

Music recommendation systems: A complex networks perspective

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Never has so much music been heard...never has been so much music available















BMAT services the ICIC to promote catalan music internationally



Why Music Recommenders?

iTunes: 6M tracks P2P: 15B tracks

1% of tracks account for 80% of sales 3.6 million tracks sold less than 100 copies

Data from Nielsen Soundscan 'State of the (US) industry' 2007 report

• Help me find it! [Anderson, 2006]



Types of Recommenders



music recommendation approaches

- Expert-based
- Collaborative filtering
- Context-based
- Content-based
- Hybrid (combination)

music recommendation approaches

Expert-based



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[Resnick, 1994], [Shardanand, 1995], [Sarwar, 2001]

- Expert-based
- Collaborative filtering
 - User-Item matrix [Resnick, 1994], [Shardanand, 1995], [Sarwar, 2001]
 - $sim(i,j) = cos(\vec{i},\vec{j}) = \frac{\vec{i} \cdot \vec{j}}{\|i\| * \|j\|} = \frac{\sum_{u \in U} R_{u,i} R_{u,j}}{\sqrt{\sum_{u \in U} R_{u,i}^2} \sqrt{\sum_{u \in U} R_{u,j}^2}}$ Similarity Cosine $sim(i,j) = \frac{\sum_{u \in U} (R_{u,i} - \bar{R}_u)(R_{u,j} - \bar{R}_u)}{\sqrt{\sum_{u \in U} (R_{u,i} - \bar{R}_u)^2}} \sqrt{\sum_{u \in U} (R_{u,j} - \bar{R}_u)^2}}$ Adj. cosine $sim(i,j) = \frac{Cov(i,j)}{\sigma_i \sigma_j} = \frac{\sum_{u \in U} (R_{u,i} - \bar{R}_i)(R_{u,j} - \bar{R}_j)}{\sqrt{\sum_{u \in U} (R_{u,i} - \bar{R}_i)^2} \sqrt{\sum_{u \in U} (R_{u,j} - \bar{R}_j)^2}}$ Pearson SVD / NMF: matrix factorization Context-based **Content-based**

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Analyzing...

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Jamiroquai - Canned Heat

Mood: upbeat, energetic. Rhythm: 120bpm, no rubato, high percusiveness. Harmony: Dm. Instrumentation: no electronic, singing voice

Similar to: Sereia Mundo Azul.

- Expert-based
- Collaborative filtering
- Context-based
- Content-based
- Hybrid (combination)
 - Weighted
 - Cascade
 - Switching

Complex Networks

The problem of Konigsberg's bridges







Neural Networks





Food chain





Metabolic pathways





Internet A/S



Social Networks





From: R.V. Solé and S. Valverde, Lecture Notes in Physics, 650, 189, 2004

Information Theory of Complex Networks: On Evolution and Architectural Constraints

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Abstract. Complex networks are characterized by highly heterogeneous distributions of links, often pervading the presence of key properties such as robustness under node removal. Several correlation measures have been defined in order to characterize the structure of these nets. Here we show that mutual information, noise and joint entropies can be properly defined on a static graph. These measures are computed for a number of real networks and analytically estimated for some simple standard models. It is shown that real networks are clustered in a well-defined domain of the entropynoise space. By using simulated annealing optimization, it is shown that optimally heterogeneous nets actually operate on the possible universe of complex networks. The evolutionary implications are discussed.



Do recommenders differ? How?







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MSN	51,616	5.5	0.54	7.7	6.4	-0.07	2.4±.01	
Amazon	23,566	13.4	0.14	4.2	3.9	-0.06	2.3±.02	2.4±.04
Yahoo!	16,302	62.8	0.38	2.7	2.3	-0.21		
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Small-world: sparse, short distances and high Clustering coefficient. Watts& Strogatz, Nature 393, 440 (1998)



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Small-world: Good navigation properties Kleinberg, Nature 406:845 (2000) de Moura..., PRE 68, 036106 (2003)

Erdös-Rényi model (1960)



- Democratic
- Random

Connect with probability p

p=1/6 N=10 ⟨k ⟩ ~ 1.5 Pál Erdös (1913-1996) Poisson distribution


B.A. Scale Free Model

(1) GROWTH :

At every timestep we add a new node with m edges (connected to the nodes already present in the system).

 (2) PREFERENTIAL ATTACHMENT : The proceeding Π that a new node will be connected to node i depends on the connectivity κi of that node



A.-L.Barabási, R. Albert, Science 286, 509 (1999)



Network properties: $P_c(k)$



Network properties: $P_c(k)$



Power-law with γ_{msn} =2.4 and γ_{am} =2.3

Network properties: $P_c(k)$





MSN and Amazon are "scale-free" suggesting preferential attachment growth mechanism.

AMG and Yahoo are exponential or "single-scale",

Barabasi & Albert, Science 286, 509 (1999) Amaral & al., Proc Nat Acad Sci USA 97, 11149 (2000)



"Experimental Study of Inequality and Unpredictability in an Artificial Cultural Market" shows that social influence increases both inequality and unpredictability of music success.

Salganik, Dodds and Watts, Science 311, 5762 (2006)



Music Seer:

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Music Seer:

Art of the Mix:

	type	n	m	$\langle k \rangle$	С	C_r
ArtOfTheMix	undirected	48,170	300,708	12.5	0.1	0.003
MusicSeer	directed	6,144	10,219	2.9	0.02	$4.7.10^{-4}$





Major recommendation networks are small world. Collaborative-filtering networks, biased by popularity, are scale-free Human supervised networks, with stress on musically similarity are exponential.

Recommendation and Musicians networks

Similarity and collaboration networks



	Similarity	v network	Collaboration network		
	\mathbf{entire}	intersection	entire	intersection	
n	32377	8509	34724	8509	
m	117621	24950	123122	20232	
size of S_0	30384~(94%)	7219~(85%)	30945~(89%)	6054~(71%)	
$\bar{d} (d_{\max})$	6.5(22)	6.0(20)	6.4(23)	6.3(19)	
C	0.185~(18.5%)	0.178~(17.8%)	0.182(18.2%)	0.171 (17.1%)	
	131	55	508	143	
k_{\max}	R.E.M.	Eric Clapton	P. Da Costa	P. Da Costa	
				R. Van Gelder	
highest-betweenness	Sting	Sting	P. Da Costa	P. Da Costa	
artist					



Small World Networks



Collaboration: Scale-Free Similarity: Exponential

(Social networks use to be scale-free)

Collaboration: Not assortative Similarity: Assortative

(Social networks use to be assortative)

Community structure in social and biological networks

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The Girvan-Newman algorithm





Community structure in similarity/collaboration networks



Community structure in similarity networks



Splitting the network



Jazz community



Rock community





Similarity

Collaboration



Identifying roles from community structures

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Functional cartography of complex metabolic networks

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High-throughput techniques are leading to an explosive growth in the size of biological databases and creating the opportunity to revolutionize our understanding of life and disease. Interpretation of these data remains, however, a major scientific challenge. Here, we propose a methodology that enables us to extract

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¿Is it possible to evaluate functionality from topologial properties?

Within-module connectivity:

 $z_i = \frac{\kappa_i - \bar{\kappa_{s_i}}}{\sigma_{\kappa_{s_i}}}$

Participation coeficient:

$$P_i = 1 - \sum_{s=1}^{N_M} \left(\frac{\kappa_{is}}{k_i}\right)^2$$



(Figures from R. Guimerà et al., Nature 433, 895 2005)

Identifying roles in music networks



Collaboration cartography



Music similarity cartography



Some conclusions

The analysis of community structures gives additional information about the understanding of music networks.

We can identify/assign the role of leader artists just by looking at the topological properties of the network.

Results can be a source of information for designing optimal recommendation algorithms.

How far into the Long Tail?

• Help me find it! [Anderson, 2006]



3 Artist similarity (directed) networks "people who listen to X also listen to Y" CB: Content-based Audio similarity "X and Y sound similar" • EX: Human expert-based (AllMusicGuide) "X similar to (or influenced by) Y"

Property	${ m CF}~(Last.fm)$	\mathbf{CB}	Expert-based (AMG)
N	$122,\!801$	59,583	$74,\!494$
$\langle k angle$	14.13	19.80	5.47
$\left< d_d \right> \left(\left< d_r \right> ight)$	5.64(4.42)	4.48(4.30)	5.92~(6.60)
D	10	7	9
SGC	99.53%	99.97%	95.80%
γ_{in}	$2.31(\pm 0.22)$	$1.61(\pm 0.07)$	$NA \ (exp. \ decay)$
r	0.92	0.14	0.17
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• Small-world networks [Watts & Strogatz, 1998]

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Network traverse in a few clicks

Indegree – avg. neighbor indegree correlation

r = Pearson correlation [Newman, 2002]

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- Indegree avg. neighbor indegree correlation
 - Last.fm presents assortative mixing (homophily)

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Last.fm is a scale-free network [Barabasi, 2000]

 power law exponent for the cumulative indegree distribution [Clauset, 2007]

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But, still some remaining questions...

Are the hubs the most popular artists?

How can we navigate along the Long Tail, using the artist similarity network?















Expert: correlation between Kin and playcounts

r = 0.475 CF





"From Hits to Niches"



• "From Hits to Niches"

Audio CB similarity example (VIDEO)



"From Hits to Niches"
Audio CB similarity example
Bruce Springsteen (14,433,411 plays)
The Rolling Stones (27,720,169 plays)
Mike Shupp (577 plays)

"From Hits to Niches"

Audio CB similarity example





navigation in the Long Tail

Method	$a_i \to a_j$	Head	Mid	Tail
	Head	45.32%	54.68%	0%
CF top-20	Mid	5.43%	71.75%	22.82%
	Tail	0.24%	17.16%	82.60%
	Head	6.46%	64.74%	28.80%
CB top-20	Mid	4.16%	59.60%	36.24%
	Tail	2.83%	47.80%	49.37%
	Head	5.82%	60.92%	33.26%
Expert	Mid	3.45%	$\overline{61.63\%}$	$\overline{3}4.92\%$
	Tail	1.62%	44.83%	53.55%

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- navigation in the Long Tail
 - Last.fm Markov transition matrix

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CF top-20	Mid	5.43%	71.75%	22.82%
	Tail	0.24%	17.16%	82.60%
	Head	6.46%	64.74%	28.80%
CB top -20	Mid	4.16%	59.60%	36.24%
	Tail	2.83%	47.80%	49.37%
	Head	5.82%	60.92%	33.26%
Expert	Mid	3.45%	$\overline{61.63\%}$	34.92%
	Tail	1.62%	44.83%	53.55%

navigation in the Long Tail

<u>Last.fm Markov transition matrix</u>



navigation in the Long Tail • From **Head** to **Tail**, with P(T|H) > 0.4Number of clicks needed CF : 5 CB : 2 EXP: 2

How do users perceive novel, non-obvious recommendations?

Survey

288 participants

Method: blind music recommendation.

no metadata (artist name, songoitle)

only 30 sec. aur pexcerpt

3 approaches: CF CB **HY**brid User profile: last.fm, top-10 artists Procedure Do you recognize the song? Rating: [1..5]

Overall results

Method	Case	%	Avg.Rating (Stdev)
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\mathbf{CF}	$Recall \ only \ A$	12.81	$3.88(\pm 0.99)$
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HY	$Recall \ only \ A$	10.95	$3.67(\pm 1.18)$
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	Recall A & S	10.50	$4.56(\pm 1.21)$
CB	Recall only A	8.53	$3.61(\pm 1.10)$
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Familiar recommendations (Artist & Song)

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