# Graph Exploration w/ Neo4j



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## Graph exploration

**Efficiently extracting knowledge** from **graph** data even if we do not know exactly what we are looking for

Graph Exploration: From Users to Large Graphs. CIKM 2016, SIGMOD 2017, KDD 2018

#### **Graph Exploration Stack**

Users



**GRAPH EXPLORATION** 

Easy Active Search in Graphs UAI'18\* Graph Embeddings from similarities WWW'18, KDD'18

Importance-based Subgraph Mining EDBT'18 Exemplar Queries VLDB'14, VLDBJ'16, ICDE'18 Notable Characteristic Search EDBT'18

Graph Query Reformulation KDD '15 Faceted search on Graphs planned 2018

Adaptive Databases

Interactive algorithms

Intuitive queries

Graph

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#### Graph Exploration in Biology - Complex Graphs



#### Graph Exploration in Biology - Status Quo



## Can we do better?

#### Problem

• Given two node sets:

How similar are they in my understanding?

- Example
  - $\rightarrow$  Set of movies I like
  - $\rightarrow$  Set of movies I don't know
  - $\rightarrow$  Will I like the movies I don't know?





### What is a Knowledge Graph?

- (directed) graph G :  $\langle V, E, \phi, \psi \rangle$ , where
  - $\circ$  V is a set of nodes,
  - $E \subseteq V \times V$  is a set of edges,
  - $\circ \quad \phi: V \to L_V$  is an edge labeling function and
  - $\circ \quad \psi : E \to L_{_E} \text{ is a node labeling function}$

We refer to the elements of  $\rm L_V$  and  $\rm L_E$  as node labels and edge labels



#### What are Meta-Paths?

A meta-path for a path  $\langle n_1, ..., n_t \rangle$ ,  $n_i \in V$ ,  $1 \le i \le t$  is a sequence  $P : \langle \phi(n_1), \psi(n_1, n_2), ..., \psi(n_{t-1}, n_t), \phi(n_t) \rangle$  that alternates **node- and edge-types** along the path.



#### Motivating Example

#### Q: How famous is Diane Kruger in America?



#### How similar are they?

- Similarity depends on
  - expert knowledge
  - connections among nodes





**Overview** 

#### What does the System do and how?



#### **Approximate Meta-Paths**

*Problem:* How to compute all meta-paths fast?

*Approx. Solution*: Mine meta-paths using the graph's schema and learn classifier on real meta-paths



### Learning a Meta-Path Embedding

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Solution: Embed meta-paths

 $\rightarrow$  Similar meta-paths should have similar vectors.

*Our method*: Transfer text embedding method to meta-paths.



#### Learn the Domain Value of all Meta-Paths

- Problem: Users don't want to rate all meta-paths
  - $\rightarrow$  too many
  - $\rightarrow$  time-consuming
  - $\rightarrow$  tedious and boring
- Solution: Label only a few, but very informative paths



#### **Use Learned Preferences for Graph Exploration**



#### Personalized Node Embedding



#### Personalized Exploration Tool



#### System Architecture - How does it work with Neo4j?



#### **Meta-Paths Computation**

#### What about neo4j?

- Easy to get your code running in neo4j.
- Neo4j-graph-algorithms: efficiency vs convenience.
- Sometimes no stack-trace when an error occurs.
- Great support and community. Always available.
- Cypher: Easy to begin with, hard to master.



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