#### **Generalized Matrix Factorizations**



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#### **Community detection**



#### **Rank-1 matrices**

- (Bi-)cliques are rank-1 submatrices
  - Collection of rank-1 submatrices summarizes the graph using its cliques
- Matrix factorizations express the (complex) input as a sum of rank-1 matrices

$$\bullet \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{a}_1\mathbf{b}_1^T + \mathbf{a}_2\mathbf{b}_2^T + \cdots + \mathbf{a}_k\mathbf{b}_k^T$$

 Matrix factorizations summarize complex data using simple patterns

# **Beyond blocks**

- Cliques are not the only (graph) patterns
- Biclique cores, stars, chains
  - Koutra et al., SDM '14.
- Nested graphs
  - e.g. Junttila '11, Kötter et al., WWW '15
- Hyperbolic communities
  - Araujo et al., ECML PKDD '14







# Limitations of matrix factorization

- The matrix-factorization language is useful
  - Recycle ideas, approaches, and results
- But the other patterns are not rank-1 matrices
  - It is not easy to express a collection of nested matrices as a matrix factorization

#### **Generalized outer products**

Rank-1 matrix = outer product of two vectors

•  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}^{\mathsf{T}}$ 

Define generalized outer product



• 
$$o(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \theta)_{ij} = x_i y_j$$
 or 0

#### Example: biclique core



#### **Example: nested matrix**



#### **Generalized decompositions**

- Recall,  $\mathbf{X} \approx \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{b}_1^T + \mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{b}_2^T + \dots + \mathbf{a}_k \mathbf{b}_k^T$ is a decomposition of  $\mathbf{X}$
- The generalized decomposition of X is

 $\boldsymbol{X} \approx \boldsymbol{F}_1 \boxplus \boldsymbol{F}_2 \boxplus \cdots \boxplus \boldsymbol{F}_k, \quad \boldsymbol{F}_i = o(\boldsymbol{x}_i, \boldsymbol{y}_i, \theta_i)$ 

- - sum, AND, OR, XOR, ...

#### o-induced rank

- The smallest k s.t.  $X = F_1 \boxplus ... \boxplus F_k$  is the o-induced rank of X
  - Analogous to the standard (Schein) rank
- Can be infinite if the matrix cannot be expressed (exactly) with that kind of outer products
  - If the outer product can generate a matrix that has exactly one nonzero at arbitrary position, it's induced rank is always bounded

# Decomposability

- Outer product o is **decomposable** (to f) if, for some f,  $o(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \theta)_{ij} = f(x_i, y_j, i, j, \theta)$ 
  - Then we have

$$x_{ij} = \bigoplus_{l=1}^{k} f(x_{il}, y_{lj}, i, j, \theta)$$

as in standard matrix multiplication

### Nice work, but ... why?

- So, we can express complex patterns using some weird functions
- What's the advantage?
- Using the common language, it's easy to see how some results (and techniques) can be generalized as well

- ...to find the maximum-circumference pattern?
- I.e. given **A**, find **x**, **y**, and  $\theta$  s.t.  $o(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \theta) \in \mathbf{A}$  and you maximize  $|\mathbf{x}| + |\mathbf{y}|$ 
  - If o is hereditary and the pattern can have infinitely many distinct rows and columns, NP-hard
  - If there's only fixed number of distinct rows or columns, the problem is in P
  - If  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$  is required, then it's almost always NP-hard

- ...to select the smallest subset that gives an exact summarization?
- I.e. given a set  $S = \{F_i : rank(F_i) = 1\}$ ,  $\boxplus_{F \in S} F = X$ , find the the smallest  $C \subseteq S$  s.t.  $\boxplus_{F \in C} F = X$ 
  - NP-hard for  $\blacksquare \in \{AND, OR, XOR\}$
  - hard to approximate within ln(n) for OR and within superpolylogarithmic for XOR

- ...to compute the rank?
- Well, that depends... (on the underlying algebra)
- Doesn't depend (only) on the outer product
  - E.g. normal outer product is NP-hard for OR but in P for XOR

- ...to find the decomposition of fixed size that minimizes the error?
- NP-hard if computing the rank is
- NP-hard to approximate to within superpolylogarithmic factors for OR and XOR

#### Conclusions

- Matrix factorizations are sort-of mixture models
  - Present complex data as an aggregate of simpler parts
- Generalized outer products let us represent more than just cliques as "rank-1" matrices
  - And allow to generalize many results from cliques

#### Future

- More work is needed to see what is the correct level of generality for the outer products
- Results for numerical data?
- Framework with no users isn't very useful...



Questions?