# A Label Inference Method Based on Maximal Entropy Random Walk over Graphs

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Abstract. With the rapid development of Internet, graphs have been widely used to model the complex relationships among various entities in real world. However, the labels on the graphs are always incomplete. The accurate label inference is required for many real applications such as personalized service and product recommendation. In this paper, we propose a novel label inference method based on maximal entropy random walk. The main idea is that a small number of vertices in graphs propagate their labels to other unlabeled vertices in a way of random walk with the maximal entropy guidance. We give the algorithm and analyze the time and space complexities. We confirm the effectiveness of our algorithm through conducting experiments on real datasets.

Keywords: Label inference · Random walk · Maximal entropy

### 1 Introduction

With the rapid development of Internet, graphs have been widely used to model the complex relationships among various entities in real applications including social network, web graph and biology. These graphs are always with labels. For an example of social network, every people is represented by a vertex in the graph. The vertices may be with the labels to indicate the hobbies, occupations or other attributes for their representing people. As another example of protein interaction network, the labels on the vertices indicate the types of the protein. These graphs are called as labeled graphs. However, due to the limitation of information collection and the existence of noise, the labels on graphs are always incomplete, i.e., only a fraction of the vertices are attached with the labels on the graph and the remaining ones are unknown. For the example, in Sina Weibo, which is the largest micro-blog platform in China, only 20 % - 30 % users exhibit the labels about their occupations. Therefore, inferring the labels for the vertices in graphs is a critical problem in many applications.

Consider a concrete application of social network, e.g., Sina Weibo, an internet enterprise tries to provide more personalized service for the users according to the users' information such as their hobbies, occupations and so on. However, only a small amount of information or labels are explicitly provided by rarely users themselves due to the privacy or other concerns, then an effective label

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inference mechanism is required to infer the missing labels for the remaining users. By the accurate label inference, more personalized services such as product and content recommendation may be provided for the targeting customers. It improves the user experience effectively.

Over the last several years, there have been an increasing interest in label inference from the graphs. The first category of these works focuses on building a classifier to distinguish the vertices with the distinct labels in a network [8,12,14]. For these methods, the sufficient background knowledge is necessary for extracting features from the users [6,18]. Specially, an actual and reliable sub-network is required as a training dataset including all the kinds of labels. However, such sub-network is difficult to find out, even it may be not exist. The other category is a community detection method to identify the group affiliation for the individuals in the network [17]. The individuals in the same group are deem as with the uniform labels. Homophily [13] is a common assumption in these methods to infer user labels, i.e., the similar users tend to interact with each other directly. Hence the users with the similar labels are aggregated naturally to a community by one-hop interactions.

In this paper, we study the problem of identifying the labels for all the vertices in the labeled graphs. The main idea of our label inference mechanism is that a small number of labeled vertices propagate their labels to the entire network in a way of random walk under the guidance by the maximal entropy model. Different to the previous methods, our method does not require too much background knowledge or training sub-networks. On the other hand, homophily assumption is not necessary, that is, it allows the users with the same label appear in the network dispersedly but not in some community.

The main contributions of this paper are summarized as below. First, we propose a novel label inference model based on the maximal entropy random walk. Second, we give the algorithm to infer labels with our model and analyze the time and space complexities of our algorithm. Our algorithm can handle both undirected and directed graphs. Finally, we confirm the effectiveness of our algorithm through conducting experiments on real datasets by compared with SVM, Homophily, and traditional random walk algorithms.

The rest of the paper is organized as follow. Section 2 defines the problem. Section 3 proposes the random walk model with the maximal entropy guidance. The label inference algorithm is given in Sect. 4. The experimental results on real networks are presented in Sect. 5. The related works are introduced in Sect. 6. Finally, we conclude this paper in Sect. 7.

## 2 Problem Statement

A labeled graph is a simple directed graph, denoted as  $G = (V, E, \Sigma, L)$ , where V is the set of vertices and E is the set of edges in G. The total number of nodes is n. Each edge  $e \in E$  is represented by (u, v),  $u, v \in V$ . e is called u's outgoing edge or v's incoming edge and v (or u) is called u (or v)'s outgoing(or incoming) neighbor.  $\Sigma$  is the set of all the labels in G. L is a label function mapping V to  $\Sigma$ . Each L(u) is a label in  $\Sigma$ , i.e.  $L(u) \in \Sigma$ . For example, in Sina Weibo, a user u

Notation	Description	
G(V, E)	structure of the graph	
$\Sigma, V_s, L$	label set, labeled vertex set, label function mapping V to $\Sigma$	
T(u)	label-weight set on vertex $u$	
$w_x(u)$	the probability that vertex $u$ has the label $x$	
$p_{i,j}^{(k)}$	transition probability at the k-th iteration of maximal entropy random walk	
$\overline{N^+(v_i), N^-(v_i)}$	outgoing neighbor set of $v_i$ , incoming neighbor set of $v_i$	
$H(v_j)$	entropy value of $v_j$	
$w_x(v_i, v_j)$	probability that $v_i$ have the label $l_x$ propagated by its incoming neighbor $v_i$	





Table 2. Labels on vertices in Fig. 1

ID	Name	Label
1	Fiona	Manager
2	Philip	Programmer
3	Jeffrey	Human Resource
4	Mike	Programmer
5	Abby	Manager

Fig. 1. An example graph from a company

may have an occupation label as "Manager", then L(u) = "Manager". Note that all the labels in  $\Sigma$  are with the same type, e.g., "Manager" and "Programmer" are two labels about the same label type "occupation". In real applications, a user may has several labels with different types. In the following, we first focus on the case that every vertex has a label with the same type and we will discuss how to deal with the general case that every vertex may have the labels with several types in Sect. 4.3. Our work can be easily extended to handle undirected graphs, in which an undirected edge (u, v) is equivalent to two directed edges (u, v) and (v, u) (Table 1).

Figure 1 illustrates an example graph in a social network. There are five users in this graph that are staffs in software company and the labels about their occupations are shown in Table 2. In this example, the occupation of Fiona is "Manager", so she is labeled in "Manager".

**Problem Statement:** Given a labeled graph  $G = (V, E, \Sigma, L)$  and the labeled vertex set  $V_s$  where  $V_s \subset V$ , i.e., only the labels on the vertices in  $V_s$  is known, and our work is to infer L(u) for every vertex  $u \in V - V_s$ .

## 3 Inference Model Based on Maximal Entropy Random Walk

#### 3.1 Framework

In this section, we introduce the framework of our label inference model as shown in Fig. 2. The input is  $G(V, E, \Sigma, L)$  and  $V_s$ , which describe the structure of the



Fig. 2. The framework of label inference model

entire graph G(V, E) and the labeled vertex set respectively. The main idea of our method is propagating the labels from the vertices in  $V_s$  to the unlabeled vertices in the way of random walk. It is worth noting that an unlabeled vertex  $v \in V - V_s$ may become a vertex with several labels in the random walk process.  $\Sigma$  is the set of all the possible labels in graph  $G, \Sigma = \{l_1, \dots, l_p\}$ , then every vertex in G only has a label from  $\Sigma$ . We use a tuple set  $T(u) = \{ \langle l_x, w_x(u) \rangle | 1 \leq x \leq p \}$ to denote the labels  $l_x$   $(1 \le x \le p)$  on vertex u with the corresponding weight  $w_x(u)$ . T(u) is called label-weight set of u. Here,  $w_x(u)$  indicates the probability that vertex u has the label  $l_x$  and  $\sum_{x=1}^p w_x(u) = 1$ . For every vertex  $u \in V_s$ , if it has a label  $l_{x_1}$ , then  $w_{x_1}(u) = 1$  and  $w_x(u) = 0$  for  $x \neq x_1$  and  $1 \leq x \leq p$ . For every vertex  $u \in V - V_s$ ,  $w_x(u)$  is initialized as  $\frac{1}{p}$  for  $1 \leq x \leq p$ . It means u may have p labels with the same probability at the beginning. The value of  $w_x(u)$   $(1 \le x \le p)$  for every vertex is updated iteratively after every one step random walk and  $w_x(u)$  becomes larger and larger if u has the label  $l_x$  in real world. We discuss how to update  $w_x(u)$  in Sect. 3.3. Moreover, the random walk is under the guidance of maximal entropy. After every one step random walk, our algorithm computes the entropy value for every vertex  $v \in V - V_s$ . For every vertex u in G, the transition probability from u to all its outgoing neighbors in the next one step random walk is calculated according to the entropy values of all the outgoing neighbors of u. Finally, when the convergence is satisfied, the random walk terminates, and the label set L(u) for every vertex  $u \in V_s$  can be inferred by its T(u).

#### 3.2 One by One Step Random Walk

A random walk is a mathematical formalization of a path that consists of a succession of random steps. Give a directed graph G(V, E), where the number of the vertex is n = |V|. Graph G can be represented as a  $n \times n$  symmetric adjacency matrix M, where  $m_{i,j}$  is an entry of M at the *i*-th row and the *j*-th column.

Then  $m_{i,j} = 1$  if  $(v_i, v_j) \in E$  otherwise  $m_{i,j} = 0$  for  $v_i, v_j \in V$ . The degree of a vertex  $v_i$  is denoted as  $d_i = \sum_{j=1}^n m_{i,j}$ . Let  $D = \text{diag}(d_1, \cdots, d_n)$  be a diagonal matrix of vertex degree. A traditional random work on G can be defined utilizing the transition matrix  $P = D^{-1}M$  with entries  $p_{i,j} = \frac{m_{i,j}}{d_i}$ .  $p_{i,j}$  is called the transition probability from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$  by one step random walk and P is called the initial transition probability matrix. Let  $P^{(k)}$  denote the transition probability matrix  $P^{(k+1)}$  of (k+1)-th step random walk can be calculated as  $P^{(k+1)} = P^k \times P$ . An entry  $p_{i,j}^{(k)}$  in  $P^{(k)}$  is the transition probability from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$  by k step random walk.

In our algorithm, the labels are propagated in the way of random walk one by one step. At each iteration, a vertex  $v_i$  propagates its labels in  $T(v_i)$  by one step random walk. Let  $v_j$  is an outgoing neighbor of  $v_i$ . The entropy value of  $v_j$  is calculated by  $T(v_j)$ . Then the transition probability  $p_{i,j}$  from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$ by next one step random walk is calculated according to the entropy values of all  $v_i$ 's outgoing neighbors. Different to the traditional random walk, the transition probability  $p_{i,j}$  for one step random walk is not an uniform value in our method, that is,  $p_{i,j}$  for the k-th and (k + 1)-th iteration are different. We use  $p_{i,j}^{(k)}$  to denote the transition probability at the k-th iteration. With  $p_{i,j}^{(k)}$ , all  $v_j$ 's incoming neighbors propagate their labels to  $v_j$  and then  $T(v_j)$  is updated. The initial transition probability  $p_{i,j}^{(1)}$  form  $v_i$  to  $v_j$  is given below.

$$p_{i,j}^{(1)} = \frac{I(v_i, v_j)}{\sum_{v_j \in N^+(v_i)} I(v_i, v_j)}$$
(1)

Where  $N^+(v_i)$  is the outgoing neighbor set of  $v_i$  and  $I(v_i, v_j)$  is parameter used to reflect the closeness between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ . The value of  $I(v_i, v_j)$  can be given by the real application requirement. For example, in DBLP dataset,  $I(v_i, v_j)$  is the number of the papers in which researcher  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  are co-author. If there is no requirement about  $I(v_i, v_j)$ , then  $I(v_i, v_j) = 1$  for every pair of vertex  $v_i$ and  $v_j$  in G.

#### 3.3 Updating Label-Weight Set Under Maximal Entropy Guidance

In this section, we discuss how to compute the transition probability  $p_{i,j}^{(k)}$  under maximal entropy guidance and how to update  $T(v_j)$  for every vertex  $v_j \in V - V_s$ . We introduce the maximal entropy for computing the transition probability  $p_{i,j}^{(k)}$ which is well known in information theory. Without loss of generality, at k-th iteration, every vertex  $v_j$  is with a label-weight set  $T(v_j) = \{ < l_x, w_x(v_j) > | 1 \le x \le p \}$ . Then the entropy value  $H(v_j)$  of  $v_j$  can be calculated as below.

$$H(v_j) = -\sum_{x=1}^p w_x(v_j) \times \ln w_x(v_j)$$
(2)

Note that  $w_x(v_j) \times \ln w_x(v_j) = 0$  if  $w_x(v_j) = 0$ .  $H(v_j)$  indicates the uncertainty about the labels on vertex  $v_j$ . The larger  $H(v_j)$  results in the more uncertainty

on  $v_j$  for label inference. Therefore, the more labels from the other vertices are expected to propagate their labels to  $v_j$  for improving the label inference on  $v_j$ . There is a special case to be handled with carefully, where  $v_j$  has no label, i.e.,  $w_x(v_i) = 0$  for  $1 \le x \le p$ . In this case,  $H(v_j)$  is computed as  $H(v_j) = -\sum_{x=1}^p \frac{1}{p} \times \ln \frac{1}{p}$ . It means the uncertainty on  $v_i$  is the maximum. If  $v_j$  is an outgoing neighbor of  $v_i$ , then the transition probability  $p_{i,j}^{(k)}$  from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$  at k-th iteration is computed as follows.

$$p_{i,j}^{(k)} = \frac{H(v_j)}{\sum_{v_j \in N^+(v_i)} H(v_j)}$$
(3)

where  $N^+(v_i)$  is the outgoing neighbor set of  $v_i$ .

Next, we introduce how to update  $T(v_j)$  utilizing the transition probability  $p_{i,j}^{(k)}$  at k-th iteration. We use  $w_x(v_i, v_j)$  to denote the probability that  $v_j$  have the label  $l_x$  propagated by its incoming neighbor  $v_i$  at this iteration, then  $w_x(v_i, v_j)$  can be calculated by

$$w_x(v_i, v_j) = w_x(v_i) \times p_{i,j}^{(k)}$$
(4)

By  $w_x(v_i, v_j)$ , the  $w_x(v_j)$  updates utilizing the following equation

$$w_x(v_j) = \frac{\sum_{v_i \in N^-(v_j)} w_x(v_i, v_j)}{\sum_{x=1}^p \sum_{v_i \in N^-(v_j)} w_x(v_i, v_j)}$$
(5)

where  $N^{-}(v_j)$  is the incoming neighbor set of  $v_j$ . Thus for every vertex  $v_j \in V_s$ , the  $T(v_j)$  is also updated after updating every  $w_x(v_j)$   $(1 \le x \le p)$ .

### 4 Label Inference Algorithm

#### 4.1 Label Inference Algorithm

The algorithm for label inference is shown in Algorithm 1. The input is a labeled graph G and vertex subset  $V_s$ , where the labels on every vertex  $v \in V_s$  is given. The output is  $T(v_j)$  for every vertex in  $v_j \in V_r$ , where  $V_r = V - V_s$ . Initially, Algorithm 1 computes the initial transition probability  $p_{u,v}^{(1)}$  by Eq. (1) for every vertex  $u \in V_s$  and every u's outgoing neighbor v (line 1 to 2). Line 3 to 13 shows the one by one step random walk under maximal entropy guidance. In each iteration, for every vertex  $v_j \in V_r$ , algorithm first computes its  $H(v_j)$ . Next, algorithm computes  $p_{i,j}^{(k)}$  for all  $v_j$ 's incoming neighbor  $v_i$ , then  $w_x(v_i, v_j)$  and  $w_x(v_j)$  can be computed. Finally,  $T(v_j)$  can be updated with updating  $w_x(v_j)$ . The algorithm terminates when the convergence is satisfied. The condition of convergence is given by the following equation.

$$\sum_{v_j \in V_r} \sum_{1 \le x \le p} |w_x^k(v_j) - w_x^{k-1}(v_j)| \le \theta \times p \times |V_r|$$
(6)

where  $w_x^k(v_j)$  is essentially  $w_x(v_j)$  at k-th iteration, and  $\theta$  is a threshold given by user to control the number of iterations for convergence. As discussion in [10], the convergence can be satisfied for a maximal entropy random walk.

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Algorithm 1. LABEL-INFERENCE (G(V, E, \Sigma, L), V_s)
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Input:  $G(V, E, \Sigma, L), V_s.$ **Output:**  $T(v_i)$  for every vertex  $v_i \in V_r$  (or  $V - V_s$ ). 1: for every vertex  $u \in V_s$  do computes  $p_{u,v}^{(1)}$  for every  $v \in N^+(u)$ ; 2: 3: while  $\sum_{v_j \in V_r} \sum_{1 \le x \le p} |w_x^k(v_j) - w_x^{k-1}(v_j)| \ge \theta \times p \times |V_r|$  do for every vertex  $v_j \in V_r$  do 4: 5: computes  $H(v_i)$  by Eq. (2); for  $v_i \in V - V_s$  do 6: 7: for  $v_i \in N^-(v_j)$  do computes  $p_{i,j}^{(k)}$  by Eq. (3); 8: for x = 1 to p do 9: 10:computes  $w_x(v_i, v_j)$  by Eq. (4); for x = 1 to p do 11:computes  $w_x(v_i)$  by Eq. (5); 12:updates  $T(v_i)$  by  $w_x(v_i)$ ; 13:14: return  $T(v_j)$  for every vertex  $v_j \in V_r$ 

### 4.2 Complexity Analysis

We analyze the time and space complexities of Algorithm 1. Let n be the number of the vertices in G. For the time complexity, at each iteration, algorithm needs to compute  $H(v_j)$  for every  $v_j \in V_r$ , thus the time complexity of this step is  $O(|V_r|)$ . The complexity of computing  $p_{i,j}^{(k)}$  is O(nd), where d is the average outdegree of all the vertices in G. Because there are p labels in G, then complexity of computing  $w_x(v_j)$  is  $O(|V_r| + pnd) = O(pnd)$ . Let the number of iterations be k, then the total complexity of Algorithm 1 is O(kpnd). In the worst case, d = nbut d is always far less than n in real applications.

For the space complexity, at each iteration, Algorithm 1 needs to calculate and maintain  $w_x(v_i, v_j)$   $(1 \le x \le p)$ , where  $v_i$  is a vertex in G and  $v_j$  is an outgoing neighbor of  $v_i$ . Then the space complexity is O(pnd).

### 4.3 Discussion About Multiply Types of Labels in Graph

In the above discussion, we assume that all the vertices in G have a label with the same type, e.g., all users have the label with the same type "occupation" in a social network. Next, we introduce how to deal with the general case where the vertex may have the labels with several types. For example, an user may have two different label types such as "hobby" and "occupation". Generally, if the graph G has q label types, then the graph is considered as q labeled graphs  $G_1, \dots, G_q$ , where every  $G_i(1 \le i \le q)$  has the same structure (V, E) as the original graph G but only have one label type. Our label inference method can be used on  $G_q$  to infer the labels for the q-th label type.

## 5 Experiments

In this section, we compare our method with other relevant approaches from different aspects to demonstrate the effectiveness of the model we proposed on label inference. In the following, we introduce the datasets, the baseline methods, and report our results. All the experiments are conducted on a 3.2 GHz Intel Core i5 CPU PC with the 16 GB main memory, running on Windows 7 and the programming language is Python.

#### 5.1 Dataset and Experiment Setup

DBLP is a dataset that describes the researcher cooperation network. We treat the research domains as users' labels. We extract the journal information and conference information from DBLP network, and we label these journals and conferences into seven computer domain, including Artificial Intelligence, Data Mining, Computer Security, Programming Language, Computer Architecture, Theoretical Computer Science, and Human-computer Interaction. We extract 1,000, 3,000, 5,000, 7,000, and 10,000 vertices in the DBLP graph respectively to conduct the experiments. Meanwhile, We extract 4, 5, 6, and 7 research domains to be the labels for researchers by combining some domains. We evaluate the performance of experiments by precision and recall.

In order to demonstrate the effectiveness of the label inference method (LIM), we compare our method against a number of baseline approaches. Since our model considers both the local network structure of individual users and the effects from neighbor influence, we use the following approaches to show the performance of our method from different perspectives:

- (1) SVM: We use the traditional SVM classifier as the first baseline.
- (2) Homophily: From the paper [13], we know that the label of a user is associated with the user's neighbors. Therefore, we use this method as a baseline which can infer labels for users by majority votes on the user's neighbors. And this method is called Homophily.
- (3) TRW: Our method is modified by the traditional random walk, so we apply the traditional random walk as another baseline. We refer to this approach as TRW.

#### 5.2 Experimental Results

**Exp1-Impact of the Proportion of Unlabeled Vertices.** In Fig. 3, we study the performance of our proposed model LIM and the baselines mentioned in Sect. 5.1 on the different proportion of unlabeled vertices. We conduct this experiment in 5,000 vertices graph and we set the label number as 5 classes. We set the unlabeled scale 20%, 40%, 60%, 80%, and 90% respectively. We present the result of precision and recall in Fig. 3(a) and (b) respectively. We can discovery that the decline tendency of our method is much slow than other methods along with the change of the scale of unlabeled vertices. And the precision of our



Fig. 3. Impact of the proportion of unlabeled vertices

method is almost 70 % at the condition of there are 90 % vertices lack of label. We can get the conclusion that the performance is influenced by the proportion of unlabeled vertices.

**Exp2-Impact of Vertex Size.** We study the performance of our method and the baselines in different vertex size and the results can be seen in Fig. 4. We conduct this experiment in 1,000, 3,000, 5,000, 7,000, and 10,000 vertices graph respectively. And we set the label number as 4 classes. The Fig. 4(a) and (b) show the results of precision and recall of all the methods. We can analyze the results to get that the precision and recall have no relation with the vertex size in most cases. As the number of vertices changing, the performance has no obvious change in most cases.



Fig. 4. Impact of vertex size

**Exp3-Impact of Label Number.** We study the impact of the number of vertices' labels in Fig. 5. We show the performance of our method and the baselines on 4, 5, 6, and 7 label classes in the graph which includes 5,000 vertices and the proportion of unlabeled vertices is 80%, which we can have a intuitive understanding on precision and recall according to the Fig. 5(a) and (b) respectively. It is obvious that the larger the label number is, the lower the precision is because of the unrelated labels have interference for label inference when unlabeled vertices collect labels from labeled vertices. However, the descent rate of performance of our method is slower than other methods.



Fig. 5. Impact of label number

**Exp4-Impact of Threshold**  $\theta$ . We study the impact of threshold  $\theta$  which has a detailed introduction in Sect. 4.1. The precision and recall value are different in different  $\theta$ . We show the performance of this experiment in Fig. 6. We conduct the experiment in 7,000 vertices graph and the unlabeled vertices scale is 80%. The method we compare to is TRW only. We can see the results from Fig. 6. The threshold affects the iteration convergence times. However, the threshold doesn't have an important impact on the experimental performance.



Fig. 6. Impact of threshold  $\theta$ 

**Exp5-Real Case Study.** In Table 3 we give a real case study on DBLP dataset. We can discover that most inference results are accurate on our method. However, The last row which is marked in bold type is wrong. By analyzing the papers of this researcher, both the true label and the inference label are his main domains and the number of published papers are almost same. In this real case study, we should make efforts on this special case to improvement our algorithm in future.

Name	True label	Inference label
Jiawei Han	Data Mining	Data Mining
Philip S. Yu	Data Mining	Data Mining
Jeffrey Yu	Data Mining	Data Mining
Nate Foster	Programming Language	Programming Language
Onur Mutlu	Computer Architecture	Computer Architecture
Yi Lin	Artificial Intelligence	Artificial Intelligence
Alex Pentland Human-computer Interaction		Human-computer Interaction
Ronald L. Rivest	Computer Security	Theoretical Computer Science

Table 3. Real case study

## 6 Related Work

Label inference is an important problem in graphs and there have been an increasing interest in this problem over the last several years. The existing works for label inference problem can be divided into two categories.

The first category of the works [2, 20, 22] proposes different ideas which based on building feature vectors for vertices mainly from their textual informations and neighbor link informations. By training the feature vectors they build a classifier for inferring labels for vertices. For example, [15] uses the Bayesian classifier and iteration method to update attribute information. These works have a strong dependency on the background knowledge of users. However, the background knowledge isn't sufficient and always outdated which strongly influences the inference result. The second category is the approaches based on digging the graph structure, mainly for surrounding structure mining [4, 19]. [5] provides a method on how can we automatically discover role labels for vertices. For vertices in graph, the similarity in graph structure decides the similarity of them. However, it is an unsupervised learning approach which is not applicable on the semi-supervised problem we focus on. [21] uses mining technology on graph structure and the relationship between vertices and their neighbors and combines the two aspects infer social roles for vertices. They abstract five social factors to mining all the vertices' structure information in the graph. In their paper, they propose an optimization framework and propose a probabilistic model to integrate the vertices' structure information and local neighbors' information to infer labels. In [14] studies user attribute inference in university social networks by applying community detection. However, these methods that depend on the surrounding structure maybe give a wrong judge if two users have same label but not in the adjacent structure.

Random Walk model is a good method to mining graph structure [1,9,11,16]. It is well studied in multiclass semi-supervised learning [7,23]. The main idea of these work is to estimate a distribution over the missing labels based on Markov random walk. Meanwhile, there are many works is proposed to improve the performance of random walk which combines with the maximum entropy theory [3,10]. However, the problem they focus on is link prediction or some else, which is different with the problem our paper focus on.

## 7 Conclusion

In this paper, we study how to infer labels for unlabeled nodes in graphs or social networks. We first define the label inference problem. Second, we propose the maximal entropy random walk inference model to solve this problem. We improve the result precision by the proposed model. Finally, we confirm the effectiveness of our algorithm through conducting experiments on real datasets. In the next, we will do more works about how to deal with multi-attributes graphs and how to optimize our model to save more time and memories.

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