys**

2014 Leskovec et al. SNAP **efficient network analysis**

2009 Bastian et al. Gephi makes graphs handy **network visualization**

2008 Aric et al. NetworkX Network Analysis in Python **basic network analysis**

2006 Csardi et al. igraph **efficient network analysis**

2003 Shannon et al. Cytoscape **network visualization**

Discussions from Online Forums

Stack Overflow

What scalability issues are associated with NetworkX?

Asked 11 years, 9 months ago Modified 1 month ago Viewed 25k times

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I'm interested in network analysis on large networks with millions of nodes and tens of millions of edges. I want to be able to do things like parse networks from many formats, find connected components, detect communities, and run centrality measures like PageRank.

I am attracted to NetworkX because it has a nice api, good documentation, and has been under active development for years. Plus because it is in python, it should be quick to develop with.

In a recent presentation (the slides are available on github here), it was claimed that:

> Unlike many other tools, NX is designed to handle data on a scale relevant to modern problems...Most of the core algorithms in NX rely on extremely fast legacy code.

Performance bottleneck in creating network with igraph in Python

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I am trying to create a huge network using the igraph python module. I am iterating trough a list of dictionaries in the following format:

```
d1={'el1':2, 'el3':4, ...,'el12':32}
d2={'el3':5, 'el4':6, ...,'el12':21}
```

The network is created in the following way: every node is one of the keys of the dictionaries that has an attribute that represents the sum of all the values of the node (for example, it would be 9 for el3 considering the two given dictionaries), and there is an edge between two nodes if they appear together in the same dictionary, with a weight attribute equal to the number of times they appear together (for instance it would be 2 for el3 and el12, as they appear together in 2 dictionaries).

Google Groups

Scaling NetworkX to largest graphs with UKV

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Ashot Vardanian 2023年2月19日 04:44:53

收件人 networkx-discuss

Dear NetworkX community,

For many years I have been enjoying the ease of using NetworkX and teaching it to my students. Today I want to return a favor and share something my team and I have been open-sourcing over the last year - UKV.

It brings NetworkX-like bindings to several storage engines, like LevelDB and RocksDB, and our more scalable alternatives.

- Graph interface docs
- Broader project page on GitHub
- Benchmarks

This should allow everyone to deal with humongous graphs using an efficient underlying C++ implementation while keeping the application logic Pythonic and clean.

Comparison between igraph and networkx

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Conrad Lee 2009年2月27日 15:42:49

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I also made this comparison about 9 months ago.

Some difference I could point to:

- iGraph has some community detection algorithms implemented, while NetworkX does not.
- iGraph's GraphML exporter included a more complete implementation of the GraphML specification, meaning that if you have a graph with all sorts of things labeled and weighted, it might be easier to export all this data into GraphML with iGraph.

Another difference between the two packages (and the reason I prefer NetworkX), is that NetworkX is well-documented, and has a fairly active community that can answer questions. I found that the python version of iGraph was not very well documented. Also, NetworkX is written more in python than iGraph. If you are using the python version of iGraph, then you will usually not be able to read the source code in python--you will just run into a binding.

As Chris noted, using both packages should not be too difficult.

Conrad Lee

2009/2/27 Gustav Delius <gustav...@gmail.com>

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Limitations of Existing Tools for Network Analysis

NetworkX
Network Analysis in Python

SNAP

igraph

graph-tool

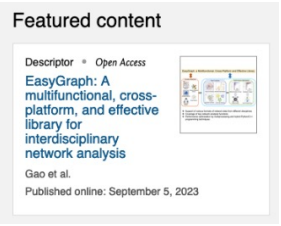
Gephi
makes graphs handy

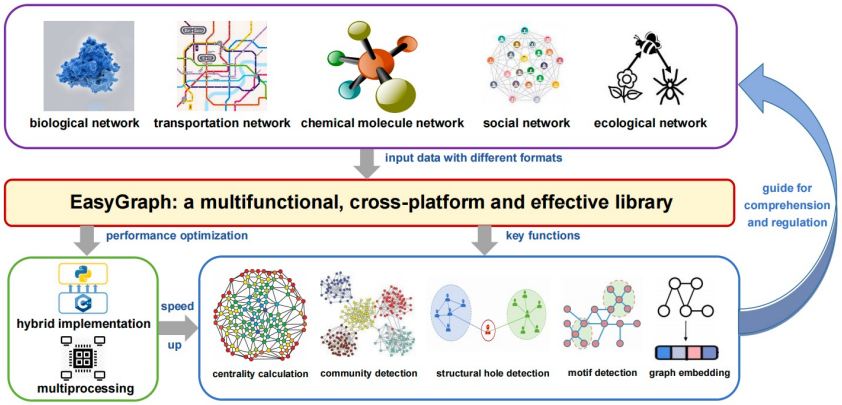
Cytoscape

- ☐ **Inefficient at performing network analysis on large-scale networks**
  - **Example: betweenness centrality for 100 thousand nodes**
- ☐ **Overlook some critical functions**
  - **Structural hole theory**
  - **Motif detection**
  - **Network embedding**
- ☐ **Support only a limited number of network formats**
  - **NetworkX for 5 types**
  - **SNAP for 2 types**

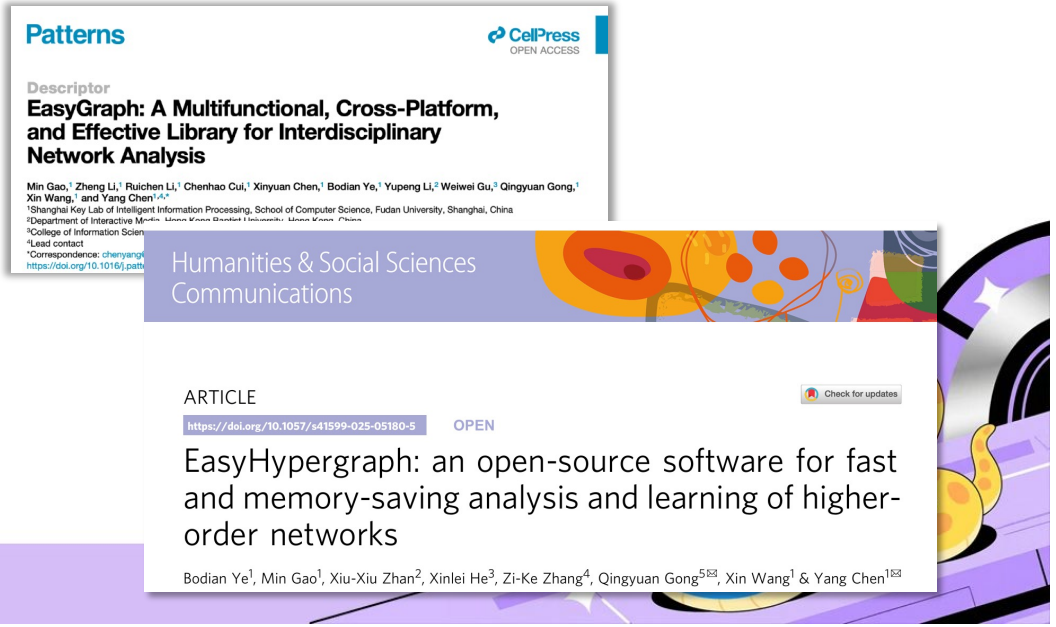
EasyGraph

- **An open-source network analysis library**
- **Code website:** *https://github.com/easy-graph/Easy-Graph*
- **Documentation website:** *https://easy-graph.github.io/docs/index.html*
- **Video tutorial website:** *https://easy-graph.github.io/docs/videos.html*





Framework of EasyGraph

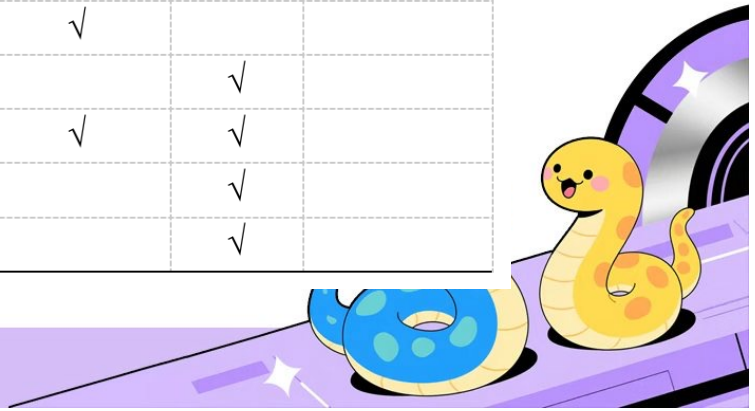


Features of EasyGraph

❖Multiple Types of Network I/O

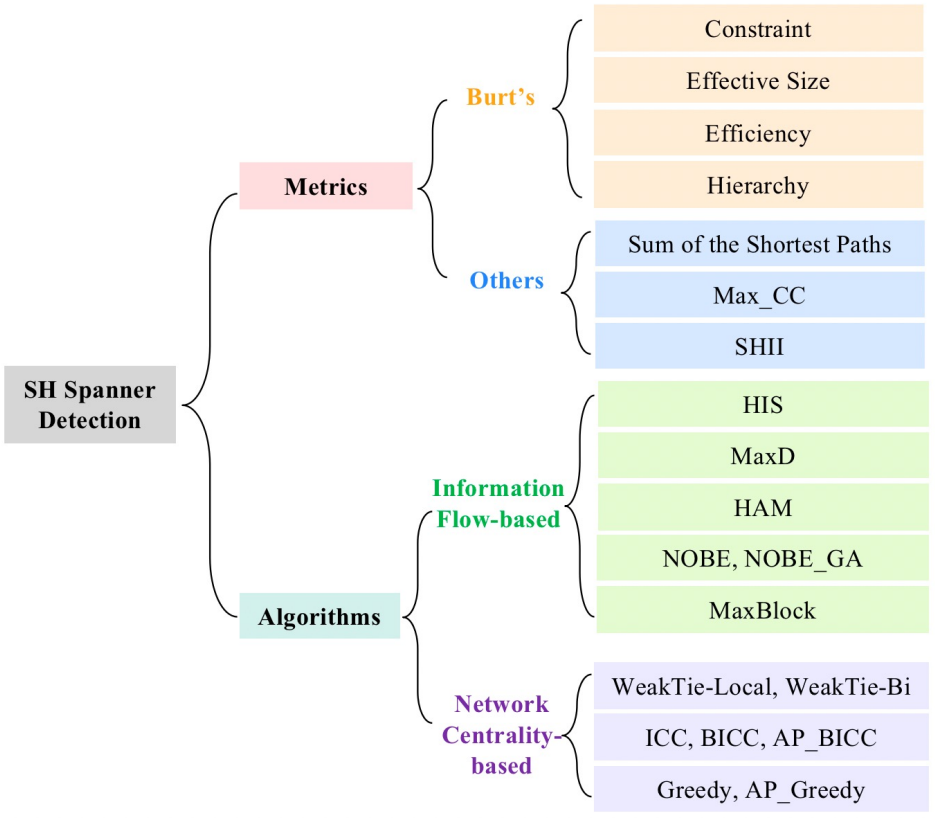
Comparison of network analysis tools in terms of supporting different network I/O types

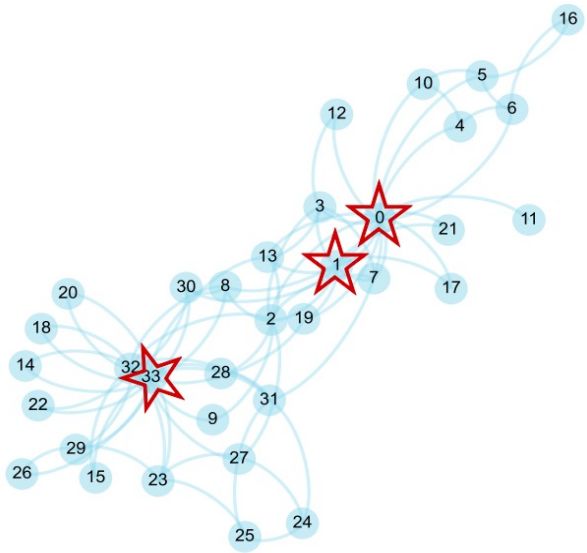
Tools / Network I/O types	EasyGraph	NetworkX	igraph	SNAP	graph-tool	Gephi	Cytoscape
Edge List	√	√	√	√		√	
GraphML	√	√	√		√	√	√
GML	√	√	√		√	√	√
Pickle	√	√	√		√		
Pajek	√	√	√			√	
GraphViz	√		√	√	√	√	
UCINET DL	√					√	
GEXF	√					√	



Features of EasyGraph (cont.)

❖Algorithms of SH Spanner Detection



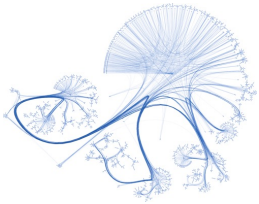


SH spanner detection by AP_Greedy

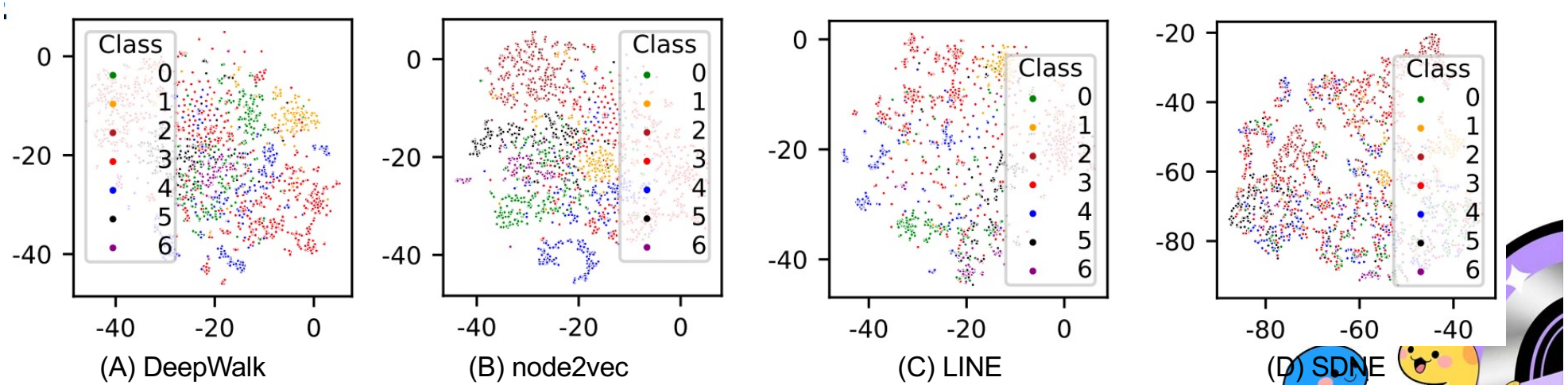
Features of EasyGraph (cont.)

❖ **Methods for Network Embedding:** DeepWalk, node2vec, LINE, and SDNE

- ❑ **The Cora dataset:** 2,708 scientific publications and 5,429 citation links
- ❑ **Each publication:** 1,433 dimensional features, 1 of 7 categories



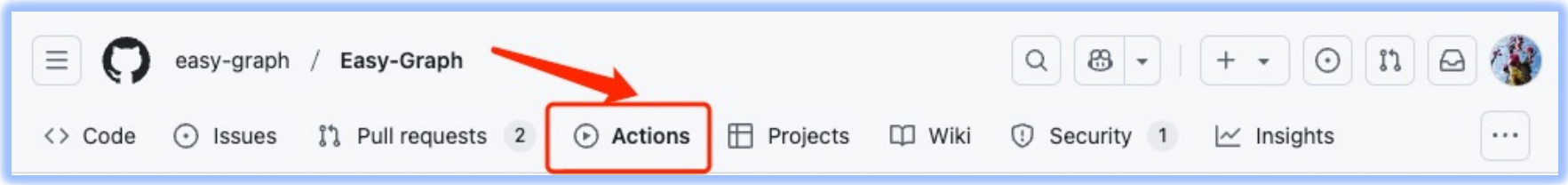
Cora network



(A) DeepWalk (B) node2vec (C) LINE (D) SDNE

Visualization of the results of four network embedding algorithms using t-SNE for Cora dataset

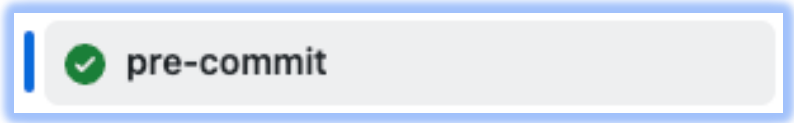
Automated Testing and Releasing



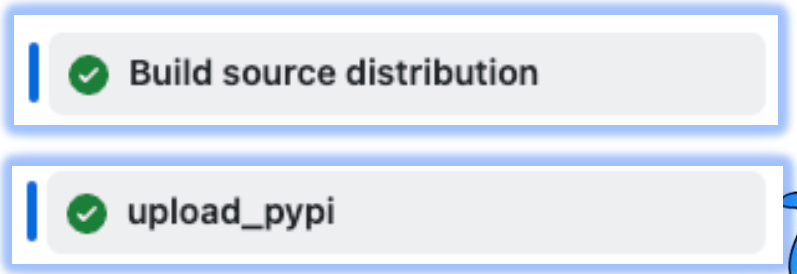
GitHub Actions

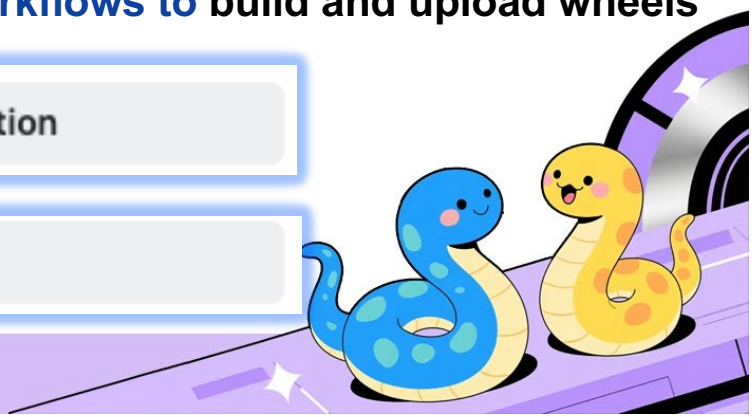
A continuous integration and continuous delivery (CI/CD) platform

- EasyGraph leverages smart pre-commit hooks for code formatting, linting and testing



- EasyGraph defines workflows to build and upload wheels



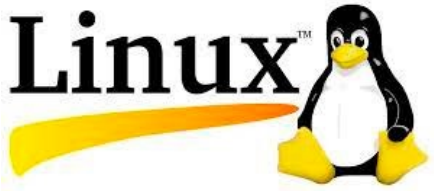


Installation

❖ Easy Installation

```
pip install Python-EasyGraph
```

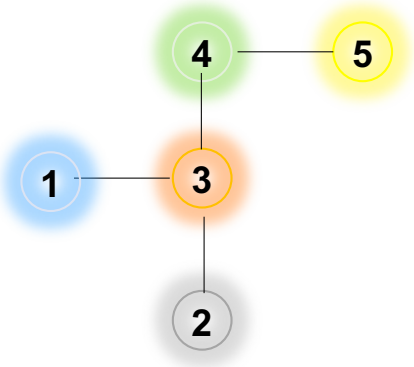
❖Cross-Platform Compatibility



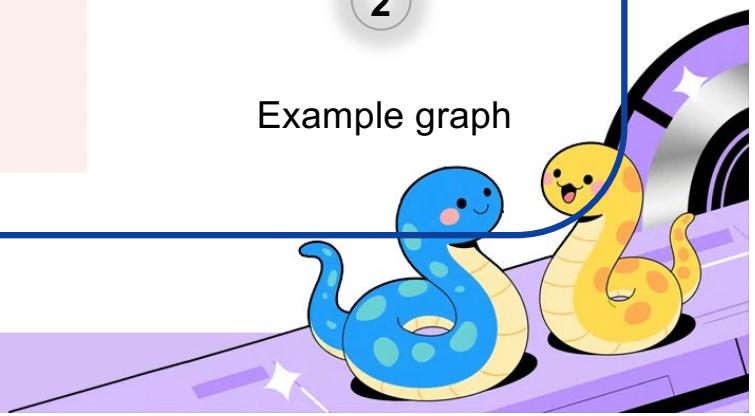
Ease-of-Use APIs and Use Cases

❖ **Definition & Operations:** add_nodes, add_edges, edges, len, neighbors

```
>>> import easygraph as eg
>>> G = eg.Graph()
>>> G.add_node(1) # Add one node
>>> G.nodes
{1: {}}
>>> G.add_edges([(2,3), (1,3), (3,4), (4,5)]) # Add four edges
>>> G.edges
[(1,3,{}), (2,3,{}), (3,4, {}), (4,5,{})]
>>> len(G)
5
>>> for nei in G.neighbors(node=2):
        print(nei)
3
```



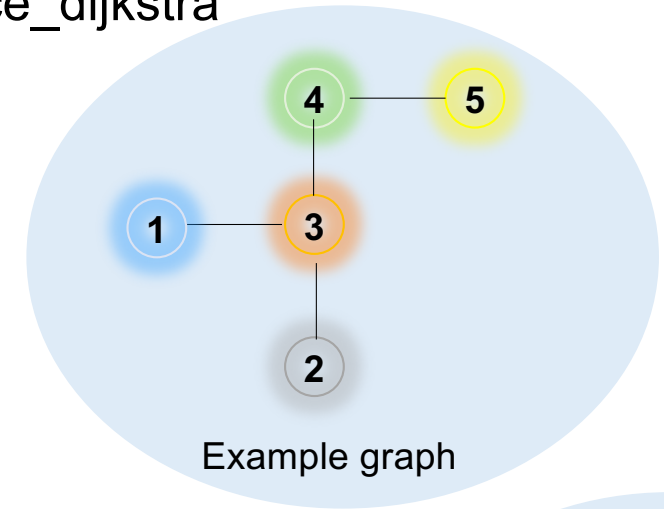
Example graph



Ease-of-Use APIs and Use Cases

❖ **Functions:** bridges, single_source_dijkstra

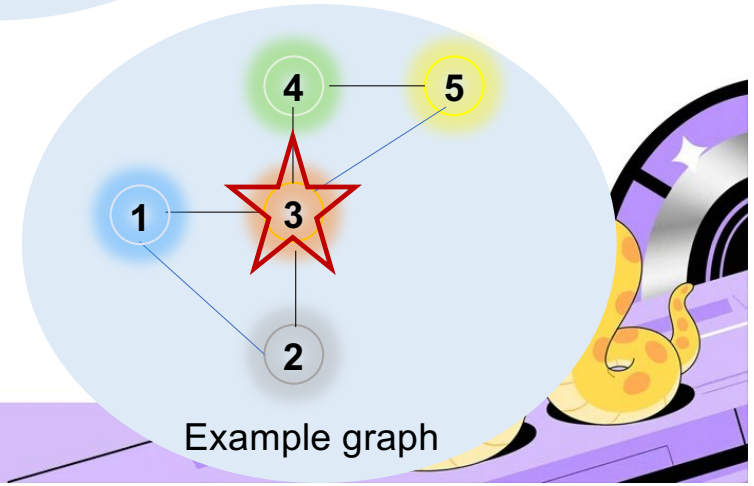
```
Python
>>> for edge in eg.bridges(G):
...     print(edge)
...
(2, 3)
(3, 1)
(3, 4)
(4, 5)

>>> eg.single_source_dijkstra(G, 3)
{3: 0, 2: 1, 1: 1, 4: 1, 5: 2}
```



Example graph

❖ **Functions:** constraint (a SH spanner metric)

```
>>> G.add_edges(([1,2],[3,5]))
>>> G.edges
[(2, 3, {}), (2, 1, {}), (3, 1, {}), (3, 4, {}), (3, 5, {}), (4, 5, {})]
>>> eg.constraint(g)
{2: 0.953125, 3: 0.5625, 1: 0.953125, 4: 0.953125, 5: 0.953125}
```



Example graph

Real-world Applications of the Structural Hole Theory

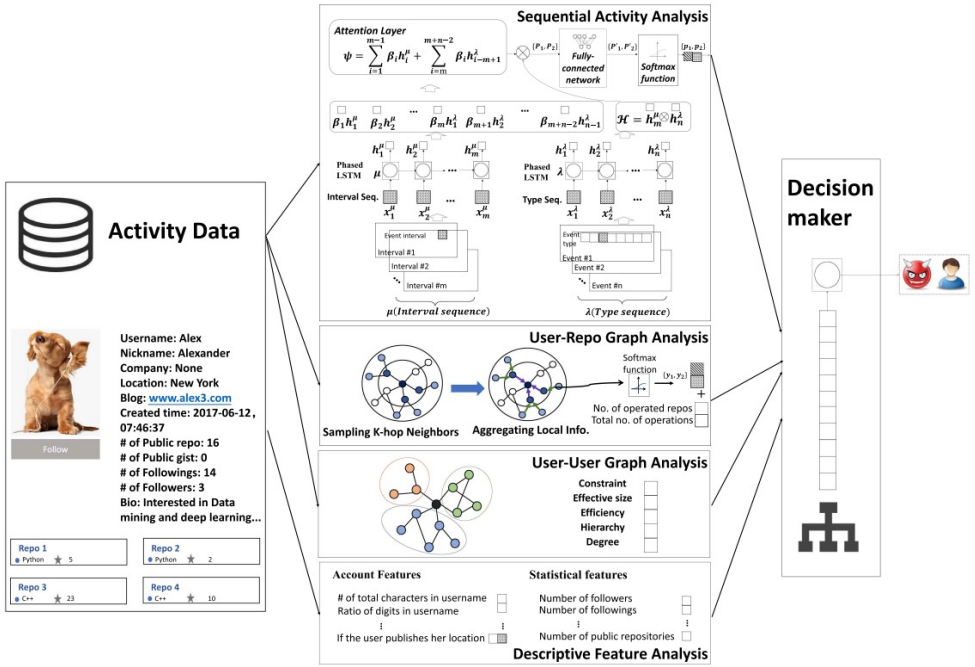
❖ Applications

Influence maximization

Innovation

Information propagation

❖ Case: Malicious User Detection on GitHub



Phased LSTM + Attention Mechanism + SH-Spanner Metrics

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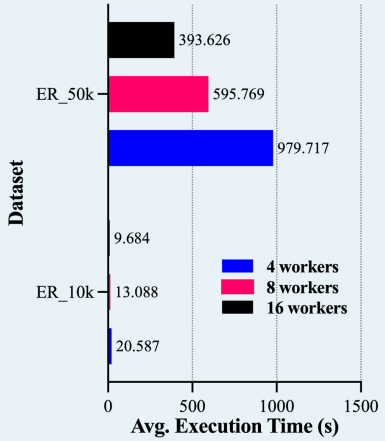
Performance of EasyGraph

❖ Enhancement by Multiprocessing

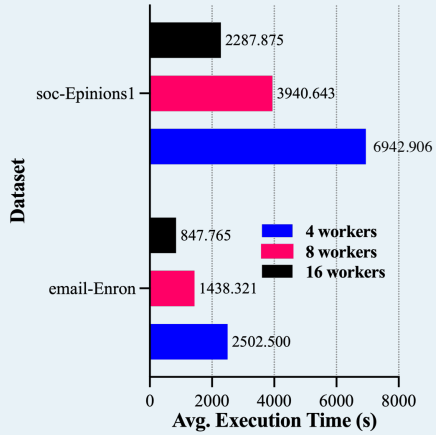
Network	#Nodes	#Edges	Avg. Degree	is directed
ER_10k	10,000	20,000	4.0	False
ER_50k	50,000	100,000	4.0	False
Email-Enron	36,692	183,831	10.0	True
Soc-Epinions1	75,879	508,837	13.4	True

Experiment Settings

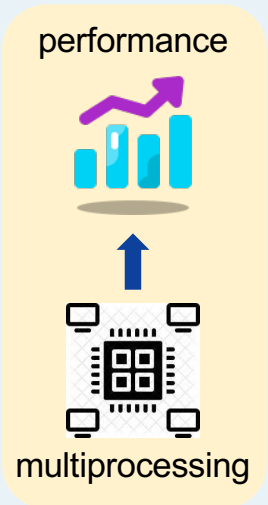
- Ubuntu 22.04 LTS
- Python: 3.11
- Python-EasyGraph:1.0
- Function: betweenness centrality
- #Cores: 4,8,16



betweenness centrality



betweenness centrality



Performance of EasyGraph

❖ Comparison among EasyGraph, igraph and

Network	#Nodes	#Edges	Avg. Degree	is directed
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ER_15k	15,000	30,000	4.1	True
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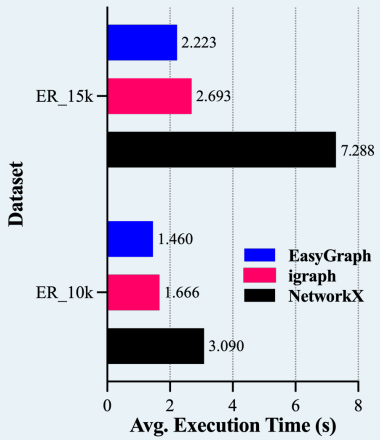
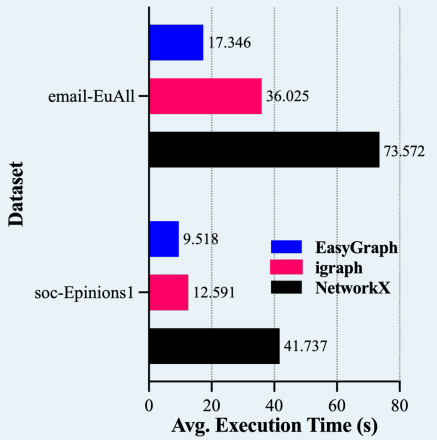
Experiment Settings

- Ubuntu 22.04 LTS
- Python: 3.11
- Python-EasyGraph:1.0
- igraph: 0.10.6
- NetworkX: 3.1
- Function: Finding paths



finding the shortest paths



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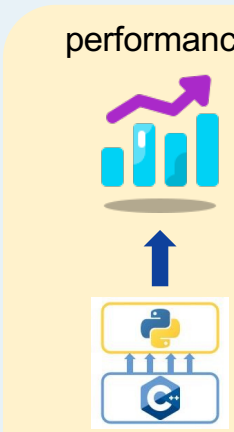

Optimization Techniques

❖ Dirty flag design pattern (Xu et al., 2019)

We use the dirty flag to **track the state** of variables during network analysis

❖ The singly-linked list data structure (Berdine et al., 2007)

We apply this data structure to **store information of adjacent nodes** in a network

❖ The segment tree data structure (Xu et al., 2020)

We introduce a segment tree **in Dijkstra's algorithm** to implement the identification of the **shortest paths**

❖ The Radix sorting algorithm (Kristo et al., 2020)

We choose this algorithm to **optimize the k-core function**

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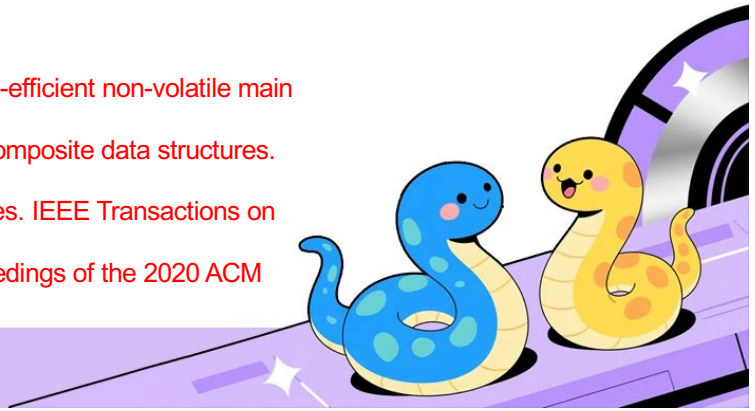
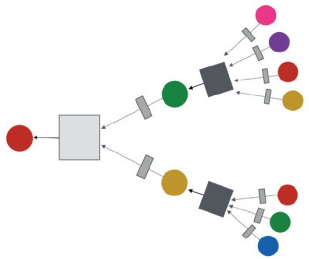
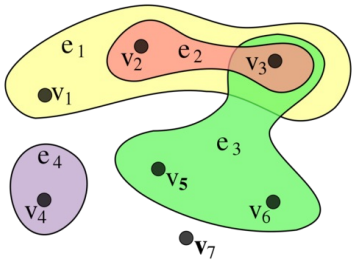


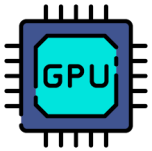
Key Elements of EasyGraph 2.0 Overview



EasyGNN



EasyHypergraph

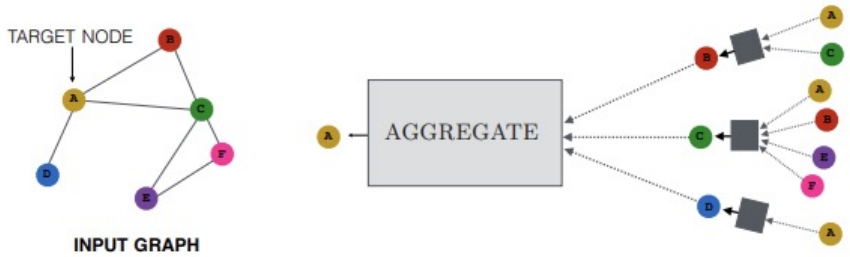


EGGPU

EasyGraph (Core)

Ongoing Work #1: EasyGNN

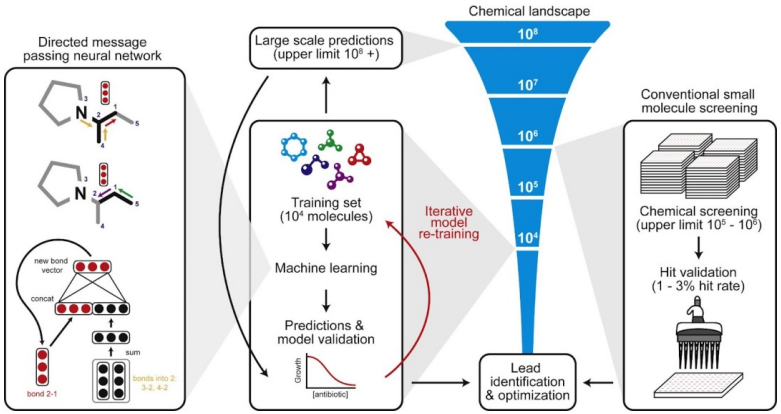
❖ GNN Models with Message Passing



❖ Representative GNN Models

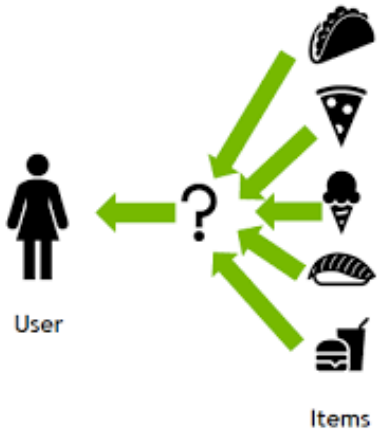
- GCN
- GAT
- GraphSAGE
- GRAND
- Graph Transformer
- ……

❖ GNN Applications



Drug discovery and synthesize chemical compounds

Social influence prediction

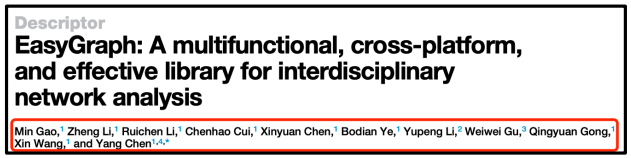


Recommendation systems

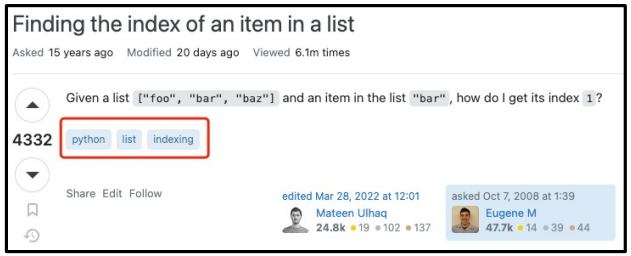
Ongoing Work #2: Group Interaction & Hypergraph Analysis

❖ Group Interactions are Everywhere

Collaborations of researchers

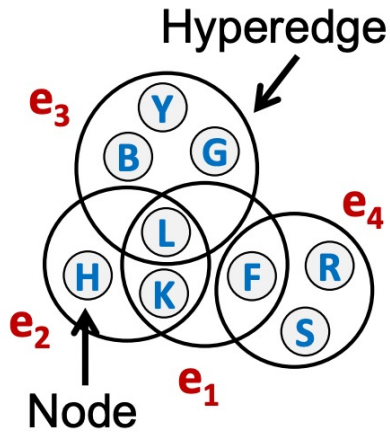


Tags in online Q&A sites



Group chats in WeChat

❖ Hypergraphs Model Group Interactions



Hypergraph analysis

- **structural metrics: degree, distance, etc**
- **hypergraph generators: random, uniform, etc**
- **hypergraph learning: HGNN [AAAI'19]**
- **.....**

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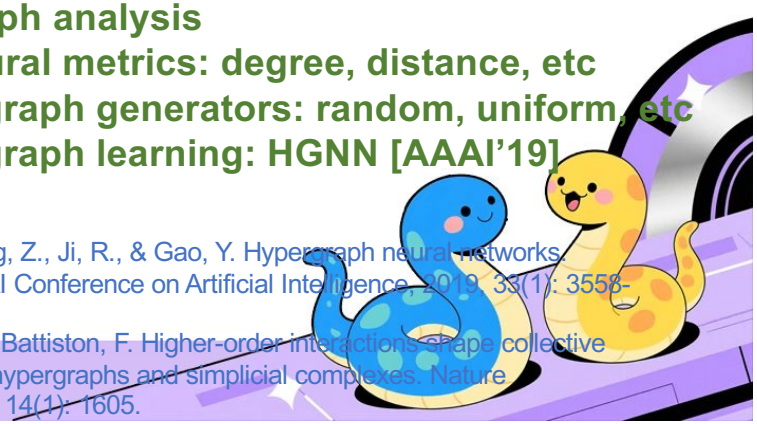
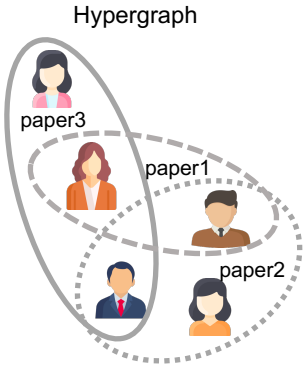


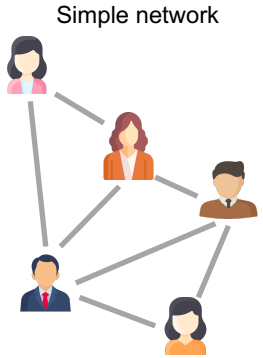
Ongoing Work #2: Group Interaction & Hypergraph Analysis

- **A Higher-order network** describes the interaction involving multiple entities.
- **Hypergraph** is one of the most typical representations of higher-order relationships.

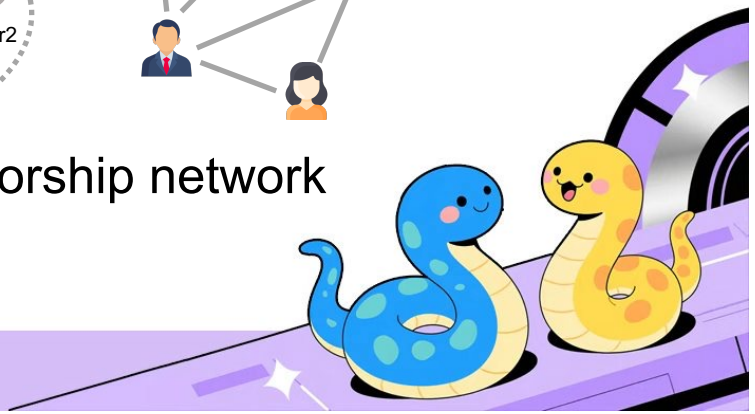
Group chats on WeChat

WeChat groups





Co-authorship network

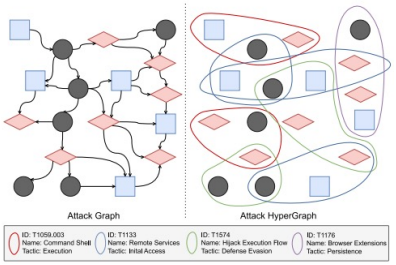


Ongoing Work #2: Group Interaction & Hypergraph Analysis

➢ Hypergraph analysis

The quantization and characterization of hypergraph structures at multiple scales

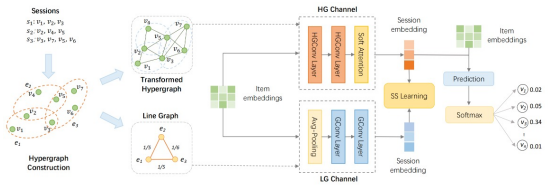
- ➢ Social science[1], Biochemistry [2] , Cybersecurity[3]

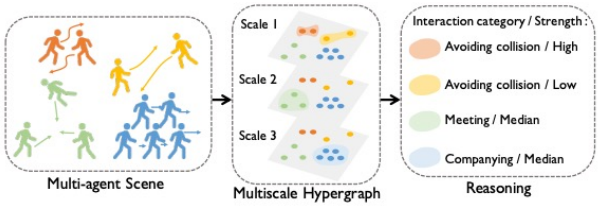


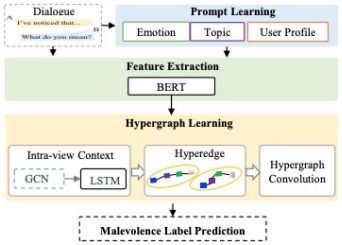
➢ Hypergraph learning

The node representation learning through HNNs

- ➢ Recommendation system[4] , Trajectory prediction[5], Natural Language Processing[6]







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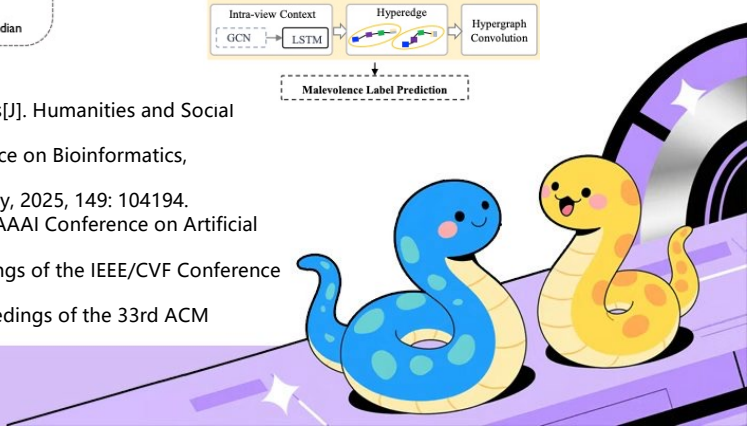
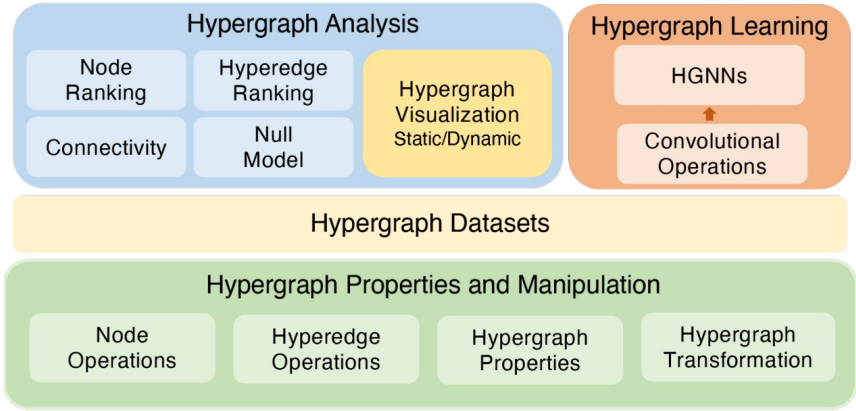
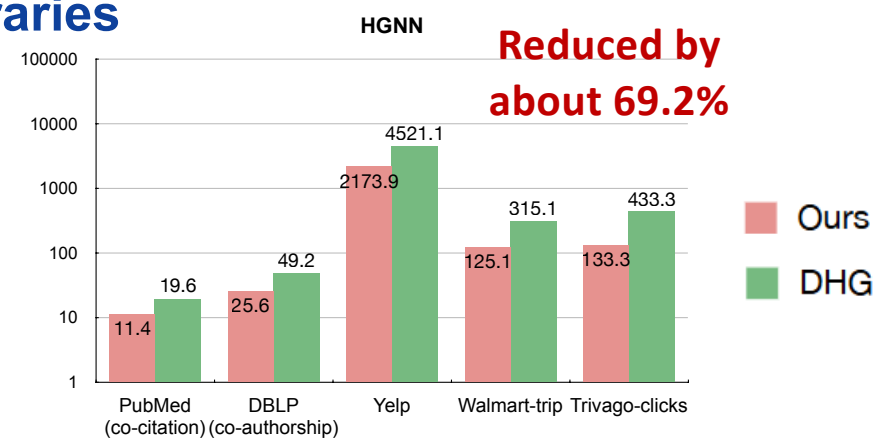


Ongoing Work #2: Group Interaction & Hypergraph Analysis

❖ Hypergraph function framework



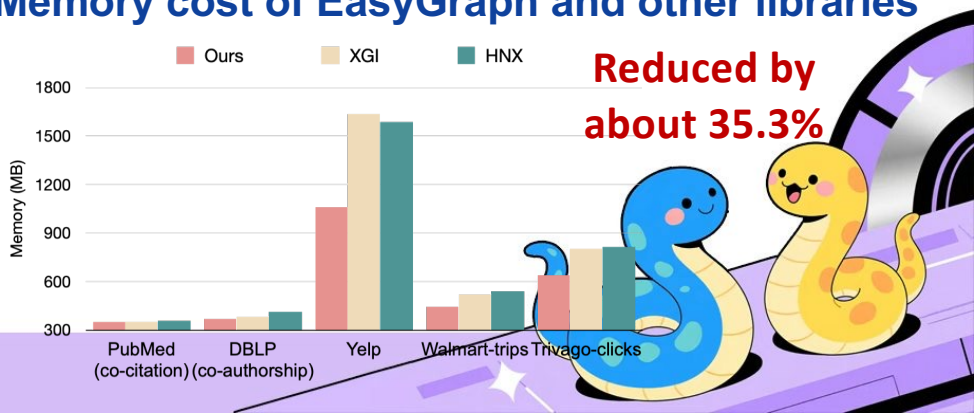
❖ Running time of EasyGraph and other libraries



❖ Hypergraph function comparison

Library	Hypergraph Analysis	Hypergraph Learning	Structure Visualization	Continuous Development
XGI	✓	-	✓	✓
HNX	✓	-	✓	✓
HGX	✓	-	✓	✓
Reticula	✓	-	-	✓
HyperX	✓	-	-	-
Halp	✓	-	-	-
DHG	-	✓	✓	✓
Ours	✓	✓	✓	✓

❖ Memory cost of EasyGraph and other libraries



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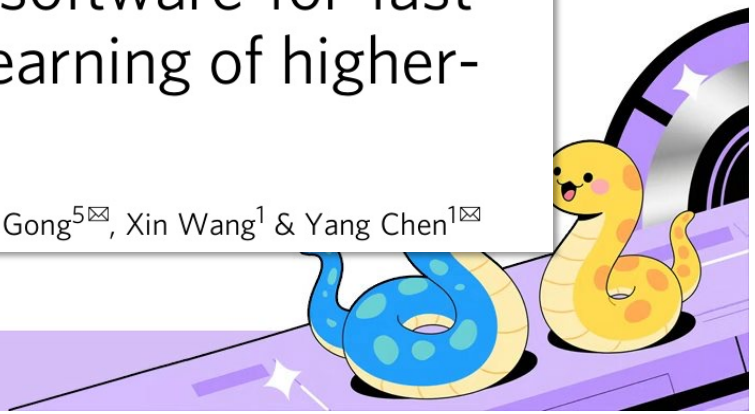
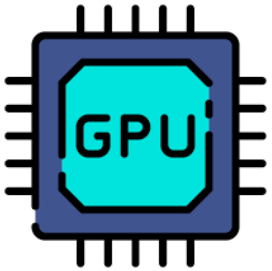


Ongoing Work #3: GPU-Enhanced Network Analysis

❖ GPU-based Performance Optimization



Selected Network Analysis Metrics

- closeness centrality
- betweenness centrality
- k-core centrality

Selected Network Analysis Algorithms

- graph traversal
- graph sampling

performance

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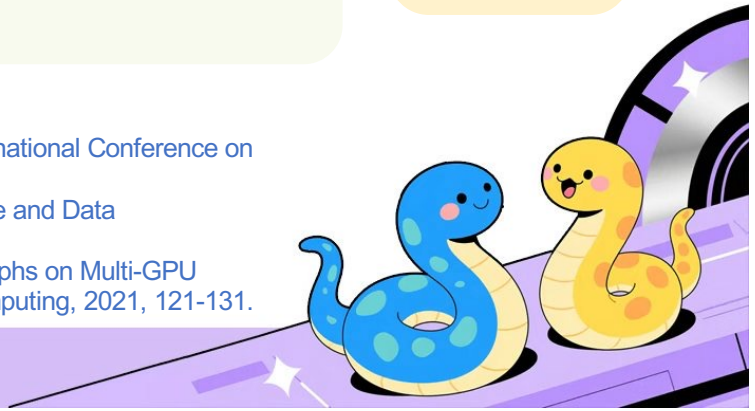

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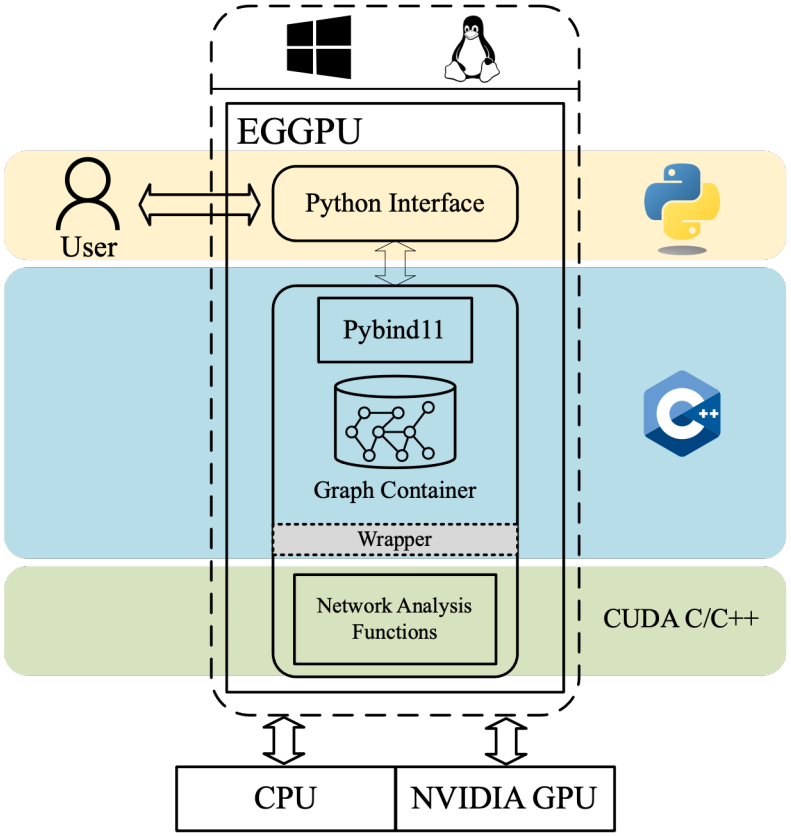


EGGPU Framework

User Interface Layer

- Developed in Python
- Provides Python API
- Relays commands to the following layer

Middleware Layer

- Built with C++
- Intermediary between the two layers
- Includes a graph container responsible for the loading, storage, and transformation of graphs

Computation Layer

- Powered by CUDA C/C++
- Supports various network analysis functions, including betweenness centrality, k-core centrality, and SSSP

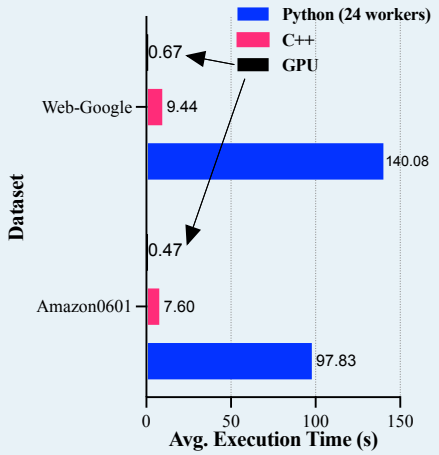
Ongoing Work #3: GPU-Enhanced Network Analysis

❖ GPU-based Performance Optimization

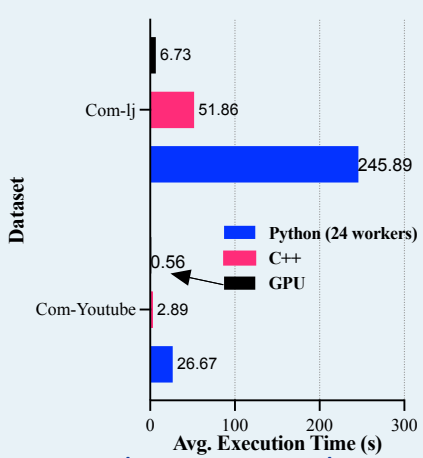
Network	#Nodes	#Edges	Avg. Degree	Is directed
Amazon0601	403,394	2,443,408	9.87	True
web-Google	875,713	4,322,051	12.11	True
com-Youtube	1,134,890	2,987,624	5.27	False
com-LiveJournal	3,997,962	34,681,189	17.35	False

Experiment Settings

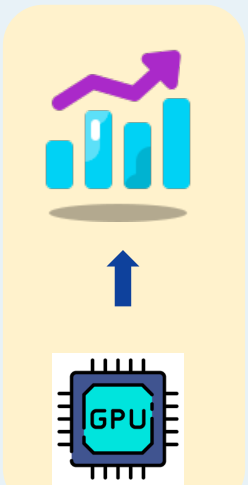
- Ubuntu 23.10 LTS
- Python: 3.10
- Python-EasyGraph:1.2
- Function: betweenness and k-core centrality
- GPU: GeForce RTX 4090



betweenness centrality



k-core centrality



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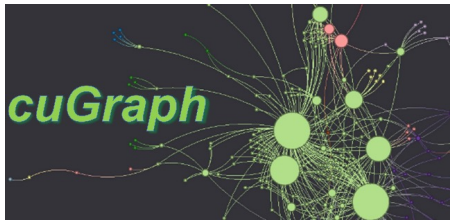

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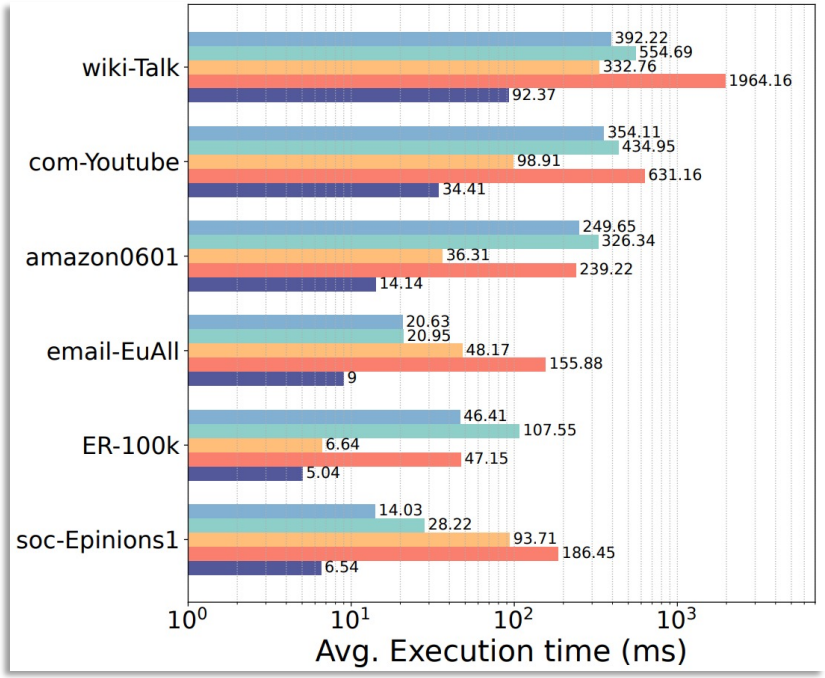

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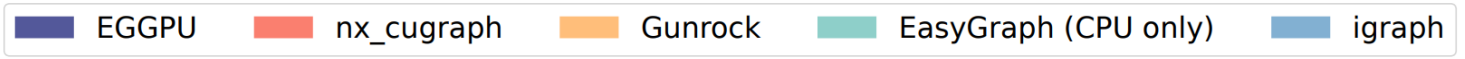
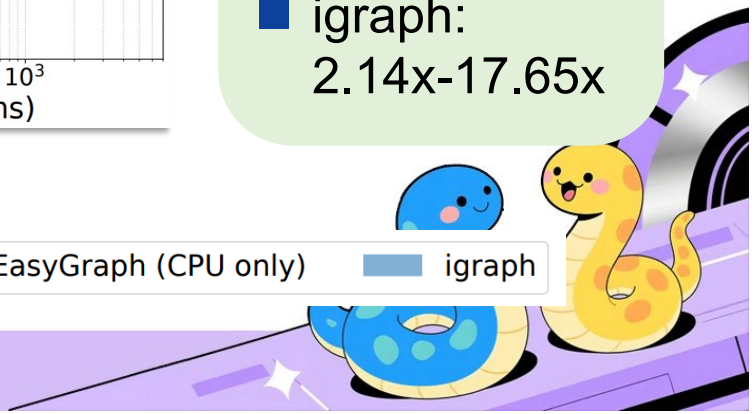


Performance Comparison

- nx_cugraph: 9.36x-28.49x
- Gunrock: 1.31x-14.32x
- EG(CPU only): 2.23x-23.07x
- igraph: 2.14x-17.65x



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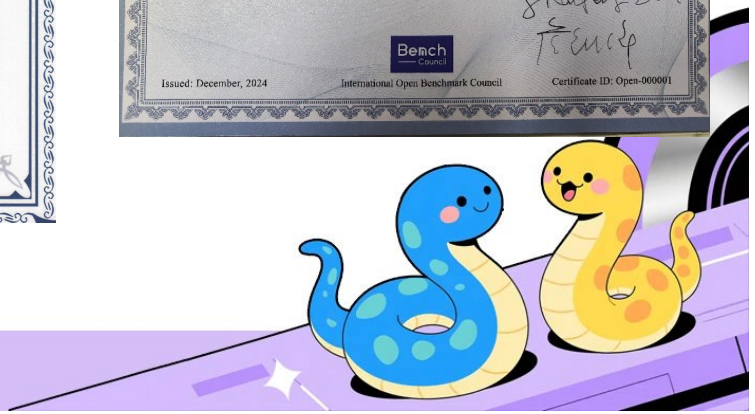

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Feedbacks

Impressed by your project!!! #134

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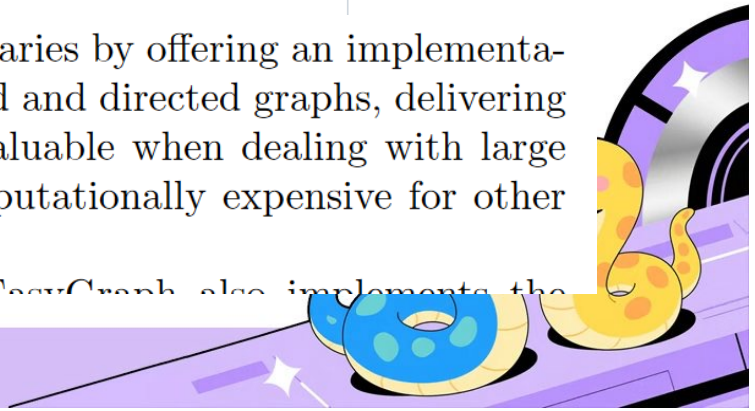
I recently started using this and I'm thoroughly impressed! The documentation is exceptionally clear and made it easy for me to get started. The API is intuitive, allowing me to integrate complex graph operations into my project.

Thank much for the passionate team behind this project, so excited to see how Easy-Graph evolves and looking forward to contributing to the community.

Anyway, great work!

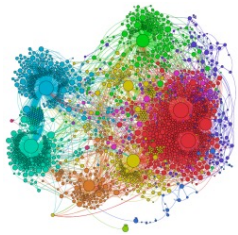
- EasyGraph stands out among network analysis libraries by offering an implementation of the effective size method for both undirected and directed graphs, delivering results in a timely manner. This is particularly valuable when dealing with large datasets, as the effective size method can be computationally expensive for other libraries.
- In addition to strongly connected components, EasyGraph also implements the



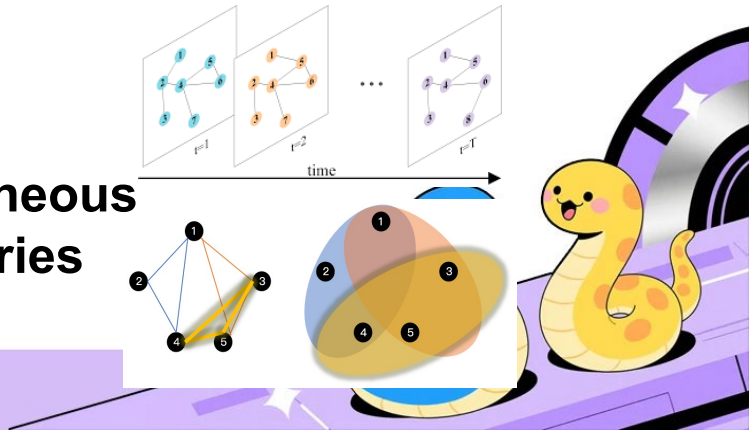
Limitations

- **EasyGraph does not currently support some less-popular functions** such as is_homorphic, LFR_benchmark_graph, and hypercube_graph, which **NetworkX** has already implemented

- **EasyGraph does not currently focus on functions for comprehensive visualization**, which are provided by **Gephi** and **Cytoscape**



- **EasyGraph has not yet incorporated some advanced network types** such as dynamic networks, bipartite networks, and heterogeneous networks. For might want to use other libraries for these networks.



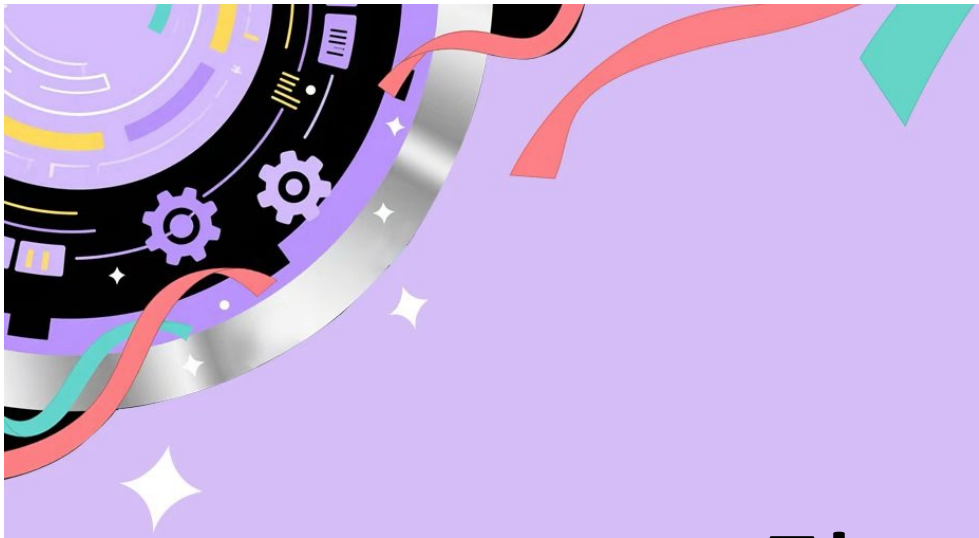
Conclusions and Future Work

Conclusions

- ✓ EasyGraph supports more formats of network data than other tools
- ✓ EasyGraph offers important specialized functions such as SHS detection and graph embedding
- ✓ For networks that contain more than thousands of nodes, EasyGraph outperforms other tools on several important network analysis tasks

Future Work

- ➢ Extend EasyGraph to support **more types of networks**
- ➢ Track and implement **more important algorithms** for SNA
- ➢ Deploy EasyGraph as a **cloud-based web service**



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