#### Nearly Exact Mining of Frequent Trees in Large Networks

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- Typically graphs are not large: 10-200 nodes
- Trivial modifications to these miners, to mine in single graphs, renders them computationally infeasible
- For *single large* graphs miner only with homomorphism as matching operator, not with isomorphism



#### Main contribution

- Novel miner for mining labeled rooted trees in large networks under subgraph isomorphism
	- Main focus on tractability since subgraph isomorphism matching is NP-complete
	- Realised theoretical results of Koutis&Williams' [ICALP'09]
- Show practical applicability of our miner by evaluating on synthetic and real-world data
	- Compare with state-of-the-art matching strategy employed in transactional miner



#### Problem definition

- Let  $T_r$  be the set of all rooted Trees
- Given a network (any arbitrary graph) *G,* frequency (support) measure  $f$ , and a threshold  $\theta$  find the set of all rooted trees  $T \subseteq T_r$  such that:

$$
T = \{ t \in T_r \mid f(G, t) \ge \theta \}
$$

- Finding good frequency measure challenging! Other work only on this problem exits, but not focus of this research
	- Can't count all isomorphic embeddings
		- Not anti-monotone w.r.t pattern size, and #P-hard



#### Frequency Measure

- Count number of *root images* number of vertices  $x_i$  to which the root can be mapped under isomorphism
- Gives frequency at most *n*
- Anti-monotone w.r.t increasing pattern size



*frequency: 4*



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		- *Candidate Generation*
		- *Subgraph Isomorphism Koutis&Williams*
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#### 1. Candidate generation

- Same technique as Nijssen and Kok [KDD'04] and Nakano and Uno [IPL'02]
	- Rightmost extension
	- Canonical form
		- pre-order depth sequence ensures trees are left heavy
- Technique ensures each candidate is generated and tested only once





## 2. Evaluating Matching Operator / Frequency Counting

- Use exact/deterministic VF2 [IEEE TPAMI'04] method as baseline in our experiments
	- State-of-the-art for subgraph isomorphism between general/arbitrary graphs
	- Used by some earlier transactional miners
	- $-$  In best case O(k), in worst case O(n<sup>k</sup>)
- Recent theoretical results by Koutis&Williams [ICALP'09] on subgraph isomorphism of rooted trees in graphs
	- Current state-of-the-art for rooted trees  $(2^k$  exponential factor)
	- Our method of choice





• Based on enumeration of all homomorphisms of a (rooted) tree in a network





- Encodes  $O(n^k)$  size polynomial as an arithmetic circuit of size O(km)
	- For patterns of size k, and network with n nodes, m edges





- Next step is to evaluate this circuit
- Evaluate on random elements from subset of  $\mathit{GF(2^{(3+\log k)})}[\mathbb{Z}_2^k]$





- All non-multilinear terms in the circuit evaluate to zero
- Circuit may evalute to non-zero, if there is at least one multilinear term representing an isomorphism



• Properties of the method



• Success rate can be boosted to an arbitrary p' by repeating it:

$$
\left\lceil \frac{\log(1-p')}{\log(1-0.2)} \right\rceil \text{ times}
$$



For e.g.



- Worst case complexity for counting frequency  $O(log^2(k)k^2m2^k)$ 
	- $-$  Much less than O(n<sup>k</sup>) of classical methods such as VF2 or Ullman's



### **Optimizations**

- Build once and use the same circuit
- Can share circuit/results for different root images





### **Optimizations**

- Can perform homomorphic test first, and cache its results
	- Takes O(n+km) instead of O(n+log<sup>2</sup>(k)k<sup>2</sup>m2<sup>k</sup>)
		- Can be done over  $\mathbb Z$  instead of  $GF(2^l)[\mathbb Z_2^k]$



 $x1$ { $(x2+x3+x4)$  $(x2+x3+x4)$ }



#### **Optimizations**

- Can share circuit/results for different candidate trees!
	- Decompose upto **batch-size** candidate trees into subtree
	- Build/Evaluate a circuit for each unique common subtree once





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#### Experiments - Data

- Synthetic data
	- Power-law graphs (similar to Barabási-Albert [Science'99]), with degree distribution  $P(d_i) \propto d_i^{-4}$
- Real data
	- Facebook friendship data (uniform & random walk sampling)
	- Dblp citation network
	- IMDB movie-actor network



#### Experiments - Setup

- Randomized method was repeated to get  $(1-10^{-6})$  accuracy
- Performed two sets of experiments:
	- Measure runtime w.r.t to increasing pattern size
		- Used a high enough frequency threshold to find as large trees as possible
	- Used sampling to measure time per pattern
		- To evaluate asymptotic behaviour of Koutis&Williams



### Experiments - Questions

- 1) What pattern and network sizes can mined in reasonable time?
- 2) How does our pattern matching strategy compare to state of the art, i.e. VF2 (used by transactional miners)?
- 3) Does our miner scale as well as the theoretical bounds of Koutis-William's?
- 4) What is the influence of pattern mining parameters and optimizations?



#### Results – Synthetic





#### Results – Real data





#### Results – Asymptotic





#### Results – Asymptotic (2)





### Result Summary

- 1) What pattern and network sizes can mined in reasonable time?
	- − *Main bottleneck is exponential growth of freq. patterns, otherwise we can mine upto size 15 in reasonable time*
- 2) Our pattern matching strategy compared to state-of-the-art?
	- *Ours is clearly orders of magnitude better*
- 3) Does our miner scale as well as the theoretical bounds?
	- *It does appear to, also as opposed to VF2, it is linear in network size*
- 4) What is influence of parameters and optimizations?
	- *Homomorphism test adds significant improvement, especially on real-world data, batch optimization adds little significant advantage*



#### Conclusion & future work

- We have presented a novel pattern miner
	- It works reasonably well in practice, without any restriction to pattern (size / degree etc), or to the network
	- It is *linear* in network size
	- Allows for nearly exact mining of frequent trees
	- Orders of magnitude better than existing state-of-the-art
- Further heuristics/optimizations may improve performance on real-world datasets
- Would like to extend the method to other graph classes (other than trees)



### Thank you for your attention



#### The End

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• Squares (or higher degree terms) in the polynomial evaluate to:  $\overline{E}$ 

$$
E.g.\n= W_0^2 + 2 W_0 v_i + v_i^2\n= W_0 + 2 v_i + W_0\n= 2 W_0 + 2 v_i\n=  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}^2$   
\n=  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
\n=  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
$$



• Now combine group  $\mathbb{Z}_2^k$  with coefficients from  $GF(2^l)$ and perform the algebra on  $GF(2^l)[\mathbb{Z}_2^k]$ 

$$
(W_0 + v_i)^2
$$
  
=  $W_0^2 + 2 W_0 v_i + v_i^2$   
=  $W_0 + 2 v_i + W_0$   
=  $2 W_0 + 2 v_i$   
= 0 + 0 [in field with characteristic 2,  $a_x + a_x = 0, \forall a_x \in F$ ]  
= 0



#### 3. Isomorphism – VF2 method

- Exhaustive search
	- Considers all possible combinations, with pruning
	- $-$  In best case O(k), in worst case O(n<sup>k</sup>)





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- Performs a number of lookahead checks to ensure any new node we map is consistent with previous mappings
- In best case  $O(k)$ , worst case  $O(n^k)$



### Optimizations to VF2

- Smarter use of core data structures for larger networks
	- On large networks repeated initializations can have a high computational toll



# The complete miner

**function** findPatterns $(G, k, t)$ :  $S_{1...k} := \emptyset$  {array of frequent trees of size  $1...k$ }  $C_{1...k} := \emptyset$  {array of candidate trees of size  $1...k$ }  $T := \emptyset$  {set of all frequent trees} for  $i = 1$  to k do if  $i=1$  then  $C_1 := \{$ initialise to just one single vertex graph $\}$ else  $C_i := \text{generateCandidates}(S_{i-1})$ end if  $S_i := \{c_j : c_j \in C_i \wedge \text{countFreq}(c_j) \geq t\}$  $T := T \cup S_i$ end for return  $T$ function generateCandidates $(S)$ :  $C := \emptyset$ for all  $t \in S$  do for all  $v \in V(t)$  do  $t' := (V(t) \cup v', E(t) \cup (v, v'))$  $C:=C\cup\{t'\}$ end for end for return  $C$ 



#### Koutis & Williams method ...

• We can define all homomorphisms for a tree *T*, with root mapped to  $x_i$ , by  $\varphi(T, r, x_i \in G)$ :

$$
- If label(r)=label(x_j)
$$

*return* 0

$$
- \, \text{If} \, |V(T)| = 1
$$

*return x <sup>j</sup>*

$$
- Else
$$

$$
T'=T\setminus\{r\}
$$
  
return  $x_j \cdot \left(\prod_{(r,r')\in E(T)} \left(\sum_{(j,j')\in G} \varphi(T',r',j')\right)\right)$   
 $xI\{(x2+x3+x4)(x2+x3+x4)\}$ 

